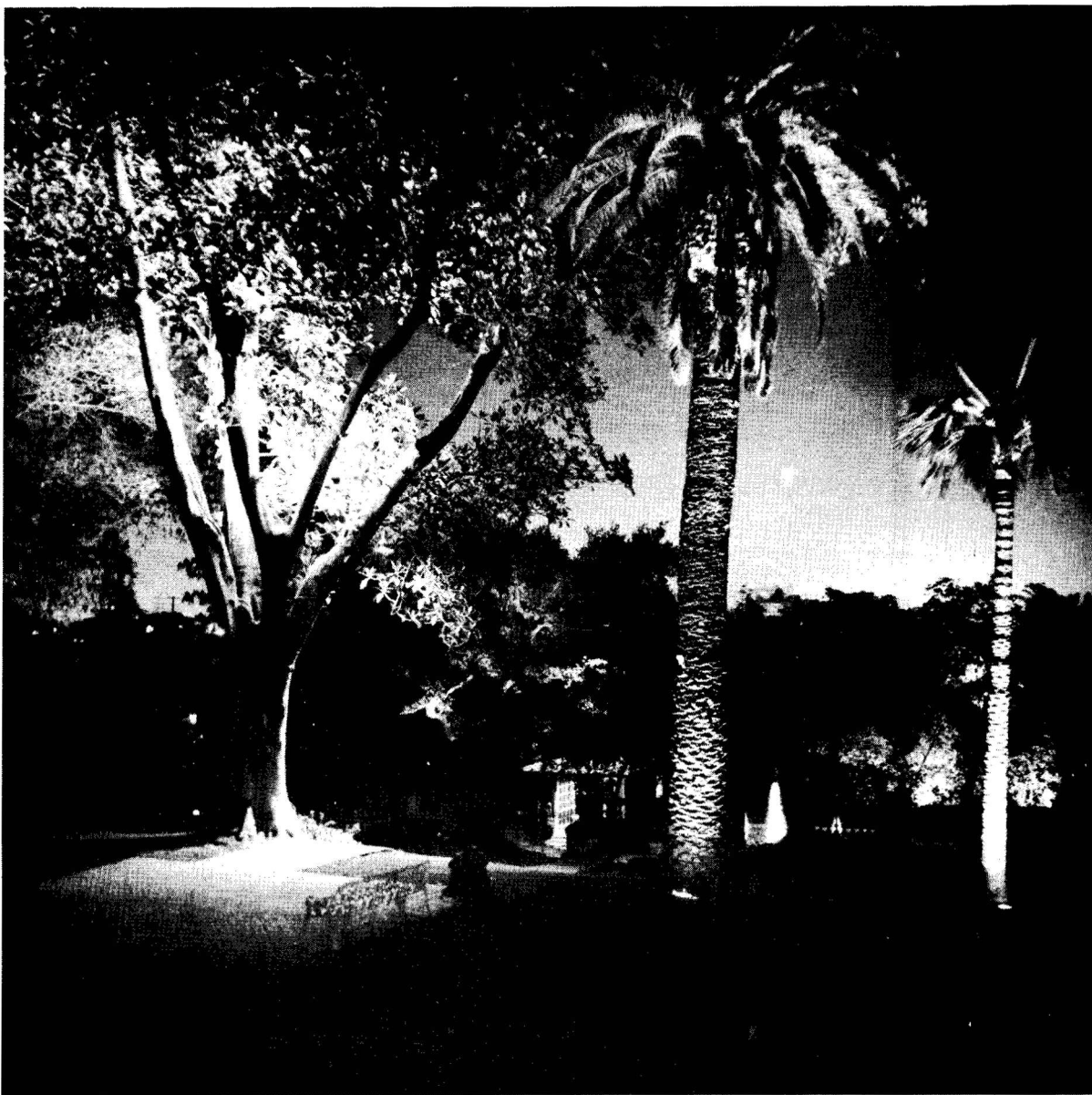


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Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

Do you know what Jesus meant when He said: "The children of this world are, in their generation, wiser than the children of light?"

That is, those whose minds are on material, worldly things only—unconverted minds—are wiser in worldly things than Christians, whose minds have been illuminated by the Holy Spirit, are about spiritual things.

Those of the world feel a patriotism surging through their being. It may be patriotism for country—or for college or high school, political party, society, lodge, fraternity, club or business.

Nearly all the larger colleges and universities play football. Now only eleven men play at one time on the team—the total squad of the average university will range from 33 to 70 men, out of a student body of, say, one to twenty thousand. The team will have a captain, and is managed and directed by a coach.

Every student in the university feels a deep sense of patriotism, loyalty, enthusiastic fervor, for that team! Only a very small percentage of students take active part on the team, yet every student feels it is *his* team!

After a game he does not say, indifferently, "I see the Coach's team won another game."

He says, with ENTHUSIASM, "WE won again!"

Tho he does not direct it, play on it, or have any personal part, *he feels he is a part of it*—feels a sense of deep partisan loyalty. He heatedly defends it against its critics. When the games are at home he buys a ticket, sits in the stands and yells his throat hoarse cheering his team on to victory! And when a touchdown is made, he LEAPS into the air with wild shouts of joy!

The children of this world can be whipped up to frenzied fanaticism for the work of the devil. Remember the terrific zeal of Hitler's Nazis in setting the world in flames and of the Communists' zeal today?

