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a magazine of understanding

Wilson and Gandhi at Commonwealth Conference

What our READERS SAY

"I understand you offer copies of a booklet, Crime Can Be Stopped, for distribution to interested individuals and groups. Following the entry and sacking of my own home early this month, I am prepared to say that all of us need some coaching on what to do until the burglar arrives. Would it be too much to ask for a copy for each of our 150 members of Bakersfield Kiwanis?"

> Bill R., President, Kiwanis Club, Bakersfield, California

• Not too much at all - they're on the way.

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"As a new reader of The PLAIN TRUTH, I am most impressed, not only by the layout and quality, but also in the message which this unique magazine puts over so well. The difficulty nowadays, in my opinion at any rate, is in relating the Bible to modern social and world conditions. Not only relating it, but to draw from it sound workable solutions to the enigma of life. And this is exactly where your magazine succeeds admirably. Altogether then, The PLAIN TRUTH IS a handsome, topquality, well-edited magazine which deserves a great deal more international praise than it is getting at present."

Stockton-on-Tees, Teeside, England

Teen-ager Speaks Out

"What disgusts me about my generation and yours is that there is too much freedom. I see 12- and 13-year-olds dating and doing all the things which were intended for older people to do. What gets me is why their parents permit and sometimes even promote it? My parents don't permit me to date now and I'm glad. I don't want to be stuck with all the problems that come with dating right now, because I'm having a lot of fun and who needs trouble. My parents are going to let me start dating when

I'm 17 years old and that is next spring. Then they are going to permit only limited dating. I truly appreciate this and I'm glad they care. 'Free sex,' as they call it, infuriates me. How can girls lower themselves to that sort of thing? I'm not a snob and neither are my best friends. We believe that sex has its right place, like on the honeymoon and in the bridal suite. Maybe being a virgin is out of style, but if people continue to believe in God and attend church, it will never be a state considered to be wrong."

> Miss Cecelia S., Cut Bank, Mont.

• Thanks much for your comment Cecelia - it's time some right-thinking teen-agers had their voices heard. We are sending you our new book on dating -I'm sure you'll find it of great interest and help.

Correspondence Course

"I have just received a copy of The PLAIN TRUTH and read with interest the article on 'Coming - The Solution to Sky-rocketing Crime.' I was born into a Christian family so naturally I am a Christian by 'birth.' But honestly speaking, I know very little about Christianity and the Holy Bible though I took Scripture when I was in the junior high school years back. I, therefore, would be most grateful if I could be enrolled in the Ambassador College Correspondence Course."

> Michael L., Sarawak, Malaysia

Crime Can Be Stopped!

"I am a member of the Memphis Police Department. I have been with this police department since October 31, 1955. I have worked in the uniform patrol car and for the past two and one-half years I have been working in the homicide bureau. The information contained in your booklet about crime is about the same story all over the

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Personal from the Editor

HY are people — especially in the United States and Britain — so BLIND? Why

WHY are our people unable to recognize the Communist line — the Communist plan and conspiracy — in college and university riots, in propaganda accusing "police brutality," in "black power," "black panther" and other slogans, even in "civil disobedience" and "non-violent" movements of protest which lead to VIOLENCE?

At last a few voices in this wilderness of confusion are speaking out.

A Los Angeles news broadcaster, George Putnam, said to be the highestpaid news reporter on television, has been giving a series of brief and to-thepoint TV editorials, pulling no punches, pinning the responsibility where it belongs.

And recently, Governor Ronald Reagan of California spoke out publicly. He declared student violence is designed "to create launching pads for insurrection against the social order" and to achieve by force what cannot be accomplished at the ballot box.

Governor Reagan said truthfully that leaders of campus revolts are not seeking educational reform. They intend their takeover to extend to the governments of nations — the entire social system. With them it is part of "THE REVOLUTION."

The guiding hand in student revolt is the Communist Party. Many students, their emotions stirred and enraged to violence, do not themselves realize this. Yet, actually, these young leaders of the "NEW LEFT" movement are going beyond the Communist Party. Their plan is to stir up college-age students to revolt first, and the teen-age high school adolescents. If they can corrupt and/or win over tomorrow's students they will gain control.

It is reported that several leaders of the Chicago riots (during the Democratic National Convention) were in Budapest soon afterwards, at a meeting making plans to impair the American war effort in Vietnam. Two of the Chicago leaders were on the steps of Sproul Hall on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, only a few days after the Chicago riots. The mayor of Chicago used drastic police action in stopping the Chicago riots in their tracks. For this he was severely condemned. WHY does all the sympathy of our gullible, naïve people seem always to go to the ENEMY of the country - or, in individual crime, to the criminal instead of to the innocent victims?

