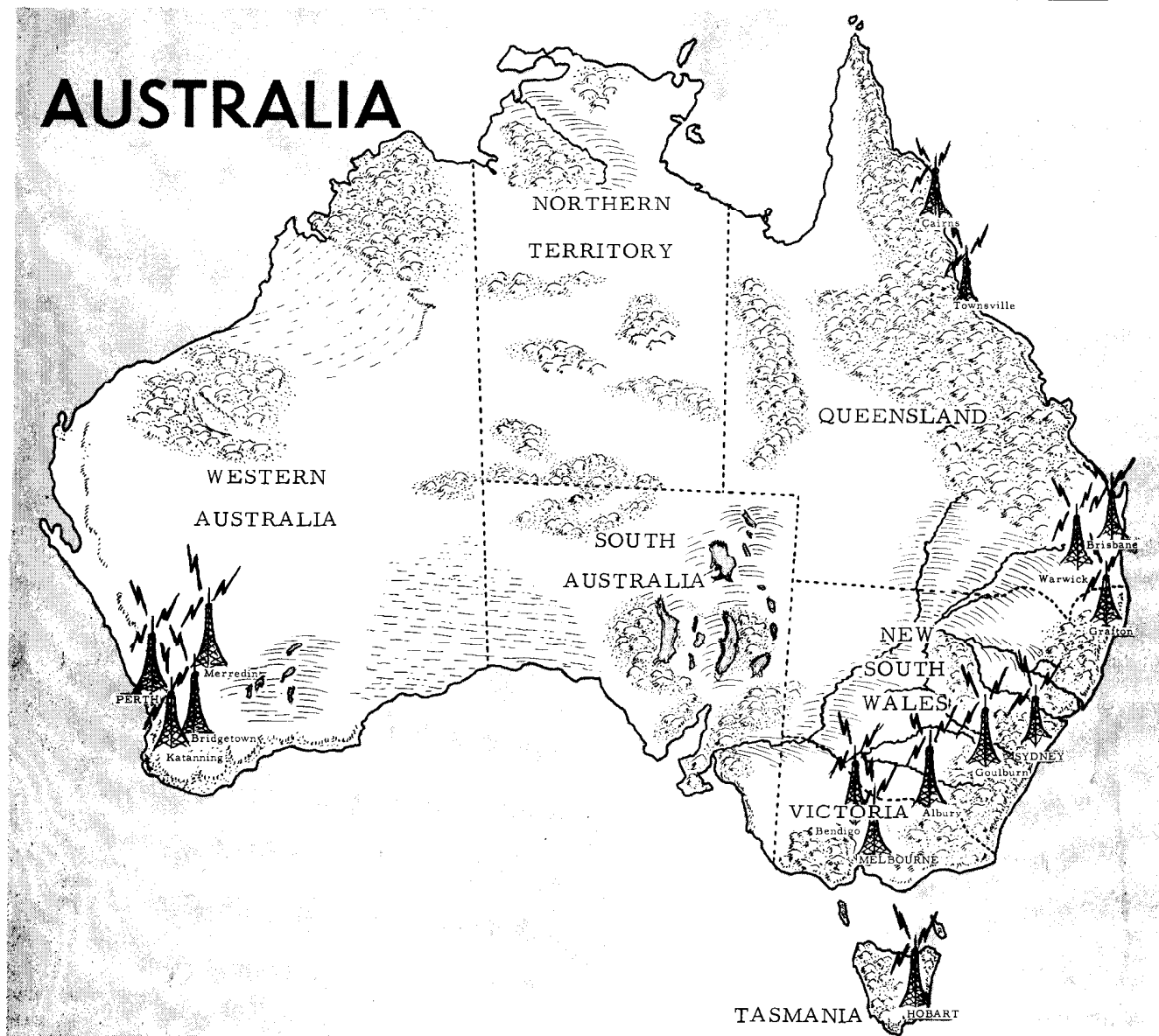


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Quitting the smoking habit

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"Tonight Garner Ted really educated me. I have been listening to your program for five or six months and have been trying to quit smoking ever since I knew it was wrong, but somehow I just have not been able to muster up the will power to quit. Tonight Garner Ted called me a weak, namby-pamby coward and many other names for smoking. As soon as he finished stamping my toes, but good, I picked up my pack of Win-stons and tore it in half. I'll never smoke another cigarette."

Young man from
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Editor's Comment: Here is a man who is willing to change when he is wrong. This is a rare human trait!

Shocked

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I listen to The WORLD TOMORROW program over XEG and find it to be an inspiration. It was about two years ago that I first heard the program and I must tell you that the first few nights that I listened to you I really enjoyed it. Then one night you began to preach 'STRANGE DOCTRINE' and I was shocked and horrified. The reason is that I am a member of another church and I always thought this church was the true Church until I began to listen to The WORLD TOMORROW. Many nights I would suddenly find that my hand was leading me to the radio at 8:30 p.m. instead of the television set, but I would force myself to turn back to the television and say to myself, 'I must forget about this preacher of "STRANGE DOCTRINE" which the minister warns us about.' The trouble is that I was never able to forget, but still I would forbid myself to listen until finally a few weeks ago I could no longer resist. I had to listen to the program. I thank Almighty God that I do listen."

Man from Eunice, Louisiana

Finding Needed Help

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"Although I am a stubborn one, your truth is overwhelming. Bit by bit I hope to completely satisfy myself toward a complete break from imbedded apostate teachings. It is not easy. Your Bible course plus all your revealed truth in literature is needed, plus your prayers."

Reader from Oklahoma

Enjoys Hearing Prophecies Expounded

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I most certainly do wish to continue receiving The PLAIN TRUTH. I first heard you one night while I was sitting in my car outside the church, which I was attending at the time. I have always been fascinated by the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. But all of the churches I have attended, and that has been a lot of denominations, just read the scriptures but avoid going into any detail pertaining to the above mentioned three books. It just so happened to be that during this broadcast you were relating

events that were to take place in the future and you were using scriptures from Ezekiel to back up your statements. It was after your broadcast that I realized here at last was what I was looking for. So later on that same evening I sat down and subscribed to The PLAIN TRUTH. Believe me, it has been a blessing to me ever since. Now I can understand more clearly that which was a haze before. I thank God for you, your son and the staff that dares to preach the Truth."

Man from Ontario, California

Life being changed

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"Thank you very very much for 'The Answer to Unanswered Prayer.' I just received it this morning and have read it through and have seen many reasons why God has not fully answered my prayers.

"I thought because I had given up my jewelry and lipstick and a few other things that I was doing all I could do. But that 'sleepy time prayers' really hit me. I have not been praying enough or earnestly enough either. Every time I hear from you, you show me something in God's Word that helps me more.

"I have already changed so much that people are commenting, and I guess when I don't draw names for Christmas, they will be commenting more."

Woman from London, Kentucky

Word of God Is Only Answer

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"When I first started reading The PLAIN TRUTH some months ago, I didn't believe any of it. Now I am beginning to wonder if I am perhaps wrong. So, I would like very much to enroll in your free Bible Correspondence Course for I realize that it is only by studying the Word of God that I can find out."

Woman from Idaho

Couple Learning to Obey God More

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I've enjoyed my Bible lessons so very much. And I've learned so much of the real Truth of God's Word. Although others from church organizations don't want to agree with your ministry, they find it so interesting and we have en-

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POPULATE OR PERISH!

Australia, the great island continent "down under," is undergoing a virtual revolution! Here, from on the scenes, is the shocking truth about what it really means!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

Sydney, Australia

IN AUSTRALIA, a giant land of sparse population, a mass movement is underway. It's a movement of people—*thousands* and *thousands* of people. In many sections of Sydney, and other outlying areas here, one sees immediately the force of the government's slogan, "Populate or Perish!" You can hear almost *any* language, it seems, but English!

From many parts of Europe, from Canada and Britain, and from India and South East Asia there are thousands of immigrants arriving in Australia. They are coming here to settle permanently—establish homes, businesses or buy farms or cattle and sheep stations.

In Kings Cross, one of Sydney's most congested areas, I have heard nearly every European tongue, and many others from other parts of the world.

What's *behind* this tremendous influx of foreign people to Australia—*why* has the government warned, "Populate or Perish"? What does the *future* hold for Australia? Does the *Bible* mention the Australian people?

Why Australia Wants White Europeans

Australia is a vast land, with an area of nearly 3 million square miles. Only just recently, under the government's present immigration plans, has Australia passed the 10 million mark in population. Look at any map. This country is situated southeast of Asia proper, and just below the islands of Indonesia. During World War II, the major turning point of the war came during the Battle of the Coral Sea. This major engagement between the Naval forces of the United States and Japan took a heavy toll of ships and planes on both sides, and was one of the major *turning points* of the war in the Pacific.

