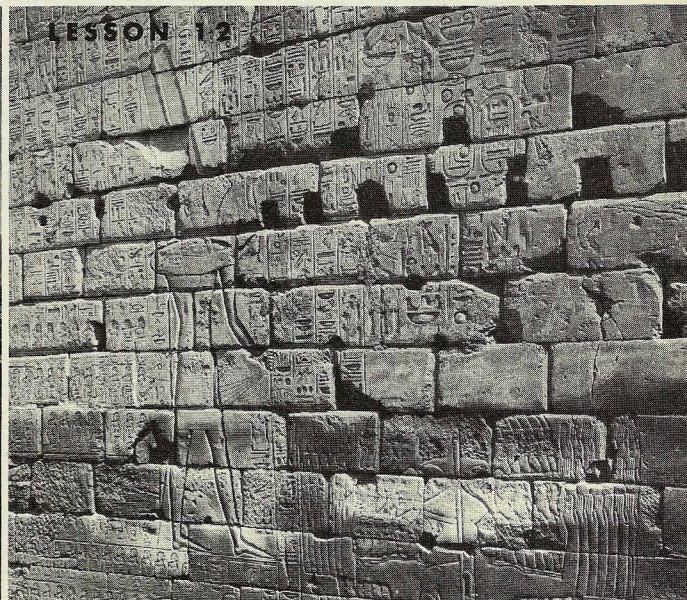
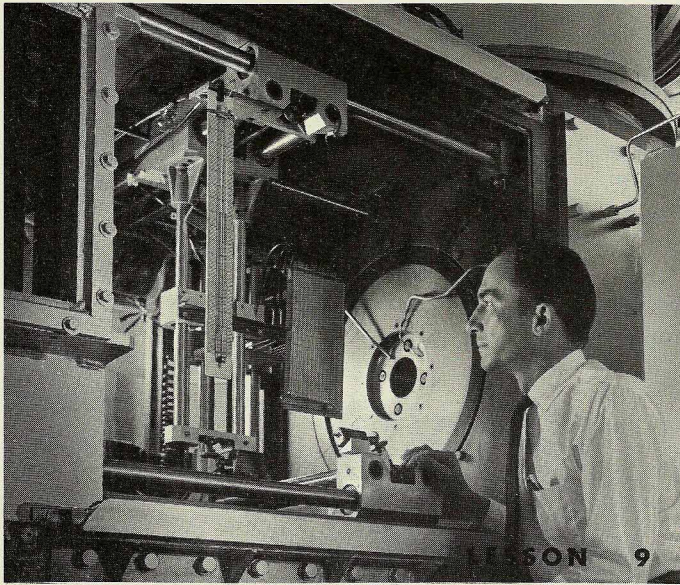


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an open letter from

## THE EDITOR

**J**UST now, as I write, my son Garner Ted Armstrong has just gone off the air. Something he said made me realize, as never before, why this Work is unlike any other.

My son was speaking on the subject of Lazarus and the rich man. During the program, I took from the bookcase in my study a certain one-volume Bible dictionary. Out of curiosity I turned its pages to see what it would say about the words "soul," and "hell." When I first started to study the Bible, thirty-seven years ago, I turned often to the larger several-volume *Dictionary of the Bible* by the same editor. I regarded it as the best work of the kind in print. But the present volume which the Ambassador College Library department procured for my personal library in my study, is a very late and modern edition.

And I do mean *modern!*

I have been shocked at *how* modern — how utterly at variance it is from the earlier edition I used thirty-seven years ago. It is quite apparent that the present edition contains short articles on the various Biblical words and terms it professes to define and explain, written by the young theological students — or graduates — of the "modern" theological seminaries of the present.

It is an example of the trend, seeking to destroy God's Word. Every article I have read in this present volume *assumes* that God is a non-existent myth — that the Bible is merely the curious and outdated literature of ignorant Jews of long ago, vainly grasping in the darkness of superstition for a concept of "God." By a play on words it appears an attempt is made to counteract and destroy every TRUTH revealed by Almighty God in His inspired Word!

And this set my mind to thinking. How grateful we should be, that God has seen to it in all ages that HIS TRUTH *could not be erased* from human accessibility!

Ever since the time of Christ there have been organized conspiracies to destroy the Bible.

Jesus Christ started God's Church in 31 A.D. And in 33 A.D. the Great Conspiracy got under way to organize and build the GREAT FALSE CHURCH—Satan's church! The Great Conspiracy sought to destroy the true Church of God, and to blot out the Word of God, by *counterfeit* doctrines. They appropriated the NAME of Christ, and called themselves "Christian"—then

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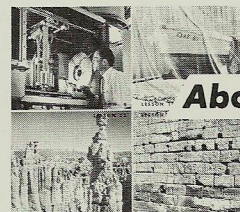
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# TEST NUMBER THREE

**T**HIS THIRD examination is given to help you *better understand* your Bible.

You are now reading the instructions for answering the questions.

Note that there are 80 questions and that they are numbered consecutively **1, 2, 3**, etc. Note also that there are *four* possible answers given under *each* question. These are labeled **A, B, C, D**. *ONLY ONE* of these four possible answers is the *RIGHT* one!—the other three are *false* UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

**YOU ARE TO SELECT THE ONE RIGHT ANSWER FROM AMONG THESE FOUR POSSIBLE ANSWERS.**

Repeat this process for each of the questions asked. This comprises your test. (Generally speaking, the *incorrect* answers are *false* ideas which are taught and believed about the subject.)

As you select the *one* right answer to each question, make a pencil mark in the *margin* beside the correct answer to each question. Answer as many questions as you can without referring to the previous four lessons you have studied. If you find any difficult questions, then *refer to the lessons*. We expect you to do so!

Once you have finished going over the questions, *transfer* your marks from the margins of this question section onto the enclosed ANSWER CARD. You are to **SEND ONLY THE ANSWER CARD** in to us when filled out.

Be sure to handle your answer card carefully at all times. A **SMOOTH CARD** aids us in grading. It will then be *returned* to you.

Those who do not send in answers to the tests, or those who show by a very low number of correct answers that they are not particularly interested, will obviously have to be dropped from the Course.

Notice that the questions are divided into four parts—corresponding to the last four lessons. We advise you not to cover more than one lesson at a sitting. Take sufficient time to understand each question.

Here are two **EXAMPLES** to show you how to mark the answer card.