After many of last summer's campus riots, in many countries in Europe as well as in the United States, I reported in this column a secret meeting held by student agitators at London School of Economics. The press was barred from the meeting. But our PLAIN TRUTH representatives were there. It was a "speak in" on hor to overthrow the government, starting with student revolt and campus violence. British students there were taught to seize on any reason - whether passive or real — and stir up emotional anger against it, whipping resentment into the fervor of violent actions.

But the BIG POINT of the whole situation is this. There happens to be a fertile soil, in which these agitators could plant their seeds of discontent, resentment, anger and hate, or they could not have mounted force into all these riots on hundreds of campuses in more than 20 different countries.

If there were not something WRONG — and criminally wrong — in modern education, these agitators could not succeed. True, they magnify the grievances out of all proportions — they stir anger and violent emotions by exaggerating the grievances. But the evil in modern education provides the

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OUR COVER

Twenty-four heads of governments representing one quarter of the world's population met in London during January for the seventeenth Commonwealth Conference. It was the biggest meeting of its kind since the 1947 San Francisco Conference which set up the United Nations.

Our Regional Editor for the United Kingdom was again invited by the Secretary-General to attend a Special Meeting and had the opportunity to speak to and question a number of Prime Ministers. During this occasion this photo of England's Prime Minister Wilson and India's Indira Gandhi was taken.

soil for the spawning of the destructive weeds.

I am not going to attempt to tell the Presidents and Chancellors of other universities how to put out these fires of rioting on their campuses. But I can tell our readers WHY this sort of thing just does not occur on the three campuses of Ambassador College.

1) We try to keep an alert eye to prevent any real grievance arising — or giving cause for any. 2) We have always maintained a close student-faculty relationship. It is a happy relationship. Discontent simply does not get started.

There is a REASON why such experiences never occur at Ambassador.

There is no fertile soil for the weeds of grievance, resentment, or anger against the institution. Ambassador has a very deep interest in the welfare of its students — and students are well aware of it.

There is, generally, in education today a very vital MISSING DIMENSION. But Ambassador supplies that missing dimension.

Education, generally, is interested only in intellectual standards and in materialistic knowledge. It is not concerned with such things as a moral standard, character building, personality development. The MOST IMPORTANT and BASIC knowledge is not taught — the real meaning and the purpose of life — the discernment of the TRUE VALUES, not the false — THE WAY to peace, happiness, abundant well-being in life.

The universities today, in general, teach the professions, sciences and technology, and business techniques. That is, they teach students how to earn a living but not how to live.

This vital MISSING DIMENSION is supplied at Ambassador — and, through the Ambassador College Extension Program, it is disseminated *into the homes*, worldwide.

What, after all, is the real crux point of all the world's troubles?

The solutions can come only by world government, education, and most important of all, a *change* in human nature. But not a Communist or Soviet-style world government. Not just *any*

world government. And not by decadent education — but a RIGHT and TRUE education which must be based on a right knowledge of the real meaning and PURPOSE of life, the discernment of the TRUE values — and THE WAY to peace and universal well-being.

Look how far afield we are from a peaceful, happy, prosperous, joyful world!

Governor Reagan figured that student violence is designed to achieve by force what cannot be accomplished at the ballot box. He is doubly correct.

1) They are, indeed, attempting to accomplish their end by force. 2) Neither their end nor right end can be accomplished at the ballot box.

Of all forms of human government in force today, I prefer the Western Democracy form and the ballot box. But the ballot box is not enough! It enables a majority or a plurality vote to change from one party, or one candidate to another which the voters hope will be better, or more to their liking. But we do not always get better, and never perfection.

And, so far as education goes, the established traditional system of today develops the machine and neglects the man. It has forsaken the true values of life. It is not concerned with moral or spiritual values, or right WAYS to live. The facts about student suicides testify to the disillusionment and state of frustration being experienced by students, staring a hopeless future in the face. The TRUE knowledge, the IMPORTANT knowledge is simply missing from modern education.