One of the greatest objectives of Japan was the occupation of Australia. With the Marshalls, Gilberts and Solomons already occupied by Japanese forces, the Battle of the Coral Sea became a crucial

turning point in the entire Pacific campaign. The Japanese had reckoned neither with Australian stubbornness, nor with American industry.

This all-out drive of Asiatic Japan to capture the almost limitless expanses of Australia during World War II merely serves to point up the reality of *present* day Australian fears of Asiatic Communism. The explosive millions under the yoke of Red Russia and China are looking hungrily toward great, *vacant* Australia.

Accordingly, the Australian government has been taking giant strides to *populate* and to *industrialize*, thus diminishing such a threat. This new immigration policy has brought nearly 1,500,000 new Australians into the country *just since 1947!*

Australia desperately wants white Europeans in order to develop and industrialize the great potential in the land "down under," and in order to present a solid front of resistance to the Red hordes to their north.

Australia In Prophecy

Are the Australian people identified anywhere in Biblical prophecy? Does the word of God foretell a specific *future* for Australia?

Yes, Australia most certainly stands identified!

Australia is a part of ISRAEL! They are another part of the great British "Commonwealth of Nations" and, therefore, very much a part of the *Ephraim* of your Bible! (If you have not yet read Mr. Armstrong's booklet "*The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy*" write in for your free copy immediately!)

Australia is a Commonwealth nation. First, as a penal colony, it was a refuge for political and religious prisoners, and later it became a safe harbor and new land for thousands of immigrants from Great Britain who were seeking freedoms as were the early colonists of the United States.

Australia is loyal to the Queen. Her people are white, English speaking *Israelites!*

Here is just *one more* of the GREAT nations of this earth fulfilling God's promise of national inheritance to the seed of Abraham! God had said to Abraham "thou shalt be a father of *many nations!*" (Gen. 17:4). Later, God repeated this same promise to Jacob and said "thy seed (*plural*) shall be as the *dust of the earth*, and you shall spread abroad to the *west*, and to the *EAST*, and to the *north*, and to the *south*, and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 28:14).

Notice—God spoke to Jacob from the point of view of physical Palestine. The only really great area to the *EAST* of Palestine to become a permanent possession of *Israel* is the great continent of *Australia!*

Yes, the seed of Abraham was prophesied to spread *around this earth!* The Australian people are also a part of *Israel!*

The Boom in Australia

Today, Australia is building feverishly. Foreign capital and foreign investors are helping to industrialize this great sprawling land in its government's plan to help thwart the growing threat of Communism. Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies said recently, "The whole face of the land is being changed. No other country of comparable size or population in the world is so busy building its future." For example, in just ten years the gross national product has leaped from \$4.9 billion to \$13 billion! In the fiscal year of 1959 alone there has been a fantastic 6% increase!

Industrial production has tripled to \$10 billion with a 162% increase in steel, a 133½% jump in electricity, a 100% jump in cement. In supplying the Australian people with the modern conveniences, Australia's appliance makers have gone from producing 6,500

washing machines in 1948 to 181,400 just last year. These, and other startling statistics were quoted in an article concerning Australia's business boom in *Time*, Nov. 30, 1959. At the present time, the Australian people enjoy more TV sets, automobiles, telephones, and eat more meat, fruit, cereals and sugar than any other nations except the United States and Canada, and in some cases, Great Britain. Generally, the Australian citizen lives *much better* today than does his British counterpart.

Yes, Australia is *booming* today! *But*—HOW LONG IS THE BOOM GOING TO LAST?

The Sins of Israel

Australia is launched on a vast program of national expansion. With the expansion and benefits of modern industrial ingenuity, Australia, like the other nations of Israel, is drifting into *materialism*.

God warns "My People are destroyed for *lack of knowledge*, because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me, seeing you have *forgotten the law* of thy God, I will forget your children" (Hos. 4:6).

But what kind of knowledge? Certainly God is not saying the nations of Israel today are lacking in the *technological* knowledge, the *scientific* knowledge which enables them to build gigantic instruments of destruction! No—God means a totally DIFFERENT kind of knowledge! He means the knowledge of *His laws!* *Israel has forgotten the LAWS of God.*

While Australia, nationally, has not as *yet* degenerated into the same vortex of crime as has the United States, she, nevertheless, has all the elements present, *and is inviting more into her borders*, necessary for national debauchery on an unparalleled scale.

Long ago, God promised our forefathers we would inherit a *good* land, "a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of the valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil, olives, and honey; a land wherein ye shall eat bread without scarceness, ye shall not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out

of whose hills you may dig brass" (Deut. 8:7-9). *God has fulfilled His end of the bargain!* God has given Israel the very choicest places of all this earth!

But God also commanded "When ye have eaten and are full, then shall ye bless the Eternal your God for the good land which He has given thee. Beware that ye *forget not* the Eternal thy God *in not keeping His commandments* . . . which I command thee this day: LEST when ye have eaten and art full, and have built goodly houses and dwelt therein; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thine heart be lifted up, and ye *forget* the Eternal thy God . . . and it shall be if ye do at all forget the Eternal your God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day YE SHALL SURELY PERISH!" (Deut. 8:10-19).

God means what He says!

Characteristically, as Israel's wealth increases, so does his crime!

God Forewarns Australia

Already, Almighty God is bringing certain blights and afflictions upon the land of Australia in solemn warning.

The great droughts of 1958, responsible for the deaths of untold thousands of sheep and cattle were reported in detail in a recent issue of the *Plain Truth*.

In Queensland, aerial bombardment of strychnine laden meat has been necessary in order to curb the frightening scourge of thousands of dingoes, the Australian wild dog, responsible for the ravaging of sheep and cattle there.

While I am in Australia, southern Queensland and northern New South Wales are suffering from serious floods as a result of some of the heaviest downpours they have experienced in years.

God has already begun to intervene *in the weather!*

Notice! God said if we (Israel) did not OBEY Him, relying on HIM for our protection, keeping HIS laws, then He would destroy our national economies! "And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be *brass*, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. The Eternal shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust, from heaven shall it come down upon thee, *until thou be destroyed!*"

(Deuteronomy 28:23-24).

Australia is a great agricultural nation. The Australian people cannot eat TV sets, cars or money! They must depend LIKE EVERY NATION—ON THE WEATHER!

The weather in Australia is turning upside down!

For example, when I landed in Sydney recently to establish an overseas office here for mailing the *Plain Truth*, I landed in the middle of a drizzling rain. It was cold and blustering, with rain for several days. In the meantime, the newspapers were full of reports of floods in various nearby areas. Everywhere people have been telling me the weather is "very unseasonable" for this time of the year! Usually, in November, Sydney is having some of its very warmest weather with temperatures running up into the 80's.

Why is this happening?

It is happening for a definite PURPOSE—for a particular *reason!* Almighty God is beginning to DEAL with Australia! He is now sending the very same message of Jesus Christ with great power to all heavily populated parts of that great island-continent! The Australian people are beginning to hear with their own ears the ADVANCE news of the coming Kingdom of God!

The message is the *same*. It remains *unchanged*. God is pleading with Australia to "REPENT [or] ye shall all likewise perish!" (Luke 13:3).

Inviting Strangers In

Shocking though it may seem—Australia is now beginning to feverishly build the very instrument of its own future downfall! It doesn't need to happen—God doesn't *want* it to happen—but UNLESS the Australian people *repent*, IT WILL HAPPEN!

Australia, like all of Israel, is headed toward *captivity!*

Right now, the Australian government is feverishly inviting foreign elements into Australia, in order to stave off the thing which it fears. In talking to some individuals within the immediate area of Sydney, I find that many of the foreign influences are beginning to *gain* control of the shops and the businesses encroach upon formerly large Australian

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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

The 24th installment brings us to early evangelistic campaigns in northern and eastern Oregon, and getting sidetracked back into the newspaper business.

MY FIRST full-length evangelistic campaign with Elder Robert L. Taylor in Eugene, Oregon, came to its almost fruitless end. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Fisher, who lived ten miles west of Eugene, were the only ones added to the church by this campaign. And they had been brought in by a private Bible study in my room—not in a preaching service.

Mr. Taylor had induced the Oregon Conference members to build a church building in Eugene. He felt sure he could build up a good congregation there.

It turned out that Mr. Taylor had, for some little time previous to our campaign, been in the retail lumber business in Eugene. He had apparently failed, and salvaged out of it only a small amount of lumber. This lumber, although not enough to build it, was put into the new little church building. The money for the remaining lumber, and all other expenses, was contributed by the church members. The members purchased a 50-foot lot just outside city limits on West 8th Street.

