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WINTER SNOWS on the Ambassador College grounds near London. Memorial Hall is lit up in the background and, to the right, one of several beautiful cedars of Lebanon tinted with snow.

What our READERS SAY

"I Threw Your Booklets Away"

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I have written to you twice before, but have always thrown your booklets away because they were so different from what I had ever read. I have become more interested in your interpretation in view of the present world crisis. The religious group I am presently affiliated with seldom mentions contemporary conditions. I believe that true repentance and obedience to God's laws are for today. Therefore, I would like to know more of His laws. Please send me the booklets and I will not throw them away."

Man from Fort Worth, Texas.

Editor's Comment: The truth is very different and sometimes, for the natural man, very difficult to believe until you have proved it for yourself. The real reason most people don't agree with God is that they are unwilling to do what He says.

My First Impression

"I heard your program today for the first time. You are the first speaker on any subject that has been able to hold my attention for any length of time. I never write letters to anyone."

Woman from Maryland.

First Broadcasts Seemed Radical

"At first your broadcasts seemed too radical and I destroyed a few of the first PLAIN TRUTH magazines I received, but now I believe your teachings are right and that God is using your ministry more than anyone else on earth. I will appreciate all future literature and preserve it and pass it on to others."

Subscriber from Friedens,
Pennsylvania.

Bible Changes Reader

"It is only within the last nine months that I have discovered the Bible. All my life I've been an avid reader, but had never read the greatest Book of all. It is an experience that has changed me

completely. For years I have been unattached to any religion, but your way is the first that seems to be reasonable, logical and believable. I had put off writing until I was sure. And this Friday night past, after hearing a religious discussion by some modern, progressive Protestants, I know there is no place for me in Protestantism either. I left Catholicism 15 years ago."

Woman from Hahnville,
Louisiana

Comfortable Rut?

"These Bible Studies are amazing, gripping, and full of trouble—personal trouble. Decisions and some changes will have to be made. I am in such a comfortable rut! However, many thanks."

Queenstown, Australia.

Comment: Never stay in a rut! Better yet, avoid getting into one in the first place!

Accident in Ireland

"It was by accident that I happened to tune in and hear you for the first time. At first I must confess I thought you a bit of a crank. There was something in your message that made me *want* to listen again, and now I'm a regular listener twice weekly. I have come to respect and admire the way in which you so fearlessly and courageously discuss the Bible. You present it clearly and logically, offering proof step by step. You speak positively and with assurance, and this in itself is refreshing after hearing ministers and church leaders giving us *their* views and thoughts on the subject, instead of Almighty God's true, precise and definite word."

Man from Co. Antrim,
Northern Ireland.

Comment: We are glad to notice more and more listeners in Europe writing in. And now new radio doors are being

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Personal from the Editor

YOU HAVE noticed, of course, that the price of a postage stamp has gone up to 5 cents. This new law increasing postal rates is important to both you, and also to me as Editor of *The Plain Truth*.

Did you read claims by proponents of this new postal increase that large-circulation magazines like *The Plain Truth* are not paying their own way through the mails? And especially a magazine like this, published by a NON-profit institution?

The publisher of LIFE magazine thought his readers would be interested in knowing the facts—and I am sure our readers will be interested in knowing the *plain truth* about how your letters are handled, and how this magazine is transported, through the United States mails. It is interesting to note that the United States edition of *The Plain Truth* and the Pacific Coast edition of LIFE are both printed in the same printing plant—Pacific Press in Los Angeles.

Of course *The Plain Truth*, with a million readers, is published in three editions around the world. The edition serving Britain, Europe and Africa is published in London. The edition serving Australia, New Zealand, and Asia is published in Melbourne. The three editions are identical, except for one page reserved for necessary local notices in the British and Australian editions.

What I am explaining to you here about mailing procedures applies only to the North American edition, but postal methods affecting the other editions are quite similar, if not identical.

The plain truth is that, although the United States Post Office Department has granted this magazine the lower-cost second-class privileges, saving us from \$35,000 to \$50,000 per year in postage bills, *this magazine does pay its own way!* Further, and important, even though you *cannot* pay for your own

subscription to this magazine (is there any other like it? I think not!!)—it definitely *is paid* by others, and goes only to those who subscribe personally for their own subscriptions. This fact had to be established to the satisfaction of the postal authorities before we could be granted the second-class privilege. And it *is* a privilege for which we of *The Plain Truth* staff are very grateful, and you, as a reader ought to be, also.

But *how* can I say that *we do pay our way*, even at this low-cost second-class mailing rate? Your copy of *The Plain Truth*, now increased to 48 pages, is larger and heavier than the letter you can mail for a 5 cent postage stamp. And, pound for pound, and size for size, we do pay a lower rate than the individual citizen mailing first-class a personal letter. You will be interested in the plain facts. *We do* pay our way!

When you mail a letter with a 5 cent postage stamp by dropping it in your rural mailbox, or your corner mailbox in the city, a postman must drive by in a car or a truck to collect it. In a city he takes it to a station or substation. There other men must handle it. It must be canceled, then sorted, then, probably by still another clerk, bundled with other mail addressed to the same town or city, then put into a mailbag, after which, in most cities, it is taken by truck or helicopter to a central postal station. There the mailbag containing it is sorted with other bags, and taken to the train or the plane.

If your rural mail carrier takes it to a small-town post office, it is there canceled, sorted, bundled, and put in a mailbag. Then it may be taken by truck or train to the nearest city. There it may have to be sorted, re-bundled, bagged again, then taken to the train or plane.

In many cases, depending on location, there may be several other steps. Your first class letter may need handling by

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OUR COVER

On our front cover of this issue we show you a rare picture of the Richard David Armstrong Memorial Hall, on the grounds of Ambassador College at Bricket Wood, in England.

This was photographed at the time of the heaviest snow this section of England had seen in many a year—a hundred years or more. This night shot, with its floodlights gleaming in the heavy white snow, shows this ornate main class-room building in rare dress.

Richard David Armstrong, elder son of Herbert W. Armstrong, pioneered and established our work in Britain. He established our first office there. He baptised the first convert in Britain resulting from *The World Tomorrow* program, and *The Plain Truth*. This fabulous main building of the new college in Britain has been named in his honor to perpetuate his memory.

Personal from the Editor

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as many as 20 men and carried successively by as many as three or four cars and trucks or a helicopter. All these man-hours cost the post office department money. You get a lot for a nickel.

Now compare that to the manner in which your copy of *The Plain Truth* is handled. In the two-story ultra-modern building that houses the Ambassador College Press, your name and address is kept on a punched card of the very intricate IBM electronic mailing system. With more than 300,000 others, your card runs at lightning speed through a machine which prints your name and address on a long strip, or roll, of tape. This modern electronic system, through another machine, already has sorted your card with others in your state, and even in your town. As the names and addresses are rapidly printed on these strips of paper tape, an impression is made on the last name in each town or city. All this is done on days prior to receiving the several large truckloads of copies of each month's *Plain Truths*.

Then when an issue of *The Plain Truth* is off the press in Los Angeles, large trucks deliver the magazines to our Press building in Pasadena.

Then a large trained staff goes to work. The hundreds of thousands of copies are run through a large addressing machine at the speed of 18,000 copies per hour, stamping the tape containing name and address on each. As these copies are carried down a conveyor belt, those going to each town or city are pulled out by workers. They are bundled by being placed on a string-tying machine. These machines rapidly wrap string around and tie each bundle together in a tight bowknot. In the case of magazines going to cities having local postal zones, we actually sort out and bundle separately those going to each local zone. Then our own staff places them in mailbags in exactly the same manner postal clerks sort and bag ordinary first-class mail in the post offices.

Finally these many truckloads of mailbags are transported to the Pasadena Post Office—not at government expense by Post Office mail trucks, but by our own transportation department trucks.

So you see, in the case of *The Plain Truth*, all these many steps of handling mail to get it finally into mailbags labeled for the town or city to which each bag is to go, *is done by us!* All the Post Office has left to do is to put the bags on the trains. That is the reason the Post Office Department grants us the lower-cost second-class postage rate. We do probably the largest part of the Post Office work for them, so that the cost to the Government of delivering your copy of *The Plain Truth* is greatly reduced.

And so it is that although we are granted the lower-rate second-class privilege, saving us upwards of \$50,000 per year, *we do pay our way.*

And if some of our readers are inclined to gripe about having to pay 5c postage for one letter, we should remember that the Post Office Department is really not a business. Nobody makes any profit from the postage stamps we buy. The Post Office Department has been losing large sums of money—millions upon millions of dollars. In other words, it actually costs *more* than 5c for the government to collect your letter, put it through all these many transactions, and deliver it to the person to whom you have addressed it. And we all, as taxpayers, make up the difference in the taxes we pay.

