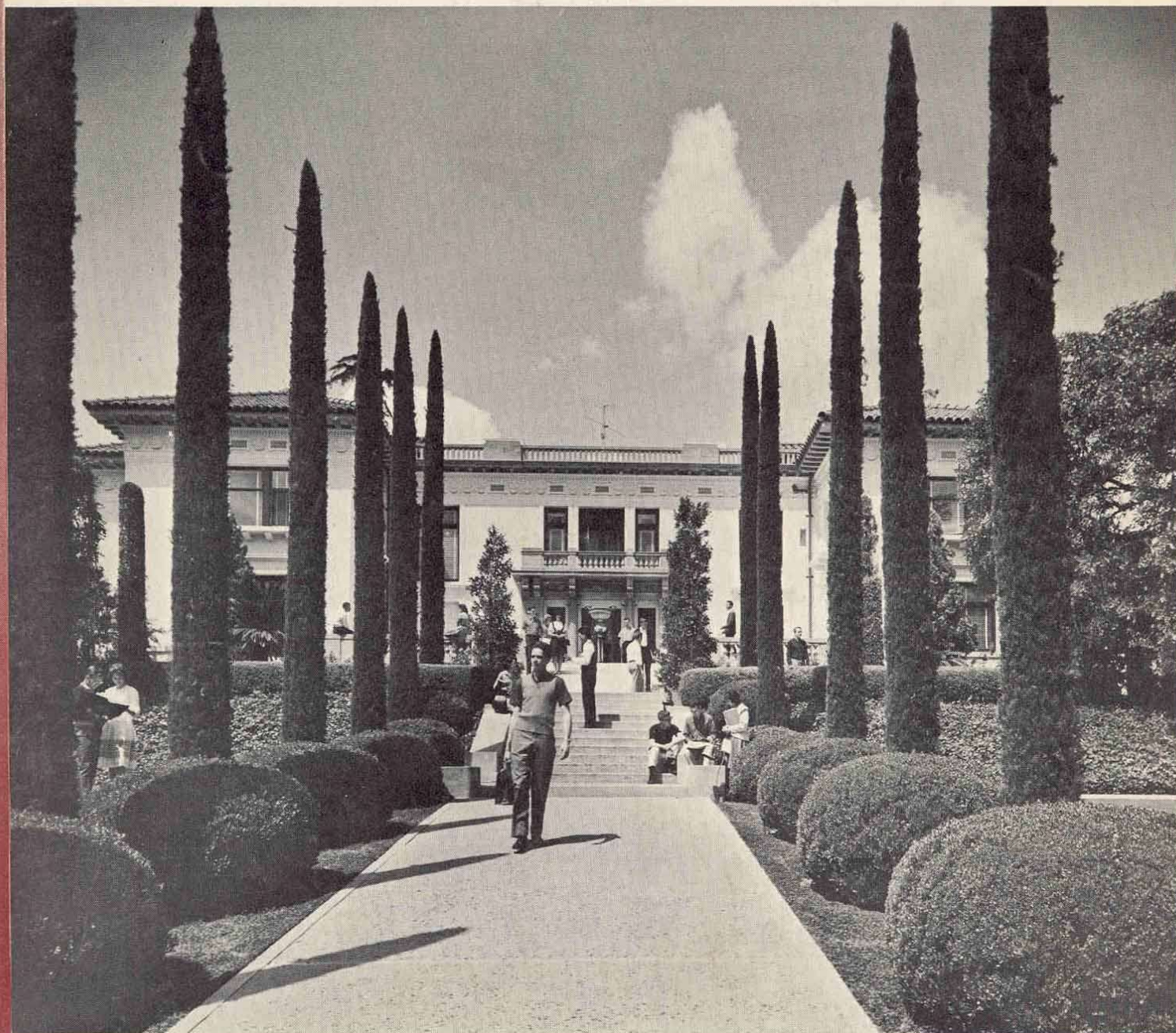


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# What our READERS SAY

## Evolution

"Thank you very much for *The PLAIN TRUTH*. My heart goes out to those suffering faithful evolutionists so frantically searching for their Missing Link. I humbly suggest that perhaps if they were to change the object of their search from Halfman-Halfmonkey to, say, the Halfmonkey-Halfcoconut they may eventually succeed in their quest; at least the latter do have this much in common, they both hang from trees, have hair all over them and neither can talk!"

Jack H., Inglis, Florida

"I am a girl in the eighth grade. About a week ago in school some of my friends and I were arguing whether evolution was true or false. One of my friends brought to school one of your articles pertaining to evolution. It was so convincing and interesting that I would also like to get your magazine, *The PLAIN TRUTH*, regularly. I also enjoy your broadcast, *The WORLD TOMORROW*, on radio station KULA."

Cecilia T., Honolulu, Hawaii

## New Readers

"My aunt has been receiving *The PLAIN TRUTH* for quite some time. Until recently, however, I paid little or no attention to it. Just the other night I picked up the May '64 copy and started reading it. Much to my surprise, I couldn't put it down until I had read it completely. I then started reading all of the other issues that she has and am awaiting the next with very little patience. I find that many things I have believed in have been completely incorrect."

Dale C., Long Beach, California

"I have just received the May *PLAIN TRUTH*. I look forward to each issue with happy anticipation. I read first the 'Letters from Readers,' then the 'Personal.' I am so happy with the discovery of your work."

Regina P., Poolville, Texas

## Postal Clerk Writes

"Saw a copy of your publication *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Where can I obtain a copy? Can you send me a copy and bill me, or bill me then send me a copy? Am a postal clerk, at Cincinnati Annex. I saw the list of articles in your publication and would like to read them. The Post Office frowns on our reading other people's mail. This was a May, 1964 issue. I am a deacon in . . . (name of denomination)."

Elmer C. T., Newton, Ohio

• *Here's your own copy, Elmer—FREE.*

## Twelve Apostles

"I am receiving *The PLAIN TRUTH* and find much to make me think and ponder. The article 'Where Did the 12 Apostles Go?' is especially interesting. I want to know more."

Gertrude C., Moscow, Idaho

"I received my May *PLAIN TRUTH* magazine yesterday, and how thrilled I was to read where the Apostles went to the ten lost tribes and about who built the pyramid in Egypt, something I've wondered about."

Mrs. Clyde S., Wewoka, Oklahoma

"I wish to express appreciation for the two articles 'Where Did the Twelve Apostles Go?' and 'Who Built the Great Pyramid?' by Herman L. Hoeh in the May issue of your magazine. The writer certainly has done some masterful 'digging' to obtain material for his subjects."

Lela M., Denver, Colorado

## Up from Slavery

"Will you send me a copy of your new book, please. I have your books for a long time. I am 103 years old I think. I was born the year my mother was freed from slavery. Why did people have slavery?"

Mrs. Lishia McC., Georgia

• *For the same reason people hate, war and violate all of God's laws. Human*

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# Personal from the Editor

OF COURSE you've heard the story about the three men in hell. The Catholic asked the Jew, "Why are you here?"

"Because I ate some pork," he replied; "but why are *you* here?"

"I ate roast beef on Friday." Then they turned to the Christian Scientist. "And why are *you* here?" they asked.

"Me? Oh, I'm not here," came the answer.

Some may believe that matter is illusory or non-existent. But it's no illusion—you and I *are here* in this world of the living.

But WHY?

Do you know you were put here *for a PURPOSE*? Do you know what that purpose is? Are you sure?

Several years ago Queen Elizabeth gave birth to her first son. Everyone in Britain knew—and much of the world knew—that her son was born for a purpose. They knew he was born to become a king. From birth he has been receiving training to prepare him to be a king.

But if I should tell you that *YOU* were born *to be a King*—and a *ruling King* at that—you'd probably expect me to tell you also that I, myself, am Napoleon. But I am not Napoleon. And I *do* tell you, on authority of the living Jesus Christ, that *you* definitely *were* born for that very purpose! Ever sing that old hymn "*I'm the Child of a King*"? Did it ever occur to you that the child of a King is *heir* to the King's throne? Read Romans 8:16-17.

WHY has the real purpose of life been hid from the world? WHY must the world remain oblivious to the real *meaning* of life?

Search, in this world, for the answers! The world does not have the answers! WHY?

Go on a quest for the truth. Ask the question: Is there any *PURPOSE*? Is there any *meaning* to life? Do we know why we are here—where we are going—what is *THE WAY*—what lies ahead?

Let's ask Science. Let's ask Education.

Let's ask Government, Religion, Technology, Industry. Do any of them have the answers?

