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## WHO WILL RULE SPACE?

**Experts warn:  
"Who rules space rules the earth!"**



# PERSONAL FROM



*Robert A. Kennedy*

## No Political Elections in the World Tomorrow

**H**ow different government will be in the world tomorrow!

No more national networks with their stars and superstar newscasters covering major conventions.

No more will there be what is typical of American election campaigns.

No more convention halls decorated in bright colors, or delegates wearing loud-colored casual or sports attire, many with outlandish oversized hats. No more whoop-and-holler demonstrations, or thousands with balloons, like little children at play. No more political signs and placards.

And no more of the usual politics being played secretly in smoke-filled hotel suites away from convention halls—the jockeying for selfish advantage, political gain and coveting of power.

I am reminded of the answer given by Franz Josef Strauss, often called “the strong man of Europe.” He had spent the day visiting the Ambassador College campus and was an evening dinner guest in my home.

It was a day or two after Richard M. Nixon had taken the oath of office after his first inauguration, January 1969.

“What,” asked a guest of Dr. Strauss, “do you think was going on in Mr. Nixon’s mind as he was taking the oath of office?”

“How to be reelected four years from now, of course,” answered Herr Strauss without a second’s hesitation.

Each election year millions are spent on political

campaigns and conventions to nominate candidates for the people to vote on. The conventions are big noisy shows. There is laughter, “having a time,” shouting, confusion, anger, jubilation, pathos, emotion and even tears. In all this campaigning to “GET” the office of POWER, one vocal observer said, “Thank God, only ONE candidate can win.”

That is one way GOVERNMENT is carried on in this world. But how did this world come to be as it is?

Almost 6,000 years ago, the former superarchangel Lucifer, having rebelled against the government of God on earth, and now called Satan, was slinking around as a serpent. God had just created the first HUMAN—in God’s own image—with a potential of inheriting the THRONE OF THE EARTH.

From this man, Adam, God made a woman, Eve, to be his wife. Eve was all for “women’s rights.” She took the lead. The man, created to be the head of the wife, succumbed to her leadership. She led him into Satan’s way. Adam joined her in rebelling against the GOVERNMENT OF GOD—rejecting God as Revealer of basic knowledge and as Giver of eternal LIFE!

When the first man and woman REJECTED GOD and HIS GOVERNMENT, CUT THEMSELVES OFF from God and the gift of his Holy Spirit, God made their decision binding on all their progeny for 6,000 years—until Christ, the “second Adam,” should come, having qualified by overcoming Satan and Satan’s way, to RESTORE THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. This shall happen now, very shortly. For we are near the END of that 6,000 years of the DAY OF MAN under SATAN, and the DAY OF THE LORD is almost upon us!

So ALL HUMANITY—except the minutest FEW God has specially called to his service in preparation for that future world government—has been CUT OFF from God and his government. Man has been left to form his own ideas of how he should be ruled.

Down through history, some peoples have submitted to the tyranny of DICTATORSHIPS and autocratic MONARCHIES. Some have swung to the center and called it democracy. Others to the left, calling it communism.

The living Jesus Christ is soon now going to return, as KING of kings, to RULE ALL NATIONS with the GOVERNMENT OF GOD!

There will be no election campaigns. No multimillion dollar

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# What Is Now Prophesied!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Will the next 15 years bring human extinction—or the dawn of a new world of peace and incredible achievement?

**S**UDDENLY this world has become different! It was never like this before. Look at the change in the last 85 years—then LOOK at the change in the last 15. What will *another* 15 years be like?

When I was a boy, our family transportation was a horse and buggy. Horse-drawn streetcars had just been replaced. Telephones were rare, hanging on walls. Only a few downtown streets in cities were paved. Automobiles were a curiosity—we called them horseless carriages. They were steered with a stick instead of a steering wheel.

Gaslights dimly illuminated city streets. A man, riding horseback, rode past with a lighting stick to turn

them on at dusk and again to turn them off at dawn. Our home was dimly lighted by kerosene lamps.

No man had ever flown. Orville Wright's first 12-second, 120-foot flight did not occur until after I was 4½ months into my 12th year. Television was unheard-of. Compare this with the startling advances of the last few decades. And with the mounting crises in Africa, riots, looting and mass VIOLENCE worldwide. And threat of all-out world-girdling NUCLEAR WAR.

And now, as we enter the middle of the decade of the 1980s, Russia is still in Afghanistan, planning to control the Indian Ocean.

*Again* I ask: WHAT will this world be like in *another* 15 years?

## What Scientists Prophecy

Numerous world-famous scientists and economists see a stern picture of the future. They see—today—

the masses of illiterates in India, Africa—more than half the world's population in the depths of ignorance, poverty, squalor and degradation; the population explosion and the coming food war; the breakdown of family life—the very BASIS of a progressive and thriving society; the spiraling increase in crime; the fast-spreading breakdown of law and order.

