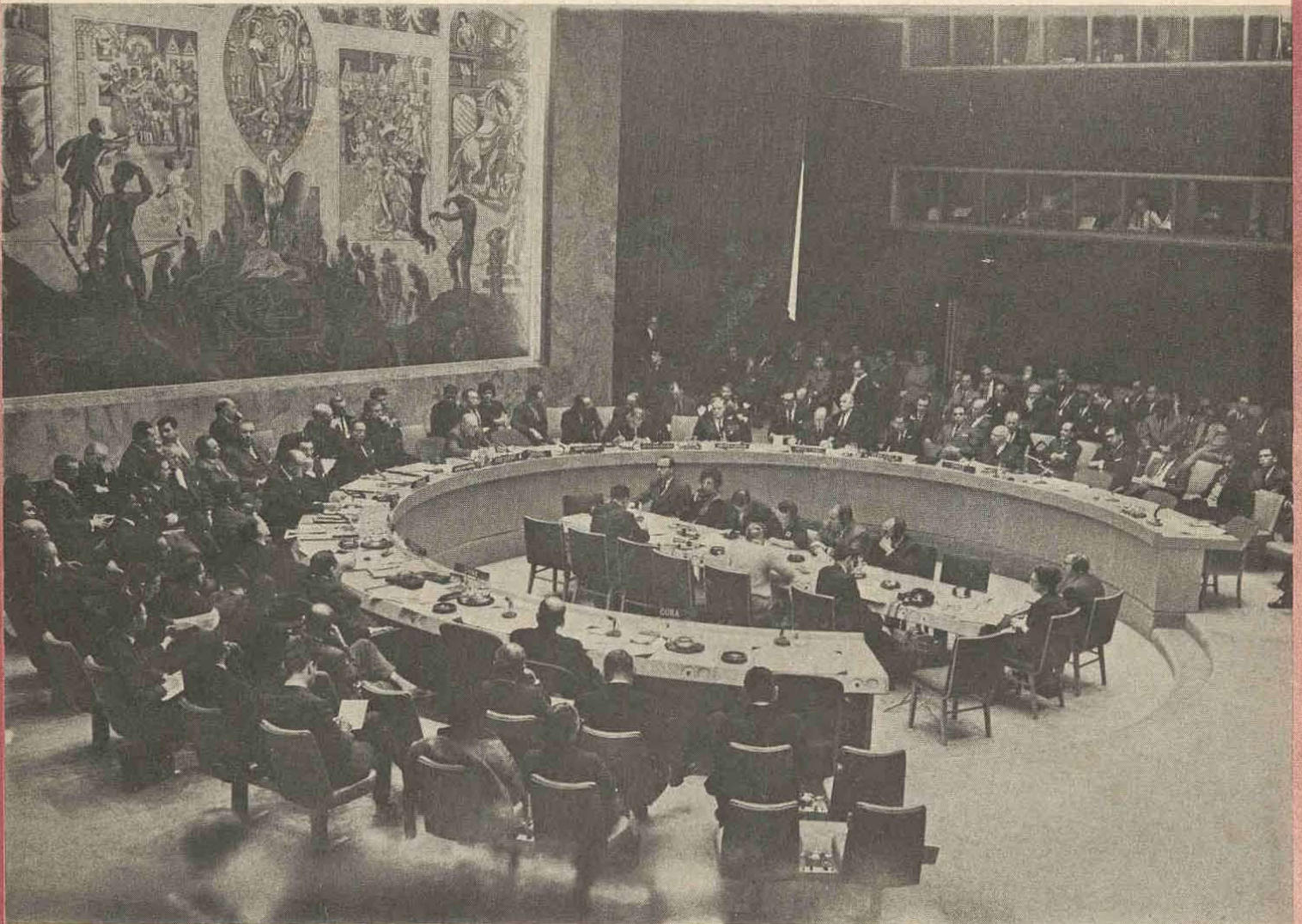


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Wide World Photo
UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS IN CUBA CRISIS. This is a general view of proceedings as United Nations Security Council meets for the second day in New York to discuss the Cuban situation. Notice Cuban delegation seated back to camera. Lead article in this issue explains the real meaning behind the Cuban crisis—and where it is leading.

What our READERS SAY

PLAIN TRUTH in Public Library in Far East

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I should be grateful if you would kindly send me a copy of The PLAIN TRUTH beginning with the next issue. I am a keen reader of your splendid magazine in my town library. I enjoy reading every issue immensely. I am looking forward to the pleasure of receiving my first copy from you soon." Man from Sibul, Sarawak, East Indies.

Communism Exposed

"Some weeks ago I wrote and requested some information on Communism. I received a back copy of the May edition of The PLAIN TRUTH which had a very interesting chapter in it about the 'Real Origin of Communism.' I would be very happy if you would continue to send this magazine to me each month."

Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

From Son of Ambassador

"I am a Liberian and I am living in Nigeria with my father, the Liberian Ambassador to Nigeria; and I listen to your Bible broadcast every day over the radio."

Listener on the new station in Lagos, Nigeria.

News Agencies "Scooped!"

"Everything you say on the radio or in The PLAIN TRUTH comes out in the news about a month or six weeks later as fact. I have found it amazing how far you are ahead of the newsmen and how accurate you are in your forecasts. My husband says, 'Turn on Armstrong and get the news.'"

Woman from Ohio.

Response to German Broadcast

"I would like to express my thanks to you again for the magazine 'Die Reine Wahrheit.' I can only say once again that there is just not another magazine like it on this whole round

earth. The articles are so thrilling that you just don't want to put the magazine down until you have read every word. I can truthfully say that I always read each issue two or three times. It always seems to me that I did not find all the hidden pearls with the first reading. I must also confess that I have changed very much inwardly. I know now for the first time what a valuable treasure the Bible is. This magazine could not be paid for with gold. For those who are thirsting for the truth, this magazine is indispensable."

Woman from Garlitz, East Germany.

"I thank you very much for your explanations of scripture. Up until now I have found no one who could explain things as clearly as on 'Die Welt von Morgen.'"

Man from Leer, West Germany.

"First of all, I would like to thank you for the literature you have sent me. I am not by any means a 'convinced Christian,' but this magazine has at least changed my attitude toward religion, from one of disdain to one of doubt. Since I have now made this step, which is probably the most difficult of all, I hope to soon put aside the remaining doubts and become a true follower of God . . . I am 20 years old."

Young man from Weidenau/Sieg, West Germany.

"Last Wednesday at 7 a.m. I heard your very informative religious program and was surprised at the power of persuasion you have in fascinating your listeners and bringing the truth of God to them.

"For that reason I have decided to request your magazine 'Die Reine Wahrheit,' for I hope to learn more about these things, which we never hear in this godless society."

Man from Stuttgart, West Germany.

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Personal from the Editor

MOST of our readers will remember my comments in this column a few months ago, concerning our vain peacock here in England.

Again I am writing from my study on our college grounds, just outside London, in England. I flew over, alone this time, for the opening of the third year of Ambassador College in England. I am here only briefly this time and it now appears I may need to fly to Australia soon after returning to Pasadena.

But I wanted to tell you about our peacock. I have missed him since returning here. He never comes around any more, to stand by the hour admiring his mirrored reflection in the full-length glass doors which open onto the terrace outside my study.

Once again, our head gardener came up with the explanation.

"Have you noticed that the peacock never comes up to your terrace to admire himself in your glass doors?" he asked with a chuckle.