Isn't it, after all, a travesty on good sense and understanding that "educated" man today is generally agnostic about the existence of his Maker? That he doesn't know what he, himself, IS? And doesn't know WHY he is - or of any meaning or purpose in his being? And he doesn't know THE WAY to peace, between individuals or between nations? That the supposedly "most successful" have full bank accounts but empty lives? That even the greatest minds do not know what makes the real difference between their highly intelligent minds and the stupid animal brain? Do not know life's real goal or

how to achieve it? Do not really comprehend what human nature is — or why it is?

Would it be IGNORANT to know and understand these things?

Apparently many of the most highly educated assume it would be.

The world is full of problems, troubles, crying out for answers - for solutions! Ambassador College researchers, scholars and scientists have searched for the answers. They have looked to science, but in vain. Science does not have the answers. Education most positively does not possess or disseminate them. Religion is a blank — it does not have them either. Government has no answers - leaves in its wake a history of war, not peace - taking from the people while posing as public benefactors, promising to GIVE. We have looked to psychologists, sociologists and their ilk. They have no solutions. The business field of commerce and industry are concerned with raking in profits, not solving world problems.

Is humanity left helpless and hopeless, in a bad state of despair with no chance of rescue?

The answer is no. The answers are available. They are not in "religion"—they are to be found in the BOOK that religion (the Western world of Christianity) professes as its source—but not in the few and scattered portions it customarily quotes. No wonder Bruce Barton actually called it the book nobody knows.

The learned scholars of the world, the scientists, educators, philosophers in general refuse to look there for the answers. And the answers are not to be found anywhere else.

So what? Are we, then, left without hope? No indeed. Our Maker revealed (in His Instruction Book to a mankind which refuses the instruction) that HE, Himself—by a supernatural power and force which the learned of humanity believe to be nonexistent—will VERY SOON, now, intervene directly in human affairs, and solve our problems for us!

Not with human help and co-operation — but in spite of it!

The Ever-living Creator — RULER over this endless universe — is soon (Continued on page 47)

HEART TRANSPLANTS and ABORTIONS —

What's the Answer?

Heart transplants are forcing doubts about the definition of death. There is growing tendency to make abortions legal.

Many are asking if medical science is going too far.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

A PATIENT'S HEART stops beating. He stops breathing. The surgeons quickly spark the heart back to beating like once-dead batteries. The heart is kept beating by a mechanical device called a respirator. The patient does not regain consciousness. His brain is regarded as scientifically dead. But is the patient dead, while his heart is kept artificially beating by a machine?

The time-honored definition of death is this: "When the heart and circulation no longer function" death has occurred.

WHEN Did the Heart Donor Die?

The patient is a heart donor. He has legally donated his heart, upon death, for a heart transplant operation on another patient.

In September, 1968, a dying boy from New Brunswick was being flown to Montreal. He had offered his heart for transplant. His heart was being kept artificially beating by a respirator. The question is, when did the boy die—before it was sparked back and kept functioning by the respirator, or when the surgeons removed it from his body during the transplant operation?

The question that is causing so much uneasiness, of course, is that if death occurred when the surgeons operated and cut his heart from his body, were the surgeons committing murder? Obviously if the patient was dead prior to the mechanical heartbeats, the surgeons are cleared of all blame.

Further, in this moral question of right or wrong, there arises the question of how long the doctors are morally obligated to maintain the mechanically induced heartbeats? How long are they morally obligated to maintain a purely mechanical functioning of a person who is no better than a human vegetable—without consciousness or normal activity of LIFE?

A "Human Vegetable"?

There are cases where a patient has been rendered permanently unconscious by brain damage caused by an automobile accident, yet doctors have kept the patient alive for years either with or without artificial mechanical means.

Such a patient is virtually a human vegetable. There is no consciousness, no normal human activity, no knowing, no personality. Yet all physical bodily functions are kept active.

Probably no one would contend that such a person is dead. Yet there is the legitimate question: are the doctors morally obligated to maintain the physical functioning in such a case by artificial and purely mechanical means? Regardless of the moral answer, most if not all medical men would do all possible to keep such a body alive as long as possible.

The Kennedys

There is possibility that by such artificial means the hearts of both President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy might have been sparked back to beating, provided the doctors had the opportunity to do so immediately (which probably they didn't). But in neither case could they have been kept physically functioning for more than a very short interval.

There is this difference between the Kennedy assassinations and the motor car accident victims who have been kept alive, though unconscious: both Kennedys were wounded at that point near the base of the brain which severed the brain from any control of bodily functions.

Accident victims who have been kept unconsciously alive for long periods of time had received damage which prevented conscious mind-functioning, but did not prevent those bodily functions which are connected with the brain.