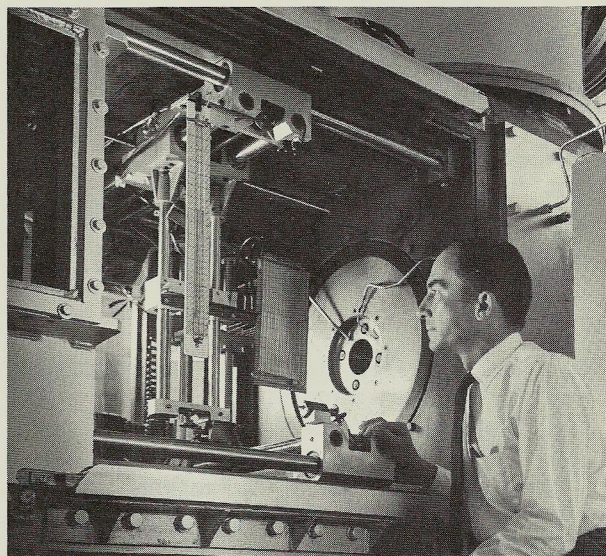
Read the *first* question of this test. The right answer to select, this time, is "**C**." Now look at your answer card—observe the "**X**" in the square to the right of question **1**, and under **C**. It is already correctly marked for you!

Here is the second example: Notice question **2** on this page. The correct answer is "**B**." Answer "**B**" is also marked correctly for you! That's all there is to it! It's very simple and fast.

The procedure for marking your answer card is *always* the same. Now continue with question **3** . . .

## Lesson 9

# GOD REVEALS HIMSELF!



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1. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
  - A. We should accept—without question—the word of our local minister concerning God's existence, or *non-existence*.
  - B. God *does not command* us to prove all things.
  - C. God commands us to prove He exists.
  - D. There is no way of proving God exists—you just have to accept the teachings of the Bible in blind faith.
2. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
  - A. We all have plenty of time in which to prove God exists—His wrath is far in the future.
  - B. The sooner each person proves there is a God, the better he fares.
  - C. People already know God is *not* dead—His eternal existence need not be proved.
  - D. Martians in flying saucers from "outer space" are going to invade this planet and take over its affairs.

3. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- Sensitive sound equipment exists which can "hear" spirit beings.
  - Laboratory test equipment exists which can "see" spirit beings.
  - Man has the ability to "feel" spirit beings, thereby proving they exist.
  - Man can *know* that God—who is spirit—does exist because He fulfills, by actual events, the prophecies He made long ago.
4. The way to study the Bible with this Correspondence Course is
- to study the lessons *only*—not the Bible.
  - to just *look up* the Bible references, not bothering to write them down carefully as instructed.
  - to never consult a Bible Dictionary.
  - to write down all Bible references and use Bible aids mentioned in Lesson 4.
5. God's throne
- is located in the second heaven.
  - is on Mount Zion in Palestine today.
  - is not on spiritual Mount Zion.
  - is in the temple of the heavenly Jerusalem.
6. What does God do to areas where grievous sin has been committed?
- He always floods them.
  - He leaves them untouched.
  - He destroys them by various methods.
  - Nothing, since there is no such thing as sin.
7. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- God has no earthly *types* of heavenly things.
  - The earthly Jerusalem is a *type* of the heavenly Jerusalem.
  - The heavenly Mount Zion was never to have an earthly type in Palestine.
  - God's plan is not dual.
8. We will
- never be able to see spiritual objects.
  - see spiritual objects only when we "go to heaven."
  - be able to see spiritual objects when we are *born* of God—transformed at the resurrection into spirit beings.
  - be able to see spiritual objects only if we "go to hell."
9. Does God, by describing Himself in Revelation 1:14-16, want us to make any conscious attempt to picture Him mentally to ourselves?
- No—it would be wrong to do so.
  - There is no purpose in knowing what God looks like.
  - Yes—so He may seem more personal and real to us.
  - We are not to really believe this is what He looks like.
10. When those who qualify in this world are finally glorified, they will
- look dull and drab.
  - shine as the sun, but have no greater power.
  - shine as the sun and have great power.
  - look no different than they do in their present mortal bodies.
11. Who is the one great Supreme Being over all?
- Christ, for He has always played the outstanding role in relation to man.
  - God the Father.
  - There is no supreme head—the Father and Christ are of equal authority.
  - The Father and Christ alternate in assuming the supreme authority.
12. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- Jesus Christ
- was the One who was known as God by the Old Testament nations.
  - was the Word, but not the Logos.
  - had beginning of days.
  - is often called the Father.
13. One of the two members of the God Family has become known as the *Father*
- because we positively know He has existed longer than the Logos.
  - because He begot by the Holy Spirit—became the Father of—Jesus Christ.
  - because it has gradually become the custom of religious denominations to call Him "our Father."
  - because He created the Logos before He created the universe.
14. Has God eternally existed?
- Christ had never existed before in any form until the Father begat Him.
  - No—the Father reveals He *originated* eons ago.
  - Only the Father has eternally existed.
  - Yes—God tells us so in the Bible.
15. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- The Divine Person who became Jesus Christ was not the "Spokesman" of the God Family in Old Testament times.

- B. When Christ conquers all on earth, He will no longer be subject to the Father.
- C. The words "In the beginning God . . ." (Gen. 1:1) do not refer to the time when the God Family created the universe.
- D. The "Kingdom of God" presently comprises God the Father and God the Son.

16. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?

- A. The Father and Son are never spoken of together as "God."
- B. Christ and the Father do not always agree about things.
- C. The word "LORD" can mean "The Self-Existent."
- D. God has *almost*, but not quite, all knowledge.

17. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?

- A. No man can know any of the "hidden" knowledge of God.
- B. Man's finite mind cannot account for God's great knowledge.
- C. There is a limit to God's understanding.
- D. Man can count the total number of stars.

18. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?

- A. God knows the billions of stars by name.
- B. God does not know the general attitude of people.
- C. God's communications system is limited by the speed of light.
- D. Man, with his advanced scientific knowledge and modern technology, will soon surpass the greatness of God.

19. Eternal life is possible

- A. through "spontaneous generation."
- B. only if given as a free gift from God.
- C. through natural changes in dead matter.
- D. by a mixture of gases.

20. Does God impart His power to men? There are

- A. no records of God ever doing such.
- B. records which show He has given certain men supernatural power to do many miraculous things.
- C. no promises that we can receive His same Holy Spirit of power.
- D. no records showing how we can acquire it.