"What happened to him?" I asked. "Did he get killed?"

"Oh no, not that—but he's lost his vanity for a while. It's the time of year when he's lost all his tail feathers. He hasn't any beautiful long tail feathers to strut in a circle over his head. He won't look at himself in the glass now. It gives him a painful inferiority complex." And Mr. Silcox laughed as if he enjoyed the proud bird's humiliation.

Candidly, I wondered a little, after writing that talk about vanity and self, if I could possibly be mistaken about the peacock's vanity. Could it be that it was not self-admiration, after all? Could it be that he supposed it was another bird? It didn't seem so—for he never started a fight with the bird he saw reflected in the glass, nor approached close. He simply stood at the distance where he could see himself reflected to best advantage. He would spend a big part of the day there.

But now he seems to confirm our

supposition of vanity. He is as free to strut up to the glass doors and admire himself as before. But he takes no advantage of the opportunity now. Without those glorious tail feathers there isn't much to admire.

I compared this silly vanity in the peacock to the vanity in human nature. There is one tremendous difference, however. The peacock has no mind to think about it. With him it is pure instinct. He cannot come to a realization that he is submitting to vain self-admiration. He cannot ponder about it being right or wrong. He cannot think it through, reason it out, and make the decision that he ought to restrain himself and be humble.

But when you women admire yourselves in a mirror, and begin to think vain thoughts of self-love, you are doing it knowingly with a *mind* capable of reasoning, making decisions, and enforcing self-discipline. When you men feel you are better or more important than some other men, you are doing it *rationally*, and not by instinct.

Of course it's human nature. Human nature is a tendency, with a definite downward pull. We all have it. But we also have minds. We also are capable of the knowledge of our own egotism—capable of the knowledge of what **SELF** really is, as I explained in the former editorial. We are capable of making decisions to restrain it. We have *wills* to resist self, the pride of life, lust, or coveting what we ought not have. We are held *responsible*—the beautiful but small-brained peacock is not. I hope many of our readers have done some thinking about it since my talk about **SELF** a few months ago. Are you *being changed*?

Before leaving the subject, let me say that I walked down to the small thatched-roof tool-house, beyond the Japanese Garden, the other day, to see the peahen and her lone remaining little one.

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OUR COVER

U.N. Security Council sits for second day of discussion. U.S. delegate Stevenson demanded "Yes" or "No" answer from Russian delegate Zorin concerning placement of missiles in Cuba. Zorin refused to answer. Here, seated, listening to discussion, charges and countercharges are delegations from Cuba, back to camera; then China's delegation; French delegation; Ghanian delegation; Ireland's Frederick H. Boland, addressing the Council; Romania's delegation; U.N. Secretary General U Thant; Soviet delegate Valerian Zorin, Council president; vacant seat of under-secretary for political and security council affairs, Yevgeny D. Kiselev; delegation of United Arab Republics; Sir Patrick Dean, chief delegate of United Kingdom; Amb. Adlai E. Stevenson of United States; Venezuela's Carlos Sosa-Rodriguez; and Chilean delegation.

Personal from the Editor

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It isn't so little any more. It's growing up. And, come April or May, old daddy peacock will probably be strutting back on my terrace to admire the new tail feathers soon to come.

And now, a brief comment on the late October Cuban crisis. Repeatedly I have compared the Russians to a bear. The large, ponderous bear goes lumbering along, kicking on doors. If the latch breaks and the door opens, he goes on in and takes possession. If it holds and resists, he kicks harder to see if he can break it down.

But if a ferocious lion comes roaring at him, he backs away. And if the lion shows real fight, he will retreat in a run.

Khrushchev will never back down before *TALK*. He will never retreat or give ground in a Summit Conference. Before Korea, I used to say that America had never lost a war, and had never won a Conference. I still say we have never won a Conference.

To the whole world, it appeared that President Kennedy was risking an all-out nuclear war that could destroy most or all Americans, when he ordered the United States to blockade Cuba, and to sink any Russian ships that refused to stop when ordered. Russian ship captains, steaming toward the blockade, said they were going to refuse to stop, and were going right through to Cuba. The Kremlin threatened that if a Russian ship were sunk, it meant nuclear war! Thousands in the United States were terrified—rushed to food stores, made bulk purchases, sought or frantically built bomb shelters.

But for once, the United States did not retreat before Soviet advancing force. Instead, when the bear kicked on the door of Cuba, the U.S. Naval Lion steamed straight toward advancing Russian ships in *FULL FORCE*! When the real show-down of United States *FORCE* came, did the Bear open fight on the Lion? No, the Lion showed his teeth,

roared and advanced toward the Bear—and, true to form, the Bear retreated.

In all the years I have been saying this, the Cuban crisis was the first time the American Lion showed any will to arouse from lethargy and advance with *FORCE* against the threatening, land-grabbing Bear. Until then America kept retreating.

A few years ago, we had the famous lion millions have seen in motion pictures on our Ambassador College campus in Pasadena, California. We used a number of shots of him in our television programs. He was a powerful-looking beast, yet he was allowed to walk freely over a portion of our beautiful campus grounds, entirely uncaged and unshackled. I stood not more than fifteen feet from him, unafraid—although I will admit I stood almost behind a large tree.

But there was no fight in him. Most of the time, he wanted to simply lie down on the grass and rest. His keeper said to me, "He isn't tired—he's just lazy." It took effort on the part of the keeper to arouse the lion to get on his feet and advance slowly toward the cameras.

It has seemed that during these years, while the Russian Bear kept foraging farther and farther from his lair, threatening the free world, the American Lion was too fat and well fed, or too tired, or else too lazy to arouse and drive back the invading Bear.

Yet, even if a Lion does arouse from sluggishness, and demonstrate his *POWER*, does this produce tranquil *PEACE* in a forest of wild animals? Of course not. Every wild animal is equipped by nature with some means of defense, for it also is the nature of most wild beasts to attack, to take, to kill and destroy.

There will not be *PEACE* in the jungle until that millennial day, described in Isaiah 11, when Christ shall be ruling the world with a rod of iron as *KING* of kings and *LORD* of lords. It is the picture that we were illustrating in our television program—when wild animals shall be no longer wild, but tame—and a little child, a lamb, and a lion shall play freely together.

Today, God Almighty is proclaiming to the whole world, through the instrumentalities of *The Plain Truth* and *The*

World Tomorrow program, the *GOOD NEWS* of the soon-coming *WORLD TOMORROW*, when nations will be *FORCED* to stop acting like wild beasts, and when men everywhere shall come to see at last it is, indeed, more blessed to *GIVE* than to receive—to get—to take from others. Then, when men realize that an outgoing concern for the welfare of others, as much as they have for themselves, produces *PEACE*, happiness, prosperity, universal justice, and love and abundant living, *UTOPIA* will be ours forever!

What our READERS SAY

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Well, of Course!

"I have been listening to you on radio for about twenty-five years and things are happening just as you said they would."

Lady from Hayti, Missouri.

- Don't stop listening now. The most interesting part is still coming.

First with the News

"The newspapers the other day spoke of the Russians being 'jittery'; the first time I had seen it. You, however, long before had said they were scared of what they saw in Western Europe near their borders, in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Mr. McEwen (Austr. Cabinet) said lately that things are moving very rapidly."

Co-Worker from Kernot, Victoria.