All this they see, and tell us humanity's one great problem, now, is the QUESTION OF SURVIVAL.

Ask these sober scientists and economists HOW LONG we may continue in this present trend. Some will guess, perhaps 15 more years—others think less than 10—some give us a little more. But that's only relative. It's still a question of SURVIVAL!

## There Is Good News Ahead

Humanity WILL SURVIVE! There is



GOOD NEWS for the future. This good news is reported by a major news source most people—and most scientists and economists—have utterly overlooked.

There is a master plan already worked out. And it will bring to this earth PEACE! There is a master plan to solve the vast problems of illiteracy, starvation, poverty and squalor. It entails vast agrarian reforms, economic reforms, reforms in governments, and *practical* plans to bring about disarmament and world peace.

Many scientists and world leaders know, in general, what it will take to bring this solution. Today, many farseeing leaders put their fingers on the one great change that can now save humanity alive. What they don't know is how to implement it.

With one voice, these men say the solution now demands a WORLD GOVERNMENT.

There is one thing wrong with this solution. That world supergovernment would have to be given the power of a world police force to enforce its laws, and it would have to maintain the ONLY military force in the world—all nations would have to surrender their armies, navies and air forces to this one SUPERSTATE.

In a word, *every* nation would have to surrender its national sovereignty absolutely. And WHAT MAN could be accepted by all as WORLD RULER? It would, mind you, be a world POLICE STATE. Would the Soviet Union give up its struggle to harness the whole world with communism and accept an American capitalist as their world ruler? No, I'm afraid not in a thousand years!

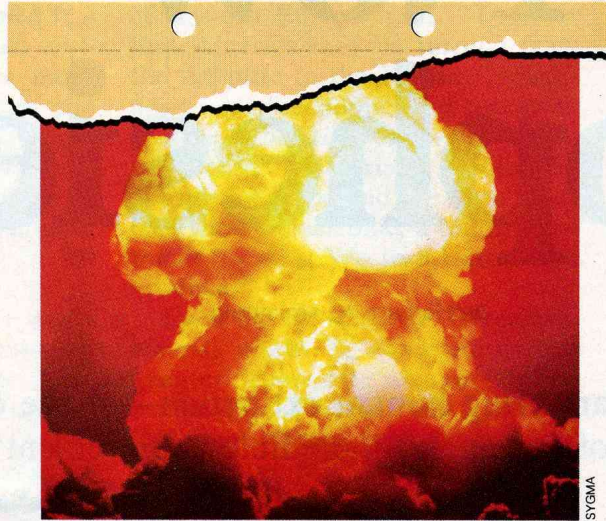
Would the United States accept a North Korean? NEVER!

There is only one way the nations could get together on a world supergovernment.

Within nations, each individual has to be willing to give up his

personal sovereignty. He must submit to the laws of his government or suffer the consequences. Of course, individuals in all countries are given certain personal liberties, not prohibited by law.

So it must be with NATIONS—if there is to be a world supergovernment—if humanity is to survive! If there is to be this world supergovernment all individual nations must first give up their private selfish goals, their dreams of world conquest—of spreading *their* particu-



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lar kind of government around the world.

One important newsmagazine said this can happen only if there is "a strong hand from someplace" that would intervene.

So there is the world's dilemma.

Many leaders are agreed the world's only hope is a world supergovernment. At the same time, they confess frankly that world supergovernment is absolutely unfeasible and utterly IMPOSSIBLE!

And where does that leave you? Does that leave you with nothing but gloom and doom for the future?

## Two Alternatives—and Only Two

You *have* to face it—either there is now no HOPE—either all humanity soon will be erased from this earth—or there does exist that "strong hand from someplace" with supernatural power to INTERVENE in world affairs—to literally take control from the human great powers of this world and to SAVE humanity from itself!

You need to *wake up*—and to realize this means YOUR LIFE—and the lives of your children, your family, your friends and neighbors. The one great problem facing every one of us is HUMAN SURVIVAL. And the only alternative to extinction—SOON—is world government!

I sat in the press gallery in the Opera House at the San Francisco, California, Conference in 1945, when world leaders were drawing up the charter for the United Nations. There I heard the leading statesmen of the world warning that this United Nations they were forming was "THE WORLD'S LAST HOPE." One hour, in plenary sessions, they were uttering this solemn warning; the next hour in group conferences with leaders from other nations they were fighting for their own special advantage.

The United Nations has proved NOT to be that supergovernment.

## This Is Real—It Involves You

Hiding your eyes from the existing facts won't save your world for you—and YOU alive in it! This directly concerns the life of every reader of *The Plain Truth*—and the countless other millions who *ought* to be reading it.

