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# What our READERS SAY

## Liberal Arts Education

"As a sociology professor here in northern Minnesota, I find *The PLAIN TRUTH* one of the finest magazines that I have read. I was telling my wife this morning that here is a magazine that gives a person a liberal arts education — there are so many timely subjects — history, sociology, biology, and theology. I use this fine publication often in my lectures."

Kenneth S.,  
Guthrie, Minnesota

## "Explain Please"

"I would like to continue to receive *The PLAIN TRUTH*, but there are two questions that I would like answered: Where do you get the money to publish such a great magazine? And will this magazine cost me anything later on in the future? I am 15 years of age and I enjoy your magazine very much. It is interesting and has all of the facts on almost everything. I get your broadcast on station CFMB radio."

Eric A., Montreal, Quebec

• *Your first question is answered on page 9 of this issue — and in answer to the second one: NO.*

## TV Series

"My husband and I have watched your complete series on the 'Youth of Today,' on channel 12, KCND, Pembina and would like to say how much we appreciated it. My husband is a teacher and guidance counselor at one of the largest high schools in Winnipeg. He was greatly appreciative of the contents of each of your programs and feels that the literature that you have available to supplement each of the programs would be of great value to him in helping him as a counselor to better understand and break through the generation gap that he knows exists between his students, their teachers and their parents."

Mrs. Jerry M., Winnipeg,  
Manitoba

"I have been following your TV programs on the Vietnam war. Being

an officer in the U. S. Marine Corps, I have never been informed of the real costs nor have I seen a better presentation on this subject than you have presented. I deeply appreciate this program."

Marvin B.,  
Santa Ana, California

## Advance News Report

"Please send me *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I was once, some 15 to 20 years ago, on your mailing list and distinctly remember the items in *The PLAIN TRUTH* predicting the very things that are taking place in our world today, the departure of De Gaulle and especially the union of nations in Europe."

Sarah S., W. Frankfort,  
Illinois

## Ambassador

"My wife and I visited your beautiful Pasadena campus and were very pleased with what we saw. The buildings and grounds truly are the most pleasant I have ever seen. Quality was evident everywhere, as I have read in your publications many times. But truly, and most important, it is the quality of the people that you are training there that impressed me most. We have both been through college and are teachers. Nowhere have I seen such well-behaved... friendly students, and such an atmosphere for living, as well as learning. I count it a privilege to have seen your campus."

Carl D., Winchester Bay,  
Oregon

## Crime

"My husband just resigned from the Milwaukee Police Department, where he'd been a patrolman and then a detective for several years. He's been most unhappy in his job for two years and finally said, 'I can't fight the whole world.' He was in the hospital a month ago due to an ulcer. When he left the hospital he turned in his resignation. He says you have no idea how alone

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# Personal from the Editor

THE BIG QUESTION is *WHAT*, after all, does it *mean*? The incredible, unbelievable epic feat *accomplished*! Two men put on the moon — cavorting about in sprightly style on its powdery-coated surface — and then returned safely to earth! And all this in the sight of 600 million on-lookers!

Does *anyone* grasp the real *significance*?

We need an *awakening* to what this now portends! Perhaps the principle fruitage of the achievement is what it has done to human *THINKING*! Suddenly man's outlook on his world and his future has radically *changed*! Suddenly man envisions not merely a new world, but *many* NEW WORLDS... *TO CONQUER*!

Ever since President Kennedy made the commitment to go for the moon before 1970, this feat had become the national GOAL. With Russia already in the race it was tantamount to a WORLD GOAL!

Few realize the enormity of the mass effort. It involved virtually the entire resources — and resourcefulness — of the greatest, richest nation of world history. To leave the footprints of Neil Armstrong (no relation to me) and Buzz Aldrin on the moon surface required 300,000 technicians and scientists, eight years, and 24 BILLION dollars.

It became a race between the U. S. and the USSR. The United States won not only the race but a needed upsurge in world prestige.

But with the goal of the nation — and the world — accomplished, it was suddenly like the END OF THE WORLD — as men had viewed it in outlook! Suddenly there had to be a NEW GOAL — a NEW WORLD — else what had man, now, to look forward to?