But what of the "children of light?" God has called us to a Mission a thousand trillion times more important than football, or the "cause" of conquering and enslaving the world. Ours is the only truly GREAT CAUSE—to preach and publish HIS GOSPEL to the world, winning precious souls! Only few of us can take personal active part. But should we not feel that those whom GOD *has called* to direct and do the active work of the Gospel compose OUR "TEAM"?

Should we not feel a deep, fervent LOYALTY to this all-important work—a deep-down spiritual HEART INTEREST, transcending every other interest or consideration? Should we not defend it when criticised, sacrifice for it, "pull" for it, encourage it, with far deeper zeal than a college student for a football team?

Should we not feel that God's work is also OUR work? Should we not support it with incessant, prevailing, heart-rending, believing prayer—and with our pocketbook?

Is it not FIRST, *above* personal in-

terest or material *desire*? And should you not feel a surge of JOY when our work wins more and more souls—as *it is doing continually*? Don't you just THRILL when you hear the broadcast or read another PLAIN TRUTH, realizing that scores of thousands of *others* are hearing and reading the precious Message, too—many being brought to Christ?

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World War III Threatens to EXPLODE in Middle East!

The Middle East is boiling! The United Nations is desperately trying to stave off a full scale war. Here are the amazing prophecies about the FATE of Egypt!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WOULD you say that it is an amazing thing if 2600 years ago there were men who could look down into the future and foretell what is going to happen to Egypt?—and to all major nations in the next 15 or 20 years in this last half of the 20th century?

You would say that that is impossible, I suppose.

But Is It?

Such men did exist! Such prophecies were made. And yet, what chance would there be of making a prophecy of that kind and bringing it to pass without divine inspiration?

Weather experts fail in foretelling the weather sometimes even 24 or 48 hours in advance. What chance would anyone have of foretelling such specific catastrophic events to happen to great nations like the United States? to Britain? to Russia? or to China, for instance, 2600 years before the terrific events happen?

And yet the prophets who have foretold the fate of the world's nations today—who have foretold what is to happen in the next quarter of a century, in your lifetime and mine—prophesied 2500 years ago what seemed *fantastic, improbable*, to the great city states and the great nations of that world. **THEY FORETOLD THESE EVENTS 1900 TO 2600 YEARS AGO. These events have happened, precisely as the prophets foretold.**

If the Bible could foretell the future of all the leading nations of that day 2500 years ago—Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Greece, the Roman Empire—and bring all of those prophecies to pass, *it's about time we begin to pay attention and to look into those prophecies of the Bible* to see what they say about today's nations—to see what they record about

your nation where you live today, and what is going to happen in the next 25 years to us. *We are included in these Bible prophecies.*

Notice, now, **THE PROOF OF THE INSPIRATION OF BIBLICAL PROPHECY!**

The FATE of EGYPT

Have you read of the play boy, ex-king Farouk of Egypt. I know you have. Did you know that he was really a foreigner, that he was never really an Egyptian at all? And do you know that the present rulers of Egypt are not actually Egyptians? And do you know this was prophesied in your Bible thousands of years ago?

Prophecy fulfillment is the **PROOF of the existence of God Almighty**. It's the **PROOF of divine inspiration of the Bible**, and that the Bible is the *revelation of facts from God Almighty that we could not otherwise find out.*

Whoever was the real inspiration behind these prophecies of the Bible knew 2500 years ago the condition Egypt would be in today, and also the condition of the United States and of Russia, and of China, and of Britain, and of all of the leading nations of the earth. He knew what is going to happen in the next 20 or 25 years.

Notice the amazing facts.

The prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel lived some 600 years before Christ. Egypt was then already very ancient. It was the leader of civilization, of the world at that time. It was far advanced in science, and arts, luxury and magnificence. It was the grainery of the world with its rich Nile valley. The mightiest buildings on earth—the pyramids—were there.

Have you ever heard the real truth about the pyramids, and about the great

pyramid, especially? Those were the proud monuments to Egypt's greatness. Egypt possessed the longest dynasty ruling on the throne of any city or of any nation on the face of the earth at that time. Now who would have ever predicted an end to that kind of prosperity? Comparatively, it was greater than the prosperity of the United States in today's world.

When Ezekiel wrote, Pharaoh Hophra was on the throne, and his military and commercial successes for 25 years had made him proudly secure. He had built Egypt to a mighty position in the ancient world. The historian Herodotus has said in his history, Volume II, page 169, that Hophra boasted that no god could deprive him of his kingdom.

When he boasted that, the Eternal God responded. No man could have foreseen Egypt's downfall at that time any more than a man can see the downfall of the United States or any other great nation today. God knew what would befall Egypt. God knows what's going to befall us today. It's recorded in your Bible.

God's REPLY

At that time, Judah had been conquered by Nebuchadnezzar. The Chaldean Empire was rising. A colony of Jews had been left behind in the land of Palestine. The rest of the Jews had been taken captives and slaves to the land of the Chaldeans in Babylon. This little colony of Jews had been left behind. They wanted to flee down to Egypt.

Notice. They inquired about it from the prophet Jeremiah. They asked him to consult God about it.

"The word of the Eternal came to Jeremiah. Thus saith the Eternal, If you will abide in this land (Palestine), then



Above: Here you see the degenerate conditions under which many Arab refugees from Palestine must live. What a contrast to the mighty people who once inhabited this region!

—Wide World Photo



Left: A main street in typical middle-eastern cities. From such a street usually run torturous alleys and narrow pathways. Note the salesmen lining the street with their wares.