What about Abortion?

Right now pressures are being more and more exerted in the Western world to make abortions legal. Under certain conditions, of course. Such as requiring the assent of two or three doctors.

The pressures are primarily one-sided. I haven't heard many indignant, emoionally aroused well-organized protests to prevent it.

This is in line with the tobogganslide in morals. Fornication and adultery are fast gaining public acceptance. For several years outright profanity has been accepted on the stage. And now the question of whether legal abortion



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amounts to legal permission to commit murder does not seem to raise many eyebrows, let alone ignite flames of spontaneous protest.

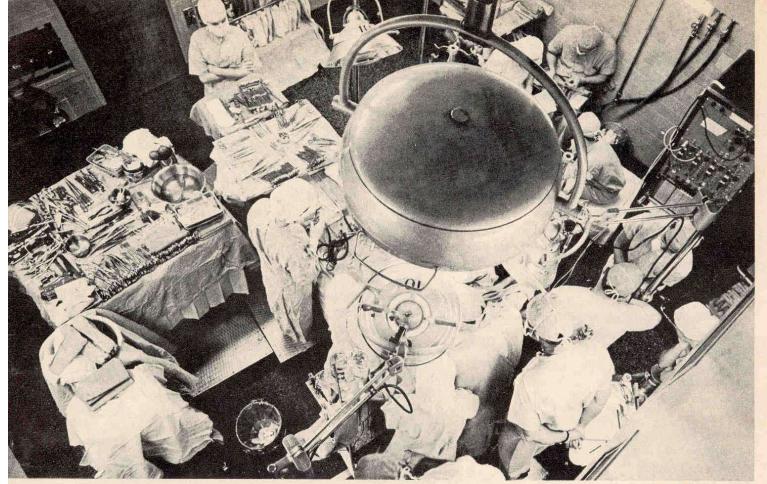
These current trends accompany the alarming increase in crime, in broken homes and divorce, in student revolt and campus violence, in racial strife erupting into riots, arson and murder.

These are the questions. These are the conditions. These are the trends.

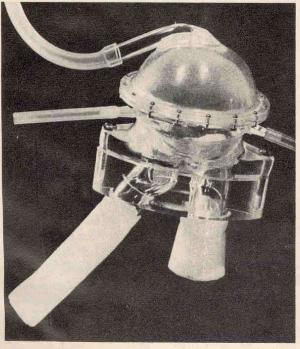
But WHAT ARE THE ANSWERS?

We often say newspapers, newscasts, other magazines report the news, pose the questions, picture the conditions. The PLAIN TRUTH gives the answers, reveals the solutions.

We have said, too, that when we look to science and technology for the solutions, we find most of these problems are outside their field. We look to modern higher education, but they, too, seem not concerned with moral spiritual questions. Their emphasis is on the intellect, on the physical sciences and technologies, and the professions. We







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look to governments, but they are not custodians of morals. We look to religion, but religion has given us no solution, except a watered-down teaching that is absorbing the world's modernity and adding its assent to increasing public acceptance of the IMmoral so-called New Morality.

Where, then, for solutions?

Who can give positive answers—solutions that solve problems, end troubles, bring happy and abundant well-

Where can we go to know what is right, and what is wrong — and to know why the wrong is wrong?

One man thinks it is wrong even to smoke cigarettes, another thinks it is

ling rejection."

Artificial heart, left, is made of plastic. It acts as a bypass for the left ventrical of the heart. The heart is powered by an external compress.

HEART SURGERY AND TRANSPLANTS — Medical team, above, performs open heart operation at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Operation

Drs. Hallman and Cooley are shown, opposite page, during heart surgery in Houston, Texas. Rejection of transplanted hearts remains the greatest roadblock confronting heart surgeons. Medical research is being spurred on because of "the awful urgency of control-

requires aid of heart lung machine.

right and smokes his three packs a day. Do humans, after all, automatically know right from wrong?

Where, for an Authority on Morals?

Until World War I much of the Western world more or less accepted the Roman Catholic Church as the Authority on morals. Protestants generally accepted the Catholic definitions of morality, althouth not necessarily following them in practice. The protestant Sunday school in which I was brought up pronounced Sunday theatergoing a sin—if not theatergoing at any time. So we boys in our early teens sneaked out, without our parents' knowledge, to the Sunday afternoon matinee—following Sunday school attendance Sunday mornings. Other Protestant denominations may not have frowned so emphatically on theatergoing.

