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The Only REAL Value of a Human Life

Five decades ago, in the first edition of *The Plain Truth*, I could not have written this "Personal." I did not then have UNDERSTANDING of the only real value of a human life. But *The Plain Truth* was born a magazine of UNDERSTANDING. Thankfully, as this publication has grown in circulation and influence, we have grown in knowledge and understanding also.

In this 50th anniversary number, it is my hope that what I write here, in my 92nd year, will help increase the understanding of many of our millions of readers in this very troublous time.

I'm sure this personal message will anger some, hopefully interest many, and bring new understanding to at least a few.

Philosophers, humanists, speak loftily of human worth as of supreme value in itself. They speak of the "god" within you—of tapping the innate hidden resources within yourself. They teach SELF-reliance, self-glorification.

They are smugly ignorant and unaware of the TRUE VALUES and the incredible but real human potential.

Human life is at once of infinitesimally less value

than they suppose, and at the same time of supremely greater potential than they know.

Real truth is revealed. Unless revealed it remains a mystery, utterly unknown to the deceived and vain intellectuals. Jesus said in prayer, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and revealed them unto babes."

What is the real truth concerning human worth? What is the real value of a human life? It is grossly overestimated in its own reality, and astoundingly undervalued in its supreme potential. The truth indeed is staggering.

You look upon a sweet, innocent babe a few hours old, or upon a life-fulfilled elderly person of 80 and ask yourself, "Just how valuable is that life?—one just beginning, the other already spent." Could you supply the correct answer?

Let's UNDERSTAND! Right here is the point of difficulty. Right here is the jumping off point where the world's educated jump the track. Science and advanced education today almost universally assume nothing exists but matter. They deny the existence of spirit. Which is to say, whether admitted or not, they deny the existence of God.

We come to the modern science of brain research. We learn that the human brain exercises many functions impossible in animal brain, yet we learn there is virtually no significant difference, physically. The animal cannot think, reason, study, make decisions apart from instinct. It cannot know what the human knows. It does not have attitudes of judgment, wisdom, love, kindness, cooperation, nor is it aware of competition, conspiracy, envy, jealousy, resentment. It has no appreciation of music, art and literature. Yet science and higher education insist the faculty of intellect in humans is solely physical.

I had to PROVE to myself rationally that God exists and is in fact more REAL than matter. I had to PROVE that the Holy Bible is in fact the authoritative word of God, by which he communicates to man, reveals truth otherwise inaccessible to man. And I found revealed PURPOSE, DESIGN, MEANING that is hidden from the self-professed scholarly. I found revealed the reason for mounting evils in a progressive world.

Can the human, who has been designed, created and made, say to his Maker, "WHY did you make me

thus?—and for what PURPOSE?” And can he instruct his Maker? Should he not, rather, open his mind, and listen when his Maker reveals to him the very reason for his being?

The Creator reveals and instructs in a highly coded Book, the Holy Bible. Its profound message is opened to human understanding through the presence and in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit injected into the human mind that has surrendered and yielded completely to the revelation in belief and obedience. To such a one the TRUTH is made plain—wonderful beyond description.

The real value of a human life, then, lies solely within the human spirit combined with the human brain. It should be stated at once that this human spirit is not perceived by the most highly educated psychologists, yet it is the very essence of the human MIND.

The Creator’s Book reveals, contrary to fallible humanist teaching, that man was made from the dust of the ground, and this dust thus becomes soul, mortal—like all vertebrates. Man has continued to accept the first lie in human history—Satan’s lie to mother Eve that man is immortal and cannot die.

The soul is merely the breathing animal. All animals are biblically called “souls” in English translations of the Bible. But there is a human spirit *in* the human soul.

This human spirit does not impart human life. Human life, like that of all vertebrates, comes from blood circulation, oxidized by the breath of air. But God reveals there is a spirit within every human. This spirit is not present in animals. The human spirit empowers the human brain with intellect—with ability to acquire knowledge, to think, reason, make decisions, produce attitudes of good or evil.

Human and animal brain are alike. Human mind superiority comes not from superior brain, but from the presence of human spirit within the human brain. Animal brain is supplied with instinct, not intellect.

It may seem shockingly strange, because it is a dimension in knowledge hitherto untaught, but the real value of a human life lies solely in the human spirit, as it works in combination with the human brain.

God formed man of matter, but after his own image and likeness as to form and shape.

But the brute animal and man have the same breath, the same source of life. They die the same death. Human life *is* animal existence, in the form and shape of God, and with the human spirit added to the brain.

Man was created to have a relationship with his Maker. Therefore he was made in his Maker’s form and shape, with contact and relationship made possible by the presence within him of the human spirit.

But man’s creation was not completed. He was made mentally and spiritually only “half there.” He needed the addition of God’s Spirit to unite with his spirit, begetting him as a child of God—uniting him with God—ultimately to be born into the very GOD FAMILY.

Thus immortal life was freely offered Adam. But he had to make a choice. He followed Eve in obeying Satan instead of God, choosing SELF-knowledge of good and evil, rather than God’s

revealed knowledge of the right way of life by choosing the “tree of LIFE.”

Thereupon, God closed off the tree of LIFE (God’s Holy Spirit), UNTIL Jesus Christ, the second Adam, should come and by death pay the human penalty incurred by sin. Thereupon also God decreed that as in Adam all humans must die so in Christ the same all shall be resurrected to life and to judgment.

Adam had sold out to Satan—had been “kidnapped.” He and his family—the human family which sprang from him—became Satan’s, deceived and swayed by Satan. Thus mankind grew and developed the civilization or pattern of life we call this world.

It is not God’s world, but Satan’s. In due time—some 4,000 years after Adam, Jesus Christ was born as the second Adam. He came to pay the ransom price—his death in payment for the penalty humanity has incurred through sin. He started an entire NEW CIVILIZATION—GOD’S world through the Church. Following his death, those humans chosen by God, called into the Church, upon repentance and faith received the Holy Spirit the first Adam had rejected. Those called into God’s Church are the “first fruits”—the first to be judged, pardoned on repentance and baptism and begotten (but as yet unborn) children of God by receiving the Holy Spirit, joined with the human spirit.