—Wide World Photo

Below: How would you like to wait for a train in this teeming railway terminal in the Middle East? This station—with its platforms crowded by Arabs—is the main station in Cairo, Egypt!

—Wide World Photo



I will build you. Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, but if you say, we will not . . . obey the voice of the Eternal our God, saying, no, but we will go into the land of Egypt where we shall see no war, nor have hunger, nor bread, then said God, *It shall come to pass that the sword which you feared shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and there shall you die*" (Jer. 42:7-16).

Now notice Jeremiah 44:29 and 30.

"And this shall be a sign unto you that I will punish you in this place that you may know that my word shall surely stand. I will give Pharaoh Hophra the king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life, as I gave Zedekiah, the king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, his enemy that sought his life."

Notice. Here is someone quoted in the Bible claiming that He is God Almighty. He is telling what He is going to do to the kings of this earth. He claims to make and unmake the kingdoms of this world.

And it happened!

Pharaoh Hophra was dethroned by Nebuchadnezzar shortly after that was written. And Ahmose was substituted as a vassal king by Nebuchadnezzar.

Did man write this prophecy, or did God Almighty? Whoever wrote this had the power to make and to unmake nations and empires. Today, the high critics seem to have the conception that the Bible is merely the literary efforts of an ancient small Jewish race, groping in darkness, trying to find a concept of God. They don't really believe in any God. They don't believe in any *divine inspiration*.

Then, who is this quoted, saying, "I am God," and passing sentence on those ancient city states and now on this great nation of Egypt *and bringing it to pass over a period of 2500 years*.

Why Egypt Is a Weak Nation

I want you to notice Ezekiel's prophecy. Ezekiel 21:1-2:

"The word of the Eternal came unto me saying, Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and prophesy against him and against all Egypt." Now the 8th verse:

"Therefore, thus saith the Lord Eter-

nal, behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee, and the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste, and they shall know that I am the Eternal, because he hath said,—"that is, the *Pharaoh* had said—"the river is mine, and I have made it. Behold, therefore, I am against thee, and thy rivers." This is from the King James or the Authorized Translation. Actually the proper translation of that is not "rivers," but "irrigated canals." They had them in Egypt at that time.

Continuing: "And," God said, "*I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate*. Neither shall it be inhabited for 40 years." That happened in the days of Babylon's greatness for 40 years.

Now notice the 15th and the 16th verses of this same chapter. "It shall be," notice that God said Egypt would *continue to exist*, "IT SHALL BE THE BASEST OF THE KINGDOMS." It was to exist, but it was to be the *basest* of the kingdoms. It had, prior to God's pronouncing sentence, been the proud lion among the others. "*Neither shall it exalt itself anymore above all nations*," says God, "*for I will diminish them*."

Who is this speaking?—claiming that He can make and unmake nations? Who can say, "I will diminish thee," diminish the greatest nation on earth at that time? Was that just some ignorant, mortal Jew writing?

Whoever wrote it, brought it to pass. It happened. What are you going to do with that?

I want you to know what actually happened as recorded in history. This is from the *Imperial Bible Dictionary* on the article, Egypt. "The population of Egypt must have been very large in the earliest times. It has been placed at 7,000,000 under the Pharaohs—at 7,500,000 (exclusive of Alexandria) in the time of Nero . . ." At the present time, it is about 20,000,000. The population of Egypt has barely doubled—think of that—in 2000 years. *And the bulk of the present population represents DESCENDANTS OF FOREIGN NATIONS*. Egypt has *not* grown like other nations. It has remained comparatively small.

A Poverty-Stricken Land

Notice Ezekiel 30:10-13:

"Thus saith the Lord Eternal, I will also make the multitude of Egypt"—the word "Multitude" is rendered by other translations as "wealth," the wealth of Egypt is really meant—"I will make the wealth of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon. And he and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought *to destroy the land* that they shall draw the swords after Egypt, and fill the land with the slain. And," God says, "I will make the rivers"—or irrigation canals—"dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked." That is, outside, or foreign nations.

"And," God says, "*I will make the land waste* and all that is therein by the hand of strangers," which means outside nations; "I the Eternal have spoken. Thus says the Eternal. I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause their images to cease out of Noph"—which is Memphis—"AND THERE SHALL BE NO MORE" — notice — "THERE SHALL BE NO MORE A PRINCE OF THE LAND OF EGYPT. I will put fear into the land of Egypt."

Egypt would never again be ruled by a native son—a native prince.

Was whoever wrote that in this ancient book of Ezekiel about to bring that to pass? That is a "Thus saith the Lord." Is there any real God back of it? Or was it just a man writing?

Egypt was conquered by Nebuchadnezzar *just as the prophecy said*. God set him over the kingdom (Dan. 2:37). God is the Supreme Ruler of the universe. That is the lesson that the *nations* of the earth have FORGOTTEN. That's the lesson that the *peoples* of the earth have FORGOTTEN.

The Record of History

I want to quote for you from *Rawlinson's Ancient History*, "The History of Egypt," Volume II. Here is the fulfillment of this prophecy in history. It actually happened!