21. The Holy Spirit

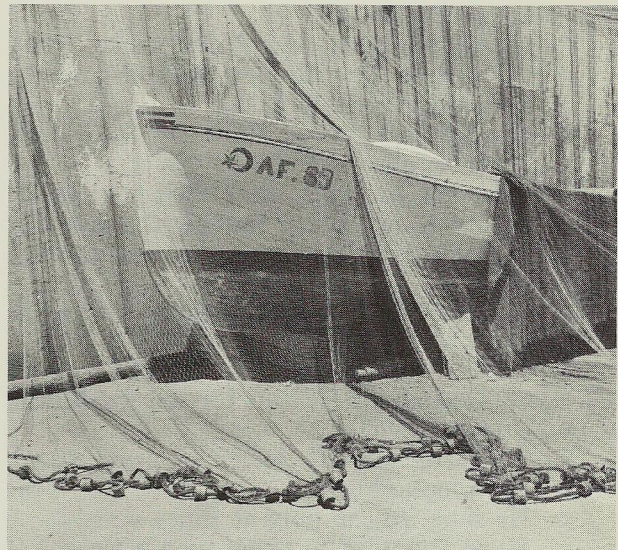
- A. has nothing to do with God's attitude.
- B. has nothing to do with His composition.
- C. comprises both God's attitude and the essence of which He is composed.
- D. is in everyone at birth.

22. God's Spirit-energy

- A. is not everywhere.
- B. is a visible thing.
- C. has no useful function.
- D. is the power which carries out His bidding to accomplish His will throughout the universe.

## Lesson 10

# PROPHECY IS THE PROOF OF GOD!



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23. People today do not believe there is a God because

- A. God has left no physical evidence to prove He exists.
- B. they fail to realize the sureness with which His prophecies are being carried out.
- C. His prophecies have been proved unreliable.
- D. they lack the mentality to prove He exists.

24. God's fulfilled prophecies have

- A. been carried out only in broad detail.
- B. been carried out only in a hazy fashion.
- C. been carried out to the minutest detail.
- D. never been proof of His existence.

25. Prophecy proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that there is a God because

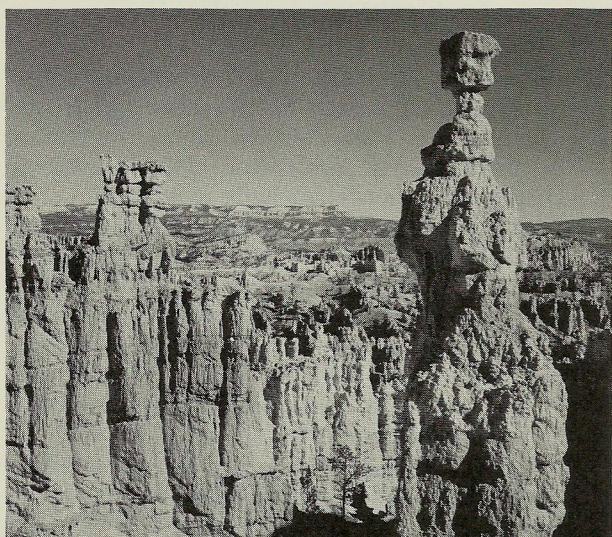
- A. no human being could ever foretell future events with such exactness.

- B. it is in the Bible and people believe the Bible.  
 C. ministers say it does.  
 D. this Course says it does.
26. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?  
 A. The world believes prophecy is a proof of God.  
 B. Prophets of God often prophesied of both Old Testament events which were *later* fulfilled and events of our day which are now *being* fulfilled.  
 C. Our economic forecasters can predict as precisely as God.  
 D. Our human weather forecasters can foretell as accurately as God.
27. Most people have  
 A. heard so much truth everywhere that they know they can accept Bible prophecy without question.  
 B. studied and proved Bible prophecy and God's existence.  
 C. not come to realize that their very existence will depend on proving the veracity of Bible prophecy and the existence of God.  
 D. a knowledge of the United States in prophecy.
28. Does God claim He can foretell *infallibly*?  
 A. No—He hedges.  
 B. Yes—He has the *power* to bring about His prophecies.  
 C. He says He can only at times.  
 D. He is reluctant to make such a claim.
29. Does God say that man has the same power to bring about future events as He has?  
 A. Yes.  
 B. No.  
 C. He says nothing one way or the other.  
 D. He says man can if He allows him.
30. The *big* error the world makes in not accepting the Bible as the infallible Word of God is that it  
 A. *assumes* the Bible is not exact.  
 B. is much more eager to do the will of God than it should be.  
 C. does not believe the skeptics.  
 D. believes implicitly the Old Testament, but not the New Testament.
31. What is the real basic cause of all human woes?  
 A. Man's ability to make peace.  
 B. Man's ability to organize to suppress evil.  
 C. Human nature.  
 D. Man's inability to pick the right doctor.
32. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?  
 A. The fact that man has never established permanent peace among men is not visible evidence that God's Word is being fulfilled.  
 B. Man will eventually establish world peace without God's supernatural intervention.  
 C. God, who knows the basic cause of human woes, foretold from the start the degree of unhappiness this world would experience.  
 D. God never foreknew where man's rebellious nature would lead.
33. God's prophecy of human strife down through the ages proves He exists because people  
 A. try as they may, can't thwart it.  
 B. knowing their own limitations, have now all turned to God for relief from their human nature.  
 C. knowing it is a decree from God, accept it meekly as true.  
 D. always recognized it proves His existence.
34. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?  
 A. God's prophecy of race history has not held true.  
 B. Japheth's descendants have not been enlarged.  
 C. Ham's descendants have always stood above all.  
 D. Shem's descendants have spread the Bible worldwide.
35. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?  
 A. God foretells the future of the world—its races, nations, rulers, individuals, cities, churches.  
 B. God does not always foretell accurately.  
 C. God does not know the history of the world in advance.  
 D. Today a *native* Egyptian rules Egypt.
36. God shows us He exists today by  
 A. bringing to pass many end-time prophecies foretold centuries ago.  
 B. not allowing a ten-nation European union to arise.  
 C. letting world events shape themselves.  
 D. leaving "hands off" this world's affairs.
37. What city did God say would be "*trodden down*" by the Gentiles?  
 A. Sidon.  
 B. Tyre.  
 C. Jerusalem.  
 D. Ashkelon.