So today many university students are being told there are no absolutes. No one can know for sure. We must adjust to living in a world beset with increasing problems and troubles, with no solutions in sight.

So we have the spectacle of discouraged, frustrated young people, seeing no hope for a future, dropping out of society, rejecting "The Establishment," escaping to a Hippie colony, trying to drown out of their consciousness the spectre of a dead-end future in marijuana, drugs, and promiscuous sex. College campus suicides are on a rapid increase.

Our Philip Wylies and John O'Haras paint masterful word-pictures of this troubled society. But, like the news-papers, newscasts, and other magazines, their brilliant rhetoric stops short of workable solutions.

Must a frustrated world throw up its hands in despair? Is there no Authority? Is there no way that is *out* of our troubles?

I am always saying that all things operate on the law of CAUSE and EFFECT. For every evil result there had to be a wrong CAUSE.

But in this world today it seems all society ignores the cause and tries only to deal with the effect. One example of this is modern medicine. There was once a rumor that in China the doctors operated on a different format—that they charged patients only for keeping them well, and received no fees for treating the sick.

But medicine in the Western world pays little attention to the CAUSE of sickness and disease, and treats pri-

marily the EFFECT. Actually, the sickness or disease is merely the PENALTY nature is exacting because its physical LAWS which regulate the physical body and mind have been broken. People seldom call in the physician until they are ill. Then medical science attempts to demonstrate that nature is unable to enforce its own laws by nullifying or removing the penalty.

A science which pays little attention to causes and treats only the effects cannot give us the answers to such moral problems as whether it is WRONG to commit an abortion, or whether it is RIGHT to take a human heart that is still beating and transplant it into another human.

Surgeons have demonstrated that they can accomplish the transplant. They can do the job. They have not as yet demonstrated how long such a transplanted heart will function satisfactorily in its recipient. That will require a little more time.

So again we ask, WHERE can we go for the answers?

Certainly not to any source that has won mere acceptance by society as an infallible Authority.

But has society, then, overlooked or neglected a true Source?

What Society Has Overlooked

We have found such a Source that comes up with the answers that make sense! A neglected, rejected, misrepresented, maligned, little-understood Source that reveals solutions that will work — that will end the troubles!

THERE IS NO OTHER! Those who refuse to even consider this Authority have to say in hopelessness, "We don't know! We are ignorant. In our vanity of intellect, we profess that we are wise and knowledgeable, while we reject knowledge, refusing and rejecting the only solutions."

The PLAIN TRUTH about these questions is neither superstition nor ignorance. But today the tragedy of civilization is that superstition, baseless hypotheses, fables, and ignorance are being palmed off on a deceived world in the guise of higher education, knowledge, science, and fact. And the world suffers on! Its evils and wretchedness accelerate!

WHERE do we find the sane and true answers?

We do find them—in the very Book most religious denominations claim as the source of their beliefs and teachings—yet voluminous portions of that Book they seem utterly to ignore. That is why religion as organized in the Western world has never given the world the solutions!

In plain language, then, about 90% or more of the Bible is seldom used, mostly ignored, certainly not understood. Yet here is basic knowledge. Here is truth. Here is rational explanation. Here is revelation of the CAUSES — the reasons for evil results. Here is THE WAY this world will be changed — its problems solved — its potentially peaceful, happy, and vigorously joyful state finally realized — AND SO SOON HUMANITY WILL BEHOLD IT IN WONDER!

Needed - The Answers

This Book — this living Authority — this Instruction Book sent along by our Maker — is the absolute Authority on morals — on what is right or wrong — and why! It shows why wrong causes bring unhappy results.

It shows that the Creator has set in dynamic motion certain LAWS. Science knows something of the laws of physics and chemistry—but gives little or no heed to the Maker and Sustainer of these laws.

But also the Creator set in living motion inexorable spiritual laws. These regulate man's relationships with fellowman and with his living Maker. These laws produce definite results.

What, then, do we find revealed about life and death? What about the definition of death? Can we know from this tragically neglected source, whether the donors whose hearts are kept beating by respirators are already dead before the surgeons remove their hearts for transplanting?

And WHAT about abortions? Is it murder to remove an embryo or a fetus? Is the unborn child a human being? Or do we become living humans only upon birth?

Here are the questions that plague doctors, lawyers, even theologians.

Next month will appear a sequel giving the answers.

WHO KILLED JESUS?