However, because of the lumber he donated, Mr. Taylor managed to have the entire property deeded in his name personally. Before leaving Eugene I attended one service in the new church building. It was entirely unfinished. The siding had not been put on the outside. Slabs of plaster wall-board had been nailed up on inside walls, but the cracks had not been filled in, nor had it been painted. Folding chairs were brought in for seats. A small speaker's stand substituted for a pulpit. Actually, that was as far as Mr. Taylor was to proceed in finishing the church.

The St. Helens "Campaign"

About the time our Eugene campaign closed, one of the younger ministers of the Church of God, Roy Dailey, had returned to Oregon from Stanberry, Mis-

souri, or points in the Middle West. He had been immediately put on the Oregon Conference payroll, at the same compensation as Mr. Taylor and I—\$20 per week.

The officers of the Conference decided to team me up with Mr. Dailey, since Mr. Taylor was staying on in Eugene to try to build up a congregation for the new church building, still to be completed.

We were assigned to go to St. Helens, Oregon, 25 miles north of Portland, on the west bank of the Columbia river. In West St. Helens, sometimes called "Houlton," lived a very zealous member of the church, Mrs. Mary Tompkins. She was filled with zeal and a spirit of love—although we were to learn that she had more love and zeal than wisdom. Mary Tompkins was a "worker." She "witnessed for Christ" in a most active way. She had for a long time pleaded with the conference to send evangelists for a campaign in St. Helens. She assured them there was a tremendous "interest" there. So the Conference sent us.

Arriving in St. Helens, we first sought out a hall for meetings, we rented a second-floor hall. I do not remember whether it was the old K.P. Hall or the old Masonic Hall. Whichever lodge, it had built a new one. However this old hall was reasonably attractive, and appeared quite desirable.

Next we went directly to the newspaper and placed a half-page advertisement, ordering a few thousand reprints to be distributed as circulars.

Then while we awaited the first Sunday night service, I spent some three or four days going from house to house, inviting people personally to come, and leaving a circular. I was surprised at two things. Practically everybody I invited, except those Mary Tompkins had talked to, promised to attend. Elder Dailey and I saw visions of having to hang out the

SRO (Standing Room Only) sign. But I was even more surprised to find, at the many homes where Mrs. Tompkins had visited, that the people were hostile, and regarded this dear, well-meaning lady as a pest.

Sunday night came. But the expected crowds did not! To our utter dismay, not a soul showed up!

We couldn't understand it. On Monday, I went to the newspaper office to see if they had an explanation. They had.

"Of course nobody came," the man grinned. "That hall has been condemned as a fire-trap. Everybody knew that but you."

"And you took our half-page ad, and our money—and also our money for all those reprints, and didn't tell us a word!" I exploded.

He only grinned.

I felt he really *needed* some of our fiery gospel preaching!

But we didn't give up immediately. We returned to the hall on Monday night. One couple came. I then heard something I had never heard before in my life. Mr. Dailey mounted the platform, walked behind the pulpit, and preached an entire sermon. And I mean "*preached*"! His style had a bit of the old "preachy-tone"—and he preached, full volume, just as if the hall were packed with people. And to only two people! That was a new experience for me!

"Well, we know now," Mr. Dailey said as we went back to our room after this 'meeting,' "that we are not going to have a crowd here. But I know a place where we *can* draw a crowd—over in Umapine. It's in eastern Oregon, near Walla Walla, Washington. I have visited one of our members there, Bennie Preston. We can stay at his house and save room rent, and we can draw enough people there to make it worth while."

Next morning, early, he started out in

his car for Jefferson, Oregon, to get permission from the Conference Board for this switch to Umapine, and a little additional expense money.

On Tuesday night, left in St. Helens alone, I went again to the hall. Two couples of young people came. I did not

preach. Instead I sat down with them and had an informal Bible study, letting them ask questions, and answering them.

On our long trek in Mr. Dailey's car over to Umapine, we exchanged views on a lot of things. I was especially puzzled over the matter of church organiza-

tion. Not yet having come to see and understand the plain and clear Bible teaching, I had gone along with the Oregon Conference in its idea of government by the lay members. In the Conference the governing board was composed solely of lay members. They

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hired and fired the ministers.

"If we were to have the ideal organization," opined Mr. Dailey, "all the officers would be ministers—not laymen." This sounded strange to me at the time. But the question of church organization and government was to keep coming up in my mind for years, before it was finally to become clear. Remember, I still was driven by the persistent question: "WHERE is the one true Church—the same one Jesus founded?" This Church of God, with national headquarters at Stanberry, Missouri, seemed to be closer to it, according to the pattern in the Bible, than any—yet I was unable to reconcile myself that such a small, and especially such a *fruitless* church, could be that dynamic fruit-bearing spiritual organism in which, and through which CHRIST was working. Surely the instrument Christ was using would be more alive—more productive! Yet I had not found it!

The Meeting at Umapine

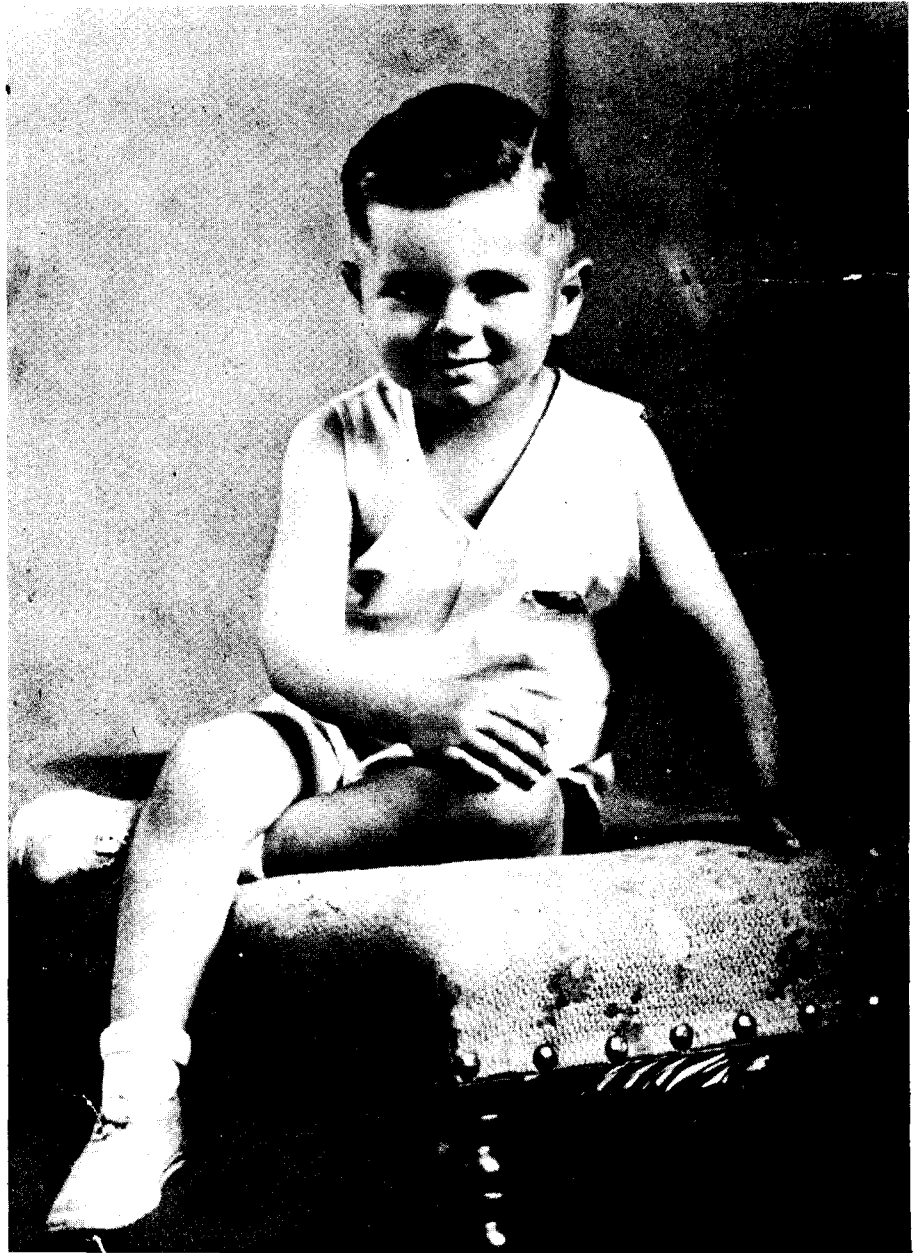
We were welcomed by Bennie Preston and his wife, and given a room where Roy Dailey and I slept in the same bed. We quickly rented a hall on the main street, ground floor.