Actually, if Congress had not passed this new bill raising postage rates, we would have been paying the difference anyway—in higher *taxes.*

It may be interesting to our readers, also, to know that we are one of the largest customers—and we may well be the very largest—of the Pasadena Post Office.

In the month of December, 1961, we received from radio listeners and *Plain Truth* readers the staggering total of 99,258 letters. The month of January, 1962, just closed, brought 100,939. Our mailing department mailed out, during the month of November, 1961, more than ONE MILLION pieces of mail. Our Letter-Answering staff, composed of ordained ministers, and graduate students, with a few undergraduate seniors, mailed out more than 24,500 *personal replies* to answer personal questions from listeners and readers, during the year 1961.

Multiple TONS of important literature, making the Bible PLAIN, poured from our printing presses. Truck loads rumbled to the post office daily. And this was in Pasadena alone. Our branch offices in Australia and in England were printing and mailing out their quotas, too.

And now we are looking forward to a 30% *bigger* year during 1962. For 28 years this great work of God on earth has continued to show an average growth of 30% per year. Today its impact is reaching some twenty millions of people on all inhabited continents every week!

Your copy of the February issue of the PLAIN TRUTH was here! These 345,000 copies of the American and Canadian editions are brought in to the Press building and run through the new Magnacraft Mailing Machine, which addresses at the rate of 18,000 per hour!



Just What Do You Mean —KINGDOM OF GOD?

Is it the CHURCH? Is it something "set up in the hearts of men?" Is it the British Empire? Is it "the God within you?" Is it "the Millennium?" Each of these is widely taught—yet none is right! The shocking TRUTH is here made PLAIN!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WHY cannot the churches agree on *what* is the GOSPEL? Jesus Christ came preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. Yet *few* preach about the Kingdom of God today, for they have lost all knowledge of what it is!

A prominent evangelist said to a world-wide radio audience that the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is not for us today. Some denominations proclaim a "Gospel of Grace;" some what they call a "Gospel of Salvation;" some a gospel *about* Christ; some a social gospel; some the "Science of Mind" or "Religious Science."

Not One is Right!

Some churches claim either that their particular denomination, or "Christianity" as a whole, constitutes the Kingdom of God.

Not one is right! Could anything seem more incredible? Yes, to the mind reared in this world's concepts, one thing is, indeed, still *more* incredible! And that is the PLAIN TRUTH about what the Kingdom of God really is!

This truth is not merely surprising—it is shocking—staggering! Yet it is truly GOOD NEWS—the most glorious GOOD NEWS ever to enter human consciousness!

CHRIST'S Gospel

What is the one and *only* Gospel of Jesus Christ? THE WORLD DOES NOT KNOW! It has not been preached for 18½ centuries, strange as that may seem. Look into your BIBLE. Look at it from the very beginning!

"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ" you'll read in Mark 1:1. "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD,

and saying, the time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel." (Mark 1:14-15).

It is necessary to *believe that* GOSPEL to be saved! And how can you *believe* it, unless you know what it is?

Jesus went everywhere preaching the GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF GOD. He taught in parables about the KINGDOM OF GOD. He sent out seventy men preaching, and commanded them to preach THE KINGDOM OF GOD (Luke 10:9). He sent the Apostles, on whom the Church of God was founded, to preach only THE KINGDOM OF GOD (Luke 9:1-2).

Isn't it amazing that the world has LOST the knowledge of what it is?

The Apostle Paul preached THE KINGDOM OF GOD. (Acts 19:8; 20:25; 28:23,31). And God Almighty, through Paul, pronounced *a double curse* on man or angel that would DARE preach any other Gospel! (Gal. 1:8-9).

WHY, then, do so *many* DARE to preach so many *other* gospels? The good news of THE KINGDOM OF GOD is something you must *understand*, and BELIEVE, in order to be saved! Jesus Christ said so! YOU had better be finding out *what it is!*

Daniel Knew!

Haven't you heard men speak of the Kingdom of God something like this: "By Christians everywhere working together to bring about world peace, tolerance and brotherly love, the Kingdom of God may at last be established in the hearts of men."

Because they *rejected* Christ's Gospel 1900 years ago, the world had to supplant something else in its place. They had to invent a *counterfeit!* So we have heard the Kingdom of God spoken of

as merely a pretty platitude—a nice sentiment in human hearts—reducing it to an ethereal, unreal NOTHING! Others have misrepresented that the "CHURCH" is the Kingdom. Others confuse it with a "millennium." Still others have, in our century, claimed the British Empire is the Kingdom of God. HOW DECEIVED CAN THIS WORLD GET?

The prophet Daniel, who lived 600 years before Christ, knew that the Kingdom of God was a real kingdom—a *government* ruling over literal PEOPLE on the earth.

Jesus Christ brought additional knowledge about it which the prophet Daniel might not have known. Still, Daniel knew there was going to be a real, literal Kingdom of God on the earth.

Daniel was one of four extraordinarily intelligent and brilliant Jewish lads in the Judean captivity. These four were stationed in the palace of King Nebuchadnezzar of the Chaldean Empire, in training for special responsibilities in the Babylonian government. Daniel was a prophet who had been given special understanding in visions and dreams (Dan. 1:17).

Nebuchadnezzar was the first real world ruler. He had conquered a vast Empire, including the nation Judah. This king had a dream so impressive it troubled him—moved him to tremendous concern. He demanded that his magicians, astrologers, and sorcerers tell him both *what* he had dreamed, as well as what it meant. They could not. They were baffled. Then Daniel was brought before the King.

Daniel disclaimed any more human ability to interpret dreams than the Chaldean magicians, "BUT," he said, "there is a GOD in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king

Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days." (Dan. 2.28).

First, God's purpose was to reveal to this world-ruling human king that there is a GOD in heaven—that GOD IS SUPREME RULER over all nations, governments, and kings—that God RULES THE UNIVERSE! This Chaldean king knew only about the many pagan demon gods. He knew nothing of the true *living* ALMIGHTY God. Like people and rulers, even today, he did not know that GOD is the living, REAL, active, RULING and GOVERNING PERSONAGE who actually and literally *governs* not only what is on earth, but the UNIVERSE ENTIRELY!

The whole purpose of this DREAM was to *reveal* GOD'S GOVERNMENT—the *fact* that God RULES—the truth of THE KINGDOM OF GOD—the very thing that is the one and *only* true GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST! And, secondly, to reveal—preserved in writing for us TODAY—what is to happen "*in the latter days*"—actually within the next two decades—THIS LAST HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY!

For US, Today!

This is no dry, dull, dead writing for a people of 2500 years ago. This is *LIVING, TREMENDOUS, BIG NEWS* for *OUR DAY!* It is *advance news* for us, *NOW*. News *before it happens*—of the most colossal event of all earth's history certain to occur *in your lifetime*—during the very next few years!

This is THE TRUE GOSPEL! It is the very Gospel Christ preached! It is intended for you and me TODAY! It is vital that you UNDERSTAND!

Read, in your own Bible, verses 28 through 35. In his dream, this king had seen a vast statue—larger than any image or statue ever built by man—so tremendous it was terrifying, even in a dream. Its head was of fine gold, its breast and arms of silver, the belly and thighs of brass, legs of solid iron, feet a mixture of iron and clay.

There was a time element. Nebuchadnezzar had viewed it *until* a supernatural STONE came from heaven, smashing the statue on its feet. Then the whole of the statue broke into small pieces, and was actually blown away by the wind—it disappeared! Then this

STONE expanded miraculously and quickly became a great MOUNTAIN—so great it filled the whole earth!

What did it mean? *Did* it have meaning? Yes, because this was God's doing. Unlike ordinary dreams, this one was caused by God to convey the message of God's sovereignty to Nebuchadnezzar—and, because it is part of the written Word of God, to us today—to reveal important facts of the TRUE GOSPEL!

"This is the dream," said Daniel (verse 36), "and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king."

This, then, is GOD's interpretation. It is decidedly *not* Herbert W. Armstrong's interpretation. Men ought never to *interpret* the Bible. The Bible gives us GOD'S OWN INTERPRETATION! Here it is:

"Thou, O king, art a king of kings:"—he was the first real WORLD RULER over a world empire! ". . . for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory." God was revealing Himself to this human world-dictator as the MOST HIGH Ruler over all.

People today, like this Chaldean king, seem not to think of God as a RULER—as the Supreme One who GOVERNS—as the Head of GOVERNMENT. The Eternal was revealing Himself through Daniel to Nebuchadnezzar—and through the Bible *to you and to me* TODAY—as a SOVEREIGN, ALL POWERFUL, GOVERNING GOD who *is to be obeyed!*

"Thou," continued Daniel to this human emperor, "art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another KINGDOM inferior to thee, and another third KINGDOM of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth." (Verses 37-39).

What IS a Kingdom?