At the Second Coming of Christ in supreme power as WORLD RULER, replacing Satan on earth’s throne, those begotten with God’s Spirit will be resurrected immortal and changed instantly from mortal to immortal, the dead in Christ first, then those still living. They will rule and teach the mortals still alive and those born during the next thousand years. Judgment and opportunity for salvation and immortality will then come to all living humans. After this millennial judgment, an opportunity for immortality shall come to all who had died prior to Christ’s coming.

Now back to our original question: “What is the only real value of a human life?”

Human life is animal existence, in form and shape of God, and with human spirit empowering the brain with intellect. The human spirit in man makes possible the union with the Holy Spirit and mind and immortality of God. When mortal man dies, the body reverts to dust, and the spirit returns to God. The human spirit of itself cannot see, hear, think or know. The only real LIFE, inherent and self-containing, lies in the Holy Spirit of God, united with the human spirit. The value of a human life lies in the human spirit and its potential of being united with God’s Spirit—which is God-mind and God-life.

Philosophers think of human worth as of supreme value in itself alone. They speak of “human dignity.” They speak of the innate “god” powers within each human. They advocate SELF-confidence, self-glorification. They make mortal man to think of himself as immortal God.

Much to the contrary, the sole value of human life lies in the human spirit and the potential of being begotten of God, (Continued on page 21)

A World Held Captive

by Herbert W. Armstrong

You live in a world of awesome progress, but paradoxically of appalling evils. *WHY?* It's a world held captive, loving its captivity.

THE NEWS has been replete with stories of kidnappings and aircraft hijackings. Bizarre among them was the Patty Hearst kidnapping, in which the victim was brainwashed into preferring the criminal life of the kidnapers to the respectable status of her parents. Happily, Patty's mind later became cleared of the delusion.

But most astonishing of all is the actual fact of the colossal kidnapping of all time—in which the captive for 6,000 years has willed to pursue the life and evil philosophy of the archkidnapper Satan the devil. The willing victim in this case is the world that inhabits this planet earth! Yet this world has been so completely deceived that it cannot realize what actually has happened to it.

In this 20th century a world of

awesome progress and material development is so blinded by the deceptions of the superkidnapper that it cannot understand the paradoxical fact that its progress is accompanied with appalling and still escalating evils inflicting indescribable suffering, frustration and death.

I have enjoyed private conversations with many kings, presidents, prime ministers, the great and near great of industry and education. I have discussed with them national and world problems, personal, social, economic troubles. They are faced with crises, fears and worries completely beyond their human abilities to solve. There seem to be no solutions to the human dilemma.

In a famous law school a professor of law devoted 30 minutes of a speech explaining that lawmaking bodies, judges and supreme courts are unable to determine right from wrong on many knotty problems before the courts. *WHY?*

You live in a world almost 6,000 years along on its course of history. You see the world as it is today at this advanced stage of civilization,

with its systems of organized society.

It's like coming in on a motion picture already far along on its sequence of events. Not understanding what led up to the present sequence of the story, you find yourself perplexed to understand what you are viewing. If we are to UNDERSTAND what is happening in this world—and *WHY*—we must backtrack 6,000 and more years. We must bring into view the origins, the causes, the events that went before and led up to the perplexities of our day. In no other way can we understand the present and look into the future.

Overview in Retrospect

We look back far into prehistory, at the beginning of life and all things.

There can be no understanding of the present without a right knowledge of origins. There is no greater cause to present-day perplexity than the false premise now holding universal acceptance in modern education—the theory of evolution.

I have learned, in a lifetime now

in its 92nd year, that errors all too frequently arise from a false premise, carelessly assumed. The eye-glasses through which all modern thought is viewed is this theory of evolution. To my satisfaction, after in-depth study and research, the theory has been proven false. If you prefer to believe this illusion because it is presently the educational "IN" thing, you can have no rational understanding or explanation of the conditions of the world in which you live.

I have learned that basic original truth is revealed truth. Without it you are left devoid of the knowledge of reality. Evolution cannot explain the problems and frightening state of humanity. You cannot understand any purpose for human life. Your very existence is without meaning.

So I give you here the only rational approach and comprehension of conditions as they exist.

In the Beginning

In the very beginning, before all else, there existed two living Beings composed of Spirit, possessing supreme mind, intelligence and power, and of perfect righteous character. They are revealed in the biblical book of John, chapter one. One was named the Word (the spokesman—the revelatory thought). The other was named God. The Word ultimately—almost 2,000 years ago—was born as Jesus. The Word also was God—the second personage of the God family. As a human, Jesus was "God with us"—or God in human flesh, born of a virgin woman, but sired by God.

"All things" were made by him. In Ephesians 3:9 it is revealed that God created all things *BY* Jesus Christ.

The Word and God LIVED. What did they do? They created. How did they live—what was their "life style"? They lived the way of their perfect character—the way of outflowing LOVE. When Christ was baptized, God the Father said, "You are my beLOVED Son." God LOVED the Word. And the Word LOVED God—obeyed him completely.

Two can't walk together except they be agreed. They were in total

agreement and cooperation. Also two can't walk together in continuous peace except one be the head, or leader, in control. God was leader.

Their way of life produced perfect peace, cooperation, happiness, accomplishment. This way of life became a LAW. Law is a code of conduct, or relationship, between two or more. One might call the rules of a sports contest the "law" of the game. The presence of law requires a penalty for infraction. There can be no law without a penalty for its violation.

The very fact of law presupposes GOVERNMENT. Government is the administration and enforcement of law by one in authority over the law. This necessitates authoritative leadership—one in command.

When the only conscious life-Beings existed, God was leader—in authoritative command. Thus, even when the only conscious life-Beings were God and the Word, there was GOVERNMENT, with God in supreme command. Since they created other conscious thinking life-beings, this very fact of necessity put the GOVERNMENT of God over all creation, with God supreme ruler. Bear in mind the government of God is based on the LAW of God, which is the way of life of outflowing LOVE, cooperation, concern for the good of the governed. And this law of God produces peace, happiness, cooperation through obedience.

Very First Creation: Angels

First, before all else, the God family created angels. Angels are spirit beings, immortal, with power of mind superior to human.

God creates in dual stages. Angel life was not completed until CHARACTER had been formed within them. Character may be defined as the ability of a conscious thinking entity to choose the way of life of outflowing LOVE—God's law—and to will to live that way of life, even under outside contrary pressure or contrary self-desire. Once CHARACTER had been formed and lived, angels, composed of spirit, could never change. I compare it to the pouring of cement or concrete. When first poured its form and shape changes—but once "set," it

is hardened and cannot be reshaped or formed.