A Painful Experience

"It is a shame that such a blind man as you should try to lead others. I am referring to the article: "Did Jesus Have Brothers and Sisters?"

Reader from Sydney, Australia.

- We know how you feel, sir. It is rather painful to have cherished traditions refuted. Please notice, however, that your quarrel is with the Bible, not with *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

Accepted Challenge

"I accepted your often-quoted challenge of 'Prove it for yourself' and took a seven-day leave from the army pur-

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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

The surprising manner in which beautiful Ambassador College campus was providentially opened; and the first nation-wide baptizing tour.

INSTALLMENT 50

YES, THAT eventful year 1946 marked the very *beginning* of the ORGANIZED Work of God in these last days. And, as *TWELVE* is God's number of *organizational beginnings*, this was *twelve* years after the start of the end-time Work of God in 1934.

The most exciting and important events of that pivotal year were yet to occur. Up to this point, it had been virtually a one-man operation. But God did not intend His great mission to be carried out by any one individual. Not even the one man, Jesus Christ. It was to become the organized commission of His Church.

Not Even CHRIST Alone

The WORK OF GOD, proclaiming to the whole world the GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF GOD, was started by one man—Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ was human, born of the human virgin Mary, tempted in all points like the rest of us mortals, subject to death—and He *did* die for us all, though resurrected afterward to immortal GOD-life. He was *human*, with human nature to fight, control and hold in check.

But, unlike all other mortals, He was also *divine*. He was also GOD, as well as man, for He was begotten not by human man, but by Almighty God, and He allowed men repeatedly to worship Him. To worship any but the true GOD is sin in the first magnitude—breaking the very first Commandment.

But even though *this* man was God in human flesh, the WORK OF GOD was only *started* by Him as an individual person. The same Power of the Spirit of God that had actuated His one individual body entered into the COLLECTIVE BODY of His CHURCH—and started the organizational operation of GOD'S WORK through the TWELVE

apostles. That same day there were 120—ten times twelve, or ten twelves—who *first* were baptized by God's Spirit into CHRIST'S BODY, the CHURCH of GOD. But, later that same day, three thousand were added. The Church, as a collective, *organized* Body, multiplied rapidly in numbers and power.

Jesus Christ, who as a mortal human had *started* the WORK OF GOD, did not bow out. As the living resurrected Christ, He *sent* the Holy Spirit to empower His organized BODY, the Church of God. And He has remained continually the guiding, directing HEAD of this Body.

The Three Oppositions

This organized Body started out proclaiming the GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF GOD with great power. It was a phenomenon. It multiplied and grew. The Gospel was spread to Europe and Rome. But persecution multiplied also.

First, there was the persecution of unbelieving Jews. The opposition, those first 19 years, was primarily against the NAME of Jesus Christ.

Then came the opposition of believing Jews, who entered the Church. They clung to and taught Judaism. *Judaism was not the teachings of Moses*. It was the *pagan* system of justifying past sins by *doing penance*. The Jews construed the physical, ritualistic laws of Moses—washings, carnal ordinances with Talmudic additions—and circumcision, as doing penance by our own works. The Apostle Paul fought this, preaching that only the sacrifice of CHRIST could justify past sins, and reconcile the guilty to God.

This Judaizing opposition demanded *not* abolished law, but *more law*; the arduous works of the physical, laborious rituals originally given to teach them *the habit of obedience*. They had been merely a physical substitute *until* Christ

and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit should come.

But as the second 19-year time-cycle wore along, a new and totally different opposition entered. *This was PAGAN*. It was *an organized* conspiracy.

It was the masterpiece of Satan, by which he deceived the whole world regarding Christianity.

False apostles—"wolves in sheep's clothing"—entered in from without. They did not deny, they *accepted* the NAME Jesus Christ. That is what they came in to *get!* They attributed the phenomenal growth of God's Church to this NAME—the preaching *about the Person* of the persecuted, martyred Jesus of Nazareth, who came back through a resurrection as a conquering HERO—a great CHAMPION who triumphed over his persecutors.

Of course these pagan Nicolaitanes and pre-Christian Gnostics, who actually were the surviving priests of the Babylonian Mystery religion, did not believe there had been a resurrection. To them it was a clever gimmick. It had tremendous mass-psychology crowd-appeal. People are prone to take the side of the underdog. People in mass will follow a great CHAMPION, and shower on him HERO-worship. These pagan conspirators did not oppose the NAME of Christ, as did the unbelieving Jews. They *wanted* the NAME!

But they *did not want* the MESSAGE of Christ. They *did not want* THE GOSPEL of Christ, or any teaching about being literally *born* into the Kingdom of God—the very God-Family. They *did not want* any teaching about a coming return of Christ as KING of KINGS to RULE THE WORLD. Neither did they want any teaching about *being governed by GOD*—either now in this life, or in a coming millennium ruled by THE KINGDOM OF GOD. They knew the carnal mind is *hostile* to the spiritual LAW

OF GOD. They wanted to gain possession of THE NAME of this HERO, but they wanted none of His WAY of life or of His Message.

Jesus Christ foretold these wolves in sheep's clothing. Paul warned the Elders of Ephesus that they would enter in. Jude, writing years later, warned that they had already entered, turning GRACE into LICENSE to flout God's spiritual Law—license to SIN and still have GRACE. John, after 90 A.D., wrote about them and their doctrines of lawlessness and disobedience to the Commandments of GOD.

The Jewish opposition died out by the end of two 19-year time-cycles. But the "NO-LAW," "NO WORKS" opposition from fifth-column pagans grew. *It remains today!*

The Church "Asleep on the Job"

After one 19-year time-cycle, "A DOOR" was opened for the Apostle Paul to take the true Gospel of Christ to EUROPE (II Cor. 2:12; Acts 16:9-10). Near the end of the second 19-year time-cycle, the Roman armies under General Cestius were marching toward Jerusalem. Jesus had warned His disciples (Mat. 24:15-16; Luke 21:20-21), that when they saw invading armies approaching to Jerusalem, they were to flee to the mountains. For some reason orders from Rome brought the armies to a halt before they reached Jerusalem. The disciples of the true Church finally fled, on the east side of the Jordan river, far north to a town called Pella. Cestius' army was called back, and in 70 A.D., under General Titus, the army actually besieged Jerusalem.

That was the end of the effective ORGANIZED WORK OF GOD, proclaiming the Gospel of God's Kingdom to the world, for 18½ centuries! As revealed in the parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25), when Christ did not return to earth as soon as many of that day expected Him, "While the Bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept." So far as the JOB of proclaiming the true GOSPEL Message to the whole world was concerned, the Church went to sleep on the job.

The Great False Church

The pagan counterfeit, injected by the fifth-column priests of the Baby-

lonian Mysteries, had entered under false pretenses to embrace THE NAME of Jesus Christ. Then they went out, with CHRIST'S NAME tacked onto their pagan Mystery religion, branding the true Christians as heretics. In order to set up a public prejudice against the true Christian WAY OF LIFE, taught by Christ and the Apostle Paul, they introduced anti-Semitism, calling true Christian ways "Jewish."