"Thus," says Rawlinson's history, "Thus perished this unfortunate monarch, the last of the long line of Pharaohs, which commencing with Menes had ruled Egypt as an independent monarchy for about 16 centuries"—nearly 1600 long years. Frequent revolts characterize the period of their subjection to

Persia. But again, and again, the Persians proved their superiority in the field, and forced the Egyptians to submit to them." In 527 B.C. was the last Pharaoh, the very last one. *There has never been one since. There has never from that time been a native king ruling over Egypt.*

Later, Egypt was conquered and ruled by Alexander the Great. Then it was ruled after that by one of Alexander's four generals, the one that is mentioned in the book of Daniel, chapter 11, as "the king of the south." Later, Egypt was ruled by Rome. Then by the Mohammedans. Then later by the Turks. It has been ruled by the French, by the British, and finally, it has recently been made a republic, June 18, 1953.

Ex-king Farouk was the king until Egypt became a republic. But KING FAROUK WAS NOT DESCENDED

FROM EGYPTIAN BLOOD. He was an Albanian. He was descended from Mohammed Ali.

Most Egyptian rulers today are NOT Egyptians. They are native *Arabs*. God said it would be like that, *and it has been.* NEVER IN 2500 YEARS HAS EGYPT BEEN UNDER A NATIVE PRINCE. You can read that in Rawlinson's Ancient History.

It ALWAYS Happens

There was nothing when those prophecies were written to indicate such a future—such a future as has happened to Egypt—as the Bible prophecy said it would happen. Think of it! God pronounced a fate on the ancient city state Tyre, never to be rebuilt. That happened.

On Ashkelon, extinction, never to be rebuilt. That happened.

On Sidon, to be diminished, but to continue to exist. And that happened. Sidon is a town of 10,000 population today.

Egypt was to continue to exist, but to be diminished, *never again to be ruled by a native son.* The fate of Babylon was extinction. That happened.

But, how did Ezekiel know, if a mere man wrote all of this? I ask you, HOW?

Here is a challenge to the skeptics. Skeptics don't want to have anything to do with prophecy. The skeptics *run away* from prophecy because they can't answer it. And the only way to answer it is to sneer at it and to ridicule it. Skeptics admit that Egypt according to the

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The excavated remains, below, reflect the past glory of Egypt. Centuries ago Egypt could afford to build these mighty stone buildings—today its people live in comparative poverty.

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prophecy was to continue to be a nation reduced, no longer prosperous, no longer a mighty world ruling nation, no longer to be ruled by its own native prince. They can't deny it. They are able only to *run from it!*

Who is the real Ruler? Why, God Almighty.

SKEPTICS Can't Disprove the Fulfillment of Prophecy

Every detail of the prophecies con-

cerning Egypt, has happened. This prophecy was not written after the fulfillment, because *the fulfillment has been happening, and has been being fulfilled right on down through history even to very recent years!* It has been a slow, gradual fulfillment, as prophecy said it would be.

Even in the time of Christ, there was NOTHING to indicate Egypt's glory was gone forever, absolutely nothing. Then, Egypt was still very powerful. Its

Below you see the fully excavated remains of the Great Sphinx of Gizeh, Egypt. This giant stone carving stands near the world-famous Great Pyramid.

—Wide World Photo



population over 7,000,000. It was the bread basket of the Roman Empire at that time. In the 3rd century A.D., the *Encyclopedia Britannica* says that Alexandria, Egypt, continued some time, esteemed as *the first city of the world after Rome.*

Suppose that the Eternal had said that Egypt was to be totally destroyed, but that Babylon would continue, diminished. But He didn't. He didn't say that, and that isn't the way it happened. He said that Babylon would be destroyed. And it was destroyed! He said that Egypt would *continue submerged*, as a minor nation. And it has happened. And *never once* in 2500 years has Egypt been ruled from that time by a native Egyptian prince.

Never in world history has any nation been subject to foreign governments and foreign rule so long as ancient Egypt was.

Now, I want you to compare what happened to Egypt with what was prophesied to happen to Rome.

Rome was mentioned in prophecy before it even came on the scene—all these prophecies written even before there was a Roman Empire. Rome was like iron (Dan. 2:40)—the mightiest of all of those ancient nations, the most powerful, more powerful than Egypt or Greece, or than the Chaldean Empire, or than the Persian Empire. It happened! But it was foretold that it would fall.

In Biblical language, it was to have a "deadly wound," but the "deadly wound" was to be healed (Rev. 13:3), Rome was to be revived *seven different times after it fell.* It has been revived and resurrected six times, and *the seventh resurrection is taking place right now.* You are going to live probably to see it happen in the next few years.

Always, everything that has been previously prophesied in your Bible for the past centuries has been fulfilled. But there are many, many more prophecies that are to be fulfilled *from this moment on!* We are just coming now to the grand smash climax of this whole age when there are far more prophecies—far more world shaking events—to happen in the next 15 or 20 years *than ever happened before in the history of the world!*

Were the TEN COMMANDMENTS in force before Moses?

**Here is the startling answer in response to questions
asked by thousands of our readers!**

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THE NEWS today is nearly all bad. There's a reason why! Not only do we have war, fear of war, and much strife between *nations*, but we also have competition and strife *in business*. We have quarrels leading to divorces *in the home*. We have a growing, younger generation—nervous by blowing off steam and getting into all sorts of troubles that we call "*juvenile delinquency*."

What's the matter with us anyway? Are we *afraid* to stop and look this situation in the face? Do we dare recognize the **FACT** that we're bringing all this fear and worry, this heartache, this suffering, this frustrating emptiness on ourselves?

There is a reason. But are you afraid to hear it? Will you deny the true reason?