Dr. Fred Hoyle gives his answer in his book *The Nature of the Universe*. He speaks of this wholly fantastic universe in all its incredible order and precision, yet leaving mankind with scarcely a clue as to whether there is any real significance to human existence. He wonders *why* the universe is as we find it, and not something else. Or, he wonders, *why* is it here at all? At present, he says, we are without a clue to the answers.

This scientist stands in awe of the fact that man possesses intelligence so powerful that he can penetrate deeply into the wonderful universe, yet he is left without the smallest clue to his own fate!

Did you ever hear of the grandmother who searched over the whole house for her mislaid eyeglasses, when all the while they had merely been shoved up on her own forehead? Scientists look 'way off in the remote regions of endless space to find the reason for their own existence, when all the while the answers are on their own bookshelves—probably covered with dust—in the one Book they never read—unless in skepticism and doubt.

Let's ask the Nobel prize-winner, Dr. Harold Urey. He replies: "Science gives us no purpose in living beyond having a pleasant existence in one way or another."

What, then, do scientists live for? Well, they are fascinated and inspired, he says, by the intriguing and magnificent things which they study. Yes, one can occupy his mind, for a while, with a hobby, a study, or almost any interest. But it's a *passing* interest. It doesn't answer our questions.

But if scientists may enjoy being wrapped up, for the once, in the fascinating things they study, what does science give the ordinary man? "But Science," answers Dr. Urey, "does not

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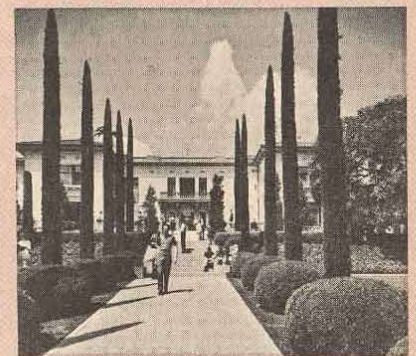
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Ambassador Hall is the main classroom building ("lecture hall" to our British readers) at Ambassador College in Pasadena, California. The College at Pasadena was the first founded—in 1947. Then, in 1960, a sister institution was established near St. Albans, in Great Britain. This year, a third Ambassador College—in Texas—will open its doors to students. College Bulletins for the American institutions are available for prospective students. Interested young people in Great Britain, Continental Europe, Australia, South Africa should write to our London address for the Ambassador College Prospectus.

# Personal from the Editor

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give the ordinary man, whose daily life is often drab, . . . any motive that gives him a feeling of dignity. . . . One of the great needs of this age is a great interpretation which can accept the facts of Science and at the same time give inspiration to fill this great void."

But I wonder what he really means by the *facts* of Science? Science too often expresses its "facts" in terms of: "We cannot know, but we are coming to suppose thus and so. . . ." Or, "Many are of the opinion, that. . . ." Or, "It is coming to be believed. . . ." Or, "We may well assume. . . ." Or, "Assuming such and such hypothesis to be true, it naturally follows that such and such is a fact." Then all these speculations, hypotheses, guesses, and imaginary fables are *assumed* to be "facts." All too often, that is.

Of course, there *are* many established *FACTS* of Science—facts that have been *proved* facts. And, if Scientists only knew, the *true* "interpretation", which can come only from God, *does* completely square with the true and proven *facts* of Science. And it does, at the same time, fill that void and inspire to joy unspeakable!

So Science does not have the answers. Science turns out to be a false messiah, after all.

Let's ask Education. Thoughtful men have said that KNOWLEDGE is the one solution to all our ills. "Give us sufficient KNOWLEDGE," they say, and all problems will be solved."

Look, first, at the colleges and universities where this education is being disseminated. Student enrollments are on a rapid increase—at an all-time high. But also there is a rapid rise in discontent, disillusionment, a sense of hopelessness and a "what's the use" attitude. And there is an accompanying rise in illicit sex, in premarital pregnancies, in mental illnesses, in drunkenness and in suicides. *Among students!* Plainly, the instruction they are receiving is not giving them the answers they need.

Then look at the product of this world's education. The world leaders—the politicians, the scientists, the industrialists, the professional people—they are the product. They have the KNOWLEDGE.

Is, then, KNOWLEDGE the solution? Will KNOWLEDGE solve all the problems, end the world's ills? The KNOWLEDGE acquired by these people has not brought world peace. It has not ended hunger and want. It has not brought health, happiness and joy.

Take a few specific examples at random. The technicians invent toothbrushes, the chemists produce toothpaste formulas, industry "educates" the public to "brush after every meal." Each toothpaste brand contains that one special ingredient, contained in no other, that will result in "fewer cavities," and end tooth decay. So the world responds. Frantically the people brush, while the manufacturers pile up huge profits. Result? Tooth decay increases.

I do not say all this brushing *causes* the decay. The point is, they either do not know, or in the interest of volume sales and mounting profits do not tell you, that the cause is faulty diet. But, then, if they crusaded against starch, sugar, and fats, *that* would threaten the profits of the flour millers, the sugar refiners, the breakfast-cereal companies, and a host of other commercial enterprises.

The more doctors we have, the more sickness and disease there is to be treated. The more psychiatrists, the more mental cases. *WHY?* Do the doctors *cause* the sickness, the psychiatrists the mind-slippage? No, of course not. *But*, neither do they deal with and *prevent* the causes. They treat the effect, while they let *other* commercial outlets increase the *CAUSES*.

So, Science cannot give the answer.

Education has gone materialistic and does not have the answers.

The world has tried about every form of government the human mind can devise—but none has brought world peace, universal prosperity and economic security, or given us the real *MEANING* of life.

Technology, Industry, the world of Business has never provided the answers.

And Religion? None of this world's religions know *WHY* mankind is here, *what* is his potential destiny, how to achieve it or to be happy along the way.

Do you know *WHY* none of the world's religions have the answers? It is because *NOT ONE* of them has for the *SOURCE* of its religion *THE TRUE AND PURE WORD OF GOD!* People *suppose* their religion came out of the Bible. I supposed that what I was taught as a boy in Sunday School came out of the Bible. Then, nearly 38 years ago, when I was angered and challenged into my first real *STUDY* of the Bible, I was shocked with amazement to see that I had been taught the diametric *OPPOSITE* of the teachings of the Scriptures!

The Bible *nowhere* teaches that man's destiny—if he receives salvation—is to go to heaven, and to bask in idleness and ease in heavenly sunshine.

It *does teach* that man's potential is to *BECOME A KING*—an actual *ruling KING!* It teaches that he is going to rule people *right here on this earth*, not in heaven!

Notice the very words of the resurrected, glorified, living Jesus Christ: "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and *HE SHALL RULE THEM* with a rod of iron" (Rev. 2:26-27). Again: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me *in my throne*, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne" (Rev. 3:21).

The Father's throne is heaven (Psalm 11:4; Isa. 66:1; Mat. 5:34). But Jesus' throne is to be *ON EARTH*—the throne of David, at Jerusalem (Luke 1:32). Jesus says that "saved" Christians shall sit on *that* throne with Him, ruling the nations!

The "saved", in the resurrection, shall be *KINGS*, and priests, and shall *reign* with Christ a thousand years (Rev. 20:4, 6) and *ON THIS EARTH* (Rev. 5:10).

Jesus Christ preached the *GOSPEL!* *Which Gospel?* Always the Gospel of the *KINGDOM OF GOD!* A Kingdom is a *GOVERNMENT*. The twelve original apostles were commissioned to preach the Gospel of the *KINGDOM OF GOD* (Luke 9:2). They did. Philip did (Acts

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# The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

*Our son Garner Ted returns from Korea. The Work of God begins in Europe. First evangelistic campaign in the British Isles.*

## INSTALLMENT 66

NOW I should like to get back once again to the year 1952. In recent chapters I have been covering the development of Ambassador College, the growth of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, the progress of the broadcast up to the ABC Network transcontinental, on through the television program, and the policy of *daily* broadcasting.

But, after all, this is my autobiography—the story of my life. Of course this great work of God into which the living Christ plunged me actually *is* my life. The progress of the College, the broadcasting, and the publishing are the activities to which my life is devoted. But then, there is also the more *personal phase* of these activities.

### Garner Ted Returns

1952 was the year of pioneering activities which paved the way for expanding the Work to Britain and Europe.

I have recorded, earlier, how my younger son, Garner Ted, on reaching age 18 in February, 1948, had joined the Navy without my knowledge or consent. He had been acting office manager for some time in the Naval base near San Diego, then shipped on the giant aircraft carrier *Antietam* to the Korean battle area. That was the first war the United States fought without winning. Our people had won their last war!