Here, as Mr. Dailey had promised, results were different. We certainly did not have a crowd of thousands, but attendance, as I remember, ran between 35 and 50 which, at the time, we considered satisfactory. We had no local church to swell attendance. We were unknown, locally. None of the factors that produce great crowds was present.

One little event I shall never forget. Bennie Preston raised some sheep. He decided to butcher one for us. He had impressed me as a man filled with true Christian love.

"I should hate to kill this tame, loving little sheep," he said, "if it were not true that God created sheep to produce wool and meat for man. That is their only purpose in existence. Man has a different and far greater purpose—to become sons of God."

Still, Mr. Preston loved that helpless little sheep, now about to give its life for food for us. He led it to a spot in his back yard. He lovingly caressed it first. Then he hit it a hard, stunning blow on top of the head with the sharp



Garner Ted Armstrong approaching three years of age.

edge of a small sledge hammer, and quickly slit its throat to drain out the blood. The sheep suffered no pain. The sharp, quick blow rendered it instantly unconscious.

Mr. Dailey and I were invited, after about a week, to the home of people attending regularly, for Sunday dinner—the usual chicken dinner for ministers. We then learned that our hosts were Seventh Day Adventists. After dinner, several other Adventist members came in. Immediately there was a Bible discussion.

"You men ought to join our church," they said. "Our church has a *prophet*,

but yours does not have a prophet."

"Oh, but we *do* have a prophet," I assured them promptly. "Jesus Christ is our prophet."

"Yes, but you don't have a *living* prophet," said an Adventist woman.

"We certainly *do* have a living prophet," I reassured her. "Christ *rose* from the dead. He is our *living* prophet, High Priest, and Head of our Church. But *your* prophet is *DEAD!*"

The Adventists looked at one another in amazement and surprise. Apparently they had never quite realized that fact before!

"But why do you tell people we are

to reign with Christ for the thousand years on earth?" came the next question.

"Because that is what the Bible plainly says," I replied. "And when you deny it, and say the saved are to be in heaven for that thousand years, you deny the very GOSPEL of Jesus Christ!"

Then I asked them all to turn to the eleventh chapter of Isaiah.

"Tell me," I asked, "where, and when, the events of verses 6, 7, and 8 shall take place. You know that we shall not see a ferocious wolf playing around with a tame little lamb, and a lion with a kid and a little child, *before* the millennium. Now are these wild animals going to be taken *with the saints* off up to heaven, to be there *during* the thousand years? Will you have human babies being born, up in heaven? Notice, verse 8, infant nursing babies, not yet weaned, playing with snakes, then tamed. And according to your doctrine, you can't have babies being born in the new earth, *after* the millennium. So WHERE, and WHEN, can this happen? You can't admit it to be *before* the millennium. You can't admit it to be *after*. You *have* to place it *during* the millennium, and you *have* to place it ON THE EARTH. Now notice that the next verse, the 9th, says definitely it *is* to be on earth: 'for the earth shall be FULL of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.' That cannot be before or after the thousand years."

But they tried desperately to change the subject. They interrupted to ask other questions.

"I will answer *all* your questions," I replied, "one at a time. But I will not let you take me away from this passage until you answer me. HOW do you explain Isaiah 11?"

Finally, unable to shake me away from it, they said,

"Well, we can't answer that."

But they refused to admit or accept the TRUTH of the passage!

We Separate

After about two weeks of our Umapine meetings, a letter from Mrs. Florence Curtis, secretary of the state Conference, informed us that a business meeting of the board had been called for only two or three days after our receipt of the letter.

"I know what this meeting is all about," said Mr. Dailey. "It means the conference treasury is running out of funds. They are going to have to lay off at least two of us three ministers. If we don't go back there and protect our interests, at this meeting, they will be sure to let you and me out, and keep Elder Taylor on. We're going to start back to the Willamette Valley at 5:30 tomorrow morning."

"But Roy," I protested, "we are only half way through our meetings here!"

"Aw, we won't accomplish anything by staying here."

"Whatever we accomplish is in God's hands," I replied. "We are merely His instruments. God has sent us here to preach His Gospel. We have people coming. The interest is increasing, and so is the attendance. I'm going to let God protect my personal interests at that Conference Board meeting, Roy; but I'm going to stay right on the job where He has put me, and continue those meetings."

Elder Dailey was now becoming a little nettled and disgusted with me.

"I told you I'm starting for the valley

at 5:30 in the morning," he returned. "If you don't go with me, you'll force the Conference to have to pay your bus fare to get you back home. They won't like that."

But I was just as firm as he.

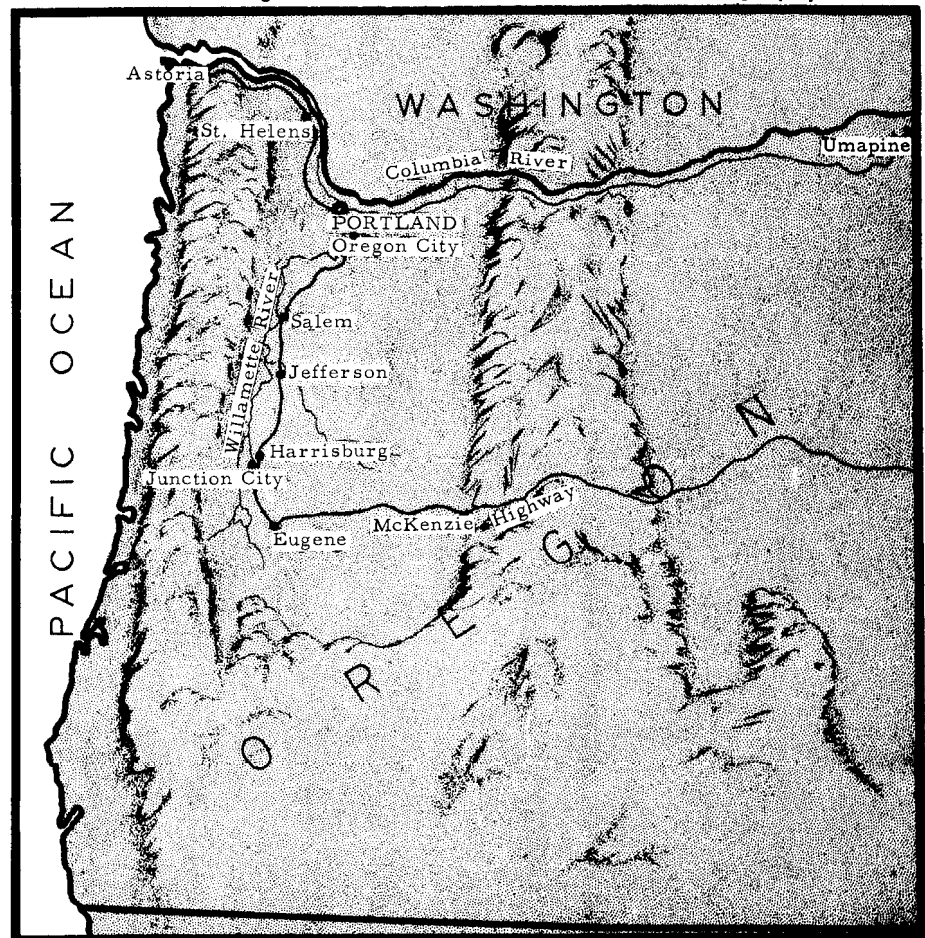
"Regardless of what the men on the Board like, I know GOD would not like it if I desert, while I'm here on duty. To me it would be like deserting an army, and running away, in the thick of battle in a war. This is God's battle. He put me here, and I am staying right here on the spiritual firing line until the campaign is over!"

I know Mr. Dailey thought I was wrong. He sincerely believed I was wrong most of the time from then on. But to me it was a matter of duty, and a matter of principle, and a matter of obeying God.

At precisely 5:30 next morning, Mr. and Mrs. Preston and I bade Elder Dailey good bye, and he started alone, giving me final warning that "the brethren" were not going to like my remaining behind and costing them extra bus fare to get home.

As it turned out, the special business

A view of Oregon with areas mentioned in the Autobiography.



meeting was called off, and Mr. Dailey had raced back to the Valley for naught. But later, just as he anticipated, both he and I were laid off and Elder Taylor kept on—but not until after I had returned from completing the campaign.

Left Alone—Fruit Borne

I continued the meetings alone. Interest continued to pick up. Results were not great—but *there were results!* Details are rather hazy in memory, now. I am not sure whether Mrs. Preston had already been converted and baptized, or whether she was converted by these meetings.