The Basis of Life

If you find the **TRUTH**—that God Almighty, the Creator, set in motion invisible, **SPIRITUAL LAWS** for our *happiness and for our good*, and that **ALL** our woes and troubles are the **DIRECT RESULT** of our rejection and transgression of those laws—you'll probably say, "But I've been taught that those laws were abolished by Christ!" Or, "Why, that's a religious and theological question that I know nothing about. It has nothing to do with my practical, down-to-earth, everyday life anyway."

You're *wrong!* It has **EVERYTHING** to do with your everyday life. It has *everything* to do with all the bad news we hear and read about every day. It has *everything* to do with the fact that you are *restless* and *discontented*, that you're not as happy as you want to be, and would like to be. It has *everything* to do with today's chaotic world conditions,

with social unrest, with the troubles that you probably are having *in your own home!*

You've probably heard that the ten commandments were done away. You've been taught that the ten commandments either are the same as, or a part of, the ritualistic law of Moses, and that they didn't even **EXIST** until Moses, and that they lasted **ONLY UNTIL CHRIST!**

This is no mere, irrelevant theological or religious question. This is the very **ESSENCE OF YOUR LIFE**—your home life, your social life, your business life. It's the very crux question behind world troubles today. Strange as it may seem, the ten commandments have been in **FULL FORCE** and effect **SINCE HUMAN LIFE HAS EXISTED ON THIS EARTH!**

They constitute a *spiritual law* that is inexorable and eternal. A law that is **LOVE** and the *fulfilling* of which is love—a law that was set in motion for our happiness to produce everything good which we have foolishly denied ourselves. These ten commandments are **ENTIRELY DIFFERENT AND SEPARATE FROM** the ritualistic law of Moses which was just a code of *physical laws*, *not* spiritual laws.

Proof that Commandments Were in Force at Beginning

The ten commandments were first made known to **ADAM** in the Garden of Eden. Why? *Because that is the very law that he broke in the "original" sin.* **EVERY ONE** of the ten commandments was then in full force and effect. It was **SIN** to transgress any one of them between the time of Adam and Moses. You can read this in your own Bible.

When did this thing that we call "sin" start anyway? Did it start with Moses?

We read the answer in Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and **DEATH BY SIN**; so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." And in verse fourteen, "*Death reigned FROM ADAM TO MOSES.*"

"Sin is **NOT** imputed when there is **NO** law," you read in the 13th verse. Yet *sin was imputed because death did reign from Adam to Moses.* There must then have been a law from Adam's time.

What Is Sin?

People have numerous **IDEAS** about what sin is. In Hollywood, years ago, I saw in a number of newsstands, a book titled *How to Sin in Hollywood*. Visitors from all over the world would come to Hollywood and would buy that book.

Actually, the book was quite harmless. When you bought it, it just gave you the names of restaurants and similar places. Most of them were eating places without any entertainment.

There wasn't necessarily anything that pointed really to sin, but sin always seems to be the forbidden fruit that is most glamorous and that would be most desirable if only some unfair God had **NOT** denied it to us. That seems to be what human beings think of sin.

What is sin? Is there a **BIBLE** definition? Is there any place in the Bible where it says, "Sin is . . ." and then follows the definition?

The answer is in 1 John 3:4, "*Sin is the transgression of the law.*"

SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW! Do you *realize* that God Almighty is not only the Creator of matter—solid matter, liquid matter and gaseous matter, as we know it—but God also is the Creator of **FORCE** and of **ENERGY** and of **EVERY POWER** and of **EVERY LAW**. The

laws of physics, the laws of chemistry, every law that is in motion and is energized. Do you realize that God Almighty also created a SPIRITUAL LAW? That *spiritual law regulates your happiness.*

Happiness Instead of Suffering

You want happiness. You want to be happy above all things. Everyone does. You want to lead a life that is pleasing and pleasant. You would like to lead a life that is just full and abundant and INTERESTING—as a matter of fact, a little bit exciting all the way along, wouldn't you? And you want a life where everything is pleasant, where there are no pains or suffering.

You don't want a life of boredom. You don't want a life of sorrow, pain or suffering. You want a HAPPY life, and you would love to feel well, jolly and joyful—happy all the time.

You could have a life like that. Everyone could.

This ENTIRE WORLD could be like that—if we only UNDERSTOOD the WAY!

God Almighty in His great love for humanity set a law in motion. That law was DESIGNED to produce just that kind of life for YOU.

But you're *not* living that way! You're *breaking that law* and that law has been breaking YOU a long time, because that's precisely what happens.

That law is merely love. It's the way of love. It's the way that love should be expressed—love toward God and love toward neighbor.

The apostle Paul tells us what sin is in Romans 7:7, "What shall we say then? Is the law sin?" People think that the law is all wrong, that it's sin. Paul continues, "God forbid. Nay, I had NOT KNOWN SIN BUT BY THE LAW." In other words, by the *law* is the KNOWLEDGE of sin, as Paul had said previously in Romans 3:20.

The law gives you the knowledge of what sin is. It directs you and guides you as to what you ought to do.

We Were Born Ignorant

Do you realize that when you were born *you didn't know one thing?* Do you realize that *you were not born with instinct* like the dumb brutes? Dumb brutes don't have to "know." They

don't have to be taught a law to know what to do; they don't have to learn about a law that they can receive in their minds and that will show them what to do to be happy, and what not to do to avoid suffering. Animals are just dumb brutes equipped with instinct. They live as the Eternal Creator designed.