On Friday, May 2, 1952 our whole family was in San Francisco, anxiously scanning the Pacific beyond the "Golden Gate," for the return of the *Antietam*. It was an exciting moment as we saw, through binoculars, this great ship emerging over the horizon. "Our Ted" was on it, *coming home!*

As the giant carrier steamed gracefully under the Golden Gate Bridge, we were on the shore, energetically striving to catch a glimpse of Ted. It

was an emotional experience for the whole family—Garner Ted included. After the ship docked at the U. S. Naval docks at Alameda, in San Francisco bay, we were able to go on board. Ted was assigned as our guide to show us over the ship, but he was unable to obtain leave to go ashore until the following day. He received his discharge from the Navy May 16th.

At that time Garner Ted had a "great" ambition. He had a good singing voice. His supreme ambition was to become a night-club singer—or a sort of second Frank Sinatra. Of course, he was sure he would completely outdo Mr. Sinatra. You must remember Ted was still totally unconverted. The TRUTH of God was only "Dad's religion," which he viewed with scorn, disdain and a prejudicial notion that it was nothing he wanted. He was rather cocky in his own conceit—just as his Dad had been prior to *his* conversion. What an incredible, impossible-appearing CHANGE the power of GOD in one's life can make, once one is brought to *real* repentance and true conversion! When that change took place a little later, the "Sinatra ambition" vanished. But this had not yet happened to Garner Ted. He was still *of* the world. He wanted none of "Dad's religion."

Later that summer Ted drove his mother and me to eastern Texas. It was on that trip—riding along hour after hour in the car—that I began thinking about the scores of successful men of the world I had known. I realized their lives had not, after all, been *truly* successful. They had not known the TRUE VALUES. One thing, I realized, they lacked—the guidance and help of God which would have changed their direction to the RIGHT goal. But they had succeeded in attaining their goals.

As I concentrated on the subject, in undisturbed concentration, the *Seven*

*Laws of Success* began to emerge. Or perhaps I should say to penetrate. These great men of the world had applied the right principles—all except the lack of God's direction which would have sent them toward *better* goals. I began expounding these principles for my wife and son—thinking aloud. So that was the way the *Seven Laws of Success* came to light. You probably have heard them on the program—or read them in *The PLAIN TRUTH* or the booklet. If not, you might write in for the booklet by that title. It's free, of course.

But in one or two respects Mrs. Armstrong and I were quite disappointed in our son on that trip. His lack of real conversion was painfully evident. Let me say here, though, that when GOD shook up his life and *called* him, a little later, he was—well, it makes me think of the saying of that dog Rover, who, when he died, he died all over; and when Garner Ted was converted, he was converted "all over." That is, through and through! His conversion was not gradual—it was sudden and thorough—all at once.

But for one thing, he smoked cigarettes a fairly good portion of the time, as he drove. Cigarette smoking is very obnoxious to Mrs. Armstrong. And the unconverted Ted was not thoughtful enough of his mother's comfort to refrain. He had a real struggle breaking this habit, after conversion—but his sermons and articles on the subject have induced hundreds of others to break the habit!

Then, when we stopped at a motel in or near some town at night, Ted would take the car to see if he could find some "night spot," where there would be food, dancing and drinking. He evaluated a town as "live" if there was some of this public night life, and if not he labelled it a "dead town." That was quite different from the way I had

learned to appraise a town. During my days as the "Idea Man" for the largest business magazine in America, I had learned to appraise a town as "live" if its business men were alert, its Chamber of Commerce active, its homes, lawns, streets and parks clean and well maintained.

One of the outstanding examples of the power of the living Christ to save lives is what Mrs. Armstrong and I have been privileged to see happen in our younger son's life—how completely God CHANGED, transformed, and turned in the diametric reverse direction, his life. We are grateful beyond words! And it was when, some years later, a new, different, and totally *changed* Garner Ted Armstrong stepped to the Tempietto rostrum during Commencement exercises, that I was happy to confer on him the Master of Arts degree which he had earned after previous graduation with the B.A. degree, saying, not without feeling: "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased."

#### Getting Dick to Europe

The second Commencement at Ambassador College was held on Friday afternoon, June 6, 1952. Our elder son, Richard David, whom we always called Dick, received his B.A. degree that afternoon, along with Raymond C. Cole, and Roderick C. Meredith. And Herman L. Hoeh received his M.A. at the same Commencement.

Dick had been a student of the French language in High School at Eugene, Oregon. He had plunged with full zeal into the French classes at Ambassador, beginning the autumn of 1947, under Professor Emile Mauler-Hienecy. Due to the half-schedule 1948-49 year, Dick, along with Mr. Cole, took five years to graduate.

A great life-dream in Dick's mind had been to travel in France and to visit Paris. I had told him that I intended sending him there after graduation, but somehow that seemed so impossibly distant I don't think he ever let himself accept seriously the idea he would really go.

Then one day in my car, probably in February 1952, driving home from the College, I told him I was planning for him to go to France as soon as he grad-

uated. I remember how startled and elated he was. For the first time, he realized that his dream of seeing France was actually going to come true. Immediately he was on Cloud Nine!

Then a week or so later it seemed as if the trip might have to be called off, due to finances. But in the campus newspaper, *The Portfolio*, dated March 13, 1952, The Big Headline across page 1 said: "HERMAN AND DICK WILL TAKE TRIP." It had, by then, been planned for Dick and Herman Hoeh to go together for a summer in Britain, France, and Europe, to look into possibilities of expanding the fast-growing Work into Europe.

This story in the campus paper announced that tickets had been purchased on a steamship line sailing from Quebec, Canada, for Liverpool, England. Each of the young men had made the trip possible by managing to pay two-thirds of the fare out of his own pocket. Dick would take a portable tape-recorder along, to send back important interviews to be heard on *The WORLD TOMORROW* program. The graduation date had been advanced from June 8 to June 6, so these two men could leave in time for the sailing, June 11th, for Liverpool.

#### Dick Drafted

Then something happened! The trip appeared to be cancelled after all! Dick received "Greetings" from "Uncle Sam." He was ordered to report for induction in the Army!

Our other men students had been given the classification of 4-D, as Theological students. But Dick had not been converted when the college started, and he had registered as a major in electronics and in French. He had been in charge of the radio studio when first installed. He had taken the full Theological course, required of all students, but had not registered it as his major. Consequently his Selective Service board had not given him the 4-D, but a deferred classification as a student.

Now he was about to graduate, his draft board sent him an induction notice. Immediately I contacted the Chairman of his Board. I learned that the matter had passed completely from this Board's jurisdiction the moment the induction notice had been sent. During

his college years Dick had been converted, baptized, and was about to be put into the ministry full time, on graduation. The Board Chairman said the Board would have, under those conditions, changed his classification to 4-D, but it was now too late. It was out of their jurisdiction. The only possible official who could now cancel the induction was the State Chairman of Selective Service at Sacramento.

The next day I was in Sacramento. I explained the circumstances, and that passage had been purchased to send Dick to France in the full-time ministry of the Church. I explained that he was our only minister who could speak, read and write French fluently. The Church had been waiting for his graduation to open its work in France. Serious harm would come to the Church if he were prevented from going.

Also I explained the unique, yet most thorough theological training provided ministerial students at Ambassador.

On hearing the true facts, the State Selective Headquarters not only telephoned Pasadena to cancel Dick's induction and re-classify him 4-D, but also sent notification to all other state Chairmen that Ambassador College in their judgment qualified according to the meaning and intent of the Selective Service Act as a recognized theological institution.

It was an eleventh-hour reprieve from the death of the trip to France. Dick was to have appeared for induction the very next morning. As it was, he was re-classified 4-D, and given draft board approval to be absent from the United States and take the trip to Britain and Europe.

They spent some time in London, both in educational and theological research, and in checking every possible avenue for expanding the Work to Britain and Europe.

I do not know now whether it was in London, Paris, or at Luxembourg, but they learned of the possibility of getting the program on Radio Luxembourg, most powerful commercial radio station in the world. On hearing this, I went immediately to New York to contact the New York representative of this giant station. And that, truly, was the beginning of getting the Gospel, which Christ

Himself brought and preached, into Europe and Britain!

While in London, they became acquainted with two brothers, William and John Cordas-Cousins, manufacturers of machine tools, whose sister we knew in Pasadena. In later years these brothers were a great help to Dick in getting established, and the work started, in London.

In Paris, where Dick spent a month of the summer, he found that his "French" was very good—without "foreign" accent. They travelled through Germany, where they wrote articles on the phenomenal upsurge post-war comeback of Germany. They also visited Italy, and travelled as far as Belgrade, capital of Tito's Jugoslavia.

Returning to Pasadena, Dick became Associate Instructor of French at the College.