In the Book of Revelation are pictured two utterly contrasting churches. In the 12th chapter the true Church of God is shown to be a persecuted Church, having to "flee to the wilderness," for 1260 years through the Middle Ages. It is the Church which suffers the wrath of Satan. It is described as those "which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

But in the 17th chapter is pictured an entirely different church, symbolized as a "Great Whore." This is a gentile church, because she committed fornication, whereas the true Church, being spiritually Israelitish (Eph. 2:11-13, 19-22), would have been described as committing adultery. Instead of accepting the resurrected *living* Christ as Lord and coming KING—the Husband to marry and *rule* the Church—she entered a fornicating relationship with the human kings of *this world*. But she is pictured as the WOMAN who "wore the trousers," ruled *over* the nations of this world. Thus she is pictured as a large, powerful, rich and GREAT church. She is guilty of the persecution and martyrdom of the saints of the *true* Church of God!

This apostate church masquerades as being CHRISTIAN. But she is not, and never was.

Her true *origin* is *not* the Church which Jesus Christ built. Her true origin is plainly labeled in verse 5: "MYSTERY, BABYLON." Or, BABYLONIAN MYSTERIES.

She is the church of ancient Assyria and Babylon. She is the church of the Satan-led priests of the Babylonian Mysteries who, as fifth-columnists, entered temporarily in, pretending to accept Christianity, in order to steal and appropriate THE NAME of Jesus Christ for their Babylonian paganism. She is the outgrowth of Satan's GREAT CON-

SPIRACY, by which he has deceived the whole world with a *counterfeit* "Christianity."

And she is a MOTHER church! Her daughter-churches came out of her, in PROTEST. They, too, clung to the "NO-WORKS," "NO-LAW" teachings. They, too, brand the true ways taught Gentile converts by the Apostle Paul with the epithet "*Jewish*."

But they do not themselves know their true origin. They are part of this whole world which is DECEIVED by this clever deception of Satan. This is Satan's world. He is the GOD OF THIS WORLD. This world has been deceived into accepting Satan as GOD. And these are his churches, actually believing they are Christ's!

The Church AWAKES!

Yes, during more than 18½ centuries, "while the Bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept." But, as the living Christ kept His Church *on the job* proclaiming HIS Gospel for two 19-year time-cycles *after His departure* from earth, so He has purposed to AWAKEN His Church to PREPARE THE WAY BEFORE HIM, by proclaiming the GOOD NEWS for two 19-year time-cycles *PRIOR to His return* to earth as KING of kings and LORD of lords to set up THE KINGDOM OF GOD to rule the peaceful and happy and joyful WORLD TOMORROW!

And so, beginning the first week of January 1934, the living Christ "*opened a door!*" (Rev. 3:8). It was the "door" of radio and the printing press, mass-media through which Christ's true Gospel could be proclaimed to the multitudes.

It was the "midnight hour," when began the fulfillment of Matthew 25:6: "There was a CRY made, 'BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH; GO YE OUT TO MEET HIM.'"

And though, as always, God started HIS WORK through humans in the very smallest manner, it came about that AFTER TWELVE YEARS occurred the BEGINNING of the ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY of His Work.

Seeking College Location

Through much of the year 1946, I was searching for a suitable location in Pasadena for the college I now knew it

was God's will to establish.

But I did not yet know CHRIST'S mind as to what constituted a suitable location. My conception was merely a building with three or four classrooms, and a small auditorium or assembly room. Of course there had to be office space for our growing mailing office. There was no thought, then, about dormitory space or housing.

After flying to Los Angeles from attending the opening session of the Security Council of United Nations in New York, at which time Mrs. Armstrong joined me, we remained for some two or three weeks recording the daily program in Hollywood recording studios, and spending all available time searching for a location in Pasadena.

It was a long, arduous, tiresome search day after day. Finally, I found a vacant lot west of the arroyo which seemed somewhat near my conception of a suitable location. It was in a residence section, where two streets joined like the base of a V at an intersection. This lot was triangular in shape, rather rounded at the base of the V. It con-

tained perhaps a third of an acre of ground. I envisioned a triangular, V-shaped building to be erected on this lot. The idea of spacious campus grounds simply did not occur to me.

With this concept in mind, I consulted two architects in Hollywood who worked in partnership. They designed preliminary sketches of the building I had in mind. When laid out on paper, the building occupied nearly the whole of the lot, leaving room only for a small patio.

We returned to Eugene, Oregon, with the problem of how to manage the purchase of the ground, and the financing of construction. This problem proved to be a real headache. We had the money for neither. The income for the work must have been between \$50,000 and \$75,000 per year at that time, but operational expenses of the broadcasting and publishing work had a habit of keeping equal with, and always trying to run ahead of income.

In June we returned to Hollywood, accompanied this time by our two sons. Dick was then approaching 18,

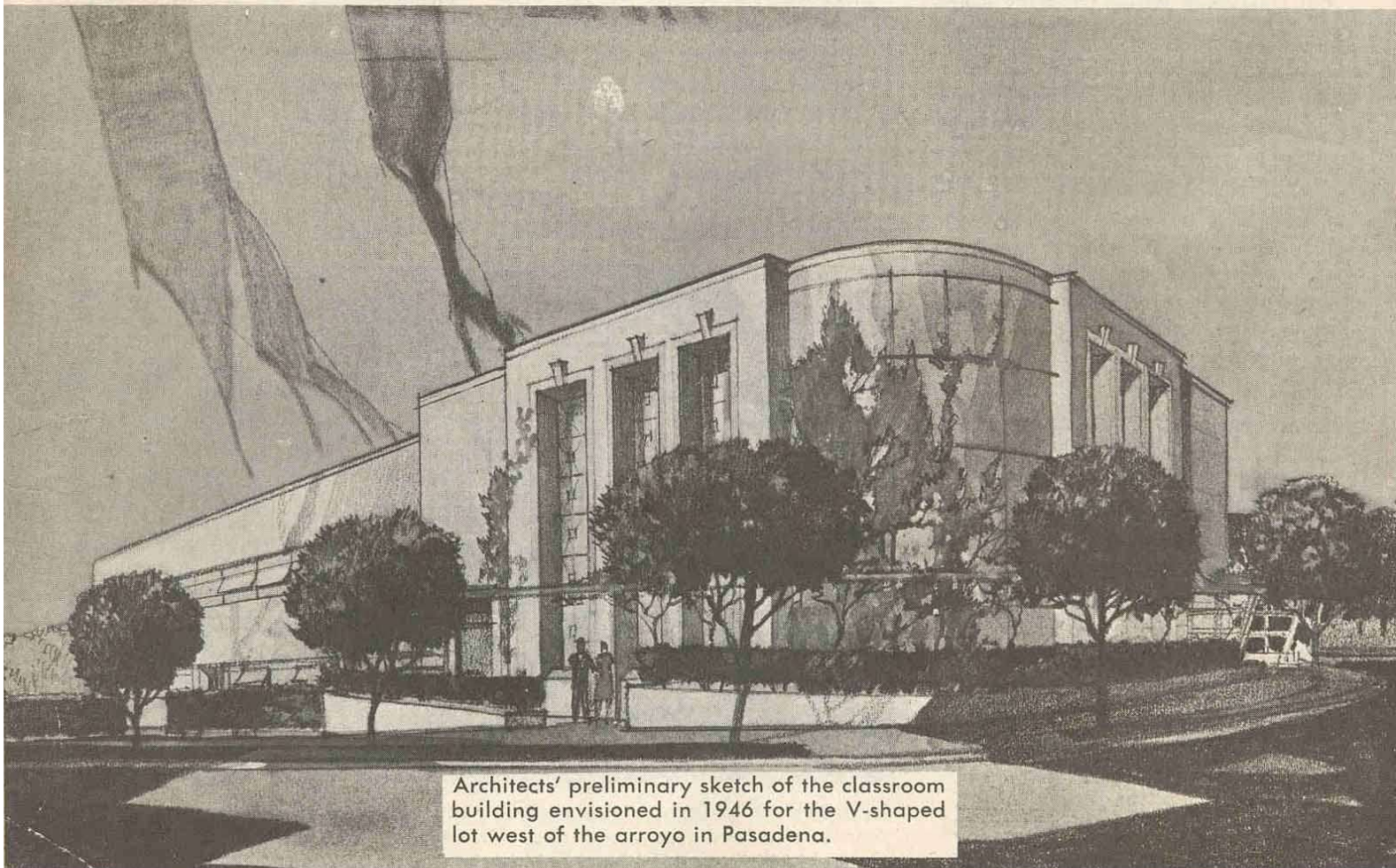
and Ted was 16. I began to feel we needed more ground. I continued the daily trips to Pasadena. Finally I found a vacant plot of some four or five lots—perhaps 250 feet by about 100 feet, on California Street, on a corner. This site would at least make possible a larger patio.