Scriptures indicate a third of the angels were placed on the earth prior to final formation of their character.

Following the initial creation of angels, God created the physical UNIVERSE. Chapters one and two of Genesis state that the earth and the heavens—the physical universe with galaxies—were all created in the same day. In this instance "day" does not necessarily mean a 24-hour day, but a general period of time.

Job 38 says plainly the earth was created when angels had been previously created. God placed a throne of GOVERNMENT on the earth. Both Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 reveal the cherub Lucifer being placed on the throne of the earth. II Peter 2:4 reveals that angels SINNED. Lucifer was a super arch-angel. Lucifer had been trained in the administration of God's government on the very throne of God in heaven. He was supremely beautiful, dazzling in brightness. Vanity seized him. Vanity is self-glory, self-centeredness, concern for self even to the point of hostility toward others. He became jealous, envious, resentful and hostile against God his Creator. He turned hostile to the law of God. He turned to a way of life of vanity, covetousness, envy, rivalry, competition, violence and destruction. And this hostile way of life is itself a LAW. It is the law of vanity, self-concern, "do your own thing," rebel against the authority of God. That, then, became the basic LAW of the GOVERNMENT of Lucifer, whose name was changed to Satan the devil. The name Satan means "adversary."

So the government of God on the earth had been replaced by the government of Satan.

This sin of the angels, now called demons, brought on them the PENALTY of perversion of mind, bitterness, anger, wrath—but they had been created immortal. Their character now "set" as evil, being spirit beings, they can never change. Forever they must suffer the torture of such perverted and unhappy minds. Their sin brought physical chaos,

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later to be born VERY GOD, a child in the GOD FAMILY.

Man is not "god" within himself, but only mortal flesh and blood with a brain empowered with intellect by the human spirit.

NEW MORALITY

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sexual community where more than 75 percent of cases occur. Health officials express fears this disease may spread more widely in society through bisexuals, or through drug addicts passing around infected needles. Or through infected blood transfusions.

Our new decade of the 1980s is plagued with rapidly growing alcohol addiction. Every year new millions slide down the slippery slope into abuse, illness, crime and death.

William Pollin, director of the United States Institute on Drug Abuse, told *Plain Truth* writers: "We've gone through a period of approximately 20 years during which there was a dramatic increase in the use of drugs in this country. . . . If you get a 100 percent increase, that's epidemic. In the area of drug abuse, we had a 3,000 percent increase."

Virtually every area of life is

Therefore, man of himself is infinitesimally of less value than the self-professed wise of this world suppose. But, once begotten by the supreme God through the very LIFE and Spirit of the living God dwelling in him, a human being's potential is of infinitely greater value than the world has understood.

touched by the impact of these frightening social developments.

Pinpointing Causes, Solution

Mankind long ago rejected knowledge from its Creator that would have prevented all these curses. We break God's laws, they break us. Scriptures are full of the consequences that automatically come on nations that reject God's laws. Read especially the cause and effect relationship in Deuteronomy, chapter 28, and Leviticus, chapter 26.

The apostle Paul was inspired to prophesy our end-time moral crisis: "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors . . . lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power . . ." (II Tim. 3:1-5, RAV).

Isaiah warned those who would

Ultimately, born into the GOD FAMILY, we shall complete the creation of the entire endless universe. We shall continue the creative process for ever and ever, in dazzling splendor and glorified beauty, time without end.

That is the incredible human potential. □

try to turn right values upside down: "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes . . ." (Isa. 5:20-21, RAV).

We are all witnessing those woes today!

Isaiah also foretold our upside down family crisis: ". . . children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. . . . Those who lead you cause you to err" (Isa. 3:12, RAV).

For 50 years, the *Plain Truth* magazine has explained the real causes of humanity's problems and warned of earthshaking punishments from God to wake up nations to the need for God's supreme rule and authority over their lives.

Only this magazine and those behind it will tell you how God's wonderful plan to restore his government over the earth will soon put mankind back on the right moral/spiritual track! □

POLLUTION

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Twenty years or more can elapse between the first exposure to the chemical and the onset of cancer. Consider this: Whole cities have at times been drinking from contaminated wells where toxic wastes ate their way out of the sides of drums and then seeped into the water supply. Physicians may not notice symptoms for decades. Then tragedy strikes!

Who knows what problems our children face because of continual exposure to low detection level toxic waste?

Man's Dilemma

What a dilemma. Man in his desire for prosperity created a Frankenstein monster. In his quest for

greater comfort and convenience, for more speed and improved health, man developed chemicals resulting in toxic waste and unsuspected side effects. Almost no one at first considered the ramifications to society and future generations.

The ancient prophet graphically foretold our day: "The earth is drooping, withering . . . and the sky wanes with the earth; *for earth has been polluted by the dwellers on its face*. . . . Therefore a curse is crushing the earth, alighting on its guilty folk; mortals are dying off, till few are left" (Isa. 24:4-6, Moffatt trans.).

The let's-have-it-now philosophy threatens the future generation. Only after a particular horror appears do humans begin to consider the consequences of what they have invented. This is the

way of selfishness and self-centeredness.

It's time to recognize man's limited wisdom, his careless planning, and acknowledge that the whole fabric of society needs changing. It is time chemical companies *and chemical consumers* become concerned with causes and effects. Think before using chemicals around the home. We should ask ourselves, "Do I really need to use this chemical? Will it harm my family?" Educate yourself to alternatives—using biodegradable products—instead of using potentially hazardous chemical compounds. It is time we all begin to be concerned for the health and welfare of others and not just ourselves. A further delay and it may be too late to save humanity from the consequences of increasing chemical pollution! □