### Radio Luxembourg Opens Door

In the fall of that year, time did finally open to us on Radio Luxembourg. But it was altogether different from broadcasting to an American audience. Luxembourg is a small country sandwiched in between Germany, Belgium, and France—and its powerful signal heard in several other countries. Their very commercial life depends on being careful in what NOT to allow to be said over their powerful facilities. They allow NO political propaganda not only, but absolutely not even any ALLUSIONS to anything political. Luxembourg is just about 100% Roman Catholic. And, in accepting non-Catholic religious broadcasts, the station obviously enforces strict rules that no offense is given to any religion or religious belief.

In speaking on Biblical prophecy, dealing with today's world events, we soon learned we had to become *very* familiar with their policies, lest our analysis of today's world news be construed as an allusion to things political.

November 22, 1952 was an historic day for us!

On that day I recorded the *first* broadcast for Radio Luxembourg!

I have written many times about how Christ opened the giant DOOR of Radio Luxembourg to proclaim HIS Gospel to Europe precisely 19 years—one time-cycle—after the beginning of the Work.

The door of radio first opened on the first Sunday in 1934. Our first broadcast to Europe occurred the first Thursday in 1953—the first week in January both times!

BUT WE DID NOT PLAN IT THAT WAY! GOD DID!

My November 22 recording was rejected by the station. A second try was rejected. The third time I had finally come to comprehend clearly the station policies—and it was accepted! It went on the air the first week in January, 1953! Never, from that day, has the station objected to anything said on *The WORLD TOMORROW!*

### Dick Returns to London

Our broadcasting on Radio Luxembourg, at first, was a 4:15 P.M. Thursday afternoon time. It was on a broadcast band that reached almost all Europe, but did not bring a big response from England. An English-language program could be understood by only a small minority of the people of Europe, where so many different languages are spoken.

Nevertheless, it did bring letters from listeners. And soon we were shifted to the 11:30 P.M. time on the well-known "208" beamed directly over the British Isles.

Now it became necessary to make plans to handle the mail response. Dick planned to return to London. First, we purchased a car for him, through the British Rootes Motor Car corporation. Through their branch office in Beverly Hills, we purchased a little compact car—a Hillman-Minx—to be delivered to Dick upon arrival in London.

So, in February, 1953, Dick flew, alone, to London. There he arranged for our London mail address, now known to thousands all over Britain—"BCM Ambassador, London, W.C., 1."

He remained in London, handling the mail, until September, when he returned to Pasadena. Old Professor Mauler-Hiennecy had retired, and Dick now took over the French language department at the College.

The British Monomark office forwarded the mail direct to Pasadena. Dick then began organizing the British and European mailing list in our mailing office. *The PLAIN TRUTH*, and all requested literature, had to be mailed to European listeners from Pasadena. This was very unsatisfactory, and had to be remedied as soon as possible. But Dick was required in the class-room for that college year, until a new French professor could be appointed.

In the spring of 1954, the British mail situation was becoming desperate. We needed to establish an office in London. We placed a request for a teacher of French with the teachers' placement bureau in Los Angeles, and I appointed Dick to make the selection.

Under most unusual circumstances Mr. Dibar Apartian, who had been reared in French-speaking Geneva, and spent much time in France, applied. Dick interviewed him.

"He's *just* the man we want," Dick told me. He was—and *still is!* Under Mr. Apartian the French department has grown into a big operation. He is now—ten years later—not only head of



The Hillman-Minx in Dutch countryside. Mrs. Armstrong stands by side of car. Mr. Dick Armstrong appears, far right, on driver's side.

the French department, but the "Voice" of the French language version of *The WORLD TOMORROW*, going out three times weekly over Radio Luxembourg and the very powerful Radio Europe Number One. He is also Managing Editor of the French-language PLAIN TRUTH. We now have a suite of offices in Geneva to handle the French broadcast mail.

During the 1953-54 college year Mr. Hoeh, who had a good knowledge of French as well as German, co-operated with Dick in teaching the French classes.

On April 2, 1954, our Dean, Registrar, and Professor of Science, Dr. Hawley Otis Taylor, died. He had completed seven years, lacking two months, as head of the faculty at Ambassador College. With Professor Mauler-Hiennecy also gone, our own graduates were beginning more and more to fill up the faculty. Dr. Taylor was 77 years of age when he died. He was a quiet, unassuming, gentlemanly type of man, yet a scholarly man with an exceptionally rich record of scientific and educational achievement behind him. He had been a member of the faculties of Cornell University, Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (the famous MIT), and was retired at age 70 as Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Physics at Wheaton College. His last seven years were devoted to helping establish the highest of academic and scholarly standards at Ambassador.

### We Re-Visit London

While Dick had been in Pasadena during the 1953-54 year, his little Hillman-Minx car had been left in England with the Cordas-Cousins brothers. In May, 1954, plans were laid for Dick to return again to London—this time with Mr. Roderick C. Meredith. They sailed on the Queen Elizabeth June 16, to handle the British and European mail and further the Work overseas.

It was now time that I personally inspected the situation abroad, where the work had now secured such a firm foothold. Mrs. Armstrong and I sailed, August 5, 1954, on the new, fastest ship in the world, the S.S. *United States*. We had now been on Radio Luxembourg a year and a half. A large listening audience had been built up. The mailing

list had grown.

Our son Dick, with Mr. Meredith and the Cordas-Cousins brothers were standing on the dock at Southampton to greet Mrs. Armstrong and me, as we debarked from the giant steamer *United States*. We had made reservations at the Dorchester Hotel where we had stayed on our 1947 visit. The Dorchester representative at the Southampton docks arranged for transporting our steamer trunk via the boat train to the hotel. We loaded our hand luggage into the automobiles. I think Mr. Meredith rode back to London with the Cousins brothers. Mrs. Armstrong and I crowded ourselves into Dick's little Hillman-Minx and Dick drove us to London.

A short distance out of Southampton Dick stopped at a small tea house where we partook of the British custom of late afternoon tea.

### Planning Meetings in England

Arriving in London the first thing to do was to make plans. I thought it well to make personal contact with as many of our radio listeners as possible. To arrange for booking halls for meetings, and placing some newspaper advertising I decided to engage a London Advertising Agency. I contacted the Advertising Managers of a couple of leading London newspapers on Fleet Street. They recommended the Frederick Aldridge, Ltd., agency. I contacted Mr. Philip Aldridge at the agency offices.

This Agency had handled the Billy Graham evangelistic campaign in London which had gained world attention. Mr. Frederick Aldridge had handled this account, and so his brother and partner, Mr. Philip Aldridge was engaged as *The WORLD TOMORROW* advertising representative for Britain. He has handled our account ever since.

From our mailing list we knew our largest groupings of listeners centered around London, Manchester, Birmingham, and Belfast, North Ireland and Glasgow, Scotland. We planned meetings in Belfast, Glasgow, Manchester, and London.

The halls were booked, beginning September 14th. Then announcements were mailed to those on the mailing list within those areas, announcements arranged to go out on the program on

Radio Luxembourg at the proper time.

Meanwhile we were free for other things.

My wife wanted to go to Kings Lynn, north of London on the sea, where her maternal great grandfather had been a Methodist minister. Dick drove us to Kings Lynn in the Hillman-Minx. Enroute we passed through Cambridge where we stopped for lunch. It was interesting to have our first view of one of these famous English universities. The various colleges scatter over most of the city of Cambridge. We walked through one of the halls, visited the cathedral, and enjoyed the beauty of the stretches of lawn alongside the river bank.

Also we stopped off a short while at Ely, to visit the huge old cathedral of Ely. It was then mostly or altogether in disuse, and sadly in need of repair if it were to be maintained at all. This is one of the very large cathedrals built by the Roman Catholics during the middle ages, now reeking with age. It has since undergone considerable repair. It is, of course, now one of the Church of England cathedrals.

At Kings Lynn we searched out the little Methodist church where Mrs. Armstrong's great-grandfather had been pastor. A much larger addition had since been added, since he died more than a century ago. We searched for his grave. Actually the grave-yard where he was buried had been destroyed, for the building of a structure of some kind, but all the tombstones had been piled in an adjoining lot. We were just about to give up our search when one of us stumbled onto the great-grandfather's tombstone.

Later we drove in the Hillman-Minx on the Continent, crossing the channel on a ferry. We visited Paris, which, somehow, we never liked. Perhaps it was because our first visit to Paris, in 1947, was on such a dreary rainy day. Perhaps because it is just about the most expensive city anywhere to visit. It was while we were enroute to Luxembourg that we stopped off at a small town for a Coca Cola, when the proprietor of the little shop became puzzled over our nationality. I recounted, in an earlier chapter, how Dick's French was so natural he assumed Dick was a Frenchman,





The beautiful Irish countryside. Mrs. Armstrong is at far left, Mr. Meredith second from left, Mr. Dick Armstrong is far right.