The very moment the two astronauts descended cautiously down the ladder of the Lunar Module and put a first

foot on the moon, man's thinking CHANGED! Human minds began to envision NEW WORLDS TO CONQUER!

Suddenly MAN began to think of CONQUERING THE HEAVENS! If human effort, en masse, could accomplish this moon feat, NOTHING is now impossible!

Grasp, if you can, the overwhelming implications of the words spoken by President Nixon at that moment. He spoke via radio-telephone to the astronauts standing on the moon. The whole world was listening in by radio and television. These were his astounding history-weighted words:

"THE HEAVENS HAVE BECOME PART OF MAN'S WORLD!"

The implications of these words are catastrophic!

Equally significant are the words transmitted to earth by Neil Armstrong after taking one or two steps on the lunar surface: "*That's one small step for a man... one GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND!*"

"Giant leap" — toward *what*? Going WHERE?

Immediately Vice-President Agnew was urging that the new goal be a landing on Mars. The very day the astronauts were walking and cavorting about on the moon, startling predictions were filling the air-waves by radio and television — worldwide! *THIS*, earth's inhabitants were being told, *IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!* Now man will make it to the distant stars, even other galaxies!

The HEAVENS! "*They will now BELONG TO MAN!*"

On their return flight to earth, during one of the transmissions for television release, astronaut Edwin Aldrin summed up his impression of the entire mission. He expressed his own feelings in the great adventure by quoting from the words of the ancient King David in the Psalms, thus: "When I consider thy

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### OUR COVER

State Dinner, August 13, in Los Angeles, California, honors the three American astronauts, Collins, Aldrin and Armstrong, who participated in man's first moon landing. Cost of dinner was shared by NASA and the White House. President has just presented plaques to astronauts. Two of three wives of astronauts are at far right. After presentation, gold drapes in background opened, revealing choir which sang national anthem. Occasion was probably most lavish State Dinner U.S. has presented.



heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him?" He was reading, in outer space, the Biblical words of the 8th Psalm, verses 3 and 4.

Add to this the words of President Nixon, Neil Armstrong, and the historic reading from the creation chapter of the Bible from moon-orbit on Apollo 10, and what have you? You have a sharply controversial PARADOX!

Just as man seems to be preparing to take over the heavens as HIS expanded world — just as, in human thinking in the realms of science and education, man had almost succeeded in shoving the idea of God out of existence, suddenly right in the MIDST of MAN'S most exalted accomplishment of history, the star performers *have now brought GOD back into the picture!*

Whether or not it conforms to what had become the trend of modern scientific and philosophical thinking — whether or not these modern schools of thought like it — these words combined with the facts of space flight have suddenly brought GOD forcibly into public consciousness!

As science developed in our time, and rationalism took over Education, belief in God gradually became the stigma of ignorance and superstition. Belief in a God, men were thinking, may have served a purpose back in the dark ages. But now MAN had advanced beyond the need of that crutch. Now he could safely throw off the swaddling clothes of superstition. Man had become sufficient unto himself. The "*God is dead*" slogan had voiced the intellectual trend.

Science and Higher Education had shoved God outside the structure of knowledge being disseminated. The question now arises: Is man about to attempt to shove God out of His own High Heaven too? It is doubtful, of course, that Mr. Nixon intended by his statement to be saying: "GOD, GO HOME! We humans are taking over — shoving you out of your Heaven!" Still he did say: "THE HEAVENS HAVE BECOME PART OF MAN'S WORLD."

True, not all scientists or educators disbelieve in God. And the Bible re-

mains the world's best seller. This book, which ad-man Bruce Barton called "the book that nobody knows," purports within itself to be "the Word of God" — the Creator's revelation to mankind — His instruction book. Of course neither Science nor Education accepts revelation.

Nonetheless, the President's words and those from space make it pertinent at this time of man's invasion of the heavens to take a look into this best seller. In it one is quoted, saying He is GOD — that He created the heaven and the earth — that the heavens belong to Him. Could He even say something about man's current invasion of space?