I made preliminary plans to buy it. The money was not on hand at the moment. But I planned to set aside a definite amount each week, until enough for a down payment would accumulate. I hoped to have this within three months.

The First Baptizing Tour

Meanwhile, scores of letters had been received from radio listeners Coast to Coast requesting baptism. There were requests from all over the South, the Middle West, and even Florida. You've heard people speak of things tugging at their hearts. If ever anything tugged at our hearts these appeals did. Mrs. Armstrong and I felt they could be deferred no longer.

So we had planned a nation-wide



Architects' preliminary sketch of the classroom building envisioned in 1946 for the V-shaped lot west of the arroyo in Pasadena.



During a brief stop at the Grand Canyon, while on the tour, Garner Ted made friends with a deer.

tour to visit these people personally and baptize all who were found ready. We were still driving our 1941 DeSoto. It was one of the best cars ever manufactured in America, but it was now more than five years old. While recording in Hollywood, and searching further in Pasadena, we left the car for about a week in a Hollywood garage for a complete overhaul.

Meanwhile, I spent many hours in our hotel room sorting out many scores of electrical transcription discs that had been broadcast six months or more previously, for repeat broadcast during the weeks of our tour. These had to be sent to the stations so that the program would continue daily until our return to Eugene, when I would resume recording new programs.

I felt that by our return from the baptizing tour we might have enough accumulated in a special fund for a down payment on this Pasadena plot of ground. The hope was that we would be able to pay off the balance within a year, and then, with the ground paid for, obtain a loan with a mortgage on the ground for construction of the college building.

We started the baptizing tour one evening, so that we could drive through the heat of the desert to Las Vegas during the cooler hours of the night. It must have been near 2 A.M. when we arrived in Las Vegas. The car was now in good shape mechanically, even though 5½ years old—it was in good shape, that is, all except the tires.

Perhaps many of our readers will remember the scarcity—almost non-

existence of good tires after those war years. Our tires were mostly recaps. The rubber supply had been largely shut off during the war, and tire makers had turned to synthetics. They were not yet perfected in quality as they are today.

I think it was the next day out of Las Vegas we began having our tire troubles. Time after time we had blow-outs. At one filling station a dealer sold us a recap tire which lasted just long enough to get us far enough away that we could not afford to turn back and demand a replacement. Finally, at a town in Texas, we found a man, whom I believe I baptized, who had ration coupons or some kind of priority for two or three new tires, which he insisted we take, at his sacrifice. After this we had little tire trouble.

Bathtub Baptizing

I think a few of the unique experiences of that first Baptizing tour are worth recording.

Some time before this, I had obtained in Eugene a lightweight rubber wader's suit. The soles of the feet were of heavier rubber, and the suit came up the body almost to the armpits. I used this rubber suit for baptizing. In nearly all cases we were able to find a local stream, river, or small lake suitable for the baptizing ceremony.

One night we had been delayed by previous visits by some hours in reach-

ing Lake Charles, Louisiana. It was rather late in the evening—perhaps 10 o'clock—when we arrived. We had made appointment by letter to meet a number of people at this home. They were all patiently waiting when we arrived. But there was no available river or lake for baptizing. I do not remember the details specifically. I am writing this current chapter at Ambassador College in England, and Mrs. Armstrong and Garner Ted, who might remember the details better than I, are in Pasadena. But I seem to remember that there had been rains, and there was swamp water, and it was positively unsafe—either because of snakes or poisonous matter in the water.

I do remember these people said there simply was no available water anywhere for baptizing. The idea of using the bathtub was suggested. I had never done this, or heard of it—but the requirement was enough water to "bury" the candidate in the "watery grave," and so I decided the bathtub could serve in the absence of anything else. It was a struggle to get the candidates completely "buried" in the water, but I succeeded.

We had to forego baptizing one man in Florida altogether. He said the swamp waters in the area were so dangerous he would not risk his life going into them. There was no bathtub!

On this tour we zig-zagged up and
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In a Galveston, Texas, motel. Left to right, Mrs. Armstrong, Richard David, Garner Ted and Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong took picture by setting camera before dashing to sofa.

of International Harvester, Cyrus McCormick.

The property was on a hillside. It had been magnificently landscaped, although it appeared not to have been maintained in good condition for a few years. Beside the main building, there was a four-car garage with two servants' apartments. To the east of these buildings was a beautifully contoured slope to a balustrade, and then a six-foot drop of ornamental concrete retaining wall under the balustrade, dropping to a long, level space known as "the lower gardens." This space was headed by an ornate concrete tempietto, and ended at the other end with a large square pool and a classic pergola.

I could not see how we could use the building which had been a residence, or the large garage, but it did seem that the lower level space might become the building site for the classroom building I had in mind.