Notice! This is speaking of KINGDOMS. It is referring to kingdoms *that bear rule over the people on earth*. It is speaking of GOVERNMENTS! It is not speaking of ethereal sentiments "set up in the hearts of men." It is not speaking of churches. It is speaking of the kind of GOVERNMENTS that bear RULE and AUTHORITY over nations of PEOPLE here on earth. It is literal. It is specific. There is no misunderstanding, here, as to what is meant by the word "KINGDOM."

There is no misunderstanding the interpretation. GOD gives His own interpretation through the prophet Daniel. The great metallic image represented national and international GOVERNMENTS—real, literal KINGDOMS.

It represented a *succession* of world-ruling governments. First was the head of gold. That represented Nebuchadnezzar and his Kingdom—the Chaldean Empire. *After* him—later, in time sequence—was to come a second, then a third KINGDOM "which shall bear RULE over all the earth"—*world Empires!*

Then, verse 40, the legs of iron represent a *fourth* world-Empire. It was to be *strong*, even as iron is strong—stronger militarily than its predecessors. Yet, as silver is less valuable than gold; brass than silver; iron than brass, though each metal was harder and stronger, the succession would deteriorate morally and spiritually. The two legs meant the fourth Empire would be divided.

After the Chaldean Empire came the still larger Persian Empire; then the Greco-Macedonian, and fourth, the Roman Empire. It was divided, with capitals at Rome and Constantinople.

Now—verse 44! Read it! Get your Bible. See it with your own eyes in your own Bible. Here, in PLAIN LANGUAGE, is God's explanation of what the KINGDOM OF GOD IS:

"And in the days of these kings, . . ." it is here speaking of the ten toes, part of iron and part of brittle clay. This, by connecting the prophecy with Daniel 7, and Revelation 13 and 17, is referring to the new UNITED STATES OF EUROPE which is *now forming*, out of the European Common Market, before your very eyes! Revelation 17:12 makes plain the detail that it shall be a union of TEN KINGS OR KINGDOMS which (Rev. 17:8) shall resurrect the old ROMAN EMPIRE.

So, mark carefully the *time element!* "In the days of these kings"—in the days of these ten nations or groups of nations that shall, *within the decade, NOW, IN OUR TIME*, resurrect briefly the Roman Empire—notice what shall happen:

". . . shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be de-
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This Idiotic Modern "PSYCHOLOGY"

"There are no Eternal TRUTHS," they say. "Stealing a car may be wrong for you, but right for the car thief. We shouldn't judge head-hunters. Killing people is right for them, in their society." This article blasts away at this "educated" philosophy.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

ONE OF our Ambassador College graduates, now serving in God's Work in one of America's major cities, writes that recently he was in conversation with two professional psychologists.

They brought up the subject of "eternal truth." This appears to be a favorite subject of those who have absorbed without question the modern university teaching in psychology. Many times I have wanted to write something on this pseudo-scientific concept, but it seems to have taken this letter to get me at it.

No Eternal Truth?

These two men appear to have expressed the accepted "educated" teaching. There is no such thing as absolute, or eternal TRUTH, they averred. What is true today may not be true tomorrow. What is truth for *you*, may not be truth for *me*.

There is no God, they assured the Ambassador graduate, who has revealed eternal TRUTH, for no such truth exists. History, they argued, shows the evolution of man's views. Our views today are not the same as the views of the ancients. So who are we, to judge? How can we say that another is wrong? What is wrong for us may be *right* for *him*.

We must learn to be broad-minded, they declared. We *must not* condemn a person for stealing a car. It may be wrong for us, but *right* for him!

The Ambassador man asked, "What about head-hunters?"

"O, we *shouldn't* judge the head-hunter," they replied. "Killing other humans *is right for him, in his society.*"

Perhaps we ought not to judge, or blame, these modern "educated" psychologists for expressing such ideas.

Perhaps we ought to be "broadminded"—and surely, at the very least, we ought to *consider the SOURCE!* I mean that literally. The *source* of such ridiculous concepts is not erroneous thinking on the part of these men. They did not think these absurd conclusions out, in their own minds. How did such nonsense become lodged in their minds?

It is well that, first of all, we realize once again the vicious system of education employed by this world. From kindergarten and the first elementary grades on, pupils and students are *not* trained in *thinking*, in examining, investigating, PROVING, and finding established, *proved* truths. Modern education is a process of memory-training. I have said it before. It is like teachers sticking funnels through the top of the heads, into the brains of their pupils and students, and then pouring in the theories, postulates, ideas—right or wrong—of the teacher, or the textbook. Students are graded on how well they memorized and recited, or wrote down, whatever was stuffed in their minds. They are not expected to think, to question, to examine or PROVE what thus enters their receptive and unsuspecting minds.

Psychologists Are BRAINWASHED

It is a process of BRAIN-WASHING! These modern dignified-appearing psychologists were merely a pair of brain-washed automatons. Of course they had come to *believe* this modern so-called "psychology." They had been inoculated with it, and the inoculation had induced mental slumber against admission of truth. They had absorbed it without question. Now it saturated and permeated their docile minds.

No, perhaps we ought not to judge or condemn them. They are the unsus-

pecting *victims* of a vicious, diabolical SYSTEM that grips the whole world today. No wonder the whole world is DECEIVED!

But we *ought* to take these "intellectual" concepts out, and examine them, and see what is wrong about them, and why.

Education lists "psychology" as one of the sciences. Modern science is something NEW in the world—still in its infant swaddling clothes. It really hasn't learned much, yet! About 90% of all the scientists who ever lived are among the present living generation—and perhaps another 9% were in the two generations preceding.

Science is *wholly materialistic*. By that, I mean that its recognized tools are observation, measurement, and reason. They are confined to the physical, material realm. Scientists are fallible human beings. Scientists *know* only what knowledge comes through the eyes, ears, mouth, nose, or sense of feel and touch—only what they can *see*, hear, taste, smell, or feel.

They know absolutely NOTHING of the spiritual realm. Spiritual facts, principles, laws, and values are beyond their scope of vision—completely out of their field.

What, then, is *wrong* with this so-called "intellectual" concept that there are no eternal truths—no fixed true values? What they are in ignorance of is the fact that spiritual values do exist—that spiritual LAWS are in actual motion—and that these principles, these laws, these forces are *even more real than matter*, and that they work on, and effect, matter and physical action.

The basic error of all this modern supposedly educated "intellectualism" and vain "rationalism" is that they are

able to see, comprehend, examine, or weigh only a PART of the existing facts that bear directly upon their problems.

In a word, the basic error is that they leave GOD out of their knowledge. (Read it in Romans 1:28.) Professing themselves to be wise, they have become FOOLS (Rom. 1:22). That is what the Eternal GOD says of them!

What, therefore, they cannot see is that there are spiritual LAWS and principles which the Eternal GOD set inexorably in motion—laws as real as the physical laws of physics and chemistry—which act on matter and material forces and actions.

These laws are eternal. They are fixed, undeviating, unchanging. Matter is subject to constant change. As Elbert Hubbard said of the material world of matter and its forces and energies, "nothing is permanent but change." YOU are a physical person—you are constantly changing, and you are not permanent. You are here, in this life, for only a little while!

But GOD is not changing. God is the same, yesterday, today, and forever! God is ETERNAL. God's Truth is ETERNAL. God's spiritual LAWS are ETERNAL—fixed, unchanging. The TRUE VALUES, likewise, are ETERNAL. But men of "science" confine themselves to the physical realm. Of these ETERNAL values, laws, principles, facts, they are in total ignorance. Yet, in their vanity, they fancy that they are educated! Well, the simpleton doesn't know he is a simpleton. And what the strutting turkey gobbler or parading peacock doesn't know, he just does not know that he doesn't know! And what these deluded ignorant "scientists" don't know, they just simply don't know that they don't know these things!

Perhaps we ought not judge them. As I said, they are victims of a vicious and satanic SYSTEM!

Psychologists Ignorant of Spiritual Law

Now take a look at God's great Spiritual LAW. It's principle is LOVE—a spiritual love the "scientific" world knows nothing about.

The whole law is summed up in that one word, LOVE. Then it is sub-divided

into the two Great Laws, love to GOD, and love to neighbor. Then it is further sub-divided into ten points (James 2:10, and 8-11), of which the first four of the Ten Commandments instruct us in how to love God; and the last six in how to love neighbor. Then this inexorable spiritual Law is sub-divided much farther, until the whole BIBLE is a magnification of it in its myriad details.

Now notice the connection: The Ten Commandments involve physical acts—but they are spiritual principles! To break the letter of the specific law by committing adultery is a physical act. It involves material things—two people, plus a third and possibly a fourth, the husband and/or wife to which one or both guilty parties are untrue. It involves physical action. But also it is a spiritual principle.