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bring about his acquittal... Jesus had to be persuaded not to plead guilty and witnesses had to be found to prove his innocence... It was for this reason that the night meeting of the Sanhedrin took place."

The Sanhedrin "was interested in satisfying itself that any evidence there might be available against Jesus was false and inadmissible. Hence it so found and declared."

Under Roman law, continues Justice Cohn, the "accused could be convicted on his plea of guilty... In order to avoid Jesus' conviction on his own confession, he had to be dissuaded from pleading guilty; and in order to dissuade him from pleading guilty before Pilate, he had first to be dissuaded from his guilt and induced to cooperate..."

Jesus' reply to their last question, concludes Justice Cohn, "caused the High Priest and the Sanhedrin to give up in despair."

"If the High Priest rent his clothes that night, it was because of his failure to make Jesus see his point and cooperate and because of the impending doom. The assertion by Jesus that he was the true Messiah — while not constituting any criminal offence — amounted to a rejection of the offer made to him by the High Priest and the leadership . . . It was not the blasphemy which made the High Priest rend his clothes, but the frustration of his efforts to bring Jesus to reason and save him from his fate . . ." comments author Cohn (pp. 22-31).

These conclusions are those of Justice Cohn, who sincerely thinks that Jesus was wrong in allowing his disciples to believe that he was the Messiah.

Now let's examine the Biblical evidence surrounding Jesus' trial.

Panorama of Events

Here is what really happened!

After the Passover service, which must have lasted to nearly midnight, Jesus went out and prayed. Then Judas, after the multitudes who followed Jesus had retired, appeared with Roman soldiers and a mob of delinquents look-

ing for trouble. In that mob, according to the gospels—the only available written evidence—were the very ones who were about to try Jesus. They came to incite the mob as the Roman soldiers went out to arrest him. All this, remember, while most of the people were asleep in their homes.

After Jesus was arrested, Annas examined him alone. Annas was ex-High Priest. They next took Jesus to Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin, before sunrise while it was yet night, where Jesus was informally condemned.

After sunrise, the Sanhedrin quickly condemned Jesus formally to justify their previous conduct. Then, they took him to Pilate on different charges.

Pilate wanted to wash his hands of the whole affair. When Pilate found Jesus was of Galilee, he sent him to Herod. After Herod saw Jesus and could not get anything but silence from him, Herod decided to let him go back to Pilate.

Then, at the second time before Pilate, the Roman governor, under heavy pressure from the mobs, gave sentence — even against his own better judgment, after he washed his hands of it! So Pilate — the Roman — and the mobs and their leaders all participated.

These are the six steps through which Jesus went from after midnight to nearly 9 o'clock.

And at 9 o'clock he was crucified. At 3 o'clock that afternoon, he was speared in the side by a Roman soldier and killed (Matthew 27:49, Moffatt translation). For a full explanation of how Jesus died, write for the article titled, "Did Jesus Die of a Broken Heart?"

Shortly before sunset, Jesus was buried. That's how quickly a sinful world ridded itself of the One who came to pay for their sins!

Why did the leaders of the world—the governor, the religious hierarchy—the soldiers, and the mob all have their part in the execution of Jesus? Why, if Jesus were here today, would

he receive the same treatment from most who profess themselves Christian?

The answer is made very plain in I Corinthians 2: "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory; which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory" (verses 7, 8).

The Roman officials, the Roman soldiers, the Jewish leaders, and the Jewish mob just did not know what they were doing! Had they known, they would not have done it. And because they did not understand they can be forgiven! Forgiven through the shed blood of the very one upon whom they spat and whom they crucified and stabbed to death! What a glorious truth!

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going to force stubborn, rebellious mankind, against his will, to be HAPPY— to be at PEACE—to be universally prosperous—to learn how to live abundantly, joyfully. Now of course some very few will likely scornfully, scoffingly, say this is no hope at all. They won't believe it. That is the very reason their Maker is going to DO IT to them, in spite of their lack of any faith in Him.

And, in TOMORROW'S WORLD, under His divine rule, all rebellion will be put down. There will be a truly beneficent, efficient World Government at last. There will be worldwide RIGHT EDUCATION. The MISSING DIMENSION now supplied, as far as I know *only* at Ambassador College, will be supplied in all education. And gradually, as fast as humans come to good reason and sense and right understanding, and submit willingly, *human nature will be changed!*

On the three Ambassador College campuses we are enjoying a foretaste of this happy and peaceful WORLD TO-MORROW, today!