38. The prophesied great empire for this end-time is the
- Holy Roman empire.
  - Grecian empire.
  - Medo-Persian empire.
  - Babylonian empire.
39. Our Church proves God exists because it
- sets the pattern which all denominations follow.
  - is great in membership.
  - is the only one which fills the description
- of the one He said He would cause to exist (Rev. 3:7-13) in the end-time.
- D. proclaims a message joyously received by everyone.
40. Once Bible prophecy has proved to us that God does exist, what are we to do?
- Forget the whole matter.
  - Accept Him as our Ruler and do His Bible commands.
  - Make no change in the way we are living.
  - Not be concerned about the future.

## Lesson 11

# CREATION PROVES THE BIBLE TRUE



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41. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- Evolution is a proven fact, not a theory.
  - Creation is not scientific.
  - Evolution is an unproved theory.
  - Scientific discoveries always contradict the Bible.
42. If you take the Bible literally, and believe that it means what it says,
- you are a fool.
  - you are exposing your ignorance.
  - you are wise.
  - you will become confused and lose out on eternal salvation.
43. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- Only God could have created matter in the beginning.
  - God probably had nothing to do with fashioning the earth.
  - Matter may have always existed.
  - God does not have the power to create anything.
44. What is the importance of URANIUM?
- It proves that there has been no past eternity of matter.
  - It proves that God does not exist.
  - It proves nothing.
  - It is important only in atomic warfare.
45. Since matter has not always existed,
- there is no need of a Creator.
  - matter could have evolved of itself out of nothing.
  - its existence today demands a Creator.
  - we can know nothing about the origin of anything.
46. The existence of life
- is fully explained by evolution.
  - is a proof that God must exist, because life is not an inherent property of matter.
  - is a result of "spontaneous generation."
  - is purely the result of "electro-chemical action."
47. According to the Theory of Evolution, all the different kinds of life
- must have been created by God.
  - developed from one single-celled protoplasmic mass.
  - do *not* give rise to new and different kinds of life.
  - are of supernatural, rather than natural, origin.
48. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?
- You can be a true Christian and still believe in evolution.
  - Evolution is a proof that the Bible is not scientific.

- C. You cannot be a true Christian and believe in evolution.  
D. Communism is unalterably opposed to evolution.
49. Which one of the following men proved that life can come only from life—that it cannot spring spontaneously from dead matter?  
A. Aristotle, the Greek philosopher.  
B. Redi, an Italian.  
C. Charles Darwin.  
D. Karl Marx.
50. The “Law of Biogenesis” states that  
A. biology is a proof of evolution.  
B. the book of Genesis is unscientific.  
C. dead matter will, by itself, produce life.  
D. life can come only from life.
51. According to the Theory of Evolution,  
A. our ancestors all sprang from one man, Adam.  
B. the unintelligent savage is the result of degeneration.  
C. man was a gradual transition from some lower animal similar to the anthropoid ape.  
D. man sprang suddenly from monkeys.
52. The many varieties of life which cover the earth  
A. arose from a process of evolution.  
B. prove that simple kinds gradually become new and different and more complex kinds.  
C. disprove the Genesis account of creation.  
D. always stay within the bounds of the original kinds which God produced at creation.
53. According to the Book of Genesis,  
A. the seven creation days were consecutive twenty-four-hour periods of time—seven literal days.  
B. many new kinds can arise.  
C. animal life existed in the ocean bottom millions of years before plant life developed on the land surface.  
D. all life began by evolution.
54. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?  
A. Mutations, sudden changes in nature, do not produce totally new *kinds*.  
B. A new variety is merely a variation *within* a Genesis kind.  
C. New varieties will vary until they become *new kinds*.  
D. Mutations are not a proof of evolution.
55. We may properly conclude that  
A. men willingly and deliberately ignore the evidence of the flood.  
B. no ancient cities were ever buried by the flood in Noah’s day.  
C. fossils were all buried over a period of millions of years.  
D. the simplest fossils were always buried first and the more complex fossils on top, proving evolution to be true.
56. Which *one* of these four statements is *true*?  
A. The simpler forms of life are always found buried in the lower strata.  
B. Complex forms of life never occur at the very bottom of strata.  
C. Evolution is proved by the logical order in which fossils are found buried.  
D. The simple and complex forms are usually jumbled throughout the strata.
57. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?  
A. The fossil strata of the pre-Adamic destruction were laid in rapid succession since plants are often found piercing through successive beds of stone!!  
B. All the strata were formed since Adam, and as a result of the Flood in Noah’s day.  
C. The tracks of fleeing animals, preserved in the fossil strata, prove that successive layers were laid rapidly, because footprints would have been obliterated in a few days’ time.  
D. Most of the fossils of the pre-Adamic world were buried alive and suddenly.
58. God *originally* created the earth  
A. perfect and beautiful.  
B. in chaos and confusion.  
C. a hot molten mass unfit for life.  
D. covered with clouds and thick darkness.
59. The earth *became* a desolation before Adam’s time  
A. because of the sins of pre-Adamic human beings.  
B. because of the sin of the angels who rebelled against God.  
C. because God likes to destroy things.  
D. because of purely natural conditions.
60. In the first two verses of Genesis,  
A. a perfect creation and its complete destruction are revealed.  
B. the account of the first day of the *Adamic* creation week is recorded.  
C. proof is given that God originally created



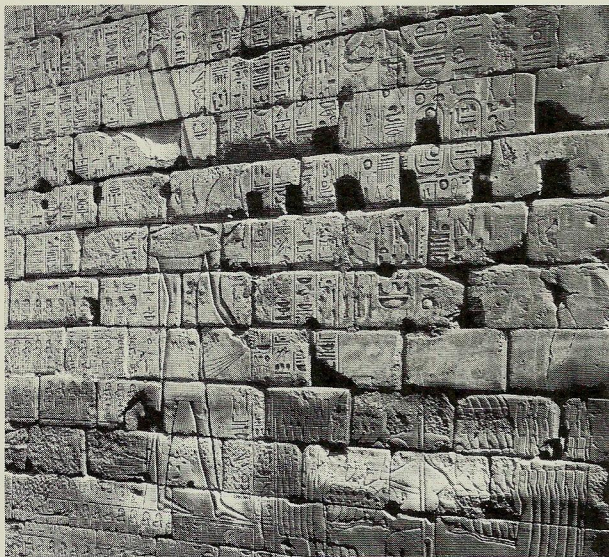
the heavens and earth not more than 6000 years ago.