This is REAL! It's HERE! There isn't much more time! It's now far later than you think. And—yes, I realize it—this is the ONLY VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS of today's desperate situation that dares to SPEAK OUT!

THIS YOU MUST FACE. There are now two alternatives—and ONLY two.

1) Either the Creator GOD exists, and will *soon*, now, step in and INTERVENE in this world's



affairs and SAVE ERRING HUMANITY FROM ITSELF—OR:

2) Any one of six existing causes will ERASE HUMANKIND FROM THE EARTH!

The person who is unwilling to consider that the Creator GOD is a real, living, all-wise, all-knowing, all-powerful personal BEING, has only the CERTAINTY of existing world conditions fast closing in upon him!

But for the reader who is willing to listen, I give you not only your ONLY HOPE of survival, I give you your one SURE HOPE.

### World's Most Accurate Newscaster

First, notice the published report of the world's No. 1 newscaster. This newscast was a FORECAST. And it's CERTAIN. I know, very few ever realized that Jesus Christ came as a NEWSMAN—reporting NEWS for the future. He spoke of 20th-century world conditions—and WORLD GOVERNMENT to come. The world has misunderstood, perverted, maligned his message.

The word *gospel* means GOOD NEWS. And his was news for the FUTURE. He described today's violent chaotic world. In the pivotal prophecy of the New Testament of the world's best-selling book, he graphically described the international chaos into which the world is rapidly plunging right now. He said the violence would explode into a world trouble so great, that unless God intervened, no human would remain alive.

Yet, he promised, the all-powerful God would intervene supernaturally to cut short this world chaos (Matt. 24:21-22).

### NEWS—Past, Present, Future

No book has so great a sale as the Holy Bible. And no book ever was so unread, misunderstood, maligned, distorted, misrepresented. Those who profess to use it as the source of their religion promulgate doctrines diametrically opposite from its teachings.

Few know that a whole third, approximately, of that book is devoted to FUTURE NEWS of world happenings. News of the now soon-

coming peaceful and happy WORLD TOMORROW—on through CENTURY 21. It's the BEST NEWS you ever read!

We look, now, at one pivotal NEWS DISPATCH within this volume, which covers dramatically a panorama of the dominating governments, past, immediate present and future.

### Advance News Report

You never thought of this panoramic look ahead as a NEWS REPORT? It's time we recognized it for precisely what it is! And it's exciting!

Incredible though it seems—and



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**Humanity will survive! There will be a happy world tomorrow. Mortal humans do have a stern lesson to learn first. But we shall learn!**

would-be discreditors to the contrary notwithstanding—the evidence has demonstrated conclusively that this world-news report was written about 600 years before the birth of Jesus Christ.

It concerns the king of the Chaldean Empire that ruled the Western world from 609 to 539 B.C. His name was Nebuchadnezzar. His capital was the ancient glamor city and world capital, Babylon. One night this king dreamed a remarkable and frightening dream as

reported in Daniel 2. It was one of those rare dreams that remain indelibly impressed on the mind after awaking. He thought it must have meaning.

So Nebuchadnezzar called in all his astrologers, his religious leaders, magicians, his chief advisers, his wisest men. He determined to test their clairvoyant powers.

"It was a terrifying dream, yet it's gone from me," he told them. "I want you to tell me what I dreamed. If you fail, I'll know you are fakes and phonies, and I'll have you all put to death."

But even with their lives at stake, his wisest men could not tell Nebuchadnezzar what he had dreamed.

Now among other nations that had been conquered by this great Chaldean king was the kingdom of Judah, whose capital city was Jerusalem. These Jews had been taken as captives and transported from their homes in their cities, towns and countryside to the land of the Chaldeans, where they were made slaves. But four outstandingly brilliant lads had been inducted into important government positions in Babylon. Among them was Daniel.

These four Jewish lads were seized, to be put to death along with the sorcerers, magicians and Chaldean "wise men." Daniel asked for time, promising that he would be able to tell the king his dream and its meaning.

The four Jewish lads prayed to their God for the answer. That night it was revealed to Daniel in a vision (now quoting the Revised Standard Version):

### Report on What Is to Be

"Are you able to make known to me the dream . . . and its interpretation?" asked the king when Daniel was ushered into his presence. "No wise men . . . can show to the king the mystery . . .," replied Daniel, "but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he



has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. . . .

"You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. The head of this image was of fine gold, its breast and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

"As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it smote the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces; then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away. . . . But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth."

But what did it MEAN? Its MEANING was a NEWS forecast leading to the present world turmoil, and its imminent and SURE outcome! It is NEWS that vitally affects the life of every reader of *The Plain Truth*.