Now modern psychiatrists and marriage counsellors who see only the material and physical factors involved are coming more and more to the view that in committing adultery NO HARM IS DONE, provided the physical factors are "right." If the faithful wife does not know of her husband's infidelity with another woman, what's the harm? That's about as far as they can see.

But GOD ALMIGHTY created a spiritual LAW, and set it in motion. God created sex in the first place. He created it for two major purposes, plus a third. The two are 1) the magnet to draw a husband and wife together in marriage, to set up a home, and to be the source of a physical-spiritual LOVE, and to become the frequent supreme expression of that love and respect and endearment of each other, thus increasing this bond of love which is shared with no one else, binding the marriage, protecting the home inviolate; and 2) the means of reproduction, and of bringing into the home the God-given blessing of children to love. The third purpose is the great blessing of a means of building character—of developing faithfulness toward mate and toward children; of developing a sense of purpose, fidelity, self-restraint under temptation; of developing a sense of responsibility in providing and keeping the home and training the children.

Now take the "educated" ignoramus who can not see much past the end of his nose—who sees only physical factors—and reasons that adultery can do no harm, if the circumstances are "right," and the wife doesn't find out. The man is very careful. He begins "cheating on his wife"—he commits adultery.

What happens? You might think NOTHING, if his wife never hears about it. But you are wrong!

GOD'S LAW is an invisible, spiritual law. There could be no law without a penalty. This law has two penalties. One, the CURSE it imposes here and now, in this life. Two, the final punishment, which is DEATH—and it is eternal punishment—death for eternity.

Penalty for Broken Law

What is the CURSE the Law will exact, here and now? It is this: Very soon, this adulterous husband will begin to realize that his wife doesn't seem the same any more. She isn't as physically attractive as before. More and more he begins to realize he isn't in love with her any more. Her glamor—her loveliness—isn't there. He doesn't understand it.

Poor fool—of course not—this is an invisible spiritual law at work! This is something he can't see. If it were a visible, physical action, the "scientists" would see it, and warn him. But they can't see it. This man BROKE the law God set in motion to preserve LOVE—to increase marital love. And, breaking that law, he has broken that love! More, he has broken his own character-building. He has impaired his own self-respect.

One tragic result of ignorance and violation of this point of God's Law is the breaking up, in divorce, of almost a third of all American homes—and the divorce rate now is climbing in other nations, too! It results in children growing up without normal homes—usually without the vital companionship and influence of a father. It results in juvenile delinquency, and ruined lives of children.

Don't think there are not CURSES! There are—and they are inexorable.

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The World *Didn't* Come to an END!

But prisoners did escape from prison!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

PAGAN astrologers in India, Malaya, and southeast Asia forecast that the world was coming to an end the night of February 2nd, or during the ensuing week-end. It became BIG NEWS, world wide.

Millions in America, Britain, Australia, and around the world displayed interest and curiosity. It seemed everyone was talking about it.

Astrology a Science?

Many people seem to be under the delusion that astrology is a science. Perhaps many confuse it with astronomy. The two are totally different.

Countless millions around the earth believe in and follow the ideas and prognostications of the stargazers. You probably would be astounded to learn how many hundreds of thousands of businessmen in the United States and British Commonwealth nations plan their business deals and policies according to astrology. Newsstands sell millions of copies of magazines or monthly pamphlets on astrology—telling them which days are supposed to be their "lucky days" and on which days to avoid business deals.

So it was that when pagan astrologers of India and Malaya predicted the end of the world for the week end of February 2, 1962, it became big news and caught world-wide attention.

On that night, said the astrologers, seven planets in the "House of Capricorn" were to be in conjunction, and the moon was to enter the same "house" the same night. And that meant, according to the interpretation of these stargazers, the END OF THE WORLD!

One astrologer in India predicted the earth would explode like an over-ripe elon.

WHY, we ought to wonder, do the foolish ideas and predictions of ignorant and superstitious astrologers catch fire

in the public imagination, world-wide, while the same hundreds of millions remain utterly heedless of the PROPHECIES OF GOD ALMIGHTY, which are absolutely SURE?

The SURE Word of God says that this earth "abideth forever," and it shall not be removed forever! But the sure Word of God does say something about the END of this world—this AGE—this present civilization and pattern of organized society.

God Labels It Fakery

Astrologers are mentioned in the Bible. They are classed along with sorcerers, witches, and magicians—*fakers all!*

When King Nebuchadnezzar, 600 years before Christ, had a startling dream that troubled him (see article, "Kingdom of God," this issue), he first called for the astrologers, the magicians and sorcerers to tell him what he had dreamed, and its interpretation. They failed utterly (Daniel 2:1-11).

But then the prophet of GOD was called in. He told the king what he had dreamed, and gave the true meaning. Thus the CERTAINTY of the Word of GOD is contrasted to the ABSURDITY of the words of astrologers.

In Jeremiah 27:9, God commands: "Therefore *hearken not* ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, . . . nor your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers." Again: "For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you" (Jer. 29:8).

Wherever astrologers, or the other fakers associated with them, are mentioned in the Bible, God Almighty represents them as pretenders who have no power at all.

Yet the followers of false and non-existent gods and demons in India and southeastern Asia believed these as-

trologers. So they went into an orgy of frenzied prayers to their false or non-existent gods to prevent the exploding of the earth.

In one city the officials and the guards of the prison were so intent in their prayers and false worship and heathen ceremonies that they neglected entirely the prison—and many prisoners escaped. So, even if the world didn't end, prison confinement *did* for a few!

And now, of course, the superstitious pagans are claiming that their gods heard their prayers, and their prayers saved the world! If it had happened, they would have claimed to be right. Since it didn't happen, they still claim to have been right—their prayers saved them! Speaking of this false Babylonish religious system, which, incredible though it may seem, actually grips our English-speaking peoples today falsely called "Christianity," God says to OUR PEOPLE, TODAY:

"Let now the astrologers, monthly prognosticators, the star-gazers stand up, and save thee from the things that shall come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame" (Isa. 47:13-14).

The prophecies of your BIBLE—the prophecies of the Creator GOD—are absolutely SURE—but the predictions of astrologers are fakery. God warns our people that our sins are fast increasing, and He is soon going to PUNISH our nations, unless we WAKE UP and REPENT, and turn to Him and to HIS WAYS! We are to be punished with famine and disease—with economic depression and panic—with hydrogen bombs that shall destroy our cities—until two-thirds of our people have died or been killed!

Astrologers can't prevent, neither could they CAUSE the end of the world. But God's warning handwriting is on

our walls, NOW! Prophecy is SURE! It is as certain as the rising and setting of the sun! It will come upon us approximately between ten and fifteen years from now—it is FRIGHTFULLY IMMINENT! IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK!

What we have been forecasting by God's PROPHECIES for more than 28 years HAS BEEN HAPPENING RIGHT ON SCHEDULE! YOU had better HEED!

Just What Do You Mean —KINGDOM OF GOD?

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stroyed . . . but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever!"

Yes, in OUR TIME!

Now here we have described the FOUR universal world-Empires—the *only* four that ever existed! Revelation 13 and 17 show that, after the fall of the original Roman Empire, there would be ten revivals—SEVEN of which would be ruled over by a Gentile CHURCH—the "daughter" of ancient BABYLON—a Church claiming to be Christian, but actually named by God "MYSTERY BABYLON the Great"—or, more plainly, BABYLONIAN MYSTERIES!

Six of those have come and gone. The seventh is now forming—the last, final, *brief* resurrection of the Roman Empire by ten European groups or nations. These are the ten toes of iron and clay mixed.

In their days—and they shall last but a *very* short space, possibly no more than two to three-and-a-half years—shall the GOD OF HEAVEN SET UP A KINGDOM.

This, then, shall be THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

Compare with Revelation 17. Here is pictured a Church. Not a small church—a GREAT Church. She rules over "many waters" (Verse 1) which are described in verse 15 as different nations speaking different languages. She posed as The Church of GOD—which Scripture says (Eph. 5: 23; Rev. 19:7; Mat. 25:1-10, etc. etc.) is the affianced "bride" of CHRIST, to be spiritually MARRIED to Him at His second COMING.

A FINAL WARNING from God, just before He puts an END to the present world, and ushers in the WORLD TOMORROW, is to be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. This event proclaimed by the astrologers was NOT the prophesied signs in the heavens—but we might do well to take warning that it was a *preliminary* SIGN IN THE STARS, MOON, and SUN, as a fore-runner!

But she has committed fornication. How? By having direct *political* intercourse with HUMAN GOVERNMENTS of THIS WORLD! She "sat on" (Rev. 17:3) all seven of these resurrections of the Roman Empire—called the "Holy Roman Empire." She RULED OVER the human kingdoms—as a common-law and unmarried "wife" ruling her paramour husband—a totally unnatural and ungodly relationship.