Four miles west of Belfast, Northern Ireland. Mrs. Armstrong is in center. At right are Mr. Dick Armstrong and Mr. Meredith.

we were obviously Americans—yet at the same time his parents—and the car had British license plates beside the identifying “G.B.”

We were taken all through the station at Radio Luxembourg. Then we drove on to Germany. Dick showed us the incredible recovery from the war, everywhere evident. Even the progress since his visit in 1952 was unbelievable—yet it was there in plain sight. After visiting Frankfurt, Bonn, Cologne, and Düsseldorf, we drove into Holland.

As a boy I had read stories about Holland—*Hansel and Gretel* and others. I had read of Haarlem, and supposed it to be a little village. I was amazed to find it a big city—and Rotterdam as big as San Francisco—with Amsterdam as big as Cleveland, Ohio, and bigger than Pittsburgh, or Boston, or many major American cities. We also drove through The Hague, about as large as Rotterdam. Then back through Belgium, and another ferry across the channel to the white cliffs of Dover in England.

This was the tenth of September. It was good to rejoin Mr. Meredith in London. We had enjoyed, and profited from, the trip on the Continent. But always, after being in Europe, it seems just like coming *home* to be back in England! After all, the British and Americans are the SAME PEOPLE. Certain *national* differences have developed through the last two centuries, but we are the same people—and both nations

ought to remember that.

#### And NOW! U.K. Speaking Tour

Late Sunday afternoon, September 12, Mrs. Armstrong, Dick and I started driving north in the Hillman-Minx. Over the week-end, our then advertising agent from Beverly Hills, California, Jack Parmalee, flew in to London. He wanted to attend the meetings on the speaking tour. He and Mr. Meredith met us in Belfast on Tuesday morning. They had driven from Dublin in a rented car after, it seems in a not too clear memory, having flown to Cardiff, Wales, and then to Dublin.

We stopped off Sunday evening for dinner at a hotel in St. Albans. Actually, the present chapter is being written just outside St. Albans, in my office at Ambassador College. Little did we dream, that Sunday evening in September, 1954, that in 1964 we would have a college already larger than the Pasadena College was then, with a St. Albans mail address!

After dinner we drove on north, bypassing Birmingham, and arriving in Manchester around midnight. Next morning we continued north. It was the first opportunity for Mrs. Armstrong and me to see northern England, and we found it a very interesting experience. We stopped at Carlisle for lunch. As a boy I had often visited a small town in Iowa named after this northern England city. It was just twelve miles south of Des Moines where

I was born and reared. An uncle and aunt lived there, with a son—my cousin—just a year younger than I.

Carlisle is only a few miles from the Scottish border. Soon after lunch we were driving westward in Scotland. In the late afternoon we reached Stranraer. There was considerable excitement—and no little suspense—concerning our ability to get passage on the evening ferry across the north channel of the Irish Sea. We had dinner in a hotel near the docks while anxiously awaiting the verdict. If we failed, I might have missed the following night's meeting at Belfast entirely. We finally persuaded an official to let us on. There were more cars and passengers than they could accommodate.

It was interesting watching the cranes pick up Dick's car, swing it from a cable through the air, and drop it down onto the ship. But soon we were steaming the 36 mile distance to Larne, North Ireland, where we had hotel reservations for the night.

Next morning, we drove the short distance down to Belfast, and met Mr. Meredith and Mr. Parmelee. We visited the hall that had been engaged for our meeting—one seating about a thousand or twelve hundred people. We found everything would be in readiness for the meeting. Then we went “sight-seeing” around Belfast and vicinity.

We had heard of a very old historic place of ancient Druid worship a few

miles outside Belfast, known as *The Giant's Ring*. We drove out to it. Then we proceeded to the giant ship-building yards at Belfast. The size of this operation was truly astonishing. Belfast is a major port.

Evening came, and time for the meeting. Arrangements had been made for ushering in people at the hall, so we did not appear until five or ten minutes before time for the service. The large hall, located in the very heart of the city center business district, was well filled. We found approximately 750 people waiting for us.

There had been a small advertisement in the newspaper giving notice of the meeting, but no attempt had been made to draw any audience beyond our own interested radio listeners. So an audience of 750 was a very, very warm welcome to Belfast. People had come for miles around. One had pushed another interested listener a great distance in a wheel chair to a bus, in order to attend.

Among those there that night were Mr. and Mrs. D. Seaton. I hardly remembered shaking hands with them, among hundreds of others there, but Mr. Seaton is today Supervisor of the mailing room in the Ambassador College Press on the college grounds in England. My message that night was on "What's Prophesied for Britain."

The Message was not intended to be for entertainment. This was my first opportunity to speak in person before an overseas audience. The time was serious, and the Message was serious.

I said: "Last week, and part of the week before, I spent five days in Germany. And what I saw in a Germany only eight years ago almost shattered from the war, was emphatic evidence that the WORLD WAR *is not yet over!* We are now merely in the second recess of the war.

"What is *prophesied* for the United Kingdom, and for the United States? I have crossed America and the Atlantic Ocean to tell you things I *can't* say on the radio. What I'm now going to say is not popular! But it is as *certain* as the rising and setting of tomorrow's sun! Yet on beyond it all, *after* our peoples have been PUNISHED as no nations *ever* were before, WORLD PEACE is coming, *in our time!*"

The audience showed tremendous interest!

After the service our two cars were

A News report in Feb. 1954 "Northern Whig" of evangelistic meeting, Belfast.

U.S. EVANGELIST—

## Beware the next Roman Empire

WITHIN the next 30 years the Roman Empire would rise again in the form of 10 united European dictatorships and conquer the United Kingdom and the United States. This prophecy was made in the Wellington Hall, Belfast, last night by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, head of a U.S. independent evangelical organization.

Mr. Armstrong, who was speaking on "What is prophesied for Britain," said that the new Roman Empire would last only a short time before the second coming of Christ, but that during its sway one-third of the people of the United States and Britain would be killed and our cities would be destroyed.

The first blow would be struck by the all-Fascist power against American industry through the hydrogen bomb. The "terrible time of trouble" could be averted by the British and American people if they would repent of their ways. Mr. Armstrong said, adding "But I know we won't."

### Huns again

Mr. Armstrong, who used Scripture to support his arguments in a two-and-a-quarter hour address, said earlier that Russia was not the only power to fear. In Germany, where he had been a few weeks ago, the people were "coming back" very rapidly. They wanted to see Germany come back and conquer and rule the world.

They were working very hard and for long hours, and were doing it for Germany.

Mr. Armstrong is head of an organization centred in Pasadena, California, which broadcasts regularly over American commercial networks and Radio Luxembourg. Known as the Radio Church of God, it also publishes a monthly magazine entitled, "Plain Truth."

Before Mr. Armstrong returns to America in about three weeks' time, he will give addresses in Glasgow, Manchester, and London, as well as paying a brief visit to Rome. When he arrived in Ireland for the first time yesterday he was accompanied by his wife and son, Richard.

driven on a boat. We all had sleeping accommodations on the boat for the night. Next morning we were docked at Glasgow.

That night another good audience, equally warm and friendly and interested, assembled in a hall in downtown Glasgow. The crowd there was smaller—perhaps 450 or 500.

Thursday we drove down to Manchester. The hall there was on the third or fourth floor of a building. There was only the one lift (elevator to our American readers). The hall here was smaller, but we had an overflow crowd, much to the displeasure of the lift operator. Extra chairs had to be brought in to the auditorium, and several had to stand. I must have spoken about an hour or a little over, but after about forty-five minutes the lift operator came in, interrupted the service, and wanted me to stop talking so he could close up the lift and go home.

But I had come a long distance to deliver a super-serious life-and-death message to hundreds of my radio listeners, and I was not going to cut that message off to please a disgruntled lift operator. The hall had been engaged for the entire evening. A good many had to hear more of this man's bad attitude before everybody had finally been taken to the ground floor, after the meeting was dismissed. And I was so thoroughly disgusted with his un-called-for ill behavior, I expressed myself rather sharply to him as I descended in the final trip of the lift for that night.

The crowd there was slightly smaller than at Glasgow, but still an overflow crowd.

### First Convert Baptized

On Friday we drove back to London. We had a request from a lady at Crewe, home city of the Rolls Royce factory, for baptism. So we drove by way of Crewe. She was Mrs Edna Palin. We found that she operated a beauty shop for women, in front of her home. We also met Mr. Palin and talked to him. We were satisfied that Mrs. Palin really was ready for baptism. She knew of a river—or, I believe probably more properly, an irrigation stream—some

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vast difference between education at Ambassador Colleges and other institutions of higher learning. There are classes of interest to every fellow and girl—in journalism, in nutrition, in public speaking, in foreign languages, in Bible and theology.