"This," continued Daniel, "was the dream; now we will tell the king its interpretation. You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory. . . . you are the head of gold. After you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth."

Here was NEWS of the future. It was news reported in advance. And it happened! After the Chaldean Empire, the Persian Empire arose. It was inferior as a world empire intellectually, morally, and in honor, splendor and glory—as silver is less valuable than gold. But, as silver is harder than gold, so was the Persian Empire stronger in military might.

Humanity was deteriorating. The Persian Empire fell before the swift conquering flight of young Alexander the Great, with his Greek and Macedonian army. Alexander expanded his empire farther east and west and south—greater in military strength, more in quantity—greater in area and

population ruled—but inferior in quality, as bronze is of less value than silver, yet a harder metal.

Alexander wept, it is said, because he had no more worlds to conquer. He died young. His empire was divided into four divisions, each ruled by one of his four top-ranking generals.

Now continue this most unusual form of NEWS REPORT.

### The Roman Empire Came

"And," continued Daniel, "there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron. . . ." This was the Roman Empire, which swallowed up all four surviving divisions of Alexander's Greco-Macedonian Empire, and spread out farther besides. It was the strongest military power in world history up to that time. And the two legs symbolized the *two divisions* of the mighty Roman Empire—with the eastern capital at Constantinople (today called Istanbul, Turkey), and the western capital at Rome.

But Daniel continued: "And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. . . . but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay."

There are three other specific prophecies—FUTURE NEWS REPORTS—one in the seventh chapter of Daniel, and one in the 13th and one in the 17th of Revelation, which also depict the future NEWS of this same succession of world empires. Putting all four prophecies together, it becomes plain that the toes of this image represent a last, final resurrection—or rebirth—of the Roman Empire in our time!

### Soon-Coming United States of Europe

There is not space for details in this article. (Request our free booklet *The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last*.) But the two prophecies in the book of Revelation report clearly—*long in advance*—the fall of the original Roman Empire in A.D. 476, its restoration by Justinian in 554 and its history up to the fall of Napoleon in 1814.

Then Revelation 17:8 shows the partial revival of this empire under

Mussolini—after he took Ethiopia, adding it to Italian Somaliland, Eritrea, Libya and Italy—officially naming it "the Roman Empire."

These prophecies depict detailed ADVANCE NEWS of one more, last revival of this empire, yet to occur, by a union of 10 nations, or groups of nations, in Europe.

This coming "United States of Europe" is the dream of many leaders—not only within Europe, but in Britain and America. The Common Market is only its economic beginning.

Every indication is that this ADVANCE NEWS will be *current* news. And it will completely STUN THE WORLD! Yet *The Plain Truth* has reported this news in advance for the past 51 years!

Can you envision what that will mean in the world's balance of power?

But these nations will not cling long or loyally together. The 10 toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image pictured this United Europe millennia in advance. They will not cleave together for long, even as iron and miry clay will not.

Then what shall happen?

This prophecy—and others—give you the NEWS long in advance!

### Then Finally—WORLD Government

Continue Daniel's explanation to King Nebuchadnezzar.

"And in the days of those kings [these then who are to unite in Europe!] the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people. . . . and it shall stand for ever. . . . A great God has made known to the king what shall be hereafter. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure" (quoted from Daniel 2, RSV).

This is just one of several ADVANCE NEWS REPORTS that explicitly affirm there WILL BE a world government that shall bring this war-weary earth PEACE AT LAST.

Not by the help of men or of their human governments—but in spite of them. Other prophecies report, centuries and millennia in

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# Coping As A Single Parent

**R**EARING a child is never easy, but for one person to function as both mother and father is the toughest job of all.

Yet it is increasingly common today for a parent to find himself or herself in this double role.

Those who have enjoyed the companionship of marriage understandably find readjustment to single life difficult. Loneliness and frustration often creep in. The responsibilities of shouldering the roles of both mother and father can be physically and emotionally draining.

Consequently, many parents in this situation find themselves overworked, tired and, as a result, more easily upset and irritable. Others may still be recovering from the trauma of a divorce or the death of a mate.

Children may suffer in a single-parent home. They may have difficulty being fully understood by a parent of the opposite sex. A son, for example, may find his mother failing

to appreciate his interests. Similarly, a daughter may learn that her father has difficulty understanding some of her feminine needs.

The problem of adjusting can be just as traumatic for a child having a single parent of the same sex, since the care of both parents was designed by God to fulfill the emotional needs of the child.

Often children with only one parent have more difficulty at school. A study showed that single-parent children require more help and attention from school than they receive.