She is, therefore, to "sit on" this last "head of the Beast"—this final resurrection of the Roman Empire. It is to endure but a *very* short time. It is to FIGHT AGAINST CHRIST at His SECOND COMING! That will be its END.

We see it in process of rising, now. Therefore we are CLOSE to the coming of Christ! We are now *very near* the END of this world.

When Christ comes, He is coming as KING of kings, ruling the whole earth (Rev. 19:11-16); and HIS KINGDOM—the KINGDOM OF GOD—said Daniel, is to CONSUME all these worldly kingdoms.

Revelation 11:15 states it in these words: "The kingdoms of this world *are become* THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD, AND OF HIS CHRIST; and He shall reign for ever and ever!"

This is THE KINGDOM OF GOD. It is the END of present governments—the governments that rule Russia, China, Japan, Italy, Germany—yes, and even the United States and the British nations. They then shall *become* the kingdoms—the GOVERNMENTS of the Lord JESUS CHRIST, then KING of kings over the entire earth.

This makes completely PLAIN the fact that the KINGDOM OF GOD is a literal GOVERNMENT. Even as the Chaldean Empire was a KINGDOM—even as the Roman Empire was a KINGDOM—so the KINGDOM OF GOD is a government. It is to *take over* the GOVERNMENT of the NATIONS of the world.

Jesus Christ was BORN to be a KING—a RULER!

When He stood, on trial for His life, before Pilate, "Pilate therefore said unto Him, Art thou a King then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a King. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world." But Jesus also said to Pilate: "My Kingdom is not of this world"—(John 18:37, 36). His Kingdom is of THE WORLD TOMORROW!

Have you not read what the angel proclaimed to Mary, the mother of Jesus, prior to His birth? Jesus told Pilate He was *born* to become a KING. The angel of God said to Mary: ". . . thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the THRONE of His father David: and *He shall reign* over the House of Jacob forever; and of His Kingdom there shall be NO END." (Luke 1:31-33).

These Scriptures tell you PLAINLY that GOD is supreme RULER. They tell you in plainest language that Jesus was born to be a KING—that He is going to RULE ALL NATIONS OF THE EARTH—that His Kingdom shall rule eternally.

But all this is only *part* of the fantastic, amazing, actually SHOCKING TRUTH about the KINGDOM OF GOD.

The KINGDOM OF GOD will rule *over* the peoples and nations of the earth. Yet these mortal peoples and nations will *NOT* be the Kingdom, nor even *in* the Kingdom of God. They shall be merely RULED OVER BY IT!

We have established that the KINGDOM OF GOD is a ruling GOVERNMENT. We still have to learn OF WHAT, or OF WHOM it is composed. Can YOU, as an individual, ever become a *part* of the Kingdom? The BIGGEST PART of the tremendous subject is yet to come. It is startling!

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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

And now—the biggest leap ahead—The WORLD TOMORROW heard in every state! Once again the impact of Christ's Message more than doubled!

INSTALLMENT 43

THE YEAR 1942 was by far our biggest year of progress so far.

In April that year we went on the air in Hollywood, in addition to the stations in Eugene, Portland, and Seattle.

It was also in that year, only about two weeks after starting on station KMTR (now KLAC) with the weekly Sunday program, that *daily* broadcasting was started for the first time. All through May, June and July The WORLD TOMORROW went on the air Monday through Saturday at 5:30 p.m., in addition to the 9:30 Sunday morning program.

Planning Expansion

The response to this *daily* broadcasting was an eye-opener to me. The effectiveness appeared to be *more* than seven times that of the once-a-week program. Response was immediate. And even though no request for contributions ever was made, voluntary contributions were sufficient, from the very first week, to pay the multiplied expense.

But after the three Sunday afternoon evangelistic meetings held at the large Biltmore Theatre in downtown Los Angeles, the last three Sundays of July, it was necessary to return to Eugene, Oregon.

At that juncture I had to drop off the daily week-night broadcasting. Recording facilities in Eugene were not adequate to carry on a seven-programs-per-week schedule from our home office in Eugene. Yet I had learned by this experience the tremendous POWER and impact of daily broadcasting.

Back home in Eugene, after almost four months in Hollywood, our Co-Worker list had grown to at least double. In other words, twice as many or

more were now Co-Workers with me, supporting God's Work regularly with their tithes and offerings.

Although I was unable, because of lack of facilities, to continue the *daily* broadcasting at the time, it was most gratifying to be able to now make a big expansion in other directions.

Our readers will remember, as related in the January, 1962, number, that super-power station WHO, Des Moines, had offered me time. On our trip to Des Moines and Chicago, the summer of 1941, this tremendous opportunity had opened.

Station WHO was, at the time, probably the *very MOST* valuable single radio station we could have hoped to use. It was a 50,000-watt top-ranking station. It was one of *only eight*, of all radio stations in America, that still had an absolutely *exclusive* channel. There were many high-prestige stations from New York to Los Angeles termed "cleared-channel" stations. These were all non-directional, beaming out in all directions, yet all but eight had other smaller stations, even at great distances, on the same channels. Station WHO had a *tremendous* signal. Located near the center of the United States, it could be heard at that time in every state.

No station has such vast coverage today. The FCC has licensed several times as many stations operating on the air today. These tend to cut in on one another, so that none of the giant major stations enjoys the tremendous coverage that WHO had then.

Of course, in 1941, this giant WHO was still completely beyond our reach. But by early August 1942, with our income doubled, and with the very low rate offered by the manager of WHO, I felt ready to take this leap.

Our readers will remember that my Uncle, Frank Armstrong of Des Moines,

leading advertising man of Iowa, had used his influence with the manager of WHO in my behalf. Mr. Mailand had explained that the owner of the station, Col. B. J. Palmer of the famous Palmer Chiropractic Institute at Davenport, reserved one half hour, 11 to 11:30, on one Sunday night each month, for a personal talk of his own. Because this time not only was very late, but unavailable once each month, it had not been sold. Mr. Mailand had offered me the remaining Sunday nights at this hour, at a remarkably low rate for such a powerful station—a little over \$60 per broadcast.

And so, in August, 1942, by dropping the six nights a week on KMTR, I felt we were ready to walk through the mighty door God had opened on station WHO.

Our Own Network

We returned to Eugene around July 31st or August 1st from Hollywood. Before going to Des Moines, I decided to reinforce our radio coverage of the Pacific Northwest. Station KGA, Spokane, had offered us time at the early Sunday morning time of 8 a.m. In Seattle station KRSC had moved us to the earlier time of 8 a.m. from the better time of 8:30. Once again I employed the old Postal Telegraph lines for a Network broadcast between Seattle and Spokane. We called it the Liberty Network.

I overlooked mentioning that, before leaving Hollywood, I had arranged to release the program Sunday mornings over station KFMB, San Diego. At that time the old KMTR signal was so strong in San Diego, more than 100 miles distant, that KFMB was able to pick the program out of the air and re-broadcast it at the same hour, 9:30 a.m.

And so now, with coverage on the

Pacific Coast over stations in San Diego, Hollywood, Eugene, Portland, Seattle and Spokane, I took the train to Des Moines, Iowa. This 11 p.m. Sunday night time was still open.

And now NATIONAL!

On Sunday night, August 30, 1942, for the first time in my life I was speaking, from the studios of WHO, to a nationwide audience! I have before me, now, the script of that program.

It was just like the program today, except that we were then in the very midst of World War II.

The announcer's voice, recorded—and I think it was the voice of famous Network announcer Art Gilmore, as it is today, heard in all parts of the nation, was saying:

"The WORLD TOMORROW! At this same time every Sunday, Herbert W. Armstrong analyzes today's world news, with the prophecies of *The WORLD TOMORROW!*"

And then, for the first time heard nationally:

"GREETINGS, Friends! We enter the fourth year of this war next Tuesday. We entered the ninth week of the supreme CRISIS of the war today! In all probability the ultimate outcome is being determined right now on the Russian front!"

And then followed an outline of Hitler's "Thousand-Year-Plan" for world rule by German Nazis. On this very first program heard nationally the coming UNITED STATES OF EUROPE was proclaimed. By that time it was already becoming apparent to me that Hitler would be defeated, and that this resurrected ROMAN EMPIRE would precipitate a third and final World War, at a later time after another recess between wars. But for more than 28 years now, I have been proclaiming that prophesied event over the air.

Then, in that first nation-wide program, GOD'S Thousand-Year-Plan was explained from the Bible—the coming Millennium! Hitler's Plan was indeed a satanic and clever counterfeit, aimed at producing diametric opposite results. Where Christ's millennial rule shall bring freedom and happiness, Hitler's would have produced slavery. Where Christ's reign shall give eternal life to

multitudes, Hitler's would have brought torturous DEATH to enslaved millions.

12-Page Plain Truth

Before going to Des Moines to begin the broadcasting over WHO, I had written and turned over to the printers in Eugene the articles for the August-September issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. We were now up to 12 pages, although it still was coming out bi-monthly.