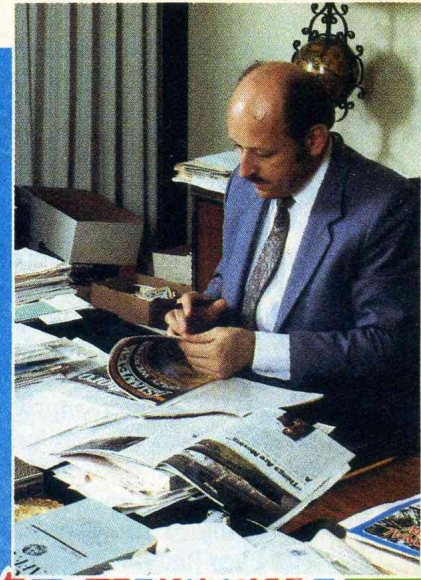
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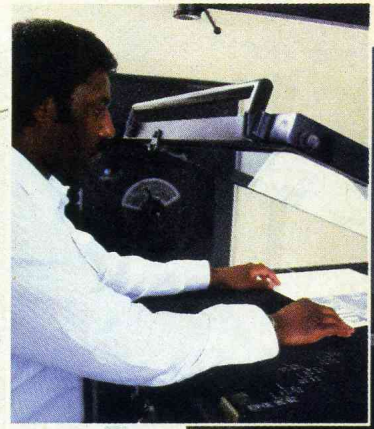
Explaining the meaning of world events and the awesome purpose of human life

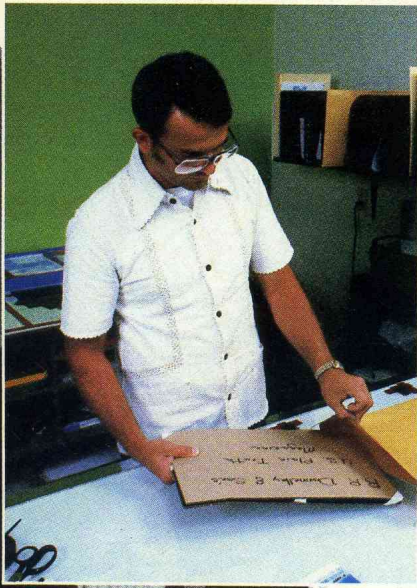
More than 20 million people representing 196 countries and territories now read *The Plain Truth* each month. Most major news magazines publish their various editions, worldwide, in one language. Only *The Plain Truth* publishes simultaneous editions in seven languages worldwide. The accompanying world map illustrates the varied impact on each of the continents of the message of *The Plain Truth*.

In photo insets, from left to right, we take readers through the major steps from planning to publishing an issue. This February number you hold in your hands began with an editorial planning meeting in our editorial conference room in early August. Only a part of the writing staff is shown here. Following an hour's in-depth discussion on the focus of the 50th anniversary issue, assignments are approved.

Over the next several weeks







articles and graphic needs are thoroughly researched. World news editor Gene H. Hogberg, for example, keeps up-to-date in his office with the latest publications. About a month after initial planning, writers discuss their copy with the editor and any changes required by so diverse an international audience are incorporated into the text.

Meanwhile, editor in chief Herbert W. Armstrong prepares his "Personal" and articles in his office, with various translations of the Bible immediately available.

Photo Services works with the graphics designer to keep pace with the developing articles by creating visuals to illustrate the content.

In this double-page spread we continue insets (left to right) with the typeset copy being called up on a video display terminal in composing for final corrections. (The articles, meanwhile, have been sent to our offices in Europe for translation and returned by Datapost for typesetting.)

A production planning meeting of Publishing Services evaluates the layouts, designed by our graphics department, of the February number. Layouts are then sent on to separation and composing areas. In prepress each final paste-up on copyboard is photographed to make film that is then processed in film assembly and readied for shipment to the printers. As the early copies come off the press, they are reviewed by Herbert W. Armstrong with executive editor Dexter H. Faulkner.

Of the more than 50 editors and international directors, 30 were available for the photograph, left, in this anniversary issue (see editorial page for various responsibilities). Front row: Colin Adair, Dibar Apartian, Guy Ames, John B. Karlson, Robert Morton, Herbert W. Armstrong, Dexter H. Faulkner, Dan C. Taylor, Norman L. Shoaf, Keith W. Stump. Second row: Bram de Bree, Roy McCarthy, Frank Brown, Frank Schnee, Donald D. Schroeder, Michael A. Snyder, Sheila Graham, Clayton D. Steep. Third row: Don Walls, Carn Catherwood, Leon Walker, Peter Nathan, Herman L. Hoeh, Gene H. Hogberg, Ron Toth, Roderick C. Meredith. Last row: Jeff E. Zhorne, Peter Moore, Raymond F. McNair, Ronald D. Kelly.



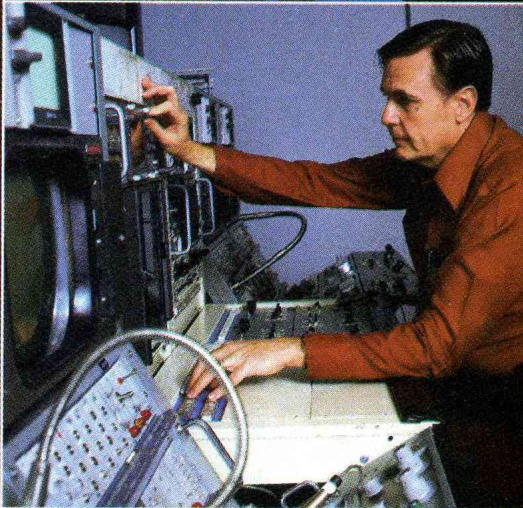
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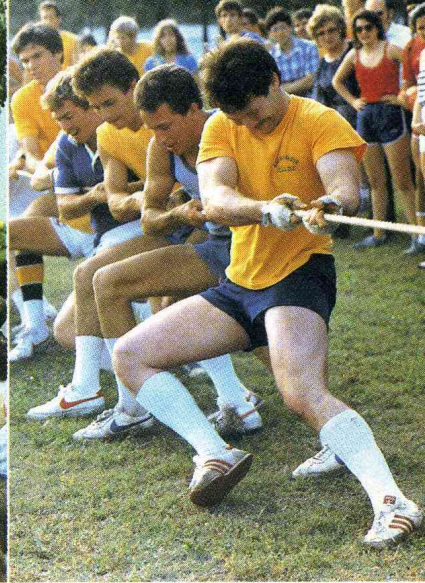
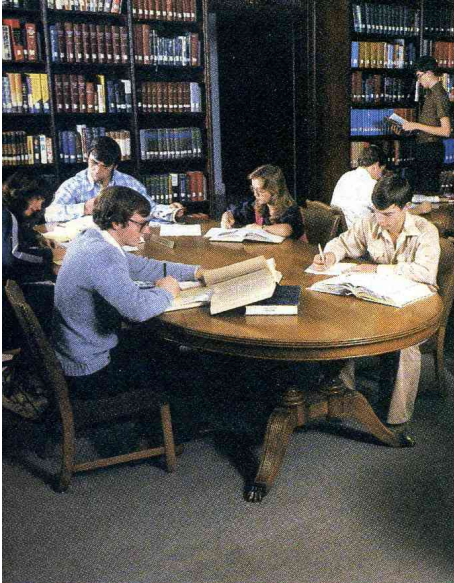
Giving hope in an age that appears hopeless