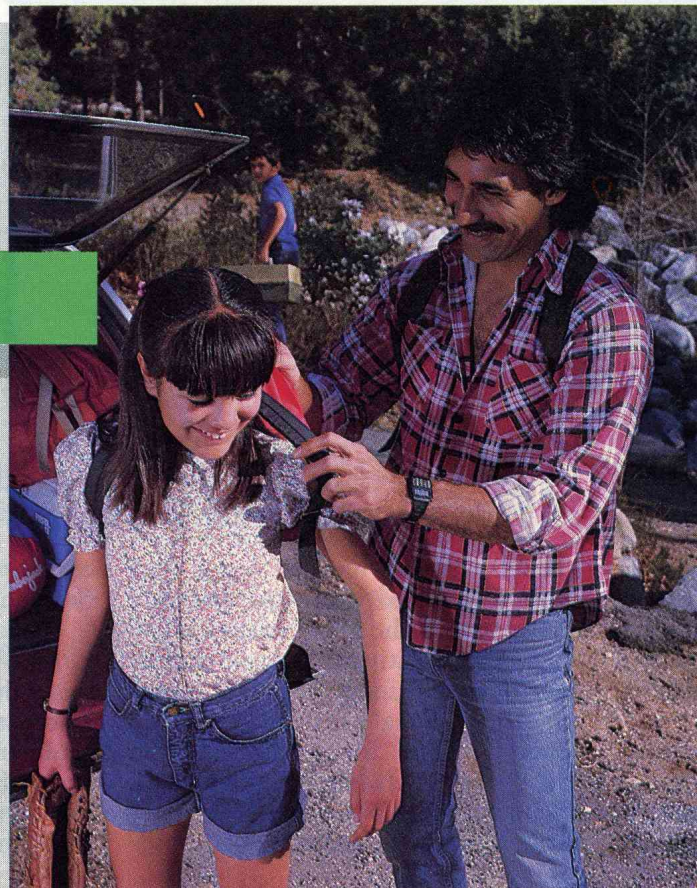
Some women may have been so dependent on their former husbands that they lack the right kind of confidence to make decisions for themselves and their families. Often those with older children must go out and find employment. And after many years at home, they may be out of touch with the work environment or their skills may be rusty or outdated.

Here are some practical suggestions to help you as a single parent boldly face your responsibilities.

## Organize Your Life

Life sometimes may seem hopeless and bewildering

**Spend time with your children. Take a drive in the country, go on a hike, spend a few hours at the beach, visit a museum or have lunch in a park.**



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for single parents. They are pulled in a dozen directions, all at the same time, with many roles to fulfill—homemaker, breadwinner, bookkeeper, nurse. By organizing, you will be more effective in fulfilling all your responsibility.

If you have not already done so, begin to set realistic goals in your life—and teach your children to do the same. Don't allow each day to just happen, without experiencing any progress or growth.

Make a daily list of things you need to accomplish and set priorities. But be flexible—never allow yourself to become obsessed with a schedule that's impossible to complete. Your schedule is only a guide to help you be more organized.

Have a calendar where the activities of every person in the family can be noted. This gives the family direction, goals and structure.

Create and maintain an efficient filing system for

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important papers, letters, bills and other documents.

Let the children take an active part in domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning or laundry. This will help them feel needed and useful and they will learn responsibility. In addition, you will be able to devote more energy to other areas.

Don't let clutter collect around the house. Often this happens because the house is too small to store all the family belongings. Give

away, sell or throw out what is not needed. Have a place for everything. Put things away when you're finished with them and teach your children to do the same.

### **Build a Close Family**

One of the best ways to offset the handicaps of a single-parent family is by building closeness and teamwork. Spending time with the children is the most essential, though perhaps the most difficult, task of a single parent.

Empathize with your children. The lack of one parent and the subsequent feelings of rejection and insecurity can make them crave the single parent's attention more than they normally would. A strongly united household will enable each family member to give and receive the emotional and moral support

Be open and honest with your children and allow them the freedom to be open with you. Let your children share with you the things that interest them, be it science, home-making or sports. Guide them to align their interests with God's law.

Always set an example of care, concern and thoughtfulness. This will further build a warm, happy home for your children, providing them with needed support.

Try to avert school problems by taking time to help with your children's studies. Also, take a personal interest in school activities.

Set aside one or two evenings each week to spend as a family. Plan these evenings in advance, perhaps including a special dessert, so that everyone will be home. Often anticipation is half the fun.

During the week, when opportunities arise, teach your children about God, point out blessings your family receives or how God has helped each family member that day. The Sabbath can be ideal for family Bible study.

Sundays can be spent as family time. Take a drive in the country, go on a hike, spend a few hours at the beach, visit a museum or have lunch in a park. Other Sundays can be spent working together around the home, shopping, preparing for the next week or simply relaxing together. These activities need not consume the whole day, only a few hours of it, so that personal goals can also be accomplished.