The leading article in that number revealed the amazing Japanese Plan for conquering the United States. It was based on a Japanese "Mein Kampf," called the Tanaka Memorial. This Plan had been in process of development for three hundred years—growing out of an ancient document dated May 18, 1592. The great national hero of Japan, Hideyoshi, had set forth in this document the great national Plan for world Empire and setting the Mikado on the throne to rule the world.

This had been a Japanese national dream for three centuries. Then on July 25th, 1927, Baron Tanaka, then Premier, presented "The Tanaka Memorial" as a definite blueprint for world conquest to the Mikado. This led directly to the bombing of Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941. It was based on the religious conviction that the Mikado is the direct descendant of the Mother of Heaven. Being, therefore, the SON of Heaven, the Emperor had to be established on the throne of the world to show that he is GOD. Thus even the Japanese attack had vital significance as another counterfeit of CHRIST'S GOSPEL of the Kingdom of God—and of Jesus Christ as the true SON of GOD, who is to RULE THE WORLD!

An article captioned: "*The WAR, at the moment*" said this:

"We entered the supreme CRISIS of this war the first of July. It came with the launching of Hitler's supreme gamble for the Russian Caucasus. . . . The situation is this: We do not have to WIN the war this year, but Hitler does! United States power is mounting fast. It is only a matter of perhaps ten to twelve more weeks until this nation shall be able to hurl such crushing power against the Axis that, with this power steadily increasing, the ultimate outcome will be assured, with victory for

the Democracies. . . . It might, even then, take us until 1945 to end it, but the outcome would be pre-determined. . . . From now on Axis power cannot increase, while Allied power will. . . .

"And so it is A RACE AGAINST TIME. . . . The Germans, to win, must win before we get set with the power we shall have by approximately November 1st. They must knock Russia out of the war. They must take Suez and drive the British out of the Mediterranean and the Near East. They must be ready to turn west, against the British Isles, without fear of attack from behind, free to hurl their WHOLE POWER against Britain in one supreme final victory, before we can launch the much-talked-of offensive against Hitler's Europe. . . . Hitler staked everything on his death-gamble that he could knock out Russia before the Allies can open the second European front."

There, in summary, was the analysis of the war as of August, 1942, as reported in *The Plain Truth*. Looking back in retrospect, the analysis was accurate. Hitler did take too big a gamble. United States might *did* turn the tide before the end of that year. And it *did* take until 1945, just as predicted, to END it!

Now POWERFUL Pressures

The Work of God was now really beginning to "go places!" The Message for which Jesus Christ was crucified—the Message the world has rejected ever since—was for the first time being heard in every state in the Union!

But if God now was granting us to grow in power, He also allowed the persecution, opposition, and pressures aimed at STOPPING God's Work to increase in power. Never before had we felt any truly MAJOR-power opposition. But now we did.

Along about the end of January, 1943, I received notice of cancellation from radio station WHO. I was in Hollywood at the time, broadcasting daily again for a few weeks on KMTR.

Consternation seized me. To be thrown off WHO at this stage might prove fatal to the whole work. Even though the charge they made for time was exceedingly low for such a station—because of my uncle's local influence,

I had been given a *local* rate—and a *religious* rate at that, which was, as I remember, just half of the local commercial rate—yet it seemed very large to us at the time. After five months we had spent quite a sum of money, *for us at that time*, as an investment in WHO broadcasting. We had not been on long enough, as yet, with only three programs a month, to have established a financial support from new Co-Workers hearing the program on WHO. Remember, we made no request, even indirectly, for financial support over the air. Nor was there any in the free literature we sent to listeners.

The WHO broadcast, our most costly so far, was being supported by Pacific coast Co-Workers. It was not paying its own way—yet.

Immediately I obtained train reservations for Des Moines. Then I wrote out a letter addressed to WHO listeners who had written me in response to the program. In the letter I told our listeners what had happened, and asked them, if they wanted *The World Tomorrow* program to continue on the station, to write the station and tell them how they felt. Then I dictated the letter to my secretary in Eugene by long-distance telephone, and asked her to mimeograph it and mail immediately to the entire WHO mailing list.

Tremendous Response

That list had mounted and multiplied into many thousands. By this time we had received letters from *all 48 states*.

I remember one WHO broadcast in particular. I had recorded it at the Studio & Artists recording studios at Columbia Square, Hollywood, on a Thursday night. I had been overworked, losing sleep, and was tired. I was not up to usual broadcasting form that night. I knew it, and felt very badly about it. I tried, but for a half hour of speaking into the microphone it just seemed the usual spontaneous enthusiasm, drive, and energy wasn't there.

"Mr. Armstrong," said the owner of the recording studio after I finished, "you ought to remember that WHO is a *very* important station. You ought to take it more seriously. This broadcast we just recorded was not good
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THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

I have been taking my boys to school and escorting them home again to keep gangs of hoodlums from beating them up. My neighbors tell me this will make sissies of them, and that I should let the boys shift for themselves. What should I do?

Give your children every possible opportunity to *make decisions* for themselves; and *teach them to think quickly* so they can learn to avoid strife by *out-thinking* other boys. Provide only the bare minimum of protection in dangerous streets.

Teach the boys also that they should strive to become strong and healthy. Have them eat a well-balanced diet of wholesome, nourishing food for the development of strong bodies and minds. Make sure they get sufficient sleep and as much *strenuous* exercise as needed.

Good body-building exercises are wrestling, tumbling, swimming, calisthenics, and track work. If they can *excel* in some form of clean sport, that accomplishment will diminish their troubles at school because *everybody likes a champion*.

The path to championship will also develop in them characteristics which will help them to become staunch, persevering, dynamic Christians after they are mature.

In Proverbs 22:6 we are commanded to train our children in the way they should live when they are mature.

We are also commanded to "*Do violence to no man*" (Luke 3:14). God requires, then, that you teach your sons *not* to become involved in fights.

They should do nothing more than to put up a guard to ward off a blow, or take other *protective action* that will *harm no one*.

In Deuteronomy 6:4-9 we are commanded to *diligently* teach God's way to our children—day-in and day-out—to keep them and ourselves constantly aware of the benefits of God's right way of life. Teach your children to be alert,

dynamic, to influence others by their example—to be respected by others, not to be sissies.

Do not just stop at teaching your sons to be peacemakers. Teach them the *reason* for God's way—that we are to love all men, even those who hate us.

Remind them that Christ, our perfect example, suffered abuse without fighting back (I Pet. 2:21-23), even though He was so strong and healthy that He certainly was physically able to put up a good fight. He showed his manhood by *keeping self-control*, not losing his temper, by the amount of abuse He was able to take, not by the amount of violence He could do.

Does Exodus 34:28 mean that Moses, not God, wrote the Ten Commandments?

This verse is often misunderstood.

Notice what this verse says: "... And *he* wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments." Some have assumed the word "he" in this verse refers to Moses—that Moses wrote the Ten Commandments on the tables of stone.

This assumption is absolutely untrue!

Notice Exodus 24:12. God told Moses: "Come up to me into the mount . . . and I will give thee tables of stone . . . and commandments which *I* have written." God "gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, *written with the finger of God*" (Ex. 31:18). In Exodus 32:16 we read: "the tables were the work of God, and *the writing was the writing of GOD*, graven upon the tables." Moses broke *these first tables* of stone (Verse 19). Then God commanded Moses: "Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and *I* will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou

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The scholars deliberately tried to methodically undermine the authority of the Bible through historical criticism—thinking this would do away with the superstitions and corruption of the Catholic Church.

One of the first rationalists, Wolf, attempted to establish a system of natural religion based on the principle of reason—entirely apart from revelation.

John David Michaelis (1716-1791) tried to explain the miracles of Christ in a natural manner (Hagenbach, *History of Doctrines*, p. 367).

John Solomon Semler (1725-1791), the Professor of Theology in the University of Halle, represented the Sacred Scriptures as being a local account of local events.

He used the history of Catholic doctrines to show the changeableness of the doctrines of Christianity (Hagenbach, p. 368), and to claim these doctrines therefore could not be from God, who being perfect could never change!

John Frederic Gruner (1723-1782) proved that the doctrines of the Catholic Church never originated from the Apostolic Church, and that the doctrines of the Apostolic Christianity had been exchanged at a very early date for the Platonic-oriental philosophy of the Alexandrian school (Hagenbach, *History of Doctrines*, p. 368).