In any event, we had a total of five by the close of the meetings. There were three or four to be baptized. I learned that a son of our conference president, the elderly G. A. Hobbs, now well along in his eighties, was a local elder in the Seventh Day Adventist church. I went to this younger Mr. Hobbs, and through him arranged for the use of the baptistry in the S.D.A. church.

Before leaving, I organized the five members into a local Sabbath school, to meet at the home of Bennie Preston, appointing Mr. Preston as superintendent and teacher. It was a tiny, infinitesimal beginning of a new church. Things of God, through humans, begin small, like the proverbial grain of mustard seed, and grow big. This should have grown. But there was no minister to feed the flock and protect it from "wolves in sheep's clothing." Bennie Preston was a substantial and upright man, but he lacked the leadership and qualifications of a minister.

This tiny flock endured for a while. But some little time later, Mrs. Preston died. I am not sure whether this was the cause of the disintegration of the little Sabbath school, but Mr. Preston was hit a demoralizing blow by her death. Some years later he moved to the Willamette Valley. He had remarried by then.

This Umapine experience was one more in which no fruit could be borne as long as I teamed with one of the ministers of this church, connected with, or *springing from the Stanberry, Missouri*, political center.

Years later, still in my search for the one *true* church, still questioning whether this could be that church, still not having

found it elsewhere, I asked Mrs. Runcorn (whom Mrs. Armstrong and I looked upon as our "spiritual mother") if she could point out a single real bona fide convert, brought in from the outside, resulting from the ministry of any of the preachers affiliated with "Stanberry." She thought seriously for quite a while. Then she slowly shook her head. She knew of none. I asked several others who had been in the church for years. Their answers were the same.

My first evangelistic effort was conducted alone, at the end of 1930, in Harrisburg. There were conversions. In 1931 I was teamed with Elder Taylor, who had arrived from California. There were no results, except for the night it stormed the meeting out, and in a private Bible study in my room Mrs. Elmer Fisher had accepted the truth. I was teamed with Elder Roy Dailey. There were no results. He left Umapine. I continued alone, and *there were conversions*. Results then were small—indeed it was a small beginning, compared to the mounting world-wide harvest of today—but God was using me, and producing "fruit."

I have always noted, in more than 32 years of experience, that if even one member of a two-man team is not a true instrument of God, there will be none of the kind of "fruit" borne which is produced only by GOD through human instruments. This very undeviating method of God, verified by experience, is the source of great inspiration and encouragement today. For in God's Church today, without exception, every minister or team of ministers is used of God, and God really *does things* through them! "By their fruits ye shall know them," said Jesus.

A Thrill and a Jolt

I remember distinctly the all-night bus ride back to the Valley from eastern Oregon. Arriving home, on east State Street in Salem, I learned that the State Conference board had run low on funds, and, unable to continue paying three salaries each of \$20 per week in the descending depths of the great depression, had decided to retain Mr. Taylor, and release Elder Dailey and me until funds revived.

Also, a few days after arriving home, happy over "success" in the campaign,



Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong's older son Richard David smelling a flower.

this sense of elation was rudely jolted by a stern letter from old Brother Hobbs. He had heard from his son. He wanted to know what a young whipper-snapper like me meant, using the prestige of his name with his son, and baptizing people in Umapine without "authority," or special consent from the board? Shortly following the first evangelistic experience at Harrisburg, Mr. Hobbs had sternly called me on the carpet, asking me what authority I had for baptizing those converted in the meetings. I had answered that I had GOD's authority—that of Matthew 28:19—where those who do the "teaching" resulting in conversions are commanded to baptize those taught. This rather stumped him, at the time.

But elderly Mr. G. A. Hobbs was a stern, fiery little old man—a stickler for proper form and system, and proper "authority" for everything. He had been an Adventist since a young man—probably beginning somewhere around 1870, or perhaps earlier. Adventists during those earlier years were very strict, legalistic, and exacting. Brother Hobbs had left the Adventists rather late in life when he saw clearly, in the Bible, that the millennium

will be spent on earth and not in heaven. But he retained his strict disciplinary teaching to his death.

But if old Brother Hobbs was one of my strictest and sternest critics, he was also one of my staunchest supporters to the day of his death. He defended me against other critics with the same fiery zeal that he criticised me to my face. His sharp criticism for baptizing the converts God gave me at Umapine, plus the sudden, though not unexpected loss of salary, did dull somewhat the spirit of rejoicing over the results God granted at Umapine.

But having my salary cut off caused no worry. By this time I had learned to trust God. Already we had experienced many miraculous answers to prayer. I

knew God has promised to supply all our need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19).

So, in perfect faith, I prayed and told God of our need, and asked Him to supply it, and use me wherever He willed.

But I had *not yet learned* that everything that happens is not, necessarily, from God. I had not learned to "try the spirits, whether they are of GOD" (I John 4:1). While this Scripture is speaking of *spirits*—angels or demons—yet we must learn also to test *experiences*, and *happenings*, whether *they* be of GOD.

It was now late November.

Back Into Advertising!

In serene confidence, I was expectantly awaiting God's answer to supply our fi-

nancial need. Not more than two or three days later, my former newspaper associate, Samuel T. Hopkins, who had been Business Manager of the *Vancouver Evening Columbian*, appeared at our door.

He had left the *Columbian*, and now was Editor and Manager of a new morning newspaper in Astoria, Oregon, the *Morning Messenger*. He and two Astoria associates, a physician, and the superintendent of a salmon cannery, had started a new newspaper in Astoria. But they were in deep trouble. They had started a brand new daily newspaper in the depths of the national depression, and without adequate capital.

"Herb, you've just got to come out to Astoria and help us," pleaded Sam Hopkins. "You are the only man I know with the specialized advertising and selling experience who can put this thing over for us. I know you can do it. Right now I'm not even in position to guarantee you any regular cash salary. Actually I'm depending on you to get in the business to make even your own salary possible. But once we put this over, we'll give you a large chunk of the stock in the company—*anything*, if only you'll come on out to Astoria and inject the life we need into this paper. I want you to come as Advertising Manager. We'll set your salary at \$25 a week at the start, and hope we can pay it. But as we get the paper on its feet, the sky's the limit. You'll have a big salary, and a large chunk of stock."

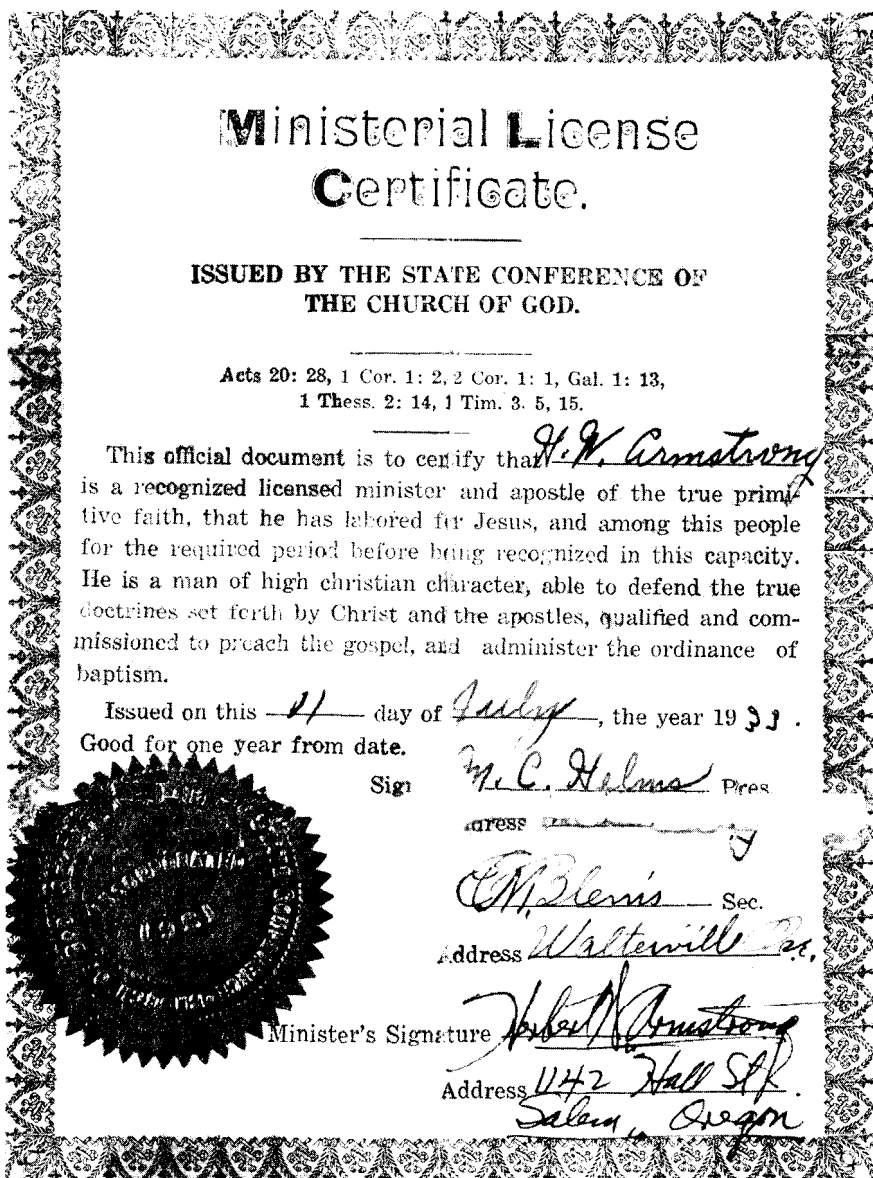
"But Sam," I answered, "I'm in the ministry now. I can't go back into the newspaper business."