Obtain input from your children on what they would like to do, and ask their opinions on suggested activities. Try to

ensure that whatever you plan will be enjoyed by the whole family.

### **Sharing Worries**

A single parent can get very lonely. There are heavy responsibilities to be borne and sometimes the pressures will get you down. You need someone to talk to—someone to share the burden. Not having a mate,



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needed. When one is down, the others will be able to provide strength and encouragement.

It is imperative for single-parent families to share regular meals together. Meal settings provide security, time for communication and unity. This is also an ideal time for sharing thoughts, feelings, ideas, dreams and concerns.



it's easy to turn to the older children. After all, you think, they're big enough to understand. Well, maybe they are! But your timing and approach are all-important.

Sharing the load through hardships can bind the family together. Can help you understand each other. But you, the parent, must realize that a young child is not mature enough to handle problems that seem to have no solution. Those should be taken to God in prayer.

That doesn't mean you should shield your children from reality. Ask God in prayer for discernment about which subjects to discuss with the children. Teenagers, especially, need to learn how to cope with situations that require courage and sacrifice. They need to understand what it takes to run a home. That adult living isn't just peaches and cream.

Select items that you think are within their tolerance and *take them into your confidence*. Construct a plan to resolve the problem together. They will appreciate your honesty and your respect for their ability to help. But don't let your children become your crying towel and soak up an attitude of hopelessness and despair.

### **Growing Up Too Fast**

Sharing too much of the load with the children can have negative consequences. Many single parents worry about forcing their teenagers to grow up too fast. Others may hurry them along to adult independence in an effort to ease the stress in the home. The old adage that "kids should be kids" is true.

The apostle Paul said, "When I was a child I thought as a child, but when I became a man I put away childish things." It takes time, training and discipline to bring a child to adulthood.

So even in your special circumstances you should avoid forcing your children to grow up too fast. Even though they can and should carry more responsibility than most parents require of them, too much too soon can give them a negative outlook on life. They need time to be children. Otherwise, they may always feel that they missed out on childhood and this in turn prevents their becoming truly mature adults.

Be sure you give them time to play. Time to cultivate friendships with others their own age. Time to burn off a little of the foolishness of youth and release the pent-up pressure of extra responsibility. Remember, they have the same handicap you do—lack of another parent in the home.

### **Parental Models**

A God-intended major function of a father and a mother is that of parental models for the children. In a complete family unit with father and mother present this is a natural and almost unnoticed process. Generally speaking, because of biological and psychological traits boys will emulate their fathers and girls will emulate their mothers, while taking on certain characteristics of both parents. Good parents will encourage this practice!

But if you are single and have children of the opposite sex living with you, you are faced with a special problem. Where will the child learn his role? Should you try to be both father and mother?

Obviously certain responsibilities may devolve upon you. You may be breadwinner, cook, housekeeper, mechanic, nurse and disciplinarian. But you can't completely fulfill both masculine and feminine roles as an example to your child. The best advice is to be the best you can possibly be in your rightful role as either mother or father. Then build associations with stable families that can provide the example of masculinity or femininity missing in your home. Spend time together with families, and occasionally let your child visit them alone for short periods.

Look for good models among the child's normal contacts and encourage communication with them. Teachers, coaches, grandparents, ministers and wives will often prove ideal examples for your child to follow.


Historical figures and biblical personalities may also be used to define the proper duties of both sexes.

### **Teenagers**

For any household there can be special pressures in working with teenagers. But there is no reason for any

Christian parent to approach this time in *fear!* We all know that teens are undergoing major changes in their bodies and minds. This is a vital and wonderful process that every human being must go through. Understanding it and planning for it can help you and your child make the best of it.

Communication must be the life-



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blood of your parent-child relationship. You must be able to listen to and empathize with your adolescent. Talk with him or her. You must be mature enough to give advice and guidance, but let the teenager make decisions. You can't prevent him or her from making some mistakes, so stay close enough to help your teenager learn from them. But as with younger children, you must always strive to set a right example and never compromise with God's word or your own.

Seek to provide a broad range of social, athletic and educational-academic experiences for your teenager. Make your home a hospitable and predictable environment for your children's friends. This will allow you to know who your children's friends are and if they're acceptable.

Being a single parent is not easy. But none is more important than your God-given role in child rearing. For you, no physical endeavor can be more challenging or rewarding.

The final installment will cover the controversial subject of day-care centers. □



more than 42 centuries ago. At the tower of Babel humanity pooled its resources and tried for the first time on record to reach into the heavens. Humankind started with a tower. Humans would have equaled today's technology long ago had God not slowed them down by dividing them, confusing their language and scattering them over the face of the earth (Gen. 11:1-8).