We might ask whether this is merely the writing of an ancient unlearned and unscientific man, groping for a superstitious concept of God. Or whether it could actually be the Mastermind of creation revealing Himself?

Listen to these words: "Thus saith God the Eternal, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath to the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein . . . I am the ETERNAL: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them" (Isaiah 42:5-9).

That is quite a claim — to foretell important future events.

Are those words fiction, or is there GOD who inspired them?

Then WHO is authoring these further words? "To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host [the stars] by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth. . . . Behold the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance . . . All nations before Him are as nothing, and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity" (Isaiah 40:25-26, 15, 17).

Fiction? — or true revelation? Which?

I think it should be interesting to notice a few things in this best seller "that nobody knows" — statements that have definite reference to man's efforts to "get to heaven."

The very first words in this misunderstood Book claim that God IS — and that God created the heaven and the earth. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Then it says God also created man, and gave him certain dominion.

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the SEA, and over the fowl of the AIR, and over the cattle, and over all the EARTH, and over every creeping thing that creepeth UPON THE EARTH" (Gen. 1:26). (Emphasis mine.)

This says man was given dominion over the land surface of the earth, over the seas and oceans, and over the AIR — the earth's atmosphere.

But man is now invading space *beyond* the layer of AIR surrounding the earth. So this is one point that is pertinent to space flight.

We find another pertinent passage in the 11th chapter of Genesis.

Reaching a land called Shinar, ancient men said, "Let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven" (Gen. 11:4). They hadn't invented spacecraft then. But the human mind was working on a tower, possibly planned to go higher than anything existing on earth now.

But, the account continues, God saw what they were doing, and said: "Behold the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the ETERNAL scattered them abroad from there upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city" (Gen. 11:6-8).

These words, quoted as coming from God, are significant.

Once again, one wonders, is God  
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"Come on, tell the whole story like it is!"

# O.K.—YOU Asked for it!

A SUBSCRIBER DEMANDS an answer regarding the source of the financial stability of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine and of AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, its publisher.

"I don't want any personal replies," he says. "I would like to see you donate a spot in the next PLAIN TRUTH for this letter and the answers to the questions asked in it."

You are now reading in the spot donated.

I have answered these questions many times. Still, many of our millions of readers may not have read the answers to some of his specific questions.

We have nothing to hide certainly — still I have felt a little reluctant about giving this answer too often or too fully, simply because I do not want to violate our policy never to request contributions from the public — never to ask or urge anyone to become a Co-Worker supporting our operations financially.

But this particular challenge, unanswered, would invite suspicion, and therefore I am giving a frank and straightforward answer.

## The "Handful of Co-Workers"

The writer of the letter certainly cannot object to having his name and address appear. It is James A. Sutton, Route One, Uniontown, Kentucky.

First he writes: "I received your personal letter to the subscribers of *The PLAIN TRUTH* today and I still can't realize how you can run an organization like you do (especially considering the size of it) financially from a handful of Co-Workers — they must be rolling in dough."

I will quote and answer his letter a point at a time.

*A reader of this magazine challenged the Editor, demanding an answer. "I want it answered where all the subscribers of The PLAIN TRUTH can see the answer," he demanded.*

by Herbert W. Armstrong

This entire Work, sponsored by Ambassador College — including *The WORLD TOMORROW* program on both radio worldwide and television in the United States and Canada — is NOT sponsored or backed by any large commercial corporations, foundations, or individual multimillionaires.

It is supported financially solely by the contributions of a group of Co-Workers, as Mr. Sutton already knew. But these Co-Workers emphatically are NOT "rolling in dough." I have only very limited information, of course, as to the economic status of our Co-Workers, but what I do have indicates that their average income level is probably slightly BELOW the average income level in the United States and Canada.

Of course some people do seem to get peculiar ideas about the source of our financial support. One woman told my secretary that she was "absolutely sure" that all of our financial backing came from multimillionaire H. L. Hunt. My secretary assured her none of it did. But she stuck to her conviction. She was SURE — without any evidence, of course. Just out of curiosity, I stopped writing a few seconds at that juncture to ask our computer system. Our contribution records go back three years on the computer. It has no record of any contribution from Mr. Hunt in that period — and I feel sure he would not have prior to that. He supports a large public service work of his own, which is quite well known.