He would not give up. He kept pleading. It was a matter of life and death to him. I began to think of how I had prayed for God to supply our new financial need. In my inexperience, this did seem to be the answer. I did not then realize this was not GOD's answer. This was not GOD'S WAY of answering.

I did realize that I could not accept this job as a permanent thing. I knew I had been called to the ministry. I had been ordained. I had been successful in a small way. Everything I had ever touched in business, since age 30 in Chicago, had turned to nothing but failure. But in the ministry, everything I did was, in the small way of a small *beginning*, successful. Yet, this did appear to me,

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Mr. Armstrong's third ordination certificate issued in 1933.



Where Will You Be 15 Years from Now?

World-renowned scientists are frightened by the prospect that man will blast himself out of existence in 15 years—unless a force outside of man's control intervenes! You need to know what's coming for your own protection!

by Herman L. Hoeh

FRANCE is planning to enter the atomic and hydrogen race this spring. German money and scientific know-how is developing this new project! Scientists now admit the world is madly racing on to the catastrophic climax of 6000 years of misguided human civilization!

How will it end?

Where will you be 15 years from now?

It Is Time We Knew

Frightened scientists know what is about to erupt—but most of them do not dare to reveal what they know. Secret intelligence from behind the Iron Curtain reveals that the Communist world plans final world conquest by 1975!

Of even greater concern is the Franco-German Alliance now taking shape. For the first time in 150 years *German militarism* is able to cloak itself in French respectability in order to develop the atom and hydrogen bombs, to unite Europe. The new slogan of neo-fascist and neo-nazi parties is that the West is "through by 1972"!

It is time we awakened to these frightening events taking shape undercover in Europe and Asia. Your future—your very life—is at stake. Where you will be 15 years from now is already being determined—but we don't seem to realize it. It is time we recognized that civilization has not more than 15 years to go unless a supernatural God in Heaven intervenes on earth to stop mad men from destroying all life on earth in their crazed dreams for world conquest.

WHY World Annihilation?

There is a *reason* why this world is in chaos—with nations leaping like wild animals at each other's throats. But almost no one seems to understand.

It is time we looked to the source of all knowledge and found out the plan being worked out here below. It is time we looked to the Revelation of God to man—the Bible.

God revealed thousands of years ago His plan. But man has refused to believe it. He wants to go his own way in defiance of God. How God is working out that plan and how He will intervene in world affairs is the message of Biblical PROPHECY. Bible prophecy reveals God's warning to us today of what lies immediately ahead—reveals the cause of world troubles, why the human family has been allowed to endure all this misery and suffering.

The cause to chaotic world conditions is made plain in Jesus' startling prophecy about the "TIMES of the GENTILES."

Jesus' Amazing Prophecy

Let's notice Jesus' prophecy of the "Times of the Gentiles" in Luke 21:24.

When speaking of the Jews, Jesus told his disciples that "they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations, and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the *Times of the Gentiles* be fulfilled."

This prophecy is not speaking of a period of peace, but of *war*. It is a message for our day—a time when the Gentiles are conquering and destroying, when they are ruling themselves contrary to the way of God who is Creator and RULER.

Remember that one of the keys to understanding this prophecy and all prophecy is DUALITY. There is always a fore-runner which is a type of ANOTHER FINAL GREAT FULFILLMENT. Jesus was speaking of the destruction of Jerusalem which climaxed in A.D. 70. Those Roman legions were a type of *terrible*

world war soon to surge through our own western world. Palestine and Jerusalem will again be trodden down by Gentile armies "until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."

Exactly what did Jesus mean by the "times of the Gentiles"?

When did they begin? How long will they last? When do they end?

Common Teachings in Error

It is the common assumption that the times of the Gentiles are a period of blessing on the nations. It is argued that since God took away *the blessing* of being great and dominant nations from Israel and Judah and since the Gentiles for centuries have been dominant nations, that human rule is a *blessing* bestowed upon the Gentiles.

Nothing could be further from the truth!

Then again, many claim that the times of the Gentiles are synonymous with the times of Judah's punishment, that the Gentile times have already ended—some say in 1914, others say in 1917 or 1936. Some even think that it might end this year. But all these *supposed* dates for the ending of the times of the Gentiles are mere guesses!

The truth is that almost no one really knows what the times of the Gentiles are. And yet without an understanding of the meaning of this prophetic period, you *can not* grasp the real significance of present day world-shaking events or understand what's going to happen in the next twenty-five years. Let's not assume, let's *study the Bible itself* to see what these times really are.

Times of Israel's Punishment a Key to Understanding

Israel was promised great national blessings, including national greatness if

they would obey God. But God also promised that if they obstinately refused to obey Him, if they refused to follow His laws and let Him rule their lives, then He would punish them for a period called *seven times* (Lev. 26).

The Bible itself defines this period of seven times for us. If you turn to Revelation the twelfth chapter, and compare verses 6 and 14 you will see that the word "*time*" in prophecy simply means a *year*, hence seven "times" would be "seven years" or 2520 days.

Now let's notice another key. In Numbers 14:34, God said Israel would bear their iniquities in the wilderness after the number of days they searched the land of Canaan, forty days, *each day for a year*.

Then seven times or 2520 prophetic days would equal 2520 literal years! This period of seven times or 2520 years punishment did come upon Israel because they went their own ways and would not submit to the *rule of God*. Israel went into captivity after a three-year siege from 721-718 B.C. and did not become a great people again until their times of punishment ceased A.D. 1800 to 1803. At that time the descendants of the ancient House of Israel—America and Britain and the democratic peoples of the world—began to rise to such wealth and power as the world has never enjoyed before—all because of the promises made to Abraham.

Also Palestine, after a punishment against the House of Judah, that began about 604 B.C., was brought back from the Gentile Turks in 1917—exactly 2520 years later, when it came under the control of Great Britain, and finally the Jews.

The seven times of Israel's *punishment* was a period of great privation and suffering, of slavery and war because they would not submit their wills and their ways to God, because they would not allow Him to rule their lives by His perfect laws, which could have brought them peace and prosperity and dominion.

The Original Prophecy Found in Daniel

Now that we understand the seven times punishment on Israel, let's understand the meaning of the times of the Gentiles.

The original prophecy to which Jesus had reference is found in the fourth chapter of Daniel. Jesus understood that this prophetic vision of the great tree had reference to the times of the Gentiles as well as to Nebuchadnezzar's literal punishment.

Notice Daniel 4:17. This striking vision was not only to teach Nebuchadnezzar that God rules, but it is also "to the intent that THE LIVING may know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the basest of men."

So the Bible itself interprets this prophecy to have reference not only to the king of Babylon in that day, but also to teach the living—*yes, all of the nations today—that God is Supreme Ruler*.

Now notice verses 20 and 22 of Daniel 4. The great tree represented the king. And what was to happen to him?

"Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given him; and let seven times pass over him" (verse 16).

The king was to lose his understanding—to be cursed with insanity—he was to act and think like a wild ravenous beast, *until* he learned that the Creator rules over the affairs of men, till he learned that the only way to peace and security is through *submission to the rule and laws* of God instead of yielding to lust and human pride.

The world and its leaders have not yet learned this needed lesson. The nations today still devour one another in war like wild beasts as they struggle to gain world conquest.

The King Represents the Kingdom

Most of the misunderstanding about this important prophecy results from not realizing that the seven times or years that passed over King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon were an example of the seven prophetic times of punishment upon the Gentile Babylonish system.

Turn to Daniel 2, verses 38 and 39 where this is clearly explained.