Interested applicants should write immediately for the Bulletin of Ambassador Colleges in the United States, and for the Prospectus of Ambassador College in Great Britain. See inside front cover for addresses.

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Mr. Dick Armstrong baptizes Mrs. Palin

few miles from town. We drove there. And my son Richard David performed the very first baptismal service resulting from this work on this side of the Atlantic. Later, after the work was better established in Britain, Mr. Palin was baptized by one of our other ministers. And both are still faithful to this day.

Returning to London, we had meetings scheduled in a very nice hall in downtown London for the following Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd of September.

While in London, a certain coincidence reminded us very much of the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena. Mrs. Armstrong and I were staying at the Dorchester Hotel, and Dick and Mr. Meredith at the Cumberland,

only a few blocks away. But when we called them on the telephone, their hotel was on the AMBASSADOR exchange; and when they called us, the Dorchester was on the MAYFAIR exchange. And, as I think most readers know, *Mayfair* is the name of one of our principle girls' student residences at Pasadena.

We returned to the United States on the S. S. *America*, a very beautiful ship. But before sailing, Dick took his Hillman-Minx to the main London sales rooms of the Rootes Motor Car Company. They appraised it at a price equal to about 90% of what had been paid for it, and bought it. In New York, Dick purchased a small but quality model Mercedes. He drove that to Pasadena. Mrs. Armstrong and I went by train.

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## SUCCESS

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members as he crosses the threshold. He wants detailed information on a certain situation in government and he wants it in a hurry; at least, before the day is over.

"This, to some veteran administrators, is quite a shock. During the past administration, they frequently had more time on comparable assignments. But what surprises these men even more is that Kennedy is waiting in his office at 7 or 8 at night when the requested report arrives."

Certainly the above description of former President Kennedy's work day indicates the *zest* with which he tackled his many responsibilities and the *DRIVE* he put into their accomplishment. In case after case, this is certainly the "key" to the success of many great leaders.

Notice a writer's description of the leadership qualities of the Attorney General of the United States, Robert F. Kennedy, in *Life* magazine: "The thing I remember most about working with Bob in those days was the pace," says a Committee Investigator. "He gave me an assignment as soon as he hired me. The next day at noon he saw me in the office and said, 'I thought you were going to Chicago.' I told him I was just leaving. He said, 'I never go anywhere at noon.' I never have either, since you

waste the morning."

### Learn the KEY of TIME

Your life itself is composed of just so much time. Viewing it in this manner, your time *is* your life.

This realization—and the guarded *use* of time that naturally follows from it—is a success "key" that has been or is being used by nearly every great leader of our time.

We are all "millionaires" in time. Each of us has *just as much time* as the early Rockefellers, Morgans or Fords. Each of us—throughout each day—has just as much time as Einstein did.

The question is—how do we *use* this tremendous gift of TIME? You can only waste the present moment. You cannot waste tomorrow. It is kept fresh and waiting for you. You can turn over a new leaf *every hour* if you choose.

Day by day, you can learn to *use* time to tremendous advantage!

Realizing the value of time, learn to *get up early*, learn to get up when you wake up. Learn to dress quickly in the morning and prepare for the day with *ZEAL*.

*Organizing* the layout of your bathroom and your wardrobe saves a great deal of time. Housewives will find that applying *efficiency techniques* to their kitchen will save them a great deal of time in getting the family fed and off to work—and for their own activities as well.

Again, the thought of *scheduling* your time throughout each day, week and month comes into the picture. You certainly don't need to be a schedule slave, but you *DO* need to *have* a schedule!

In addition to the qualities mentioned above regarding Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, one author noted: "He has a *horror* of wasting time. . . ."

Henry J. Kaiser is an extremely successful and wealthy man—the leading figure in at least *sixty* different companies. Referring to his success techniques, an article in *Reader's Digest* stated: "Henry Kaiser is one of the most time-conscious people in the world. Even the five hours he allots himself for sleep are productive. This is what he calls his 'idea period,' and he always has a pad and pencil next to his bed."

To be truly successful in every area

of the vow, He helped Israel charge into the Ammonites with crushing strength. The battle raged over a thirty-mile area that involved twenty towns. When it was over, the Ammonites were completely defeated. (Verses 32-33.)

But the pleasant flavor of victory was soon to turn bitter for Jephthah. His courage and integrity had brought victory but his lack of good judgment was bound to bring grief. As he approached his home on his return from the battlefield east of the Jordan, his younger daughter—his only child—came dancing out of the house.

He stood speechless, remembering that he had vowed to dedicate to God whatever came to meet him! (Judges 11:34.)

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## Personal from the Editor

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8:12). The Apostle Paul preached the Kingdom of God (Acts 19:8; 20:25; 28:23, 31).

In preaching the GOSPEL, Jesus gave, among other things, the parables of the "pounds" and the "talents." Because the disciples thought the Kingdom of God should then appear immediately (Luke 19:11), He told them the parable of a Nobleman (Christ) going to a far country (God's throne in heaven), to receive a Kingdom, and to return. So before going, He called His ten servants, giving each a pound—English money now worth \$2.80. His citizens (His own tribe—the Jews—Judah) rejected Him. The ten servants were the ten tribes. He told them, "Occupy till I come." When He returned (Second Coming of Christ), having now received the Kingdom (King of Kings as a WORLD RULER), He called His servants to account—to judge how far each had developed while He was away. One had multiplied what Christ had given him ten times over. This simply represents overcoming, and *growth* in Biblical knowledge and in spiritual character of *doing*. To him, the returned Christ says: "Have thou AUTHORITY OVER TEN CITIES". To the one who gained five pounds—that is, developed the spiritual gifts given him

five times over—Christ says: "Be thou also over FIVE CITIES." The one who made no spiritual progress in his life, had taken away from him the salvation he expected. He represents the millions following the "NO LAW, NO WORKS" teaching.

The parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) also shows that the "saved" become KINGS—RULERS, but that the training and preparation for that rule MUST BE DEVELOPED IN THIS LIFE—NOW! Those who gained in this life, spiritually, BECAME RULERS (verses 21 and 23). Those who did not develop and grow spiritually simply "missed the boat" altogether! They had taken away from them the salvation they believed they had!

In the prophecy of Daniel 7, the world-dominating Empires of this world are to be DESTROYED. It is "the saints of the Most High" that "shall take the kingdom (from this world's governments), and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever" (verses 17-18, 21-22).

When Jesus Christ returns to earth in all the POWER and GLORY of the Eternal GOD, and takes the reins of government *from* men, setting up the WORLD-RULING KINGDOM OF GOD, David—the ancient King David of Israel, resurrected to immortal life, shall be King, under Christ, over all the nations descended from the twelve tribes of Israel (Ezekiel 37:15-25; 34:23; Jer. 30:9).

And who will be the kings over each of the twelve tribes—then of course actually twelve powerful nations? Jesus has promised those positions to the original twelve apostles (Matthew 19:27-28).

In the World Tomorrow—to dawn on this world within a *very few* years—we shall have WORLD PEACE. Soon there will be universal prosperity. There will be happiness—JOY!

There is, truly, a PURPOSE being worked out here below, as the former Prime Minister of Britain, Winston Churchill, said before the United States Congress.

To make POSSIBLE a perfect UTOPIAN condition, God created and set in actual living, inexorable motion, a great invisible SPIRITUAL LAW. That Law is THE WAY of LOVE. And LOVE is an outgoing concern for others. It is Love toward God—and Love toward fellow-man. The BIBLE is the INSTRUCTION BOOK, for peace, happiness, prosperity, security, joy. Jesus said man should live by EVERY WORD of the BIBLE. Sin is the transgression of that great LAW. And all have sinned.

The world has rejected God's Law—GOD'S WAY. It has gone the WAY that has brought every curse on mankind. The WORLD TOMORROW will change all that. It will be RULED BY GOD'S LAW!

To QUALIFY to become a King—a RULER in the KINGDOM OF GOD—you must come to really KNOW that Law. And the WHOLE BIBLE is a magnification

—an elaboration of its principles. It is ONLY those who REPENT of their transgressions of God's great spiritual Law—the Ten Commandments—and who surrender to and accept as Saviour JESUS CHRIST, who can become begotten children of GOD. No one is a true Christian until he has received THE HOLY SPIRIT of God. That is God's gift. It imparts the very LIFE of God. It renews and opens the MIND to comprehend spiritual knowledge. It bestows the LOVE of God—divine *spiritual* love. It imparts POWER. It instills FAITH.