- D. we learn that the earth was created in chaos.

61. Evolution leads to
- A. atheism.
  - B. a firm belief in God.
  - C. a comprehension of the purpose of life.
  - D. a knowledge of the origin of things.

## Lesson 12

# HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY PROVE THE BIBLE TRUE



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62. The Bible is
- A. a pious fraud.
  - B. man's first attempt to gather up primitive traditions and make them appear as the work of a supreme being.
  - C. a book of fables and myths.
  - D. an inspired revelation from God.
63. The religious leaders of the world believe that the Bible
- A. contains fables and myths about God, and is not really a revelation from God to man of essential knowledge.
  - B. ought to be obeyed, because the God who inspired it has authority over human affairs.
  - C. is an inspired revelation from God of vital knowledge that man needs to understand.
- D. is the inspired Word of God Himself, and should be followed in every detail.
64. The people who do *not* believe and practice what the Bible says
- A. still can understand the meaning of present world events.
  - B. know the goal for which human beings were put on earth.
  - C. can never understand the lessons of the past, nor know in advance what the future holds.
  - D. can still determine for themselves what is right and wrong.
65. The evidence of the inspiration and infallibility of the Bible
- A. has not been rejected by worldly scholars.
  - B. can be disproved by science.
  - C. has been rejected by the world because it knows that if the Bible were proved infallible, people would have to obey it.
  - D. can be disproved from accurate historical records.
66. In the Jewish Talmud, which is a historical record of Jewish practices and beliefs, the Jews state that Jesus Christ
- A. performed miracles of healing and of casting out demons.
  - B. never existed.
  - C. performed His miracles by the very power of God.
  - D. is the promised Messiah foretold in Scripture.
67. The non-Christian Jewish historian of the first century, Josephus, declares that
- A. Jesus is a myth, invented by Gentiles.
  - B. James was a brother of Jesus who was called Christ.
  - C. John the Baptist was a bad man.
  - D. there is no evidence to support the belief that Jesus had any disciples.
68. The authority and the inspiration of the Bible have been
- A. repudiated without being tested.
  - B. recognized by all translators of the Bible.
  - C. the foundation for the religious practices of all the churches.
  - D. rejected only by atheists.
69. Most people
- A. take for granted what the churches say about the Bible.
  - B. examine the Bible for themselves to see what it actually says.
  - C. naturally want to resist their lusts and practice what the Bible says.

- D. do not want to believe fables because they prefer the truth.
70. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- People often reject the truth of the Bible as out-of-date in this space age.
  - It is easy for people who have been brought up in various churches to grasp the truth of the Bible.
  - Human beings naturally think their ways are better than God's ways.
  - War, sickness and suffering are the penalties of the wrong way of life.
71. The expression "Thus saith the Lord," which is found hundreds of times in the Bible, means that
- God speaks with authority to us through the Bible.
  - we do not need to do what God says.
  - the prophets who wrote the Bible falsely attributed their own human ideas to a God.
  - we should believe whatever the churches say about the Bible.
72. The accurate preservation of the Bible
- can never be proved.
  - has been disproved by the Dead Sea Scrolls.
  - is illustrated by the Isaiah Manuscript found among the Dead Sea Scrolls.
  - is of no real importance to us today.
73. Which *one* of these four statements is *false*?
- There are slight variations in the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts of the Bible.
  - God permitted these minor scribal changes in spelling and word order so that those who spoke Hebrew and Greek would always understand the Bible even though the language gradually changed.
  - These minor changes do not change the important messages of the Bible.
  - Variation in the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts of the Bible are so extensive that the meaning of the Bible has been lost.
74. The various translations of the Bible
- are so contradictory that it is almost impossible to know what God really says.
  - are essential because the English language is gradually changing over the centuries.
  - were never intended by God.
  - should never have been made because the Bible was never intended to be read personally by the common person for himself.
75. The Revised Standard Version of the Bible
- is perfect.
  - should never be read by anybody.
  - was translated by Communists as a plot against Christianity.
  - is far from perfect, but is accurate enough to be a reasonably faithful rendering of the Word of God.
76. Do we have all the Bible?
- Yes, except for the Apocrypha which should be added to the Bible.
  - We can never be sure if we do.
  - No, we do not.
  - Yes, we do; for we have proof that the Bible has been accurately preserved.
77. Is there historical proof that the Patriarchs of the Bible really lived?
- There is no proof.
  - The evidence is too scanty to be of any value.
  - Perhaps, but the proof has been totally lost over the centuries.
  - Of course there is, for many ancient towns and cities in Mesopotamia were named after many of them!
78. Did the nations of antiquity regard "Noah's Flood" as historical fact?
- They all recorded it as historical fact.
  - They wrote nothing about it.
  - They denied it ever occurred.
  - We cannot know as all their records have perished.
79. Is there evidence that the Bible account of Joseph in Egypt is true?
- No evidence has so far come to light.
  - The story of Joseph has been proved a Jewish fable.
  - Abundant testimony proves that Joseph was a historical person.
  - It does not matter if there were evidence; for the Bible is as undependable as ordinary *man-made* books on history.
80. Are the critics *right* in their claim that the Book of Daniel is a forgery?
- No, they are not. Not one verse of the Book of Daniel has ever been proved historically untrue. Many verses have been proved true.
  - Yes, because the miracles recorded in the Book just could not have happened. Miracles are impossible.
  - We cannot be sure.

D. Part of it is a forgery and part of it is historically true.

### Now That You've Finished . . .

Mail your completed answer card back to us as soon as possible. But be sure not to fold or wrinkle it. Smooth cards help us to speed up the grading of the thousands of test cards we receive every month.

Do not send anything else with your answer card. But do check to see if your name and address is *PRINTED LEGIBLY!* Some cards cannot be returned simply because the student either forgot to include his name and address, or it was *not printed clearly.*

BE SURE TO *KEEP THIS TEST.* Note that it has three holes punched at its margin. This is so you can *file it in your notebook* at the end of the last four lessons it covers.

REVIEW these questions now and then. Why? Because the review will give you the opportunity to impress the true answers more firmly upon your mind.

Also, a review of the three false answers given for each question will help you to realize more clearly some of the *false* ideas which you may have taken for granted. You will thereby grasp and retain the *truth* much better when it is presented to you in future lessons.

## RELATED STUDY HELPS

Be sure to request your copy of the free booklets and reprinted articles listed below, if you do not already have them. They will help you to further understand the subjects covered in Lessons 9, 10, 11 and 12.