Now about this "handful of Co-Workers." The whole story of the finan-

cial support of this Work is explained in the free booklet which was offered all our subscribers in my letter: "*This is AMBASSADOR COLLEGE.*"

I explained how a small handful in Oregon who had heard my lectures there volunteered to become Co-Workers to help disseminate this "Missing Dimension" education. That started the radio program and *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I explained how others, hearing the lectures on radio, voluntarily joined them as contributors.

## Never Solicited

It has been, all along, our policy never to ask the public for contributions — and never to solicit, urge, suggest or invite any to become Co-Workers — that is, regular contributors. Once people do, voluntarily on their own initiative, become Co-Workers with us, we keep them informed, monthly, of the progress and future plans of this worldwide Work, and of its financial situation and needs.

As explained in the booklet mentioned, as others voluntarily became regular contributors, additional radio stations were added to those releasing our program, *The WORLD TOMORROW*.

The radio program and *The PLAIN TRUTH* began 35½ years ago. Ambassador College was founded 22 years ago. There has been steady and continuous growth, under the same financial policy.

We believe in GIVING, not selling. We have nothing to sell. We give, as those who have become Co-Workers with us, give. We BELIEVE in what we are giving. The "handful" of Co-Workers believe in what they HELP us give.

Teaching, worldwide, on all inhabited continents, the meaning and



PURPOSE of life, the TRUE VALUES as distinguished from the false, and the CAUSES of right results in life — in other words, teaching HOW TO LIVE — has *changed* and enriched uncounted thousands of lives.

Yes, we certainly BELIEVE in what we are doing! If you want to see or experience it for yourself all you have to do is visit any of the three campuses of Ambassador College. You'll see the RESULTS reflected in the students.

The family of voluntary Co-Workers, starting with the little original handful of perhaps a dozen of below-average income, has grown and multiplied through the years. That family of volunteer Co-Workers is *the sole and only source* of financial income for Ambassador College, *The PLAIN TRUTH*, *The WORLD TOMORROW*, and this entire worldwide operation. The only possible exception is, of course, the tuitions and fees received from students, and below-cost charges for food and room.

Sound incredible?

Probably. You have never heard of any operation like it. But it has been done for 35½ years — and *is being done today!*

But some, through misunderstanding, have the impression we REFUSE to accept contributions. That false impression seems to arise from the fact we do not REQUEST contributions from the public. And further that we have nothing to sell. We are NONCOMMERCIAL, and NONPROFIT. We say "you cannot pay for your own subscription — it is ALREADY PAID." We even return hundreds of dollars because people send money *to pay for* our magazines or literature. But WE DO NOT REFUSE CONTRIBUTIONS voluntarily sent, to help us pay for SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR OTHERS! Yes we do, gladly, gratefully, accept contributions to help us in this great Work of GIVING, and SERVING OTHER PEOPLE! But we do not request, solicit, nor ask for such contributions — or for people to BECOME Co-Workers and regular contributors. And I do not say this here as a request, hint, or urging, but simply because a subscriber CHALLENGED ME, and I feel a frank and

straightforward explanation, to clear up *misunderstandings*, is due our readers.

Next, Mr. Sutton asks: "Who are these Co-Workers anyway? What do they eat, drink, wear, live in, drive, etc.? Simply, where do they get their money to live on, plus pay for the machinery and publication of all these magazines etc. that you people send out?"

I answer, simply, I do not know many of these Co-Workers personally, but I do know they are mighty fine people who are making a real sacrifice to GIVE regularly, so we do not have to SELL on a commercial basis what we give freely. Some, I do happen to know, are contributing much more now than they did a few years ago, because they learned that tithing their income really PAYS — and beside contributing more, through tithing, they are living better — gradually able to increase their own living standards due to increased incomes. They learned one of the CAUSES for the effect of increasing incomes!