But you and I are made AFTER *God's image*. We were put here as free moral agents for the purpose of *producing character*—holy, righteous, spiritual character. God is REPRODUCING HIMSELF, and He's given us a *mind* like He Himself has, except our minds are very limited. Our minds are fallible, God's is infallible and unlimited—that's the ONLY difference.

What Is the Law?

You don't KNOW what is right and what is wrong without its being revealed. Paul would *not* have *known* what sin was if the law had not told him. Human nature will not teach you. Human nature has evil in it. As Paul says, "I had not known lust," that is, he wouldn't have known that lust was evil or wrong; he didn't have such instinctive knowledge, "except the law had said, 'Thou shalt not covet.'" The law that said, "Thou shalt not covet," TAUGHT the apostle Paul what was sin. And *that is the tenth commandment*. So the law that taught that principle IS THE TEN COMMANDMENTS!

In Romans 7:12, Paul says that "the law is holy and the commandment holy, just and good." That isn't what you have been taught today, is it? Many people have been reared in the belief that the law is UNHOLY, that it is altogether WRONG, and that Christ had to do away with it.

In verse 14 of Romans 7, the apostle Paul says, "For we know that the law is spiritual." *The law is spiritual.*

Paul said he was *carnal*. He was *fleshly and material*. So are you. So am I. But the law is a SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE, and it REGULATES YOUR HAPPINESS—a spiritual matter.

The Original Sin

Every one of the ten commandments WAS IN EXISTENCE during the time

of Adam. It was SIN to break any one of them PRIOR to the time of the law of Moses. The law of Moses, we know, didn't come UNTIL the time of Moses—430 years after the time of Abraham. But the SPIRITUAL LAW has been in existence *from Adam!*

The original sin is recorded in Genesis, beginning with chapter 2, verse 15: "And the Eternal took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it. And the Eternal God commanded the man saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat."

God gave him permission. God is Supreme Ruler. God is giving the orders. He is teaching. The man DIDN'T KNOW. The man had to be TOLD. He had to be TAUGHT and INSTRUCTED. Here is the instruction—the command, and a sentence. Notice: "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil," a MIXTURE of good and evil, "of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt *not* eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt SURELY DIE!"

"The wages of sin is death." God was preaching the gospel to the man. There it is! The very fact that God said, "In the day that thou eatest thereof . . ." shows that the man was ALLOWED to do it, that the man was a FREE MORAL AGENT, that the man himself had to make the choice. God designed that you and I CHOOSE whether or not we will obey His law, or not.

Animals don't make a choice. Animals have instinct.

Animals usually are rather contented. We have our "contented cows."

We may have contented cows, but we don't have many contented people. You know why?

Cows don't make any choice. God simply ordained that they should live in a way that they would be contented. But God *ordained* that you and I *must* make a choice. And if we choose the *right way* to live, according to that law which God set in motion to produce happiness and contentment and a FULL, THRILLING, ENJOYABLE life, we can have it. But if we're going to choose to live the *other way*, we're going to have suffering, sorrows and curses—that's what we've elected to do.

The First Lie

To continue:

"Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Eternal God had made, and he said unto the woman, 'Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?' And the woman said unto the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but of the fruit of the tree which in the midst of the garden, God had said, Ye shall NOT eat of it nor touch it LEST YOU DIE.' And the serpent said unto the woman, 'Ye shall NOT SURELY DIE.'" (Gen. 3:1-4.)

YOU SHALL NOT SURELY DIE—there was the *first lie* that we have any historic record of. It was *not* told by a *man*, but by the DEVIL. "You will not surely die." "You're an IMMORTAL SOUL." Or "You have an immortal soul that WON'T DIE." That's what the DEVIL said.

Continuing: "For God doth know that in the day that you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened and *you shall be as gods* knowing good and evil."

In other words, the devil said that God knows better; God has been lying to you—that's what he wanted the woman to believe.

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food"—she used her own judgment and didn't obey the law of God—she used her own human reason—. . . the tree was good for food, and it was pleasant to the eyes, and the tree was desired to make one wise; she took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her and he did eat"—the *first human sin!*

The Commandments Broken

Analyze exactly what happened. GOD is the One we obey. Do you realize that's one of the definitions of God? Whoever you obey is your God. Whatever you SERVE is your god. It might be your automobile. Maybe it's an idol. Whatever it is, that's your god.

Adam and Eve had another god in place of the true God—they broke the first commandment. They *dishonored their only Parent*. How? The genealogy of Christ goes back to Adam who was the "son of God," because God created

him. Adam was the son of God by a direct creation. Adam was not God's son by begetting or birth, but by a direct creation.

Adam not only dishonored his only Parent, but he also broke the TENTH commandment. There was LUST when the woman saw that it was good for food and desired to make one wise—vanity, egotism and pride entered into her heart.

Lust is what usually causes a person to have an inordinate desire to have something that is not legal. Lust causes you to *steal* and Adam and Eve broke the EIGHTH commandment by STEALING what was not theirs.

FOUR OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WERE BROKEN IN THE ORIGINAL SIN.

And in other ways EVERY ONE of the ten commandments were actually broken in that very first sin.

How Did Cain Sin?

Consider their first son. Genesis 4, beginning with verse 6. "And the Eternal had said unto Cain, their elder son, 'Why art thou wroth and why is thy countenance fallen?'" He had just *killed* his brother Abel. He was a MURDERER already and God was asking him about it. "If thou doest well," God said, "shalt not thou be accepted? and if thou doest not well, SIN lieth at the door."