### LESSON 9:

Does GOD Exist?  
Has God *Eternally* Existed?  
Why God Is Not REAL to Most People  
Is Jesus God?  
The Holy Spirit  
What will YOU Be Like in the Resurrection?  
Why Were You BORN?

### LESSON 10:

The Proof of the BIBLE  
WHY PROPHECY?  
The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy  
The MIDDLE EAST in Prophecy  
The RACE QUESTION  
The TRUTH about the RACE QUESTION!  
The TRUE History of the TRUE CHURCH  
The ANSWER to Unanswered Prayer

### LESSON 11:

The Origin of LIFE  
How Long Were the "Days of Creation?"  
Seven Proofs God EXISTS!  
Did God Create a DEVIL?  
SCIENTISTS DISCOVER "There WERE Giants on Earth in Those Days"

### LESSON 12:

Do We Have the COMPLETE BIBLE?  
Should We USE the OLD TESTAMENT?  
Did Jesus Have Brothers and Sisters?

an open letter from

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presented a *false* Christ and a *false* "Christianity."

No religion had ever before offered the forgiveness of sins until Christ died to pay the sinners' penalty. As a palliate for guilty consciences, the Satan-influenced conspirators eagerly seized on "the blood of Christ," deciding that "grace" would be a wonderful selling point to make their pagan religion universal.

But REPENTANCE from sin—turning *away* from sin—which means OBEDIENCE to God's Law—that was something quite different. They well *knew* the natural mind of man is *hostile* to the idea of obedience to God, and is not subject to the Law of God (Rom. 8:7).

So they "did away with" God's Law. They substituted "penance" for repentance. They perverted the true Gospel of Christ in a manner to make it utterly ineffective. And THE WHOLE WORLD has been misled and deceived!

During the middle dark ages, every organized attempt was made to DESTROY the Bible itself. But God saw to it that His Word was preserved. Finally, after the invention of printing, copies of the Bible became accessible to the public.

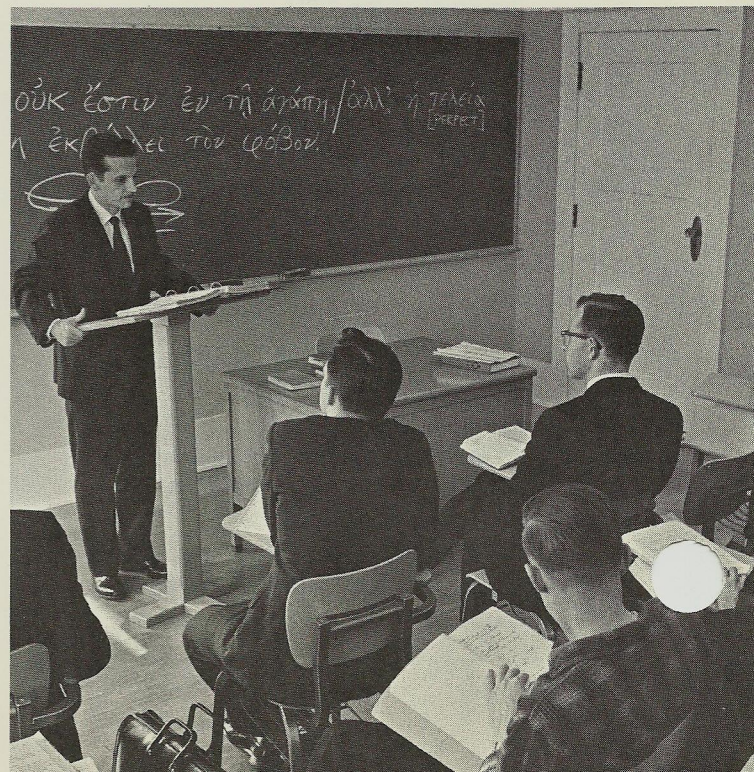
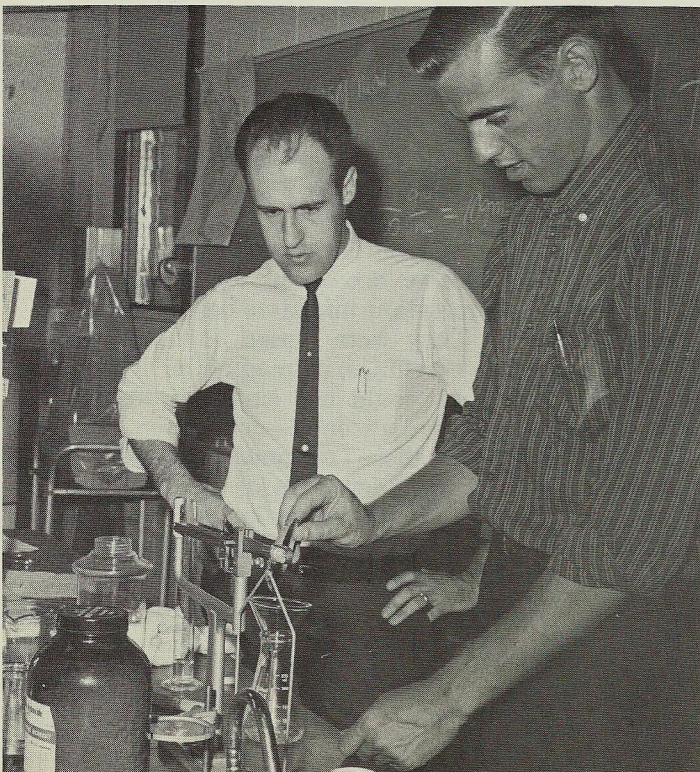
A few early Protestant ministers began searching for TRUTH. They were buried so deeply in the mire of false teachings, palmed off as "Christianity," that they could not emerge from the morass of confusion at once—or during their lifetime. Each of these religious leaders did recognize and grasp a few rays of light shining here and there through the darkness. But it is ten times more difficult to unlearn error, once believed, than to learn a *new* truth. So each of

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## INSIDE AMBASSADOR CLASSROOMS

*Students at Ambassador are taught to seek out truth. With the Word of God as the foundation of knowledge, they study a wide variety of subjects. Students prove the Bible. They search for what it really does say. It becomes instrumental in changing their lives and opening up doors to a more thorough understanding of all knowledge.*





*Ambassador College Photos*

A panorama of some of the classes taught at Ambassador College. Upper left, a close-up of the World History class. Above, Epistles of Paul class. Extreme lower left, student does experiment proving physical laws of God. Lower left, students learn original language in which New Testament was written to gain firmer grasp of God's Word. Below, students on the college campus identify flora during an outdoor Botany class.



these men retained perhaps half or more of the error. Each added a certain amount of NEW erroneous doctrine of his own. Thus a hodge-podge of denominations arose.