As to what these people eat, wear, drive, etc., I know little. They all VOLUNTEERED to become contributors. And, of course, the number of them has increased steadily and gradually from that original dozen or so.

#### What Is a Co-Worker?

Mr. Sutton continues: "If you people work for yourselves and don't sell your product (magazines and information), and don't take donations, where does

the money come from to keep an organization like that ticking?"

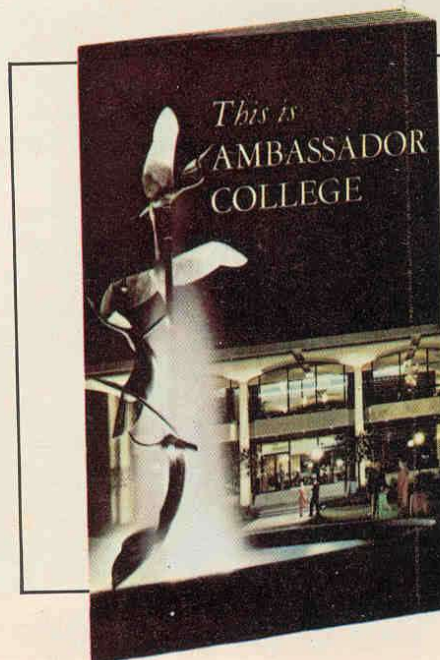
I reply — well now, Mr. Sutton, perhaps I begin to understand your perplexity. Perhaps you supposed our "handful of Co-Workers" were the people here at Pasadena who work in our printing plant, our offices, or teach in our classrooms. No, most if not all of them are Co-Workers, too, in the sense that they, along with myself and the leading executives in this great Work, are contributors financially. But by the term "Co-Worker" in our own terminology we mean those who have voluntarily become regular contributors financially, rather than those we employ.

I can understand, now, why Mr. Sutton wrote, next, "Even if you and all these Co-Workers were millionaires you would finally go broke spending money with no return on it."

Then he says: "Come on, tell the whole story like it is."

Well, Mr. Sutton, I think I have done that. And I hope that, now, you and ALL our millions of readers will UNDERSTAND — and that I have corrected the misunderstanding under which I see you were laboring — and perhaps thousands of others misunderstood the same point.

Mr. Sutton concludes: "I'm not knocking the kind of work that you are doing . . ." and then his request for the reply, quoted earlier.



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has grown phenomenally in the last few years.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan, head of the Council on Urban Affairs, reports that the heart of the problem is dependent children from broken families. "The poor of the United States," he says, "today enjoy a quite unprecedented de facto freedom to abandon their children in the certain knowledge that society will care for them."

The looming crisis over welfare is what prompted President Nixon to propose a revolutionary overhaul of the entire welfare program. In a speech on nationwide television, he assailed the existing hodge-podge of state-administered programs as a "colossal failure" that "breaks up homes" and often penalizes those who work.

The new proposals are intended to "reward work" and encourage families to stay together. But the initial cost of implementing the new program, if approved by Congress, will be expensive. It will add \$4,000,000,000 to federal government costs in the first full year of operation.

And under the new plan the welfare roles, which now total 10 million people, would increase to more than 22 million. Thus, about 11% of the U. S. population would qualify for some welfare assistance.

Welfare, once begun, becomes a virtual "state within a state" proposition; difficult to reform, nearly impossible to reduce in scope and cost.

### Rome Grew Big — Then Fell

Rome grew big, powerful and prosperous. Then in gradually deteriorating stages that perhaps few in that day detected, she became indolent, sick and pitifully weak, unable even to defend herself against the rampaging attacks of her enemies.

Rome's power and prosperity didn't insure her lasting success.

Neither can a purposeless, aimless America or Britain — devoted solely, it seems, to the "good life" and "getting it now" — insure its future in peace and security. The U. S. and Britain have grown BIG — when will we fall?

Rome had other flaws in her national character too. We'll describe the next fatal flaw in Part III of this series next

month. Meanwhile, if you are experiencing financial difficulties, why not write for our free reprint article, "Will You Ever Get Out of Debt?" It contains much helpful information on the subject of family finances.