Notice what sin was in those days—in the days of Cain! "And unto thee shall be his [Abel's] desire and thou [Cain] shall rule over him, and Cain talked with his brother, Abel; and it came to pass that when they were in the field Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and *slew him*."

He was a MURDERER. *Sin* did lie at the door.

And the Eternal said unto Cain, "Where is Abel thy brother?" And he replied, "I know not." He LIED and broke another one of the commandments. That was sin, too.

Cain broke the *sixth* and the *ninth* commandments. *Every one* of these commandments was *known* from creation, because God had *revealed* them to Adam. He thus revealed them to mankind at that time. But humanity has rejected them.

Idolatry Committed Before Abraham

Notice Joshua 22:2. "And Joshua said unto the people, Thus saith the Eternal God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nachor, and THEY SERVED OTHER GODS." IDOLATRY WAS A SIN in the days BEFORE Abraham and that was 430 years BEFORE the law of Moses!

Now turn to Genesis 35:1-4: "And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there and make there an altar unto God that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau, thy brother. Then Jacob said unto his household and to all that were with him, 'Put away the STRANGE GODS that are among you and be clean and change your garments and let us arise and go up to Bethel and I will make there an altar unto God who answered me in the day of my distress and was with me in the way which I went.' And they gave unto Jacob ALL THE STRANGE GODS WHICH WERE IN THEIR HAND."

They could hold these gods in their hands. Notice: "And all their *earrings* which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem." It was a sin to WORSHIP IDOLS and *they had idol gods in their own hands*.

The Third Commandment

Notice the THIRD commandment in Leviticus 18:3, 21, 27. "After the doings of the land of Egypt wherein you dwelt SHALL YOU NOT DO." Here's the instruction of God to the Israelites in the time of Moses, but IT WAS SIN TO BREAK THAT THIRD COMMANDMENT BEFORE MOSES!

"And after the doings of the land of Canaan whither I bring you SHALL YOU NOT DO, NEITHER shall you walk in their ordinances . . . And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire of Molech, NEITHER SHALT THOU PROFANE THE NAME OF THY GOD, I am the Eternal."

There's profanity, or profaning the name of God. Now the 27th verse: "FOR ALL THESE ABOMINATIONS have

the men of the land DONE which were BEFORE YOU"—before this generation during which the law of Moses came.

In previous generations PRIOR to the law of Moses "ALL THESE ABOMINATIONS have the men of the land DONE which were before you and THE LAND IS DEFILED." It was sin. One of the sins was to profane the name of God. Therefore, profanity—taking the name of God in vain—was a sin before Moses.

The Fourth Commandment Observed

Coming to the fourth commandment in Exodus 16:4, "Then the Eternal said unto Moses"—this was WEEKS before they came to Mount Sinai and BEFORE THE LAW OF MOSES was given or before they ever knew there would be a law of Moses—"Behold I will rain bread from heaven for you and the people may go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may PROVE them WHETHER THEY WILL WALK IN MY LAW OR NO."

Here is God's law. He was going to see whether the people would obey it before the law of Moses was given—WEEKS BEFORE they even came to Mount Sinai where the law of Moses was added.

Verse 5, "And it shall come to pass that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."

Now notice verse 22: "And it came to pass that on the sixth day that they gathered twice as much."

Verse 23: "Moses said to the people, This is that which the Eternal hath said, Tomorrow is THE REST OF THE HOLY SABBATH UNTO THE ETERNAL."

Then on the following day, verse 25, Moses said, "Eat that today, for today IS a Sabbath unto the Eternal, today you shall not find it in the fields. Six days you shall gather it, but on THE SEVENTH DAY, WHICH IS THE SABBATH in it there shall be none. And it came to pass that there went out some of the people on the Sabbath for to gather and they found none!"

God was showing them by miracles from heaven which day was the sev-

enth day. TIME HAD NOT BEEN LOST. (Write for our free booklet, "Has Time Been Lost?")

Some of them *thought* it didn't make any difference. They would wait to go out on the following day—on the Sabbath—BUT THERE WAS NONE! Did that make any difference? "And the Eternal said unto Moses, HOW LONG REFUSE YE TO KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS AND MY LAWS? See that the Eternal hath given you the Sabbath. Therefore, He giveth you on the sixth the bread of two days. Abide ye every man in his place and let no man go out of his place on the seventh day." So THE PEOPLE RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY!" (Verses 28-30.)

That was WEEKS BEFORE they came to Mount Sinai—BEFORE THE LAW OF MOSES! It was the law of God at that time.

The Fifth Commandment

Now turn to Genesis 9:21. "And he (Noah) drank wine and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brethren without. And Shem and Japheth took a garment and they laid it upon both their shoulders and went backward and they covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

Continuing: "Noah awoke from his wine and saw what his younger son had done unto him, and said, 'Cursed be Canaan, a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren, for he said blessed be the Eternal God of Shem and Canaan shall be his servant.'" (Gen. 9:21-26.)

DISHONORING A PARENT WAS A SIN and a curse was pronounced in those days.

And now notice the seventh commandment against adultery. Genesis 39:7-9, "And it came to pass after these things that his [Joseph's] master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph." This occurred when Joseph was in Egypt, long before the law of Moses. "And she said, 'Lie with me,' and he refused; and he said unto his master's wife, 'Behold my master knoweth not what is

with me in the house and he hath committed all that he had into my hand, there is none greater in his house than I, neither hath he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife. How then, can I do this great wickedness and SIN AGAINST GOD?"