The king saw a great image composed of different metals and clay. The head of this image represented *the kingdom of Babylon*. Daniel tells King Nebuchadnezzar, "*Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom.*"

The divisions of the great image rep-

resented various *kingdoms* of the Babylonish system down to our day. Yet Daniel designated the first *kingdom* by its supreme dictatorial *king* Nebuchadnezzar. The *king*, then, represented the kingdom of Babylon, because he had absolute power. Also by comparing Daniel 7:17, 23 you will see that *king and kingdom are used synonymously*. This prophecy is a living message for all time—down to the twentieth century!

One of the punishments on the king was that his heart should be changed "from man's, and let a wild animal's heart be given him."

What does this punishment mean?

Babylon Punished Seven Years

God was dealing with the Gentiles in Daniel's day. The Gentile king Nebuchadnezzar had been sinning—living contrary to God's law. He had been taking his people on the road to world conquest and the enslavement of other nations and peoples. He had been traveling the way of war, not of peace.

God had sent His warning. Babylon did not heed. So God punished the nation seven years (569 to 562 B.C.) by cursing king Nebuchadnezzar with madness—till he acted and thought like a beast of the forest!

No punishment like that had ever come on any king before! No nation had ever been so cursed!

After these seven years Nebuchadnezzar's mind returned to sanity. He now repented, admitted that his ways were wrong, and actually wrote a great public document admitting before all nations what had happened to him and to his people!

After those seven years of punishment, the kingdom of Babylon was given the heart of a man. The leaders began to think in ways of peace instead of war. Notice Daniel 7:4. The kingdom of Chaldea (or Babylon)—here symbolized by a ferocious lion—stood "upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given it."

Notice the parallel. King Nebuchadnezzar, because of his sins, was punished seven literal years. At the end of that time he regained his sanity and began for the first time in his life to repent and to give up the ways of war for the way of peace. He was given the heart of a

man, began to reason as a man and to see things clearly for the first time in his life. Now he saw himself as he really was—nothing but a rapacious wild animal. He saw his world conquests as bestial slaughter.

But just as the king had a change of heart so did the Chaldean kingdom. It, too, stood on its feet like a man! Seven years of punishment were over. The kingdom ceased to attack, conquer and destroy other nations. But—though Nebuchadnezzar personally repented—the nation did not continue to recognize God or His way. It gave itself up to licentiousness. The people and their leaders continued to live in sin. At the end of seventy years of Chaldean world rule God intervened. He sent a terrible punishment upon Babylon and its king Belshazzar, which has cursed the Gentile nations to this day!

The Bible and ancient secular historians tell the frightful story of the fall of Babylon. They reveal a vivid picture of the terrible slaughter that the Medes and Persians under Cyrus imposed on Babylon in the night of the feast during which *Belshazzar the King was slain* (Daniel 5:24-30).

The facts, exactly in order as they occurred, preserved in the writings of Xenophon.

Xenophon, the Greek historian who wrote the *Cyropaedia* in the fourth century before Christ, says that "when Cyrus reached Babylon" around 539 B.C. he dug channels for the dispersal of the water in the river Euphrates which ran under the gates of Babylon. Then he and THE MEDO-PERSIAN ARMY SECRETLY ENTERED THE RIVER BED, climbed stealthily through the gates along the river and rushed to the palace "when he heard that there was a festival in Babylon, in which all the Babylonians drank and revelled the whole night." Upon reaching the Palace where Belshazzar had seen the handwriting on the wall, they "burst in, and, pursuing those who fled, and dealing blows amongst them, came up to the king, and found him in a standing posture with his sword drawn. [They] mastered him." So *Belshazzar the King in Babylon was killed that night exactly as Daniel said*.

God is no respecter of persons. As He punished Israel and Judah for seven

prophetic "times"—2520 years—so would be the punishment of the Gentiles! God began to punish the nation by cursing their king for seven literal years. The king repented, but the nation did not. For that sin, God continued the punishment on the Gentiles, beginning with the fall of Babylon, for 2520 years. Their rulers have ever since had the minds of wild animals—seeking to attack, conquer, destroy other nations! That time of punishment is about up! But in the meantime the Gentile rulers with the minds of wild beasts have come into possession of the atomic and hydrogen bombs, nerve gases and bacteriological weapons by which they plan to wipe out all humanity! God must intervene before it is too late!

Punished for 2520 Years

King Nebuchadnezzar because of his continued stubborn refusal to submit to the rule of God—the only way that would have brought him peace of mind and satisfaction—was punished seven years by having his mind changed to that of a wild animal—until he learned that God ruled. He was *dethroned* and lived among the wild beasts.

In like manner, the Chaldean Empire, typified by its king, was defeated and *its dominion was taken away*. Just as Nebuchadnezzar continued to live like a wild beast, so the *Babylonish system* has continued with leaders having the minds of wild beasts. The Persians, Greeks, Romans—Europeans even to the days of Hitler and Mussolini—have all been cursed with leaders who think and act

like wild animals, *leaders who glory in war and conquest*.

Not one of the beasts, which followed the Chaldean Empire as described in Daniel 7, was given a man's heart. They all were like ferocious wild animals—conquering, pillaging, destroying one another by intrigue, alliances and war.

But this is not all. Consider!

Nebuchadnezzar was forced to live AMONG THE WILD BEASTS just as the successor nations of the Babylonish system have had to fight and struggle constantly against other Gentile nations WHO ARE ALSO CURSED WITH THE SAME MIND—THE SAME DESIRES TO CONQUER AND RULE THE WORLD. That is why the Babylonish system under Hitler and Mussolini struggled against Russia. And that is why Russia today is plotting to rule the world by intrigue and stealth and lying and deception. *The leaders of the Communist world think and act like cunning wild beasts*.

The ancient Chaldean Empire would not submit to GOD'S RULE and ways but wanted to rule its own way—the greatest curse that could happen to any nation. As a punishment God has allowed even to this very day the Gentile nations to rule themselves until they learn that only His ways are right and that He rules in the kingdoms of men.

Self-rule is a dire punishment! Just as Nebuchadnezzar finally regained his right mind and acknowledged God's authority, so the Gentile nations when their punishment is over, will soon come up to the kingdom of God and ask to learn of His ways (Micah 4:1-3) so that they also may become begotten and finally born into His kingdom as members of the ruling family of God.

What GOOD NEWS there is ahead!

Amazing Prophecy for Today!

Notice how present day events are explained by this prophecy.

All nations have been made drunk with the false teachings of the Babylonish system that has gripped this world for thousands of years until this world has become *so confused and divided* that people don't know which way to turn (Rev. 18:3).

Russia and China are seeking to conquer and rule the world. Millions in Asia are turning to communism as their

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last desperate hope. In our own land more people than ever before are becoming interested in religion—but they don't know which is the true church in this Babylon of religious sects, denominations and divisions.

This terrible predicament that confronts the nations today, *as well as what is SOON going to happen*, is made clear in this prophecy of the times of the Gentiles.

The seven times of the Gentiles are a *curse* upon them just as the seven times of Israel's punishments were a curse. This curse upon the Gentiles did *not begin with the fall of Judah but years later*. It was *after* the fall of Judah that God *first* began to deal with the Chaldean Empire.

Yes, these times are very close to completion, very close to the second coming of Jesus Christ to rule the nations and to teach them the ways of peace.

But many catastrophic world events are going to happen *between* now and the time that this frightful punishment

upon the Gentile nations is finished!

These terrifying world-shaking events will take place *in about fifteen years*—in your life time, this very last generation that is destined to live in two worlds! Even world scientists say so!

Remember what Jesus said in Luke 21:24? That Jerusalem would be trodden down of the Gentiles until the very completion of the times of the Gentiles!

Since Zechariah 14:1-3 shows that Jesus Christ will return in order to deliver Jerusalem from the Gentiles, it is plain that THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST WILL OCCUR NOT LATER THAN WHEN THE TIMES OF PUNISHMENT OF THE GENTILE BABYLONISH SYSTEM ARE FULFILLED! (Isaiah 27:13; I Cor. 15:52). Then God will send His son to rule the world!

As Christ said, of the second coming, "But of *that* day and hour, *knoweth no man!*" But *today's* world-occurrences warn us that even now, it is very *near!* Yes, it's MUCH LATER THAN YOU THINK!

there is an exceedingly nagging worry in the minds of many Australians today that, if they should be faced with an imminent Communist invasion, the United States may, **WHEN THE CHIPS ARE REALLY DOWN, leave Australia to her own devices!**

There is a vague doubt in the minds of some that the United States will really **STAND** before Communism should any acts of armed aggression against Australia begin.