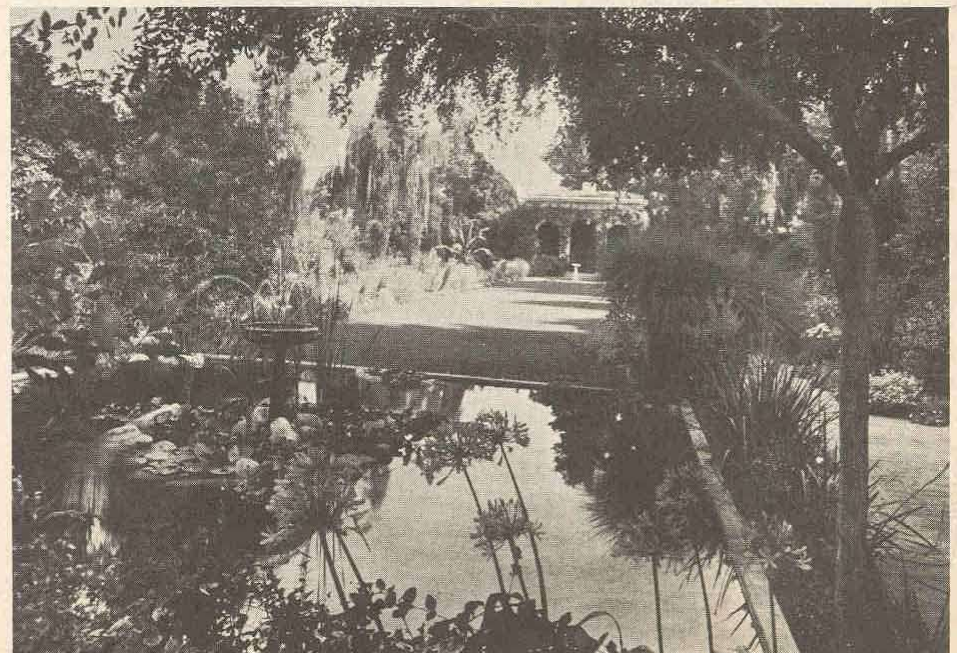
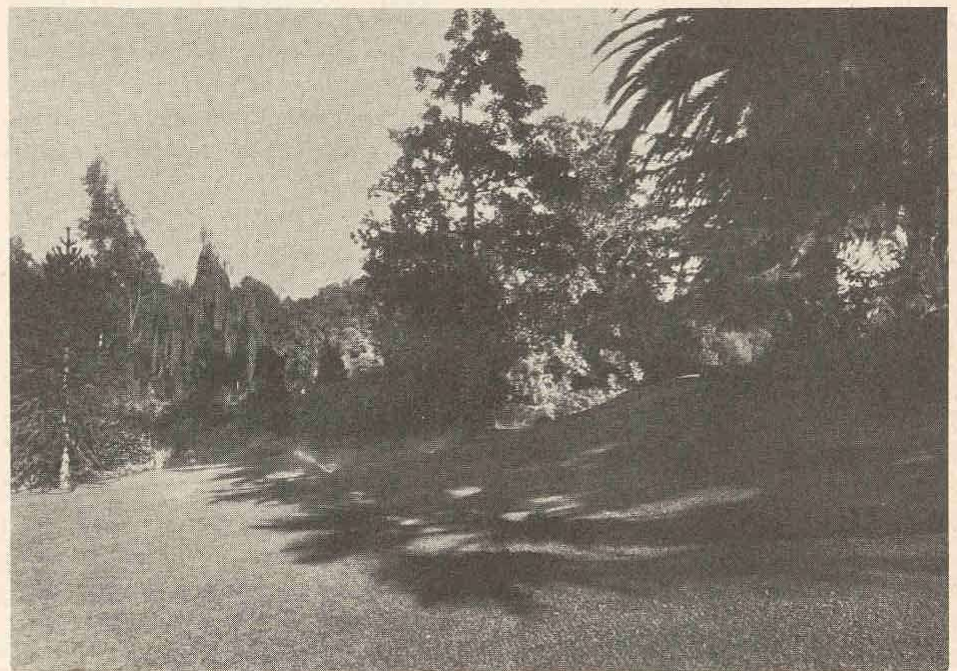
Of course this space was well grown up in weeds, but I knew we could clear that. Also there were two other fountains at either side of the tempietto, and built in as part of it.

But the price was \$100,000, and the owner, a Dr. B., whom I will not name for reasons that will be obvious, wanted cash. I shook my head. Indeed it was *not* quite what I had had in mind!

The next day, however, I began thinking it over. The thought occurred to me that it might be possible to use the big house as a classroom building. After all, I remembered suddenly that it was not designed in residential character, but was a concrete building with flat roof, architecturally of institutional appearance rather than residential.

Of course I didn't have the \$100,000 cash. Nevertheless, I called Mrs. Mc-

To the right are three early photos of the "McCormick Estate." Upper picture was taken of the elegant residence before it was remodeled. Center, the beautifully landscaped hillside, which extended from the residence down toward the lower gardens. Right, below, the lower gardens as they appeared when in the possession of the Fowlers who built the residence. The tempietto is in the distance, with square pool in the foreground. The photograph was taken from the pergola.



Cormick on the telephone, suggested this possibility, and asked if I could inspect the property once more, viewing it from this new and different angle.

She arranged another inspection with Dr. B. I could see on this visit—I had hardly taken notice of the inside of the building on the first visit—that the large living room, about 27 by 30 feet, could make a good library room, and even serve as an assembly room. The adjoining large dining room could serve as an additional library room. A small office room off the entrance hall could serve as a small classroom for ten or twelve students.

Upstairs there were three large bedrooms, of adequate size for classrooms seating from 30 to 65 or more students, beside other smaller rooms. There was a small three-room penthouse above.

Then I inspected the garage building again. The main garage room, intended to accommodate four automobiles (it had originally been horse stables, but had been rebuilt into a 4-car garage and servant-apartment building), by repouring a level cement floor, was even larger than our main larger office room in Eugene, Oregon, used as the mailing room. The apartment rooms to the rear could house our printing department. That left a small office in front, and the living apartments on the second floor could supply the other administrative offices.

For the first time I began to envision GOD'S type of college location. Here were beautiful grounds to provide a small but, once cleared of weeds and relandscaped, a magnificent campus with beautiful and majestic trees—palms, deodars, magnolias and other fine specimens.

I asked the two Hollywood architects to inspect the property.

"Why," they exclaimed, "here is your college, already built, and with a small but outstandingly beautiful campus."

The Proposition

I telephoned a boyhood Sunday-school friend at that time, Dr. Walter Homan, Dean of Student Personnel at San Francisco State College. I had previously consulted him about the found-

ing of a college. I described this property to him.

"Providential!" he exclaimed, "It sounds positively providential!"

I telephoned Mrs. Armstrong to come to Hollywood immediately, to have her opinion. She, too, felt it was just the place—and, if we outgrew it, perhaps adjoining estates could be some day acquired.

But how could we make the purchase without any money?

That, you may be sure, was the REAL problem, now. Besides, I was not yet convinced in my own mind this was the location God had selected.

An idea came to my mind. It was already mid-November. The first college term would not start until the next September—ten months away. Why not submit a proposition whereby we would start making the largest possible monthly payments, but not take possession until nine payments had been made, by the following July 1st. That would give time to prepare for a September opening.

I asked Mrs. McCormick who was the best attorney in Pasadena for the handling of a property transaction. She recommended Judge Russell Morton. I arranged an appointment, and went to his office.

Judge Morton recommended, under the circumstances, that a lease-and-option contract would be more attractive as an offer to the owner. I had suggested that we would make monthly payments of \$1,000 per month. That was certainly a maximum ambitious monthly payment for me to offer, in our financial circumstances. But 1% per month was rather common practice, and I feared any smaller offer would not even be considered. If this was where God wanted us, I felt I could rely on Him to increase the income enough to cover it.

Judge Morton suggested we draw up a contract providing for taking occupancy the following July 1st, continuing on a lease rental basis until the end of 25 months. Then the \$25,000 so far paid would become the down payment on the purchase, and we would then exercise our option, be given the deed to the property, giving Dr. B. a trust deed until fully paid.

The "Catch" in the Deal

The proposition was drawn up in legal form, and I gave it to Mrs. McCormick to present to Dr. B., with my check for the first \$1,000.

Then I prayed earnestly. I asked God to reveal His will respecting His college by causing Dr. B. to accept if that were God's will, but to cause him to reject it, if this was not the place God had chosen for His college. I realized there did not appear to be one chance in a thousand that a man who wanted \$100,000 cash would let his property go for only \$1,000 per month, with no down payment at the start whatever—and taking two whole years and one additional month to build up a 25% down payment.

I was not at all sure this was the place God wanted us—and yet it had begun to look more and more like the finest place we could possibly have. But I knew God would cause it to fall into our hands if that were His will.