Adultery was sin—hundreds of years before the physical law of Moses.

Now we come to the eighth commandment against stealing in Genesis 30, verse 33: "Everyone that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and brown among the sheep shall be counted AS STOLEN WITH ME." This is Jacob and his experience with Laban. Stealing was a sin.

We come to the ninth commandment about lying: Genesis 20, the first nine verses. "And Abraham journeyed toward the south country and he dwelt in Kadesh and Shur and he journeyed to Gerar and Abraham said to Sarah his wife, 'She is my sister.' And Abimelech, the king of Gerar, sent and he took Sarah." He was going to take her as his wife. He would have committed adultery with her, but God sent an angel to him in a dream to warn him. "Yea I know that thou didest this in the integrity of thine heart." The king, remember, heard Abraham say of Sarah, "She's my sister." "And also I"—God says — "*withheld thee from sinning against Me*; therefore, suffered I thee not to touch her."

Abraham was lying. It would also have been a *sin to commit adultery*. Of course, Sarah was Abraham's half-sister; but, nevertheless, the *intent* was all wrong. It was a lie.

What about coveting? Notice Genesis 6:1-3, 5: "And it came to pass when men began to multiply upon the face of the earth and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair, and they took them wives of all whom they chose." "God saw the wickedness"—SIN—"of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Eternal that He had made man on the earth,

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ing matter remembering the achievement of its parent dead matter and not to be outdone by its parent, begins to grow, and, with an effort that was to continue through all history, divides itself into two portions, both portions living and growing. *Living matter has now acquired the ability to reproduce after its kind.* Never mind if one of our present day laws in biology says that *acquired characteristics cannot be passed on through heredity*; these little, one-celled, primitive life forms had not yet acquired *the intelligence to know that law* so we can, perhaps, excuse them for breaking it. Yes, the theory of evolution is quite UNscientific. Life can come only from life.

The Evolution of Man

Life goes on for uncounted ages monotonously reproducing until it populates the entire globe. Restless and dissatisfied with being like their parents and looking around for a way to do the impossible, these one-celled life forms *throw the law* of "like begets like" *to the wind* and begin an extended course in evolution by becoming multiple-celled. Next, water forms climb out onto the land; fish gender birds, grass becomes a parent to trees, and a common ancestor gives rise to monkeys and to men.

Now comes the final miracle in this *dream* before the evolutionist *awakens* to the facts. From an ignorant cave man evolves a highly intelligent, clear thinking race of men.

In this enlightened era, man with his newly acquired intelligence looks back with impunity at his cave dwelling progenitor, studies his family tree all the way back, and finally discovers his first parent, *nothing*, just *nothing* at all.

Though this present day man may have had lowly ancestors, yet he is proud of their heroic struggle and especially of their end product, himself. In his pride he has no difficulty in believing the *theory he has concocted* concerning his coming into existence.

Pride always precedes a fall. This case will be no exception. The evolutionist who holds his Creator to be *nothing at all* is due for a rude awakening. The day will soon come when he will open his eyes to see the correct sequence of events

in the creation of this world and all that is in it. He is going to learn true science about which he glibly talks so much.

Question Box

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them. How could they be fruitful and multiply, unless they had BOTH sons and daughters, and their sons married the daughters?

The answer is simple. Both Cain and Seth married their sisters. There undoubtedly were many of them even before the birth of Seth.

Adam and Eve, as God had proposed, were *fruitful!* After the birth of Seth, Adam lived EIGHT HUNDRED YEARS, and "he begat sons and daughters." The sense of the passage is that he *continued* begetting sons and daughters. That is a long time—as long as though some man and his wife living back in the middle ages—way back in the year 1154—had continued to live and continually bear children ever since, clear up to now—1954! Adam was 130 years of age when Seth was born (Gen. 5:3). After that—*after* he was 130 years of age—Adam continued begetting sons and *daughters* eight hundred years!

It's almost impossible for our minds to grasp, in this fast-moving short-lived world of one or two children to a family, how many children Adam and Eve probably had during their great span of life, nearly a thousand years. It's hard for us to realize that Adam lived almost ONE-SIXTH of all the time from his creation until now. Yes, there must have been *plenty* of young women for wives for Cain, and Seth, and all their many other brothers, as the hundreds of years dragged along!

Let us also remember that it was *not* wrong to marry a sister or a brother in the beginning. No physical harm would result. Over two thousand years later—in the days of Abraham—a man could still marry a half-sister. It was not until the days of Moses that God forbade brothers to marry their half sisters (Lev. 18:6, 11).

Back in those antediluvian days, when people lived seven, eight, and

nine hundred years, they did not age as we do today. They were able to continue bearing children, undoubtedly, for hundreds of years. After the flood, due to human dissipation and living contrary to God's revealed right laws of living, the life-span of man became shortened.

By the time of Abraham, Sarah was considered too old to bear children at age 90, and Abraham thought it impossible for him to become a father again at the age of 100 (see Gen. 17:17). Isaac was born as a direct miracle. But back before the flood, and in the days of Adam, it was different—and would be today, had not men departed from the laws of living revealed by God. May God help us to STUDY to learn those laws and start living by them today.

Ten Commandments before Moses?

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and it grieved Him in His heart."

Coveting was a sin even in those days!

There you have it, every one of the ten commandments was in existence from the creation. It was sin to break any one of them between the time of Adam and Moses. What are *you* going to do about it?

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