Thundering out over more than one million watts of radio power and on more than 340 television stations worldwide, Herbert W. Armstrong has authoritatively explained the meaning behind world events for more than a half century on the World Tomorrow program. The program is considered by U.S. media officials to be the longest continuously running radio broadcast in the United States.

From state-of-the-art television and radio studios in Pasadena, California, Herbert W. Armstrong delivers weekly and daily broadcasts on the causes of today's international and domestic problems. Clockwise, at right: Mr. Armstrong offers a free subscription to *The Plain Truth* at the conclusion of another broadcast; an audio technician mixes a program sound track; the studio's chief engineer checks technical quality; personnel direct taping in the control room; and the telecast is electronically dubbed for worldwide distribution.









Ambassador College

Developing
the intellect and
personality
of tomorrow's
leaders



Ambassador College was founded in 1947 by Herbert W. Armstrong for the purpose of recapturing true values. Today the college's educational extension programs reach into most major nations.

Ambassador is not molded in the traditional image of conventional universities and colleges. It is free from the shackles of tradition. It is not plagued by student protests, violence, drugs and immorality. The college places primary emphasis on education of the whole individual and not of the intellect alone.

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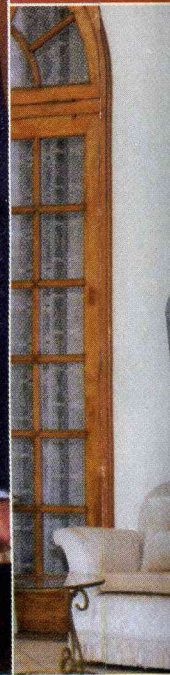
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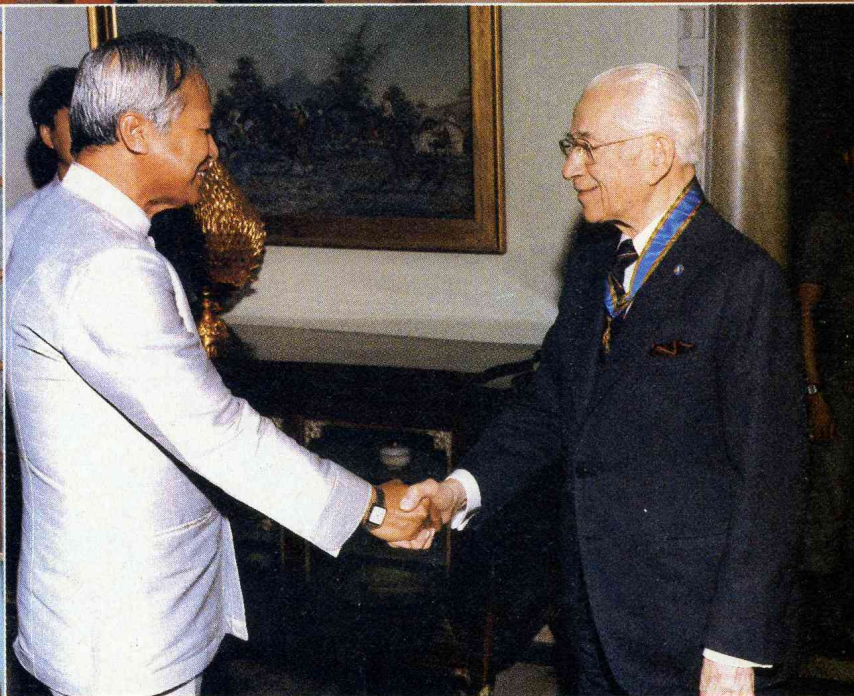
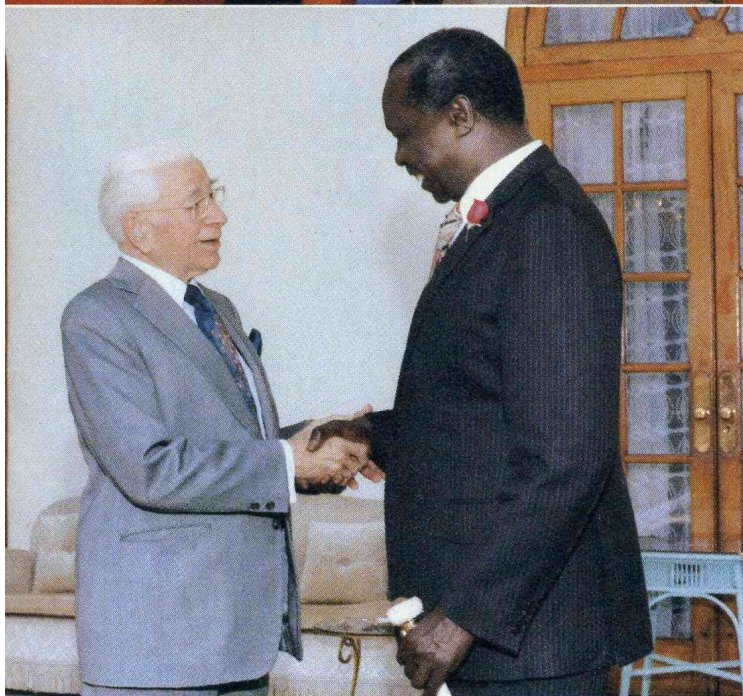
Building
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In the words of former U.S. President Richard M. Nixon, the world today "has crossed the threshold of a period of acute crisis in which its survival into the 21st century is directly at stake."