Certain Protestant scholars, during the latter part of the 18th century and through the 19th, devoted lifetimes to producing various works, more or less scholarly, to assist in Bible study and understanding. These were the exhaustive concordances, the lexicons or Greek-English and Hebrew-English dictionaries, the marginal reference systems in the printed Bibles, the religious encyclopedias, the Bible dictionaries, and the commentaries.

Most of these men were scholarly enough—but their minds still were largely blinded to spiritual truth. They had been taught false doctrines from childhood and blindly assumed them to be true.

Nevertheless, these exhaustive works and Bible helps were making it gradually possible, for those who would be willing, to come to more truth, more rapidly—and at the same time the more rapidly to dispel error. The real TRUTH was becoming too nearly revealed—Satan became disturbed, then stirred to action.

He introduced German rationalism and the Theory of Evolution into modern education. He also began removing his brakes against acquisition of scientific and technological knowledge. To pervert this latter, Satan mixed it with German rationalism in educational institutions. The new learning became rapidly materialistic. It became agnostic, then more and more atheistic. It began to be considered “old-fashioned” to believe in God. Now “higher criticism” of the Bible gushed forth like an avalanche. Men began sitting in judgment of GOD—began CRITICIZING GOD.

As we developed through the 20th century, this “new” rationalism gradually found its way into the religious seminaries where future ministers were being taught. Students entering seminaries had already encountered the new supposed “rational” knowledge. It appealed to intellectual VANITY. It was the fashion of the day. Men wanted to BELONG. They wanted to CONFORM. So they floated along on the atheistic tidal wave.

This latter is the process that was getting started in real earnest when God brought me to a study of His Word, forty years ago. The Bible helps had not been “modernized” as yet. They were still on the shelves of the public libraries, and available in second-hand book stores.

I started my study in an effort to *refute* a Biblical truth the big denominations had lost. My determined motive was to prove these de-

nominations are RIGHT. But in the BIBLE *itself*, and checking with all these “helps” besides, many of which had even then deliberately distorted the facts on this subject, the TRUTH reluctantly emerged. I was faced with an uncomfortable decision. I didn’t want to accept it. To do so meant some DOING. It meant being a DOER of God’s Law—not a “hearer” only.

And that DOING meant persecution, probably the ridicule of former friends and business acquaintances. But to reject it meant to be deliberately dishonest. It meant to *knowingly* disobey GOD—and I had come to see what the consequences would be!

It was not easy, but I made the surrender to God. I told Him that this meant the END of my life for myself—or in the world and among business associates. It meant utter isolation from them and the former life. This I realized. It meant *giving up* my life as I had lived it and planned to live it.

So I then and there made a covenant with God—not a BARGAIN—just a covenant in which I GAVE my life over to GOD. If He could use it, I told Him He could have it. I meant it!

Now I am human, and I was born with my share of human nature, which I have *tried* to fight. I have cried out to God to fight it for me and through me. Yet it has, inevitably, asserted itself and caught me off guard a number of times.

Being human I have, at times, just as everyone who ever lived has done, allowed this human nature for the moment to snatch this life out of God’s hands and re-appropriate it for its own interests or desires. But—once awakened to what had been done—this has been repented of.

I *did mean it*, when I GAVE my life, literally, and in unconditional SURRENDER to GOD! I have tried to leave it in His hands. I haven’t done a perfect job, but GOD has done a perfect WORK in spite of human frailty.

And so, just as my son’s broadcast went off the loudspeaker in my study, I reflected back on two or three contemporary experiences.

I thought of a certain man who has made quite a splash in the ministry. He started out accepting the sponsorship and backing of human religious organizations. To be free of narrow sectarian bias he reasoned he should remain interdenominational. But this did not increase freedom to declare God’s TRUTH, but, on the contrary, further restricted it! He soon found that he was limited, in what he was free to preach, to those few doctrines which *all* of these sponsoring, but differing, denominations approved.

God has shown me that when a man sets out

to answer God's call to serve HIM, he must rely on God *alone*. If he relies on MEN he must serve MEN—not God!

Somehow, God brought about circumstances in my own life so that I have been forced always to rely on God *alone*.

When I was first ordained, I accepted a very small salary from what I then believed to be God's true Church. But envious and scheming ministers, influential near the top, demanded that I preach and act contrary to the plain truth of God's Word. I guess God saw to it that my salary then was *so small* that it was not too great a temptation to give it up. I did give it up, and promised God then and there that henceforth I would trust Him alone, in faith, to supply the financial need.

And God did. Tithes and freewill offerings seemed at once to replace the amount of salary I had relinquished.

But gradually God increased the amount, that His Work might grow. A few months after my wife and I began to trust God ALONE, the door of radio and the printing press opened. The Work has grown at the rate of 30% each year over the year before—and that is now a duration of thirty years!

Soon after starting on the air, a man came to see me. He represented a group of businessmen. They wanted to team me with a well-known evangelist, and build a big new church. These men offered to supply the financial backing. But of course there were STRINGS attached—I was to be MUZZLED! I showed this man the front door as an exit from my home!

When Ambassador College was opened, in 1947, I faced opposition within and without.

Other men preaching over the air have founded colleges or seminaries. I know of one who started such an institution. He sought out men of reputation in the field of religious education to administer his institution and to staff its faculty. He himself, though its founder, did not actively head or manage it.

He relied on MEN—men of reputation, yes, but still they were *men*, and not GOD. He was a Fundamentalist. But as the years went by, the modernist "rationalism" crept in and soon dominated his institution.