God said at that time: "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; and *nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them*" (verse 6, Revised Standard Version).

That is a remarkable statement concerning what humans working together can accomplish. This attitude pervades human thinking. Nothing, it seems, is impossible for man. If given the chance, time, money and resources, he can do anything.

If given the chance, man will use space for weapons. Man now has that chance. One can only

wonder what part yet undreamed-of space warfare technology and weapons will play in some of the end-time cataclysms described in the Bible.

Space warfare could account for some of the mysterious terms with which the final crisis at the close of this world's civilization is described in Revelation 9.

### **World Peace Coming from Outer Space**

There is hope. Humankind is not doomed to self-destruction. "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive," Jesus Christ said 1,900 years ago, "but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened" (Matt. 24:22, New International Version).

God will intervene in human affairs by sending his Son Jesus Christ to forcibly stop humanity at the last possible moment from destroying life on earth. Jesus will return with power and glory to reestablish the very government of God over all nations and peoples (Dan. 2:44-45).

He will descend from heaven through the very outer space men are trying selfishly to conquer. Wrapped in the clouds, he will come to punish the nations that have dared to use their scientific arsenals for war (Matt. 24:27, 29-31; Rev. 1:7).

All weapons building or deployment—including those space based—will no longer be permitted and those that exist will be destroyed or reworked into implements of peace (Isa. 2:2-4).

Finally, the world tomorrow—that utopian paradise that humans long for—will be ushered in. For a description of the thrilling changes God will bring about in this world after he intervenes in human affairs, write for our free booklets *The Middle East in Prophecy* and *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*.

Then indeed he who actually rules space will rule the earth. Jesus will open to man's understanding how to be happy and have the abundant life. □

## **PERSONAL**

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fund-raising campaigns—no political conventions. No politics, pulling the wool over the eyes of the people in the struggle for POWER!

No wars. No crime. No more broken families. No hospitals, for people will be divinely healed.

Why the BIG DIFFERENCE, THEN?

The present world, though the world of humans doesn't realize it, is actually swayed and RULED by the invisible Satan—the former Lucifer who originally sat on the THRONE of the whole earth.

Backtrack a second, to the original Adam and Eve. In the Garden of Eden were the two symbolic trees—one the "tree of LIFE" symbolizing the Holy Spirit of God and gift of eternal life. The other, the tree of "the knowledge of good and evil," and this knowledge they—for all humanity—took to themselves.

Just one super-significant thing was wrong with that. They did not realize—and mankind does not know today—that man was made with a "human" spirit inside him. This spirit, not present in animals or any other

physical life form, imparts the power of intellect to the human brain. But man's KNOWLEDGE is confined to the physical and material.

Man's PROBLEMS, troubles, evils, are all SPIRITUAL in nature. Man was made to NEED a SECOND SPIRIT—the HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD. This was freely offered that first Adam. But he rejected it—rejected GOD'S GOVERNMENT and God's revealed spiritual knowledge. All humans have been born with only a human spirit, limiting human knowledge to the physical and material. Man, without the Holy Spirit of God, is NOT MENTALLY COMPLETE—actually "NOT ALL THERE." Human consciousness is limited to the physical and material, yet all his problems are SPIRITUAL and beyond his comprehension!

NOT ONLY THIS!

Satan the devil is REAL—he exists—he is SUPER POWERFUL—and he is "the PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR" (Eph. 2:2). HE BROADCASTS! He surcharges the air with HIS ATTITUDE of selfishness, vanity, lust for power and greed, envy and jealousy, competition and strife, rebellion against GOD!

It is not only that mankind—our

human LEADERS—are only "HALF THERE" mentally—Satan has been injecting into every human from infancy his SELF-CENTERED ATTITUDE! All we humans grow up saturated with it. It has become HUMAN NATURE!

So it is not only a matter of what ISN'T IN OUR HUMAN MINDS (spiritual comprehension!), it is a matter of WHAT IS IN HUMAN MINDS—what from infancy Satan has been injecting there—the SELF-CENTERED ATTITUDE—that of competition, getting the best of others, "GETTING" instead of "GIVING"—TAKING FROM OTHERS!

How different in the world tomorrow. Satan will be gone! Jesus Christ will be ruling! Ruling with, but under him, will be truly converted saints then made IMMORTAL—filled with GOD'S Spirit of "LOVE"—immortal GOD BEINGS with no SELF-interest of coveting, but outflowing LOVE for the good, happiness, welfare and eternal salvation of all others!

Jesus taught us to pray, "THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN!"

We'd better be PRAYING! □



## Prophesied!

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advance, almost every detail of today's rapidly worsening conditions.