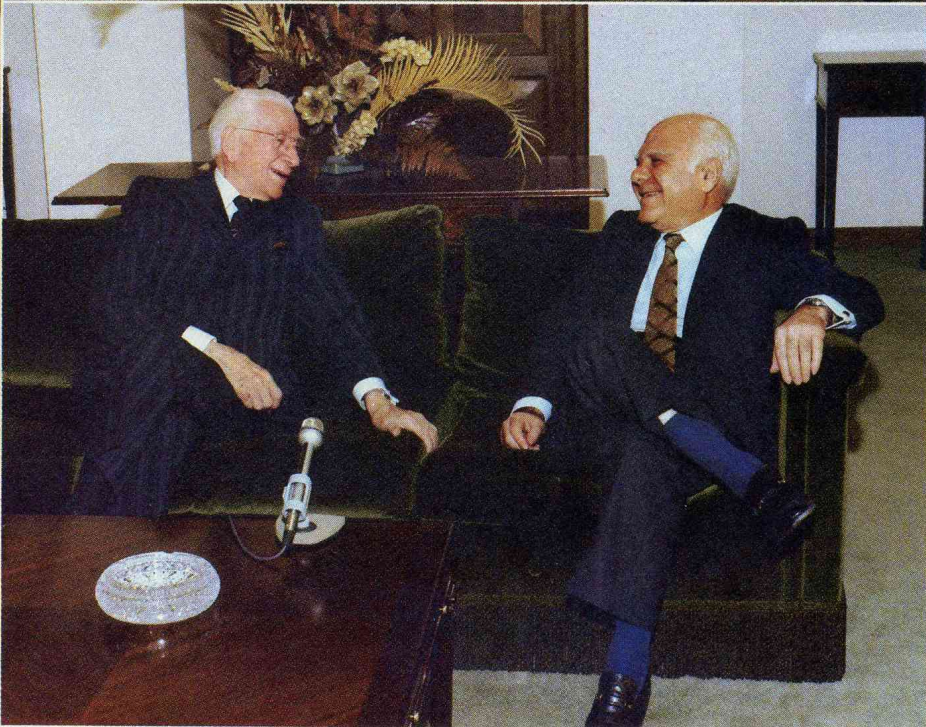
To help alert world leaders to this threatening crisis and to educate humanity about the way to real peace and harmony, Herbert W. Armstrong has for 15 years been meeting personally with heads of state and other officials in government, education and industry. An Israeli government minister said of Mr. Armstrong in 1974: "Herbert Armstrong is traveling for humanitarian purposes, for educational purposes, and for the purpose of building bridges between peoples of different regions—and he is quite successful."

Mr. Armstrong often explains firsthand in *The Plain Truth* the outcome of his meetings with world









leaders. The content of these meetings varies. They focus on the causes behind world problems—whether they concern international, domestic, economic or spiritual issues.

The photos on these two-page spreads give our readers a glimpse into these important personal meetings. Preceding pages, clockwise from far upper left: Mr. Armstrong flies multiple thousands of miles a year, showing the way to real peace; the Plain Truth editor in chief reviews a copy of the magazine with Yasuhiro Nakasone, prime minister of Japan, and with a member of the Japanese Diet; Thailand's Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda personally congratulates Mr. Armstrong for the royal Thai decoration conferred on behalf of Thailand's King Bhumibol (Mr. Armstrong received the royal honor of "Commander of Our Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand"); greeting Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi in Nairobi, Kenya; Juan Carlos, king of Spain, and Mr. Armstrong converse on the king's estate outside Madrid (during the visit the king explained to Mr. Armstrong his personal interest in a possible political and economic union of European nations and the role Spain would play in such a union).

On these pages, clockwise, Mr. Armstrong presents a personal protocol gift to Yitzhak Navon, then president of Israel; The Plain Truth editor in chief and longtime friend Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem discuss problems facing the ancient city; Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in the same office that the late President Anwar Sadat met with Mr. Armstrong; George Ladas, acting president of Cyprus, receives Mr. Armstrong in his office; presenting a gift of Steuben crystal to King Hussein of Jordan, a longtime friend (they first met in Amman, Jordan, in 1971).

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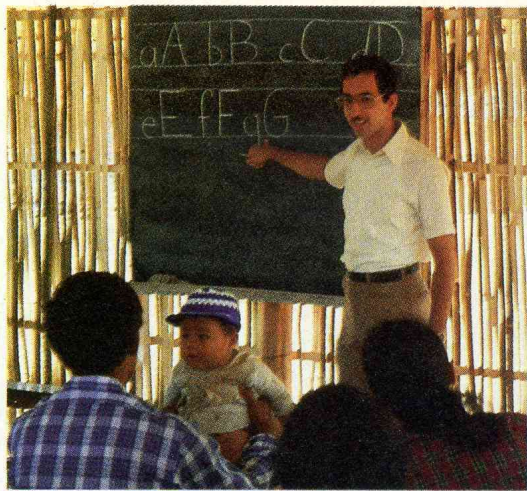
Serving the cultural and educational needs of all peoples

The Ambassador Foundation represents the philanthropic arm of the Worldwide Church of God, embracing a wide variety of cultural, educational and humanitarian projects.

Led by founder and chairman Herbert W. Armstrong, the foundation's activities transcend the complexities dividing a world where hatreds, prejudice and personal ambitions too often rule.

Beginning upper left: an Ambassador College student teaches Laotian refugees in Thailand in a foundation-assisted joint project with Wat Thai of Los Angeles, California; dancers from the Peking national acrobatic troupe perform in the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena, California, under foundation sponsorship; Mr. Armstrong tours a school for the mentally handicapped in Amman, Jordan, that is funded and assisted in part by the foundation; and conductor Herbert von Karajan leads the Berlin Philharmonic through a series of exclusive performances in the Ambassador Auditorium.

The foundation also assists humanitarian projects in such diverse areas as Egypt, Japan, the Philippines, Israel, England, black Africa and other critical areas.





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Clockwise from left, above: linked by a satellite network, Herbert W. Armstrong addresses more than 100,000 of the Church fellowship worldwide; some of the more than one hundred separate Church publications; hymn singing at Church services.



World Held Captive

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decay, ruin and darkness to the physical earth.

Man Is Created

In Psalm 104:30 it is revealed that God sent forth his Spirit, and RENEWED the face of the earth for MAN.