Then, once really CONVERTED—the entire direction of your life CHANGED—you must continually OVERCOME. There are three very tough things to overcome—your own *self* with the pull of human nature; the WORLD, with its customs, false teachings, wrong ways, wrong fellowships; and the invisible yet very real devil. You must GROW not only in spiritual grace, but in the KNOWLEDGE of Christ—the KNOWLEDGE in God's INSTRUCTION BOOK—the Holy Bible. You must study—understand it—live henceforth by its directions. It points THE WAY—*walk ye in it!*

You must LEARN TO RULE! But, since there is a chain of AUTHORITY, from God the Father, through Jesus Christ, and on down, you must always be UNDER authority—so learning to rule begins with SUBMISSION TO RULE. You must first learn to BE RULED—by Christ!

A wife says: "But how can I have any experience learning to rule? You say the Bible teaches that a wife must obey her husband. HE does the ruling. He learns how to rule *me*, but how may I learn to rule?"

I say to such a woman, God has given you, first, your own SELF to rule. Why not start on *your tongue*? Many women do not know yet how to rule their own tongues. You may rule in your kitchen—over your children, when your husband is not home doing it.

Even a child can be taught to RULE—over his toys and playthings, being careful not to break them, to put them away neatly after use, etc., etc., etc.

God will never save any person He does not GOVERN. If we are to RULE the nations, we must RULE WITH GOD'S GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO HIS LAWS—not according to our ideas. You

must learn IN THIS LIFE—and there is NOT MUCH TIME LEFT!

Yes, you were born to BE A KING!

There IS a tremendous PURPOSE for human existence. There IS stupendous *meaning* to life!

In the beginning, God devised, created, set in actual invisible MOTION a living spiritual LAW. This LAW is a *way of LIFE*. It is THE WAY God devised to produce peace, well-being, happiness, prosperity, joy. Then God made MAN. He made man a free moral agent. Man must *choose* WHETHER to obey God, follow THE WAY that will bring him every blessing, or turn to THE WAY that may *seem* right, but that brings only curses.

God created man in His very own likeness—same form and shape. But God is A SPIRIT, and He formed man out of MATTER. Thus *if* man rejects THE WAY to every blessing for his happiness—if he makes choice to go THE WAY that brings on him unhappiness, suffering, and curses—he can be destroyed.

But God provided for man's salvation. Even *if* man starts out the WRONG WAY, he can repent, turn around to go the RIGHT WAY of God's Law. The SIN of having gone contrary to that Law can be forgiven. Christ paid the death penalty *for* us. We can be reconciled to God, through Christ. And *then* God has promised to actually beget us, by His Spirit, to be BORN AGAIN—next time born OF GOD, as HIS CHILDREN, into HIS VERY DIVINE GOD FAMILY! Then we, too, shall BE SPIRIT. *IF* man will choose THE WAY that produces full, abundant joyful HAPPINESS, he may enjoy it FOREVER! But he may *not* suffer self-inflicted curses forever.

God marked out a 7,000 year duration to work out HIS PURPOSE in having put humans on earth. The first 6,000 years are allotted for man to be allowed to go the way that, in his deception, looks right—contrary to God's Law.

Under Satan's sway, man has set up his human society—human forms of government, *contrary* to GOD'S government. He has set up his own world—with its Satan-influenced, human-produced systems of economic, political, scientific, educational, religious life. Man has REJECTED THE WAY to peace, happiness, prosperity and joy.

But the few who repent, turn to God

and HIS WAY through Jesus Christ, study and learn GOD'S WAY, *live* that way with God's help, *converted* by God's Spirit, are, in *this* life, actually learning to be KINGS whom Christ will USE, in the seventh thousand years, to RULE the world WITH GOD'S FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

For one thousand years there will be a different system of GOVERNMENT. It will be GOD'S GOVERNMENT. The governments of Russia, China, Japan—yes, also of the United States, Britain and France—will be overthrown (Daniel 2:35-36, 44). Jesus Christ will return, having received the KINGDOM from God Almighty the Father. He will set up WORLD GOVERNMENT. It will be the GOVERNMENT OF GOD. Its Laws are found in your Bible.

Christ will assign some, who have *learned* and *lived* HIS WAY—the WAY of His government, during this life—to rule over one city, or, perhaps five, ten, or a hundred cities.

But THIS LIFE is the training period. It is *only* those who are UNDER and OBEDIENT TO the authority of God's government *now*—who learn its LAWS, who overcome every other (and false) WAY—whose *real* citizenship is now reserved in heaven, who *then* will be assigned A POSITION OF RULE.

Christ is going to rule the whole world—WITH A ROD OF IRON!

The world has had 6,000 years of MAN'S governments—MAN'S education—MAN'S industrial, commercial and economic systems—MAN'S social customs—MAN'S religions (yes, even that falsely *called* "Christianity"!!!!). Man has written the lesson in human blood—in suffering, frustration, anguish—in wars, failures—in discontent and emptiness.

Soon he will BE FORCED to start a 1,000-year period under GOD'S GOVERNMENT—with GOD'S religion, GOD'S education, GOD'S social customs, GOD'S economic, industrial, and merchandising system.

MAN IS GOING TO BE FORCED, *against his will*—TO BE HAPPY!

The real and true *Christian life* is, simply, THE WAY of GOD'S GOVERNMENT. It trains the true Christian to ADMINISTER that Government. It trains him to BECOME A KING!

Yes, you were born to be a KING!

# WHAT is the Best Age for MARRIAGE?

*In Principles of Living Class in Ambassador College, England, this question was asked of Mr. Armstrong. Thousands of our new readers have been asking for the answer.*

by Herbert W. Armstrong

SOME time ago I officiated at a wedding in stately Memorial Hall at Ambassador College in England. My next-to-youngest grandson, Richard David Armstrong II, then age two and a half, thought the ceremony so very nice, he said,

"Mommie, I want to get married!"

"Well!" answered his mother, a little shocked—a little amused, "and whom do you want to marry?"

"Karen," replied little Dicky promptly.

"But Karen has just been married. She can't marry anybody else, now."

"Well then," decided Dicky, "I'll marry Sheila." Sheila is a very nice Irish colleen, and was then a student in the college.

"But Sheila is grown up now, and in college," protested "Mommie." "What if she won't have you?"

"Then I'll marry you, Mommie," came the quick decision.

## Marriage Is Not for Children

We may smile at the idea of two- or three-year-olds getting married. It *would* be a bit irregular! Marriage is not for children! Marriage is for ADULTS. Marriage is pretty serious business!

Marriage entails the assuming of very serious responsibilities. Children do not realize this, of course. Marriage is a lot more than romance. It is more than daydreams about a "Prince Charming," or floating around on Cloud nineteen, or being in a lover's arms.

But when do we become adults?

Are not boys and girls adults at around age 14? No. Far from it! Let's understand WHY!

## Age for Acquiring Knowledge

Human beings know *nothing* at birth. We have to learn, or be taught—EVERY-

THING! Without any knowledge, or with erroneous knowledge, we are helpless—as new-born babes. But there are some things many fail to learn. One of these is the right age for marriage.

Whatever an adult knows, true or false, has come into his mind since birth.

It may sound surprising or incredible, but a person actually learns more during his first year of life than in any succeeding year. If a one-year-old baby could talk plainly with complete and adequate vocabulary, you'd be completely amazed at how much he has learned that first year!

The second year he learns a trifle less than the first, and the third year a little less than the second. Gradually, his capacity for learning decreases year by year, if only slightly. This is hard to believe for the simple reason that a two-year-old *adds* his second-year acquisition to what he learned the first year, the third to that, and so through the years his *total* store of knowledge increases continually.

But a person past 60 cannot learn something new in a field new and strange to him as readily as a young person of 22 or 23. Does this mean that a well-educated man of 60 knows less than a young man of 22? Of course not. Other things being equal, he knows infinitely more—because he has the accumulated knowledge of all those years since age 22 *added* to what he knew then—and he has learned much by *experience*. That is one reason wisdom comes with age!

But a two-and-a-half-year-old cannot delve very deeply into the study of advanced mathematics, philosophy, nuclear fission, business administration, economics, or child rearing. He would have very different ideas on the latter than he probably will have when he

becomes a parent!

The first five or six years of life are, so we believe from experience, most profitably spent in learning the basic things of infant and child learning—how to walk, talk, eat, run, and play—knowledge about lots and lots of things. The little child learns what an automobile is—an airplane—he learns about animals—many things.