I did not hear from it for two or three days. Then Mrs. McCormick told me she had the contract all signed, sealed, and delivered!

For the moment I was elated, grateful, thankful!

But what I didn't know was that apparently Dr. B. had no intention of ever letting us actually get possession. He was not a medical doctor. He was a doctor of law. He had some nine letters after his name, including the highest possible law degrees from a university second to none. He had been the Dean of the Law School of a large University.

But apparently he trusted more in his knowledge of law, and cleverness in taking advantage of it than in honest work and effort in earning a living.

As time went along, it became evident that when July 1st, 1947, arrived, Dr. B. had no intention of letting us gain possession. It appeared that his intention was to keep the \$9,000 and keep the property too.

The many events leading up to July 1, 1947, and the strategy Judge Morton, his associate attorney, and I were forced to use to gain possession, and other troubles in getting the college founded will be covered in the next and succeeding installments.

Is God FAIR?

Why has God permitted 6000 years of human woe and suffering?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

LOOK AT THE WORLD TODAY! War, famine, pestilence! Poverty, inequality, hunger, want! Sickness, disease, suffering, death! Crime, graft, dishonesty, corruption! Insanity, degeneration, decay! Unhappiness, fear, wretchedness and woe!

How, so many are asking, can a supreme, all-powerful God of LOVE permit it?

WHY does God allow devil-inspired communists to run amuck? WHY is He permitting civilization itself to crumble?

Is God FAIR?

Listen! Some men are saying, "God isn't fair!"—or "Is there a God, after all?" But what do you suppose men would say if God took away their right to think and do as they please? For God could never stop this awful carnage without FORCING men to act according to HIS will—denying them a free will of their own!

It is *men's ways*, so contrary to God's ways, that have brought this unhappy state. And they have brought on all the world's sorrows and anguish *in spite* of the pleadings of God. He says, "Your ways are not my ways."

God's ways, had they been followed, would have led inevitably to peace, happiness, prosperity and joy. God always has revealed to men His ways. Always He has pleaded with the human family.

Suppose God had taken the only alternative. Suppose He had FORCED men, against their wills, to have lived according to HIS laws?

Can't you almost hear the defiant, rebellious, stiff-necked human race indignantly screaming at the Almighty: "You can't cram your religion down *my* throat!" For it *is* a matter of religion. Can't we see that, had God followed that course, more than ever men would have shouted, "GOD ISN'T FAIR!"

For six thousand years men have lived in defiance of God's laws. Had God denied them this right to be wrong, men would have accused God of injustice, demanding freedom to follow their own ways.

God's Plan has for its purpose the creating of perfect CHARACTER in beings that are separate entities from God yet members of the very family of God. Character cannot be created automatically by fiat—it must be developed through *experience*!

Nor could character be instilled without free moral agency. To achieve this great purpose—that of producing the supreme pinnacle of all God's creation, sons of God having perfect character, man has to be *convinced*, of his own free will, that God's laws are JUST, and that His ways are the only right ways for man! Man must turn to them, voluntarily! This lesson could be learned *only by EXPERIENCE*!

In the beginning, Satan appeared to contest the wisdom of God's Law. This law is, simply, LOVE for God, and love for neighbor, as defined in the ten broad principles of the Ten Commandments. A fundamental, spiritual, eternal law. The philosophy Christ taught is that it is more blessed to GIVE, than to receive. But Satan argued for the GETTING way. Competition, he argued, is the life-blood of activity. Self-desire provides incentive to endeavor. Vanity spurs to action. And so, in Satan's philosophy, self-desire, competition, strife, provide the root-principle for accomplishment. The way of GETTING is the way to progress and advancement.

Had not God permitted this selfish way to be tried, tested, and demonstrated, God's creatures could argue throughout eternity that they had been denied the better way.

The Devil's WEEK

And so God turned over to Satan ONE WEEK, consisting of seven thousand-year days, in which to *demonstrate* the falsity of this way—the way of greed.

During this week of seven thousand years Satan was permitted to retain DOMINION over all the earth. "Six days," God said, "thou shalt labor and do all thy work"—his work of deception and hate—"but the SEVENTH day is the Sabbath

of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work." Six thousand-year days have been permitted Satan for his labor of DECEPTION. Even then his dominion has been limited to the power of influence and suggestion. Never has God permitted even Satan arbitrarily to force men against their wills.

And so for six thousand years men have been left free to accept the self-seeking competitive philosophy of Satan, or to follow the Golden Rule of God. And for six thousand years Satan has labored. And mankind has fallen for his delusion!

Satan's philosophy is the philosophy of the world today. On it our present civilization has been built. A civilization men love and cherish, and for which they patriotically sacrifice their lives! A civilization developed on desire for self-gain, competition, strife! In it success is determined by HOW MUCH a man has been able to GET, not on how well he has served.

God has never left men in ignorance of the TRUE way of life. Always He has made known the true values—the way of His spiritual law of Love! Continually God has pleaded, with patience and in love. He pleaded through Noah in the days before the flood. He set up a nation of His own on earth, pledged to follow HIS laws, dedicated voluntarily to God's ways of life. But Israel turned from God's ways, and persecuted and killed God's prophets!

God sent His only begotten Son to point men back to the true paths. And Him, too, men rejected and killed!

During these six thousand years since Adam, men continually have spurned God's love, rejected His Law, turned a deaf ear to His prophets and His true ministers. They have built a world after the false philosophy of Satan, replete with its pagan customs, traditions and beliefs. Today people are hopelessly engulfed in these false ways, but, being deceived, realize it not at all!

Satan is revealed as the "GOD of this world" (II Cor. 4:4). The original *inspired* Greek should properly be trans-

lated, "the god of *this* AGE." And this worldly civilization worships its GOD. The appalling fact unrealized by the world is that Satan, not the Eternal, is its god! The Creator God "is *not* the author of confusion," we read in I Cor. 14:33. Its real author is Satan, the world's god! And so he has his many denominations and sects, all striving in a babylon of confusion!

The Devil's WORK

There is just one thing, it seems, that *all* Satan's ministers can agree upon. "God's LAW," they chorus in unison, "is DONE AWAY!" Yes, they have to tell that in order to draw their salaries! Today the people of organized religion refuse to HEAR the Law of the Lord (Isa. 30:8-11). They demand that their ministers preach the soft and smooth things—the deceits! They have turned away from the TRUTH, and are accepting and believing FABLES (II Tim. 4:2-4). They are BITTER against God's Law, and against the few who have courage today to proclaim the PLAIN TRUTH of God's Word!

Yes, Satan has *organized* religion. He himself appears, not as a devil with horns and a tail bearing a pitch-fork, but "is transformed into AN ANGEL OF LIGHT" (II Cor. 11:14). His ministers are transformed *as* the ministers of righteousness, appearing AS the apostles of Christ! (Verses 13, 15). But they are preaching "another Jesus" (Verse 4), in the power of "another spirit," and deceiving men with "another Gospel" than the true Gospel of the Kingdom which Christ brought and Paul and all the apostles preached! (Gal. 1:6-7).

Satan's congregations go in for much FORM. "Having a FORM of godliness, but denying the POWER thereof: *from such turn away,*" plainly warns God's Word! (II Tim. 3:5). The present wordly order—its competitive principle, its customs and traditions, its political systems—are upheld by Satan's churches within every land! Truly, ALL nations are deceived! (Rev. 17:2, 18:3).