## Personal from the Editor

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now seeing what men are doing? And is He again saying, "This they BEGIN to do, and now nothing will be restrained from them" — unless, once again, God intervenes to STOP humans from invading further into outer space?

At least it is written in this Book that God *is* looking, and well aware of everything mankind is doing. "The Eternal looks from heaven, beholding all mankind; from where He sits, He scans all who inhabit the world; He who alone made their minds, He notes all they do." (Psalm 33:13-15, Moffatt Translation.)

But God is quoted as saying, "This they BEGIN to do; and now NOTHING will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do." The Book states that God *did* intervene at Babel. Will He intervene *now*?

The human mind is capable of imagination that is almost staggering. Certainly the human mind is capable of sending men much farther than the moon. But *is there* a God to intervene and put a stop to it? The answer to that question can be PROVED, one way or the other. (You might write for the free booklet, *Does God Exist?*)

Doesn't it seem a little strange that Science has never disproved the existence of God, yet most scientists accept, on unproved faith, the idea of non-existence? And, just as UNScientific, most believers in God have never seen PROOF of His existence, yet accept on unproved faith the belief that He does!

What a commentary on man's careless proclivity of believing! A man believes, in the main, whatever has been funneled into his mind — whatever he has been taught, told, or has read — whatever

those he chooses to "belong" with accept — and whatever he *wants* to believe! Most *refuse* to accept, even on proof, that which they do not want to believe!

But this "Book Nobody Knows" has its own answer to the question quoted from space by astronaut Aldrin. In the passage he quoted from the Psalms, the question is posed: "What is man, that thou art mindful of Him?" It is pertinent now, that we consider *the answer* given in the same Bible to that question. It is found in the New Testament Book of Hebrews.

There, beginning verse 6 in the 2nd chapter, the question asked in the Psalms is cited: "What is man, that thou [God] art mindful of him, or the son of man, that thou carest for him? Thou didst make him for a little while lower than the angels; thou hast crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Thus far quoting from Psalm 8:4-6. Then, in this Book of Hebrews, comes the further complete answer:

"Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control" (Heb. 2:8 — RSV). This has a direct connection with the passage quoted above from Genesis 1:26. There it is stated that God gave mankind jurisdiction over the solid earth surface, the seas, and the atmosphere. But now in the Hebrews passage man's dominion becomes ALL-inclusive. I quoted above from the Revised Standard version in modern English. The old Authorized Version (1611 — King James), has it "Thou hast put ALL things in subjection under his feet. For in that He put ALL in subjection under him [man], He left NOTHING that is not put under him [man]." (Emphasis mine.)

This prophetic revelation is so staggering that I wish to make *plain* what is here claimed to be the true destiny of man. In the Moffatt translation in modern English, the "ALL THINGS" and the "everything" are translated to mean THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE (compare Heb. 2:8 and 1:2-3) — including all our solar system, our Milky Way, all the galaxies in limitless space!

*This is a staggering, almost unbelievable statement. I am not interpreting it*



— but stating it *as it is!* I know of no denomination or sect that believes it. Yet *your Bible states it!*

But notice, now, the next words!

“As it is, we do not *YET* see *everything* in subjection to him” [man]. The AV has: “But *NOW* we see *NOT YET* all things put under him” (emphasis mine).

But what do we see now?

Continue, AV, next verse: “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour . . .” (verse 9).

As of *NOW*, we see *not yet* the entire universe under the jurisdiction of *MAN*. No, as of *NOW*, man is *limited* to the earth. As of *now*, while man is human — an *EARTH* being — he has been given dominion over *ONLY* the solid earth, the waters of the sea, and the earth’s atmosphere. This was explained above (Genesis 1:26).

Man is an earth-bound creature. If he leaves the earth’s atmosphere, he must take with him, from the earth, oxygen to breathe, food to eat, and water to drink. He must wear clumsy space suits to protect him from extremes of cold or heat. He must take with him the means of sustaining life *from the earth!*

But this same Bible states that Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead — no longer human, but now composed of *SPIRIT*. And this passage in Hebrews 2:9 says we see *NOW*, the spirit-composed Jesus crowned with *GLORY* and *HONOR*. This is more fully described in the first chapter of the Book of Hebrews:

“... in these days at the end He [God] has spoken to us by a Son — a Son whom He has appointed *HEIR OF THE UNIVERSE*, as it was by Him [Christ] that He [God] created the world. He [Christ], reflecting God’s bright *GLORY* and stamped with God’s own character, *SUSTAINS THE UNIVERSE* with His word of power” (Heb. 1:2-3 Moffatt).