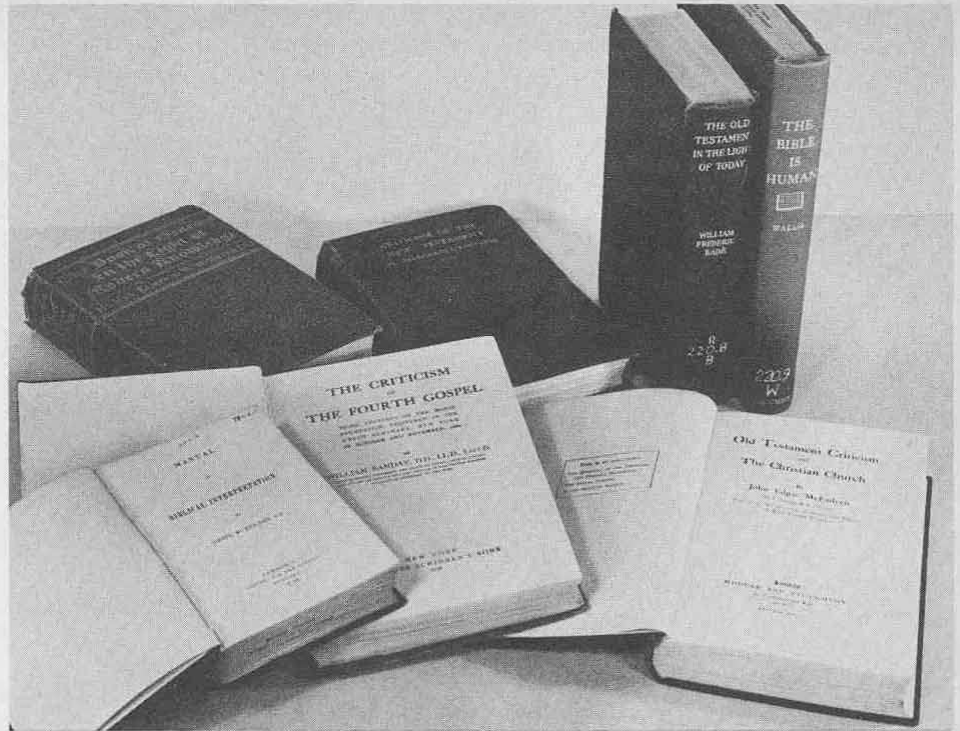
Later archeologists and geologists blindly accepted the rebellious concepts of this period.

Conrad Philip Henke (1752-1809), the Professor of Theology at the University of Helmstedt, taught, but could not prove, that the belief in Christ and the inspiration of the Bible was superstition.

Emmanuel Kant tried to subject the human understanding to what he called "searching examination." He represented the existence of God and immortality as the concoction of human reason (Hagenbach, p. 378).

Schleiermacher even said, "Life to come . . . as actually conceived, is the last enemy which speculative criticism has yet to encounter, and if possible to overcome" (*Christliche Glaubenslehre*, vol. II, last section).

The modern system of speculative philosophy, as we know it in the United States, first made its appearance in the



German Protestants, when discarding authority of Pope, opened floodgates for new errors. German Rationalism resulted. Here photographed are a few of tens of thousands which have been written to discredit ONE Book—the Bible. Each of these modern criticisms in turn becomes outdated by new speculation—but the Bible lives on!

University of Berlin when Fichte was the professor of philosophy (lived 1762-1814). Fichte's ideas were expanded by Hahn.

Hahn defined Rationalism as "that mode of thought by which the human reason is considered as the only source and the only judge of all kinds of knowledge."

Von Behlers loudly claimed that all the supernatural events performed by God contained in the Pentateuch are

products of the imagination of unknown authors! But he had no proof!

Finally Eichborn and Machaelis tried to degrade the Bible to the rank of the other oriental religious books.

But how did German Rationalism worm its way into today's colleges and schools and churches? What are the new German Rationalists plotting today?

And what are our own Ambassador Colleges doing about it?

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Autobiography

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enough. You usually do better."

Now I felt worse. I knew only too well how poor it was. But I had tried. I had done the best I could. I just was too tired to be at my best. But there was no time to do it over. I had to rush it to the airport.

But what I had lacked in that program, God more than made up. That Sunday night God caused the weather to be extraordinarily COLD—all over the continent. In Iowa it was one of those

20-below-zero nights, without wind—cold and still! That is the kind of weather in which radio waves radiate with extraordinary sharpness. That very "poor" broadcast, as we thought when recording it, heard at 11 p.m. in the Central time zones, at midnight in the East, brought a total of TWENTY-TWO HUNDRED letters—two thousand two hundred—2,200!

I think that was some kind of a national record for response to a half-hour speech starting at 11 p.m. on *one station only!* That one program brought mail from every state in the Union!

After that phenomenal record-breaking response, my sorrow over having

thought I did poor work was turned to real JOY!

Well, that was a record, never equaled before or since in my experience. Of course, today, in 1962, we do frequently receive more than 3,000 letters per DAY—we have been averaging over 100,000 per month these past two months—but that response is now coming from scores and scores of stations world-wide, and broadcasting DAILY. Nevertheless, that will give the reader some idea of the way the mailing list had grown from WHO broadcasts.

Many thousands of letters went out from Eugene to these listeners the same day I dictated the letter by telephone.

Door Stays Open

A few days later I arrived in Des Moines. The cancellation had come, not from Mr. Mailand, but from the Sales Manager. So I went first to his office.

He stared at me.

"Are you the man who has been flooding this station with all these thousands of letters of protest against cancelling your program?" he demanded—somewhat angrily, I thought.

"Why, I suppose so," I replied, rather startled. "Is that wrong?"

"WRONG? Why, man, don't you know that showering such a downpour of 'inspired' mail on any radio station is the very *last* way to influence the station? That kind of mail has no influence on us at all—but it is a mighty big NUISANCE!"

"Well I didn't realize that," I replied. "I thought you'd want to know how our program was being received by listeners. I surely didn't mean any offense."

"Well, let me tell you, Mr. Armstrong, I certainly learned that lesson! A while back we were appearing before the Federal Communications Commission in Washington. Before I went down there, we put out an appeal on the air for our listeners to write to the FCC. They did! And the officials of the FCC didn't like it."

"Well," I asked, "if I had to learn by experience, the same as you, and if you made the same mistake I did, then do you think you ought to blame me?"

Well, he had to laugh at that.

Nevertheless I found I was *really* on the spot—and in trouble. I had not met this sales manager before. Because my uncle had known the General Manager and arranged an appointment for me, I had transacted business with him. I saw immediately that this sales manager was a very able and competent man for that job—undoubtedly very valuable to the station. But he did not like our program. He didn't say why. And I rather guessed that he felt I had taken matters over his head in going to the general manager of the station. Further, he explained that very powerful pressure had been brought on him from New York against selling time commercially for religious programming.

We went into Mr. Mailand's office. I learned that Mr. Mailand *did* like the program, and sat up Sunday nights until 11:30 so he could hear it. He was on my side, but his sales manager, a very aggressive man, was insistent the program go off.

I then explained to the two men our own position—how we were a very small church in Eugene, Oregon, and how hundreds of people, mostly very poor people on the West coast, had made great sacrifice to finance our broadcasting on this powerful station heard nationally.

"Mr. Mailand," I said, "I signed a year's contract with you. All these Co-Workers have backed me in good faith. I signed the contract in good faith. I believed that *you* signed it *also* in good faith, and that when you opened the door of this great station to us, and signed a contract to keep it open for a year, that WE COULD RELY ON YOUR WORD BEING GOOD. All these Co-Workers have backed me for 5½ months feeling that, in due time, a sufficient number of interested listeners would voluntarily join them as Co-Workers backing this work financially to make the broadcasting to all the rest of the nation self-supporting. You know we never request contributions over the air, or in any literature. If you cancel now, YOU WILL CAUSE VERY GREAT INJURY TO US! You will have given us a YEAR'S contract in which we trusted, and will have taken this hard-earned money contributed by all these poor people, and

BEFORE we have had a chance to be on long enough to relieve those people of this burden. If you had told us you'd keep the door open only 5½ months, we surely never would have signed the contract or started—or have spent any money with you. Would you want to INJURE a Church by breaking your contract?"

"Well, Mr. Armstrong, of course we wouldn't. The way you put it, you make it mighty hard for me. Would you mind if Mr. B. (the Sales Manager) and I talk this over privately a few moments, to see what we can do?"

I was shown to a reception room outside. I was alone there. So immediately I closed the door, and knelt before a chair and appealed to the God of Heaven. He had opened this giant DOOR. He had said no man can shut doors He opens. I asked Him to intervene and save His work.

When I was called back to Mr. Mailand's office, I was able to talk to him alone. He explained that he had opened that time and signed the contract in perfect good faith—that he liked our program and was himself one of our interested listeners—that he certainly didn't want to do us any injury—but on the other hand, he didn't want to lose a very able and valuable sales manager.

"Mr. Armstrong," he said, "if we compromise by letting you fill out your contract and complete the year, will that give you time enough to become thoroughly established, and possibly to get on other stations that will maintain your coverage?"