In Genesis 1:1 God (Hebrew: *Elohim*—"Gods," meaning God and the Word) is revealed as the Creator of the universe, including the earth. The earth was—BECAME (resulting from angelic sin)—*tohu* and *bohu*, Hebrew words meaning "chaotic and in physical confusion, waste and empty."

Under Satan, darkness replaced light. Later the Word spoke, "Let there be light," and physical light appeared on earth, dividing day from the darkness of night. In six 24-hour days God renewed the face of the earth for men, creating plant, fowl, fish and mammalian life. On the sixth day, God said, "Let us [God is speaking to the Word] make man in our image, after our likeness" (Gen. 1:26). The Eternal (who became Jesus Christ some 4,000 years later) formed man of the dust of the ground (Gen. 2:7), and upon breath of life entering, man became a living (not immortal) soul.

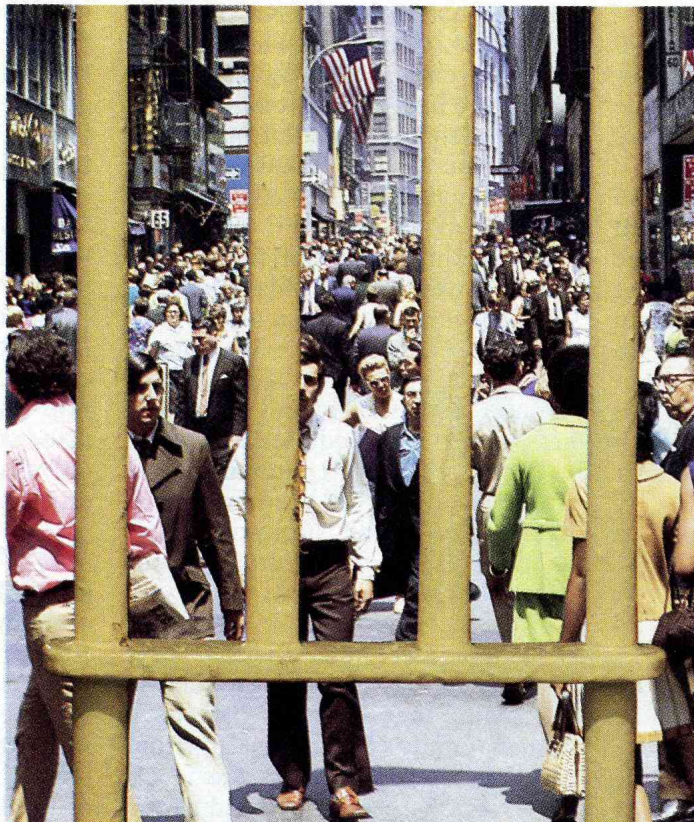
This MAN was given temporary physical existence, like animals. But man differed from animals, being in the form and shape of God. Also, as many scriptures reveal, man differed also in possessing MIND, although animals have brain precisely like human brain.

MAN was created to have a personal relationship with God—to be begotten as children of God, finally born into the GOD FAMILY.

Grand Purpose for Humanity

Precisely at this point we come to

the very root of the world in which you live today. This is where it all started. This is the point in time where today's world was started on a course still continuing in our time. All that had gone before—the existence of the God family from eternity—the creation of angels—the creation of matter and the material universe, the presence of angels on the earth, the THRONE and GOVERNMENT placed on



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earth—the SIN of Lucifer and earth's angels, the replacing of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD by that of Satan over the earth—all this was the backdrop to the creation of MAN on the earth.

What, then, was the divine PURPOSE for the creation of MAN on the earth?

The very first chapter in all the Bible reveals it, if we have the wit to comprehend. God—that is, God

and the Word—created MAN in God's own image, form and shape. The word *image* is used in Hebrews chapter one to designate spiritual CHARACTER.

God created the *physical* man in dual stages. First, he created one man—a male human. It was in God's supreme PURPOSE that the man reproduce his kind. But the man was unable to do that—UNTIL God completed the human creation physically by the addition of a woman, made from the man. So God anesthetized the man and extracted a rib out of which he made the woman, named Eve. Then MAN'S physical creation was complete. Man could now reproduce his kind.

But MAN was not yet spiritually and mentally complete.

Human Mind vs. Animal Brain

Man could not be made into the spiritual and character image of God without the power of MIND—thinking, reasoning, decision-making intelligence.

The modern science of brain research has demonstrated that the small differences in human brain and animal brain cannot explain the vastly superior functions and output of the human brain. The human brain can acquire knowledge of chemistry, geology, astronomy, physics—one might say all the vast intricacies of knowledge contained in a many-volumed encyclopedia. Man

can think—he can put many parts of such knowledge together in a thinking and reasoning process. Man has decision-making ability.

Man has the faculty to use judgment and wisdom. Man has an appreciation of music, art and literature. Man formulates attitudes of love, cooperation, sympathy, concern for the good and welfare of others, or, on the other hand, attitudes of envy, jealousy, disgust,

hatred, competition, strife, revenge and conspiracy for perpetrating evil. Animal brain is capable of none of these.

It is only by revealed knowledge that this tremendous difference can be known. And the written Word of God reveals it as the presence of human spirit within man that sparks, constrains and empowers the physical brain in humans with intellect. There is no such spirit within any other form of physical life.

But scientists, bound and held captive by the false concept of evolution, cannot admit the existence of any such spirit. Their minds are blinded.

But understand. The human spirit cannot see, hear, taste, smell or feel—yet all human knowledge enters the brain through one of those five channels. The human spirit cannot think. It is the brain that thinks, as the human spirit empowers it. It is the brain that makes decisions, formulates attitudes, develops character, either good or evil.

Now WHY did the Creator God put human spirit within MAN, while no such spirit is present in animals? The very PURPOSE being worked out here below is God's supreme PURPOSE of REPRODUCING HIMSELF THROUGH MAN. Man was created from the ground of the earth, yet to have a relationship with his Maker. God is composed of Spirit. It is the divine PURPOSE that man, once godly character is developed within him, shall be changed from mortal and physical human to immortal and divine GOD.

As explained in the beginning, God and the Word now form the GOD FAMILY. Man may be begotten, and then later born as divine GOD. It is the incredible human potential that each human may become a child of God, one of the very GOD FAMILY!