Jesus Christ appeared 1900 years ago as a messenger bearing a Message from God. He brought to an unhappy world steeped in false ways the "GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF GOD." A Kingdom

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

"I have heard you say many times that the Bible does not contradict itself. Now Matthew 27:9 is supposedly a prophecy from Jeremiah. Yet it cannot be found in Jeremiah. How would you explain that?"

Many carelessly *assume* that Matthew 27:9 is quoted from Jeremiah. Let's not assume! Read this scripture and see what it actually states.

Matthew, under inspiration, wrote: "Then was fulfilled that which was SPOKEN by Jeremy (Jeremiah) the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value" (Matt. 27:9).

Notice! the Prophecy was SPOKEN,

now, soon, to replace these crumbling governments of earth!

That Kingdom today is near at hand—*even at the doors!* (Luke 21:31).

Thank God, we are near the END of the six working days allotted to Satan's dominion. God's thousand-year Sabbath day is just about to dawn!

There is a saying that it is darkest just before the dawn. Now we see on every hand the final fruitage of men's ways. Written in unerasable blood, in human misery, anguish and despair, is the six-thousand-year record of EXPERIENCE!

Even now men will not heed this horrible lesson—not until they are FORCED to see it!

But, as Satan's sixth "working day" closes, God is about to step in and supernaturally to interfere!

The coming seventh millennium—typified by the feast of tabernacles—shall see Satan restrained. Christ will return to rule the earth with all the power of God. God's New Order for the next thousand years will restore peace, happiness, and joy.

Then men may look back over this

written, by Jeremiah!

Some so-called "higher critics" say the word *Jeremiah* should be amended to read *Zechariah*, as this prophecy is found *written* in Zechariah 11:13. This is not so! The original Greek used here is, in all authoritative texts, Jeremiah, not Zechariah.

The answer is simple!

Jeremiah *spoke* a prophecy. Zechariah, writing at a later time, was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write this prophecy as a part of the very Word of God.

If only people would believe what is written and not *reason* their way around it, they would plainly see the Bible doesn't contradict itself. "The scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35).

present world, and COMPARE! *Never* will God FORCE a single human being, against his own will, into salvation and eternal life.

But, with the seven-thousand-year record of EXPERIENCE set plainly before seeing eyes, do you think anyone will *want* to return to these ways we seem now to love? Not many, you may be sure of that! Yet some, even then, will rebel.

Finally the world shall acknowledge, of its own free volition, that God's ways are right. "Christ," says the Scripture, "learned obedience by the things which He suffered!" (Heb. 5:8). Even He who never did wrong! "And *being MADE perfect*"—through experience—"He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him."

Some day we shall look upon GOD'S Plan with breath-taking admiration and awe! The suffering of this present time shall have faded completely from mind. The lessons of experience we shall have with us for eternity! Finally humanity shall accept God's ways of life, KNOWING that they are right ways. The happiness and joy we shall then experience

cannot be conceived by our minds today! Thru all eternity we shall worship and praise the Eternal God for His wisdom, His mercy, His LOVE!

Do you think anyone, then, will look back and say, "God isn't fair?"

What our READERS SAY

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posely to determine the truth of the Sabbath Day. For one week I poured through historical literature from the greatest minds of the centuries, and the product of my search, without a doubt, firmly convinced me that the true Sabbath is not, as I have always been led to believe, Sunday, but rather the traditional Jewish Sabbath; Friday sundown to Saturday sundown."

A sergeant from Fort Bliss, Texas.

Some Won't Like It

"My son and his wife have been listening to your program each night. Why, I don't know, but now they tell us that you said anyone celebrating Christmas was doing the same as the heathen who worship idols. I don't like that and I am sure there are millions of people all over the world who won't like it either."

A Mother from Utah.

- It is too bad some don't like what the Bible says. We didn't write the Scriptures, but any who really wish to obey God and would like to know what the Bible has to say about celebrating Christmas should read Jeremiah 10 and write for the FREE booklet "The Plain Truth about Christmas."

Received Personal Help from Broadcast

"Just how you can give so much personal encouragement and instruction is almost supernatural! I know you speak to millions, but often it seems you have 'read my troubles and questions.' Dozens of times I have thought I should write you a thank you. Several weeks ago a program about husband-wife relationship was especially helpful."

Woman from Powell, Nebraska.

- We have no way of knowing how

many marriages the article "How to Have a Happy Marriage" has actually saved, but those who have written us are multiple hundreds!

"I Don't Read Your Magazine"

"Would you please stop sending me The PLAIN TRUTH magazine. I am just 15 years old. I don't read your magazine and I don't understand it, besides my pastor said it was not good to read. You are wasting God's money by sending it to me."

Young Girl from Texas.

- Well, of course, you can't understand if you don't read it. But your pastor wouldn't know anything about The PLAIN TRUTH unless he were a regular reader himself!

In a Position to Know

"I want you to know that I consider the Bible Correspondence Course the MOST worthwhile project I have ever undertaken. How easy it is to connect the things I am learning in it with the things I have seen in my travels in Europe and here in the Far East. It is truly an eye-opener in these perilous times of confusion. Oh! how I hope we in the U.S.A. will wake up to the truth."

An American traveling in Japan.

Defends Tradition

"Boy, if I couldn't think of something better to say than to condemn some of the oldest traditions known for children—such as decorations and Christmas trees, Halloween disguises and merriment, as well as Easter-egg traditions—I'd sure get off the air and stay off! If you knew what the average public thinks of you, you would go hide."

From Missouri.

- If the Apostle Paul had cared what the average public thought of him he could have avoided being stoned and imprisoned. But he did his job regardless of what some few thought. Anyone can check the truth of what we say in his own public library!

Couldn't Afford to Tithe

"We haven't been tithing for some time, but we should have been. After we quit tithing, things did get rough. It seemed as if there was always something popping up to take twice the amount of our tithes. And we have gotten

further in debt than we ever were before. Things aren't any better than they were a year ago, but I have decided to tithe anyhow. In fact, things are a lot worse, but this time I have already promised God that I will tithe, even if I starve to death."

Albright, West Virginia.

- More of our readers need the booklet "Ending Your Financial Worries."

Guilty of Lying

"I was shocked almost to my knees when I read this article in The PLAIN TRUTH, 'Is there a Real Hell Fire?' I have been brought up to believe so many false things about hell and heaven. I have been teaching my children falsely about hell and also heaven. But, I promised God I won't be guilty of lying about this any more. Since, I look into the plain Word of God."

Woman from Ridgeway, South Carolina.

- If any have not read this revealing article in the July PLAIN TRUTH, write for a back copy immediately and also another eye-opening reprint "Will You Go to Hell?"

Was Teaching Precepts of Men

"Since last February I have been seeking the Word of God. I found that in the Sunday School Class I have been teaching, the lessons outlined for us to teach are precepts of men. I tried to teach what the Bible tells us about these subjects and the class members said I was teaching false doctrine. I am having difficulty in dividing the Lord's Word from man's word. Your magazine has helped me more than any other source."

From Utah.

Brings about Change in Children

"I take the Correspondence Course and gather my three children around me every night and ask them questions from the course and tell them where to find the answer. They, in this way, get acquainted with the scriptures and get a knowledge they need so desperately. It is bringing about a great change in them also and they look forward to these sessions."

Man from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

- That's the way to study the Bible with your family.