He may even be taught to count, and part or all of the alphabet. However, the kind of knowledge taught in school (kindergarten excepted) seems most effectively taught beginning age 6. At that age the child can learn to write, to read, and to spell simple words. In some countries he begins to learn a second language at that age. For the next ten years he acquires gradually all the foundational elementary knowledge, and during the last two of the ten perhaps a bit of preparatory knowledge for higher education.

All these years the normal individual has been learning rapidly. There is a great deal to know before maturity, and he is not mature *yet!* Of course, by age 16, the juvenile may think he *knows it all*. Many, in their own minds, know more than Dad or Mom. You see, what they do not yet know, they don't *know* that they don't know! But there is still much to learn.

But by age 16 the average normal young person of good mind is ready to *begin* a little more advanced study into more solid fields.

## When Bodies Mature

But along in these early and mid-teen-age years, usually 12 to 14, the physical body suddenly speeds up its growth and development. The teen-ager at this point sprouts up much taller within a single year, with *bodily* changes from child to

man or woman.

Suddenly the young person feels "grown up"—adult. He usually does not realize that at this stage the body makes a rather sudden leap toward maturity, *while the mind makes no corresponding advance!* The mind continues on at only the same year-to-year *gradual* development. *The mind is still more child than adult.* Its interests are still mostly "having fun," games, entertainments. Sexual maturity is suddenly reached, long in advance of mental, emotional, and spiritual maturity.

A human being is not a mere body. The married state needs maturity of mind, emotions, and spiritual qualities as much as physical adulthood.

A boy or girl is physically able to become a father or mother years before he or she is qualified to assume the *responsibilities* of parenthood.

But, suddenly becoming taller and physically developed, the boy or girl *feels* mature. A new awareness of the opposite sex is present. What the child of this age does not yet know, I repeat, he usually fails utterly to realize.

The attraction of the other sex acts as a magnet. The girl dreams of her Prince Charming, desire is awakened in the boy to hold an attractive girl in his arms.

The girl often falls in love with love, a certain boy being the focal point of her fantasy. Of course she only sees this particular boy as she imagines him to be, not as he really is. She is dead sure she is in love. And no one can awaken her from this entrancing dream. There are many facts of reality about this puppy-love affair of which she is totally unaware.

But, again, what she doesn't know that her parents see so plainly, she simply doesn't know that she doesn't know! She simply has to outgrow it! The very *fact* that she is not mature enough to recognize her immaturity is proof that she is still too immature for marriage.

At this stage, the parents have a problem on their hands, and need great wisdom to deal properly with it.

I repeat, marriage is not for children.

### The Preparatory Years

But when does a child become an adult? When is one ready for marriage?

Marriage is in itself a career. One is not ready to enter upon any profession or career until after full preparation. This *preparation* may be divided, roughly, into three stages. First, that of infancy, preparing the child for school. Second, elementary and preparatory schooling prior to, thirdly, more advanced education and specialized training for the adult life's work.

There are really three stages, roughly, of mental development that parallel these stages of preparation. First, the change from babyhood to boy or girlhood around age six. Then the mind as a rule has absorbed enough elementary and semi-mature knowledge by age 16 to *begin* more mature thinking and learning. Age 16 is a crucial year in mental development.

Prior to age 16 the average youth has little awareness of the seriousness of life, of world conditions, of human problems or the purposes of life. In our American public school system, he enters senior high school, or the last two years of preparatory school at about this age.

But the mind does not really mature, on the average, until age 25. At age 25 a more definite adulthood of mind, attitude, interests, is reached. The mind becomes more "set" in its ways.

The years between ages 16 and 25 are the *vitally important* years of adult preparation for life's work. These are the *crucial* years of *PREPARATION*. During these years the mind is capable of *acquiring* faster than at any other stage of life the advanced knowledge needed *before beginning* one's adult career—whether it be business, profession, occupation, or marriage. Before age 16 the mind has not acquired the basic elementary knowledge needed as a foundation for entering more advanced study—and the mind has not developed in serious comprehension to the level of advanced knowledge. After age 25, the mind which has stagnated since age 16 finds it difficult to enter upon more mature study.

Before age 16 the mind simply is not mature. At age 16 it is merely prepared to *begin* acquiring the more mature *preparation* for either career, business, or marriage.

It should be borne in mind I am speaking of average ages. There are, of

course, exceptions to all rules—but in my experience about 99 in 100 follow this pattern.

Another stage of maturity seems to be reached at about age 30. I have noticed that, although most young people reach a certain mental maturity at age 25, a far more complete maturity of mind, personality, performance, and influence on others is reached at age 30.

By age 30 the man or woman has added five years of practical *experience*, in addition to further study, to the preparatory knowledge and final reaching of mental maturity attained at 25. Prior to 25, the young man is often called just that—"young man"—by older men. I can remember how, in my carnal preconversion vanity, I smarted under being spoken to as "young man" by business executives I dealt with. This expression simply meant they did not accept me, yet, as a fully mature man, and I knew it.

Somehow, the vanity in a young man of 18 and older makes him want to be considered *mature*—as a completely adult, fully experienced MAN. He wants to be considered older than he is. But as soon as young women are past 20 to 25, female vanity usually causes them to want to be considered *younger* than they are!

### The Right Age for Marriage

The fact that a man attains a more complete maturity of personality, leadership and influence by age 30 seems fully recognized by the Eternal God. In ancient Israel the Levites were ordained to full priesthood at age 30—although they were put into physical *service* at age 20.

Jesus Christ, our Example, did not begin His active ministry until age 30. All years prior to that were years of learning and preparation.

Yet in ancient Israel men *began* actual service, adult work, and even military service, at age 20. This, however, does not mean that they were fully and completely educated at that age. Actually, their first years of service were those of apprenticeship—training, preparation. They probably were not accounted fully prepared for adult responsibilities until 25, though the exact facts are not given.

Apparently God has not given specific

and direct instruction or command as to the proper age for marriage. God did not even count people in the census, as adults, until age 20. While there appears to be no punishable prohibition against marriage prior to age 20, there is every indication that on God's instruction juveniles were considered children until 20. At 20 they were considered "of age." *This by no means implies they were expected to marry by age 20!* Rather that they were expected not to marry *until* at least 20—OR MORE!

Based on actual experience, my judgment—and I think it is sound judgment guided and approved by God—is that until out of the "teens" a boy or girl is too young to marry! And it is also my judgment—and I think it is sound and approved by God—based on life-long experience counselling on marriage problems of hundreds of people—that even 20 is too young to be *the best age for marriage*.

Two factors are the major causes of broken marriages, or of unhappy problem marriages, in the hundreds of cases that have come to me for advice and counsel: sex ignorance and marriage prior to age 20. Quite often these two are merged in the same case. A majority of all unhappy or broken marriages that have been brought to my attention were those of people *who married too young!*

Only too well I know that teen-agers who *think* they are in love will not listen or heed. That very *FACT* proves they are too young for the responsibilities of marriage. Marriage is so much *more* than romance, necking, love-making and immature emotional bliss. Thousands of young people have gone ahead heedless, and been sadly disillusioned to learn that lesson—*TOO LATE!*

But in my judgment, except in rare cases or circumstances, even twenty is too early an age for marriage. I can only give my judgment. But it is based on experience. It is based on facts and knowledge. It is based on what Biblical revelation God has given us. It is based on hundreds of case histories.

But here it is, and young people will do well to heed it—and later be glad they did! *The best* age for a man to marry is around 24 to 26, after he has devoted those *top aptitude years* be-

tween 16 and 25 for mature education, experience, and preparation—*after* he has acquired the knowledge, preparation and preliminary experience to assume adult responsibilities—*after he is able to assume the responsibility of supporting a wife—and family!* And the *best* age for a girl to marry is between 23 and 25, when she has utilized those top aptitude years for preparation, and is prepared to assume the *duties* of wifehood and motherhood—the responsibilities of planning, decorating, arranging a home, keeping it, and being a help and inspiration to her husband.

I sincerely believe, in view of what God has developed, that He brought about circumstances and influences to shape my early life, and also my wife's, as a preparation for a very great worldwide work He willed to accomplish. I believe I was steered and guided by His unseen Hand in ways I did not realize then. And Mrs. Armstrong and I were married when we were both 25. We were mature enough to assume the responsibilities.

Our marriage has been *happy*, and blest beyond words to describe. And, after all these years during which God has blest us with four fine children, equally fine sons- and daughters-in-law, and eleven fine grandchildren, our marriage is still happy beyond words to describe. In fact it is happier now than ever before, because it has grown constantly more and more happy. **WHAT A BLESSING!**

Wouldn't you like yours to be equally so? Then heed! Use wisdom!

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