This entire revelation of the present and future is, perhaps, too staggering for the average mind, unaccustomed to revelation, to accept. But this sums up the Biblical revelation of the *POTENTIAL* of *MAN*.

Just as stated in the Book, with no interpretation altering it!

It affirms that Jesus was born human of a woman. It affirms that He paid the penalty of all human transgression of the Divine Law by suffering death for mankind — that He was resurrected to spirit-composed life — with life *inherent*. That God’s program calls for giving us humans this same spirit-composed eternal life — with life *inherent* — through Christ’s resurrection, through His *LIFE!*

Of course it also is plainly affirmed that there are *CONDITIONS* to receiving this gift — this incredible inheritance: total surrender to obedience to God and His *WAY* of life, plus faith in Jesus Christ. Once receiving God’s Spirit — His *LIFE* — we become His begotten children, His Heirs, and co-heirs with Christ who already has *INHERITED* this potential destiny of mankind. That is what this world’s best-selling Book plainly says!

And what do these amazing Scriptures reveal to be the appearance of Christ *IN GLORY*? Is He white, or black, or brown? He is none of those, and the promise is held out that we, when we become *INHERITORS*, shall be as He is now. You’ll find a description of it in the last Book in the Bible — the 1st chapter of the Revelation. There it describes his eyes appearing like flames of fire, his countenance shining as brightly as the sun in full strength.

Astronaut Edwin Aldrin opened the subject from space by his quotation. Here is the finish of what he started:

It is verse 10 of Hebrews 2: “For it became Him [Christ], for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, *in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings*. For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren.”

In other words, Jesus Christ, the “captain” — or *PIONEER*, who has gone on before, paving the way — calls those who have repented and trusted in Him *BRETHREN*, co-heirs. He has gone on before. He has already *INHERITED* that to which we may now be heirs. He now

upholds, sustains, the entire *UNIVERSE*. He is now the *CHIEF EXECUTIVE* administering the Government of God over the entire *UNIVERSE*.

Man’s potential is to *INHERIT* what Jesus now has — to share it with Him — dominion over the *UNIVERSE*. But *NOT YET!* Not while human, composed of flesh-and-blood matter! Not while we are *EARTH-BOUND* mortals, depending on air, food and water for existence.

The Biblical teaching, unrealized by virtually all religionists, is that, in a sense, we are all in training, now, as future astronauts. The training is in obedience to the Divine Spiritual Law, submission and obedience to the rule of God, overcoming the evil in human nature. *Our* flights into space are not for this life, but the life to come — the Biblical promise to mankind through the power of the resurrection. Then we shall not need space suits or space capsules!

Astronaut Edwin Aldrin started this chain of Biblical revelation from outer space on the return from the moon. The question posed by his quotation leads to such an amazing answer, following it up in the Scriptures — an answer probably not known or accepted by any denomination or sect — yet an answer plainly stated in the Book from which his question was quoted — that I felt it incumbent on me to give our readers the shocking answer, plainly stated, uninterpreted as stated in the Book!

I do not expect many who read it to accept and believe — *NOW!* *The PLAIN TRUTH* is a secular publication rather than religious. The astronaut gave his question to the whole secular world — it deserves, I think, the answer from the same Book to the secular world. But if the reader desires a non-sectarian magazine of Biblical understanding — not a “religious magazine” in the ordinary sense at all — but one of scholarly research published by the Graduate School of Theology of Ambassador College, simply request an already-paid *FREE* (to you) subscription to the *TOMORROW’S WORLD* magazine. I think you’ll be amazed at the grasp and understanding and common-sense treatment of a Book that *does* make sense, after all — in a way few have realized.