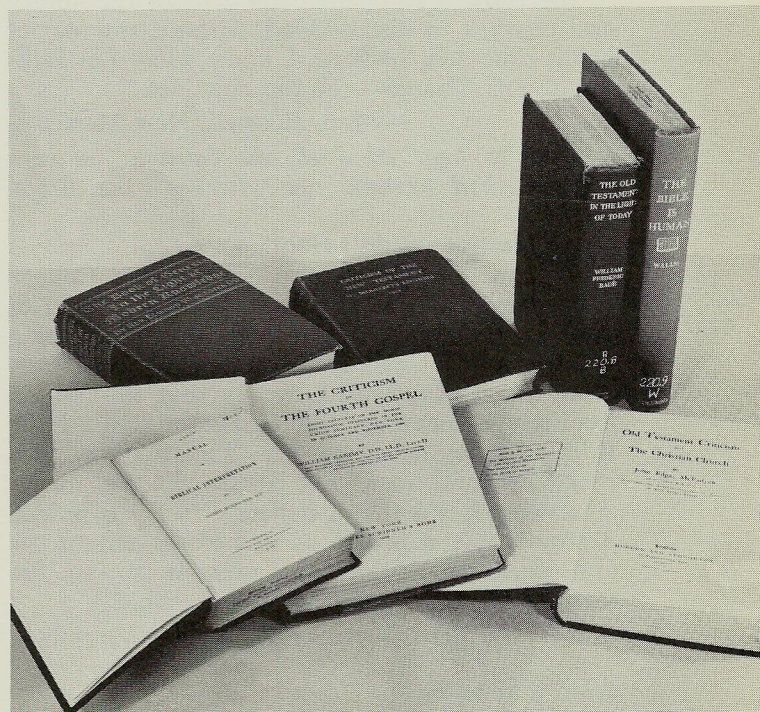
I could not help thinking of this example, and the comparison—or contrast—with our experience at Ambassador College. Like this contemporary, I had to go out into the world of education to find administrators and faculty members. There simply were *none* who understood and believed the TRUTH as God had opened my eyes to see. I could not fill ALL the jobs of administration and instruction—I am not *many*, but only *one* man. But two things I could, and did, do. I kept myself as Chairman

of the Board of Trustees, appointing as Board members *only* those who believed God's TRUTH, keeping the setting of all POLICIES in the hand of the Board. And second, I made myself the sole instructor in Bible and Theology for the first several years.

The men I appointed to top administrative and teaching offices were, of necessity, men trained in *this world's* education. And I had in mind a totally different approach to education. These men were sincere and honest, but they were unable to see what God had held up before my eyes. I found it necessary to remain in CONTROL, and to vigilantly combat every step tending to make our college a rubber stamp of this world's educational institutions.

In those early years God sent such young pioneer men students as Herman Hoeh, Raymond Cole, our son Richard David, Raymond McNair, Roderick Meredith, Dr. C. Paul Meredith, and Kenneth Herrmann. I was able to steer their progress with close personal contact. Today Dr. Herman Hoeh is Dean of Instruction; Mr. Meredith is a Vice President; Dr. Meredith is Director of this unique Ambassador College Bible Course, and Mr. Herrmann is Registrar. Today almost the entire faculty is Ambassador College trained—although several had done college work, or received degrees, in other institutions before coming.

But Ambassador Colleges today could not be



Ambassador College Photo

A few of the many books written in man's unsuccessful attempt to destroy the validity of God's Word.

GOD's colleges if I had relied on MEN, instead of relying solely on GOD. At all times, GOD has been kept at the HEAD of these colleges, and of HIS WORK!

That is why this entire Work is *different* from anything else on the face of the earth in our time!

The moral for *you* is this: In *your* personal life—in all that you do—make GOD the HEAD of it, and RELY SOLELY AND ALTOGETHER ON HIM—and on HIM ALONE! Then it will be a success. Otherwise it will FAIL! Unless GOD builds the house, they labor in vain that build it! And whatever plant our heavenly Father has not planted shall be rooted up!

## What our STUDENTS SAY

### Knows What He's Talking About!

"I have an atheist friend to whom I am loaning some of your material. For the first time in my life I have been able to answer his questions without the fear of 'ignorance'—thanks to your Bible Correspondence Course. I look forward to each lesson and feel that I have gained something to be proud of—a closer view of the inside of the Bible. I've opened the door to the ability and courage to discuss God, without the fear of being ridiculed, because I know what I'm talking about! Thanks—for the new look."

—Man, Roswell, New Mexico

• *Glad to hear it! Just one caution: be sure you're asked BEFORE you "discuss" the Bible.*

### Denominations Didn't Help

"Before enrolling in the Ambassador College Bible Course, I had attended just about all of the many denominations without ever getting much sense out of any of the various ministers. Now, I can very truthfully say that the lessons have given meaning and understanding to the Bible. I also listen to Mr. Armstrong's radio broadcast and read *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. May I add that I honestly feel it is indeed a pity that the people of this world cannot see and understand that the answers to all the world's ills can be found in the Bible."

—Student, Kearneysville, West Virginia

### From a Teen-ager

"I can't express my thanks enough in a letter for the last Bible lesson. I've been receiving the Bible Course since I was eleven years old,

and am fourteen now. I have enjoyed every lesson. Now since pictures have been put in the lessons and "What Our Students Say" columns, they are even so much more inspiring and interesting."

—Girl, Houston, Texas

### Wants His Own Lessons

"I am 14 years old and am very much interested in your Bible Correspondence Course. I use my father's, but I would feel much better if I had my own. It's getting to be that once I put it down, I can't wait to pick it up again. It's just so interesting. So would you please send it to me?"

—Teen-ager, Pikesville, Maryland

• *Request granted!*

### Got "Wrapped Up"

"I have to agree with one of your students, that when one gets engrossed in this Course, it's pretty hard to put it down. I got so wrapped up in the lesson that I didn't get to bed until 2 a.m. Four hours later I was up, wide awake and ready to go to work at 7 a.m. That's pretty good for one who usually is in bed by 10:30 at the latest."

—Man, Roswell, New Mexico

### TV Holds No Interest

"I recently started your Bible Correspondence Course and I must say I really am happy with it. Things like watching television just don't interest me any more. I can hardly wait to go back to studying the Bible again. I have also learned so much. Even after going to church regularly, I never realized all this was in the Bible."

—Woman, Duluth, Minnesota

### Burned Lessons Replaced

"It certainly was wonderful to go to my mailbox and find the large package of pamphlets and booklets to replace the ones I thought were gone forever when our home burned! Each lesson of the Bible Correspondence Course was also replaced. And all of this without any request for the money it cost to mail them."

—Man, St. Louis, Missouri

### From a Young Man

"I have just completed taking Test Three. It has meant a great deal to me. Already I realize the great need for the truth. That is what people are crying for—even begging for—the plain, clear, whole Bible truth. I am only 20 years old, but your lessons have given me depth of understanding and comprehension."

—Student, Eastman, Georgia