Humanity WILL SURVIVE! There will be a happy WORLD TOMORROW. Mortal humans do have a stern lesson to learn first. Human bungling will bring accelerated world trouble before God-ignoring humanity will be willing to learn. But WE SHALL LEARN!

Few realize that 90 percent of biblical prophecy pertains to OUR TIME, and the time immediately ahead. And approximately a third

of the Bible is prophecy! It has been neglected utterly. It has been terribly misunderstood, misrepresented. It is tremendously important! Especially now!

Earlier in this article I said Jesus of Nazareth was the world's greatest NEWSCASTER. Many, deceiving and being deceived, have represented his teaching as a sentimental religious teaching having no relation whatever to this life, this world, its nations, its governments, its society. THAT CONCEPT IS FALSE!

Jesus' "gospel" (and remember *gospel* means "good news") was actually his ADVANCE NEWS

REPORT of the KINGDOM—the GOVERNMENT—of GOD, soon now to bring us world PEACE. The KINGDOM of GOD is, simply the world-ruling GOVERNMENT of God. It is absolutely *not* a sentimental, ethereal, imaginary something "set up in the hearts of men." It is something REAL! It is SOON COMING!

And Jesus Christ was born to be the KING of that WORLD GOVERNMENT (Luke 1:30-33; John 18:36-37; Rev. 11:15; 19:11-16). As Jesus so promised his disciples that he would return—so, now soon he will return to RULE THE WHOLE EARTH and bring us peace at last! □

## Long Enough

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*Encounter*, a British current affairs publication, U.S. foreign affairs analyst Irving Kristol wrote:

"America's European allies are fast approaching a moment of decision. The United States is not going to remain committed to the defence of Western Europe, at the risk of nuclear annihilation, if Western Europe is not equally committed to the defence of America's interests. In the debate over Central America, the very existence of NATO itself is at stake. . . .

"A major clash between the United States and Europe over Central America could soon lead to overwhelming pressures in the United States for a redefinition of its role in NATO—even to the point of the withdrawal of U.S. forces from the European continent. This prospect is something Europeans should ponder most seriously."

In the summer of 1984, the U.S. Senate narrowly defeated the so-called Nunn Amendment that called for a rapid reduction of up to one third of U.S. forces in Europe. The amendment was offered as a result of alleged foot-dragging on the part of the European allies as to their defense spending plans. A U.S.-Europe rift over Central America would certainly result in far greater Senate action on reduction of U.S. forces in Europe.

### End of Postwar Harmony

We have reached the end of 40 years of relative harmony in the

Western world. The worldwide postwar policy of communist "containment" erected by the United States is breaking down all around.

In the South Pacific, the ANZUS alliance has been shaken by New Zealand's concern over extending port privileges to nuclear-armed and nuclear-powered U.S. warships. Small nations throughout the Pacific, which have viewed the smooth operations of ANZUS as a force for stability, are deeply concerned.

And in Europe itself, the NATO alliance will be faced over the next two to three years with its greatest crisis ever, not along the "front line" in Europe, but over differences concerning the escalation of warfare in the Western Hemisphere.

Moscow, it should be noted, will have every incentive to keep the pressure on in Central America—in order to obtain one of its key objectives: the removal of U.S. forces from Europe.

Only when that occurs would the Kremlin consider loosening its grip over Eastern Europe, perhaps restructuring the region into what Jonathan Steele calls a form of "Yugoslavianization." He asks: "Could neutrality emerge in such a way that the regimes maintained an essentially Communist system with a leading party and tight control of the media?"

A united—or perhaps better expressed, *confederated*—Europe is coming, with greater cooperation between East and West. Bible

prophecy reveals that an end-time revival of the ancient Roman Empire will once again arise in the heart of Europe. It will be composed of 10 nations, with perhaps five from Western Europe, and five from East-Central Europe. This system is depicted in the second chapter of the book of Daniel as a human image standing on *two legs*—indicating perhaps the incomplete fusion of East and West.

Religion will play a major role in providing the imperfect adhesion of the two halves of the coming Europe. Mr. Brzezinski also draws attention to the special appeal of Pope John Paul II "whose vision of Europe's spiritual unity," he says, "has obvious political implications."

It appears increasingly that only when America's direct presence from Europe is removed and the Soviets relax their grip on the East will this new Europe arise in the partial political vacuum created.

A new, more united Europe, observed Hedley Bull, writing in the Spring 1983 issue of *Atlantic Quarterly*, "is likely to disappoint some of the expectations that Americans commonly have about it. It would be less willing to follow the American lead, more capable of working against American policies should it wish to do so, and more of a risk as an ally of the United States than one America is able to control."

The new Europe, moreover, may come a lot sooner than experts predict. Europe will not witness another 40 years of division. □