Well, of course, I could not be sure, but it certainly would be a lot better than stopping the broadcast right then.

"Well, if I leave *The World Tomorrow* on the station until the year's contract is finished, will you agree to go off then?"

There was nothing else I *could* do—I certainly had no contract beyond that time. Reluctantly I had to agree to this—and actually it was a tremendous victory, after all.

We Go on WOAI

I have mentioned that there were, at that time, only eight stations in all America which enjoyed absolutely *exclusive* channels. One other, which by

its location I felt might have a better chance of being heard nationally than most, was 50,000-watt WOAI of San Antonio, Texas.

From my hotel I immediately called Mr. Hugh Halff, manager of WOAI. Did he have 11 p.m. Sunday nights open—could he clear it if he found the program acceptable? He could, but would have to know more about the program, and audition it.

I caught the next train for San Antonio. I think Mr. Halff might have called Mr. Mailand, when I told him we were on WHO. Anyway, he had no objection to the program after listening to a transcribed broadcast, and the doors of WOAI swung open to us. The expense of adding this station 6½ months before going off WHO gave us a tight squeeze, but it seemed imperative that we get our listeners established to listening to WOAI *before* we went off WHO and lost them altogether.

And so, although through the years, the individual doors of *some* radio stations have closed to us, the general giant DOOR of radio and the printing press has never closed—just as Christ has said that NO MAN CAN SHUT IT!

And every apparent set-back has proved like the cocking of a gun—it actually results in shooting us *ahead* faster than ever!

There probably are no finer, higher-prestige radio stations in the United States than WHO and WOAI, but today *The World Tomorrow* is heard on *many* stations of the same high calibre and prestige.

How we finally started *daily* broadcasting NATIONALLY will be related in the next installment.

Teach Children Right Habits

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child how to accomplish certain definite *series* of tasks—*how* to follow parental instructions!

As he grows older, you may increase the instructions proportionately. Again, these may sound like simple principles—yet there are literally *vast* *bordes* of parents who have never taken the time

or the effort to teach their children how to respond to simple commands!

There are so many parents today who are not quite sure their children “understand” them that, perhaps, the following type of situation occurs all too frequently:

A small girl was being “brought up” or perhaps it would be better to say, was *being allowed to grow up* the “permissive” way—the way MOST modern child psychologists advocate.

Her family would be talking to guests, and she would appear, beating loudly on a tin pan. Her mother would imperceptibly smile and gently say, “Joan, dear, take your pan into the other room, darling, so we may talk. . . .” Joan would shake her head and continue drumming.

Her mother would repeat the request, to which the child finally replied, “NO!” (But isn’t this exactly what the parent should have *expected*, according to the psychologists?) “I want to play *here!*”

Then followed a long discourse by mother, on the rights and desires of other people—how the “grownups” wanted to visit, and would she please be a “good girl” and leave the room?

To all this, Joan merely continued shaking her head and drumming.

Finally, the mother arose, and led the guests out on the patio, retreating in full flight, leaving little Joan in possession of the field, clearly the victor. The mother murmured, as she left the house, “I’m sorry, folks—but *you* know how it is—she’s so little, and it’s so difficult for her to understand. . . .”

HOW ABOUT IT? Is *this* the way you want YOUR child to be?

You see, little Joan DID really “understand”! She understood that she could *get her own way*—that she didn’t have to *obey* her parents’ suggestions, and that *she could do just as she pleased!* This parent, not quite sure the child was old enough to “understand” things on an adult level—and therefore to “reason out” what her logical course of action should be, was actively engaged in TEACHING her child a *terrible* habit of selfishness, lack of respect for her elders, and disobedience!

This is far from an uncommon situation—but is almost a *rule* in many homes today!

First, *make sure* your child under-

stands the simple, direct commands and admonitions you give—then MAKE your child obey them by piloting him through the first few routines—and then having him *accomplish* the tasks on his own.

In this way, and in this way ONLY, will *your* child begin to learn to *automatically* and *habitually* do the right thing! Next month, we’ll continue with more examples of *right habits* you should teach your children!

Idiotic Modern PSYCHOLOGY

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Break God’s Laws, and *they* break YOU!

Jesus Christ came magnifying this great Law, as Isaiah prophesied. Getting to the *spiritual principle*, He said that for a man even to lust after a woman (though she may be unconscious of it and unparticipating) is to commit adultery in his heart. It defiles him. It cuts him off from GOD. The law works the same curse on the adulterous woman!

The greatest *blessing* that can come to man is to KNOW GOD—to have contact and communion with God—to have God’s SPIRIT within.

Here’s how this works. Once the rebellion is put down—once one has *really* repented, and accepted Christ, he becomes reconciled to God and then God impregnates him with His Holy Spirit. This is the life, the very divine NATURE, the love, faith, and POWER of GOD entering into man. But it is not static. It *flows*, like electricity through a light bulb. Two wires go into the electric light bulb. The current flows in a circuit. So with God’s Spirit.

Man was *made* of matter—made to *need* God’s Spirit flowing into and through him to energize him—yet made *without* this necessary Spirit. It can be received only as God’s precious GIFT, upon utter submission to His will, repentance for having broken His Law. Jesus Christ paid the penalty IN OUR STEAD, and when we then accept Him, the penalties of past sins are wiped out. Without God’s Spirit people are restless, dissatisfied, empty. They don’t know WHY. But they need a “food” they

are not getting—*spiritual* food. Nothing will satisfy until they receive it! They are, literally, *not all there!* God made Adam *incomplete!* He was *physically* complete—but he needed God's Spirit. God offered it. The "tree of LIFE" in the garden in Eden simply represented the Holy Spirit. But Adam *rejected* this SPIRITUAL food, and instead *stole* the poisonous *material* fruit.

You were born merely in the image of Adam (I Cor. 15:49, and then 42-54). You were born *incomplete*. Your MAKER made you to *need* His Holy Spirit, and real happiness that fully *satisfies* CAN'T COME OTHERWISE. No human philosophy can impart this truly *satisfying* happiness. It leaves one EMPTY.

Yes, the most important and necessary and *needful* thing in all this life is a *living contact* with GOD. The greatest penalty that can be inflicted on any person is to be *cut off* from God.

Take the ignorant head hunter. Of course, in his ignorant and pitiful society, it may *seem right*, in his ignorant human eyes, to murder other people and collect human heads. But God's inexorable *spiritual LAW* brings retribution and CURSES on him, when he breaks this Law, whether he sees it or not!

This insane and ignorant platitude that "what is wrong for you may be right for *me*" is merely the false philosophy that ancient Israel degenerated into—of doing whatever is RIGHT *in their own eyes*.

God commanded them—as He commands you and me today—"Ye *shall not* do after all the things that we do here this day" (Moses is speaking of what God commands), "every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes" (Deut. 12:8).

Lesson of Living Experience

See the inevitable *result*—the CURSES this brings: "These Israelites did what was evil *in the sight of the Eternal*,"—but of course *right* in their own eyes! Then they fell into the captivity of invading plunderers, or spoilers. They became unable to defend themselves from invading nations. "They were in a sore plight" (Judges 2:15, Moffatt translation).

They cried out to God to free them.

Then God had mercy. He raised up judges (Judges 2:16)—that is, generals, administrators, heroic leaders chosen by GOD. Remember Israel was a THEOCRACY in those days. And these heroic leaders delivered the Israelites. They enjoyed freedom again.

But the Israelites refused to listen even to these human heroic leaders God had raised up to lead them to freedom. They went after pagan gods, bowed to their idols. They returned to doing what was *right in their own eyes*, but *evil* in GOD'S SIGHT. Whenever these human leaders God chose for them died, they relapsed into evil ways (*right in their sight*) more than ever. Then the King of Mesopotamia invaded and conquered them, and they became his subjects for eight years (Judges 3:8).

In this sore plight, they cried out to God—promised obedience if He would only save them—just like people in desperation today! Then God raised up another champion leader from among them, to set them free once again. For 40 years they remained free, then this righteous leader died. Then "the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Eternal" (verse 12). Then Eglon, king of Moab conquered them, and they became his slaves 18 years. Again they cried out to God for mercy, promising *anything*, for freedom. And so it went, round and round—doing what was *right in their own sight*, getting into TROUBLE—then crying to God for help—gaining deliverance—then again doing what was *evil* in God's sight, and bringing more punishment on themselves!

But *it has never paid* man or nation to do what is right in human eyes, but evil in God's sight! Yet 6,000 years of human experience has failed to teach mankind this lesson!

Modern universities persist in teaching susceptible, naive youths that there are NO ETERNAL TRUTHS—what is wrong for you is perfectly O.K. and right for me—IF I want to do it!

"Every way of man is right in his own eyes" (Prov. 21:2). Also, (12:15), "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes." Yes, "There is a way which *seemeth right* unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12 and repeated in 16:25).

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