Families, Kinds and Varieties

The first law of science is the fact that only life can beget life. Life cannot come from the not-living. LIFE could not have gradually come into existence from nothing. God could not have gradually come into existence. God and the Word ALWAYS have coexisted—without

father, without mother, having neither beginning of days nor end of life—but living from eternity through eternity.

Out of matter God created the fauna and the flora—animal and vegetable life. We might classify all existence in kingdoms. The mineral kingdom, the plant kingdom, animal kingdom, human kingdom, angel kingdom and the GOD KINGDOM. Man was created in the human kingdom, and potentially may be born into the GOD KINGDOM. But religionists who boast of being already “born-again Christians” are sadly deceived.

The ultimate creation of man—to become GOD—necessitated the development of godly CHARACTER within him.

So at this point notice the system of duality in this ultimate GOD creation. Physically, man was made complete in two stages; first male, then the addition of female. Spiritually and mentally he was to be made complete in two stages; first a human mind empowered by a human spirit. Even as God had supreme MIND, man was made with human mind. But in mind and spirit man was not yet complete.

To complete his physical creation, once the female was added to the male, they became ONE as a human family. So, in the spiritual creation, the addition of the HOLY SPIRIT of God must be added to the human spirit. This makes the man spiritually AT ONE with God. But even at this stage the principle of duality is still in force. Once the Holy Spirit is joined with his human spirit his *human* mind is complete, but he is still a human, now begotten as a God person. He is only an HEIR of God, not an INHERITOR of the God kingdom. He is only begotten, not yet born as God. The duality principle continues.

Human Birth a TYPE

Human birth is the precise type of GOD birth. In the woman is an egg cell called an ovum. It possesses potential life. Yet unless fertilized by the human sperm cell from the body of the father, it has a life span of less than 28 days. The male sperm cell on entering it

endows it with the start of human life. But to call it already a BORN human compares to the deceived calling themselves “born-again Christians.”

On conception the ovum is called an embryo. It must grow physically, fed through the mother. By four months, when taking on human form, it is called a fetus. It continues through a period of gestation for nine months from conception to parturition, when it is born.

The first human, Adam, was created, as we might say by analogy, a spiritual ovum. He had only a temporary physicochemical existence. If “fertilized” by the male divine sperm of God (his Holy Spirit—actually God-LIFE), he would have been begotten, but not yet born as God.

But GOD is supreme perfect spiritual CHARACTER. Before Adam could even qualify to be begotten into the GOD family, he had to CHOOSE between the WAY of God and the WAY of Satan who still sat on the throne of the earth.

The Two Symbolic Trees

God placed Adam and Eve after creation in the beautiful garden of Eden. In its midst were two special symbolic trees of tremendous significance. Adam did not have immortal God-life, but God freely offered it to him through the tree of LIFE. Adam had to choose between the government of Satan with its self-centered way of life, and the government of GOD with its GOD-centered way of life. Each way of life was the basic LAW of a GOVERNMENT. God could have RESTORED the government of God on earth through Adam, had he chosen that WAY of ETERNAL LIFE.

On creation, late on the sixth day we call Friday, God briefed Adam and Eve on the situation. He continued through the Sabbath eve and on that first Sabbath. He explained that the way of SELF-centeredness, symbolized by the tree of “the knowledge of good and evil,” would reject God's gift of LIFE (immortal), and on taking the forbidden fruit they would surely DIE.

After that Sabbath, when Adam neglected looking after his wife,

Eve stole out alone away from her husband. She encountered Satan in the form of a serpent. The human family was a direct threat to Satan's continued rule on earth's throne.

Notice, however (Gen. 3), Satan did not say to Eve, "Choose MY government and my law of vanity and self-centeredness, and reject God." He merely tempted her with the BEAUTY of the forbidden tree, appealed to her intellectual vanity, suggested God wasn't fair, and let her succumb to his deception, assuring her she was already an IMMORTAL SOUL. She was deceived into believing Satan, disbelieving God and into TAKING of the forbidden fruit. She gave also to her husband, and Adam willingly disobeyed God. Adam took TO HIMSELF the knowledge—that is, the production of knowledge—of what is good and what is evil.

Thus the first created human disbelieved God, disobeyed God, chose to go HIS OWN WAY, do his own thing. Adam did it willingly, but not apparently willfully.

Willingly, Adam was led into captivity by Satan. He had willingly gone along with Satan, the arch-kidnapper of all time.

A World Held Captive

Adam had been created with the potential to be born a son of GOD. Even though not as yet even a begotten son of the GOD FAMILY, he had been created as potentially just that. Once he succumbed to Satan's WAY of choosing to "do his own thing," in rebellion against a deliberate command of God, he became spiritually the property of Satan. He actually had succumbed to the GOVERNMENT of Satan, choosing the LAW of that government, leading automatically into attitudes of self-glory, coveting, competition, desire to GET rather than God's way of GIVE.

All humanity came out of Adam and Eve. The present world was FOUNDED in them. The WORLD has ever since been HELD CAPTIVE! The world had thus chosen THE WAY of the kidnapper, rather than of the potential Parent!

But God the Father was to pay the ransom price and even yet bring

his potential spiritual children back to him.

At the Foundation of the World

Upon Adam's sin, God closed off the tree of life, until the second Adam, Jesus Christ, should pay the ransom price.

There cannot be a law without a penalty. The penalty of human sin is DEATH. At this very foundation of the world, it was determined that Jesus Christ, as the "Lamb of God," should be slain in payment of the penalty for all human sin, effective upon repentance and faith (Rev. 13:8). It was also determined by God at that time that all Adam's children should die (Heb. 9:27), but as in Adam all must die, so in Christ the same ALL shall be made alive by a resurrection from the dead to be judged (I Cor. 15:22).

But still, none could ever be born of God until God's holy and perfect spiritual character had been instilled within, by individual choice and proof by performance.

God set apart a 7,000-year period to complete his original SUPREME PURPOSE of reproducing himself through man. It was a masterminded MASTER PLAN for working out the PURPOSE here below.

For almost 6,000 years a civilization has developed, which we call the world. But it has been a world held captive. To this day Satan is still on that throne.

Meanwhile Satan has worked IN all humans. He has injected into the world enormous EVILS. Jesus the second Adam came to start an entire new WORLD OF GOD through the Church.

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WHY WERE YOU BORN?

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