This may well occur! The United States is going the way of *ancient Rome*, heedless to the tremendous national dangers which it now faces, it is on a toboggan slide toward *national oblivion*. It may become totally *unable* to protect Australia! While the United States and Great Britain are faced with the prophesied revival of the "beast," a union of ten powerful nations in Europe, forming the rebuilding of the ancient Roman Empire, Australia may well be taken over by an entirely *different* enemy! Australia, trying to populate and industrialize to *stave off Communism*, may become the **SLAVES OF COMMUNISTS!**

Australia is also *being weighed in the balance*, and is being found *wanting!* But there *is* a way out for YOU! God says those who are really **YIELDED**—whose lives have been given as a living sacrifice—who are truly *converted*, need not fear this terrible time of world chaos which is just ahead. Rather, God promises He will "keep thee from the hour of trial, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Rev. 3:10).

May God help you to *heed!*

POPULATE OR PERISH

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estates, and obtain positions within civic and Federal governments.

This was prophesied!

"The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee *very high*; and ye shall come down *very low!*" (Deut. 28:43). Just as ancient Israel made the mistake of seeking to the *Gentile nations* for her protection, making pacts and treaties, instead of trusting in God—so is modern-day Israel guilty of the same sin! Australia at the present time is linked with Gentile nations as a member of SEATO, the Southeast Asian Treaty Organization. She, like other nations of Israel, is looking to *Gentile nations* for protection from her potential enemies. *This practice God condemns!*

The Frightening Future

Here is what the future may hold for Australia!

There is a nagging fear in the back of the minds of many serious thinking men in Australia today that Communism may well launch a concerted effort at the

takeover and domination of their country.

They look with apprehension and worry at the giant power of the United States being spurned, scorned and treated with disdain and contempt everywhere! They see their strongest ally, and in a sense, their protector, the United States, **BACKING DOWN!**

Anti-Americanism is raging like wind-whipped bush fires around the world! While the news agencies proclaim the message of peace with on-the-surface visits by the chiefs of State, the real behind-the-scenes picture is one of increased distrust and hatred toward the United States, with the United States *backing down* before its antagonists around the world.

The Australian people have *seen* the way the United States has **FAILED** to stand up to the Communists in Indo-China, the Mideast, Hungary, and, in many instances, in acts of aggression against unarmed American airplanes or even civilian personnel. Accordingly,

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joyed telling them what we've learned from the Bible course and from **The PLAIN TRUTH**. I say 'we,' because my husband enjoys your magazine and lessons as much as I. We are learning more and more to obey God. Thank you kindly as you have been a blessing in our lives."

Woman from Santa Fe Springs,
California

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

In the Bible I read that many arose from their graves at the time of Christ's resurrection (Matthew 27:52,53). Who were these people? Are they alive today?

A common conception, taken for granted by thousands, is that some of the prophets arose at Christ's resurrection are still alive, wandering somewhere on earth today.

This is *not* what the Bible says!

Notice the Scripture: "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves *after* his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." Were these "saints" the Old Testament prophets and patriarchs? NO!

Notice this. In Acts 2:29, some fifty days after the resurrection of Christ, Peter says that David—the beloved of the Lord, one of the patriarchs of the Old Testament—*was still dead and buried in his grave*. "The patriarch David," declared Peter, "is both dead and buried." If these were the Old Testament prophets and patriarchs, David would surely have been among those resurrected, for he was a *direct* type of Christ. But, Peter says he was still in his grave. And, more important, in verse 34 Peter relates: "David IS NOT ASCENDED INTO THE HEAVENS." David had not gone to heaven with Christ. He was still in his grave. This is the Bible teaching.

The context shows very clearly that these saints were some who had died recently, just before Christ's crucifixion and burial. After their unexpected resurrection they went back into Jerusalem and showed themselves to many *who knew them before*. This was a proof that Christ had power over the grave. These people were not the Old Testament saints, for had they gone through the streets of Jerusalem proclaiming themselves as Abraham, Moses, or David just recently resurrected from the dead, *who would have believed them?* None of the people who lived during Christ's time

knew how the Old Testament saints appeared, and where was the proof to show the people they were the prophets of old instead of imposters? Would their word be enough? The people of Jerusalem KNEW who those "saints" were. They KNEW they had been resurrected from the grave, for they KNEW THEY had just recently died. This indeed was a witness of the resurrection of the dead and that Christ had power over the grave. Nothing else would prove it as clearly! Many people have assumed that this event was a resurrection to immortal life. It was nothing of the kind!

The first resurrection to immortal life is yet future. It will be manifest at the Second Coming of Christ (Rev. 20:5). Christ was the first to be resurrected to immortal life and all others in Christ will have to wait *until His Coming* "For in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each *in his own order*: Christ the firstfruits; then they that are Christ's AT HIS COMING" (I Cor. 15:22-23). No one, outside of our Savior, has yet attained to immortal life (I Tim. 6:16). All others are yet in the grave awaiting the *first* resurrection!

The resurrection of those "saints" was a restoration of temporary, mortal life. Notice the evidence in both the Old or New Testaments. The son of the widow at Zarephath was raised from the dead by Elijah. This is mentioned in I Kings 17:17-23. Jesus brought back to life the widow of Nain's son (Luke 7:11-18). We also read of Lazarus being resurrected out of the tomb in which he had lain four days (John 11:1-46). Peter through the aid of the Holy Spirit raised Tabitha from the dead (Acts 9:36-42). And the apostle Paul caused the young man who fell from the window to have life again (Acts 20:9-12). None of these resurrections were to immortality. These people were undoubtedly healed of the afflictions that caused their deaths prematurely. They were restored to mortal

life—human flesh and blood—continued to live out their physical lives and then died as we all do. They are all awaiting the FIRST RESURRECTION of the dead to immortality (Rev. 20:5). Had the saints of Matthew 27 been raised to immortality, then the FIRST resurrection to eternal life at Christ's Second Coming would not be the *first* but actually the *second*. However, the FIRST resurrection is yet in advance of us!

Is suicide a crime?

A 56-page pamphlet, "Ought Suicide to be a Crime?" the work of a five-man committee appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, "primate of all England," was published and distributed a few weeks ago. The committee members investigated the subject of self-destruction from almost every conceivable angle—historical, legal, medical, moral—and came to the astounding conclusion that *the Bible does not condemn suicide!*

Think of it!

"Suicide was not always frowned upon," states this noted Anglican Church body; "... the ancients in the Hellenic times [the *pagan* Greeks] tended to look upon the power to take one's own life as an inalienable privilege!"

However, Chairman Christie later admitted on BBC, "If any member of the committee were asked *if HE considered suicide wrong*, he would say *it was!* ... that no man or woman had the right to terminate life entrusted to him by God" (TIME, November 2, 1959, p. 74).

What he is actually saying is that HE THINKS *God does not forbid* the taking of one's own life, but *man*, in his superior wisdom, *reasons* that suicide is not proper. That it is a *coward's way* of solving his problems. That it is like *running away in battle!*

In other words, the Bible *is not the final authority* for the decision they have reached. Human reason is their authority.

Nevertheless the Bible DOES condemn suicide!

God commands: "THOU SHALT NOT KILL" (the sixth commandment). Webster defines the word kill as "to deprive of life." To commit suicide, then, *is breaking one of the Ten Commandments*—and is definitely condemned by God.

Paul admonishes us saying, "Know you not that you are *the temple of God*, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

If any man DESTROY (KJV margin) *the temple of God, him shall God DESTROY*; for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are" (I Cor. 3:16, 17). "What, know you not that your BODY is *the temple* of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own?" (I Cor. 6:19).

No murderer—or suicide—has eternal life abiding in him (I John 3:15). He has no hope unless and until in the general resurrection after the millennium he repents of his sin (Matthew 11:20-24).

What kind of Bible do you recommend that we purchase?

Bible study is an *important* part of a Christian life. To get the most out of studying God's Word, you need to have a *good* Bible.

We recommend, as first choice, that you use the King James Version containing the Old and New Testaments, as your basic study Bible. The Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press publish the finest editions of the King James Version. They are very durable and sturdily bound with good chain references and concordance and maps. Their print serves every age group.

Some people who have weaker vision prefer a Bible having heavy black print, large letters, and a center reference column. A good selection of maps in the back helps greatly. Such Bibles measure about 6½ x 9½ inches and serve best for home use. A thumb index and pages with relatively wide margins for making notations are available. A Bible answering the above general description is made by the National Bible Press, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It is their Number 452.

These Bibles may be obtained from, or ordered through, the bookstores.

Concordances which are found in the backs of Bibles are generally not complete enough and are often not very helpful in finding scriptures. This should have little weight in your selection of Bibles. If you want a concordance, the small *Cruden's Concordance* is very popular and may be purchased for about four dollars.

Bibles other than the King James Version are sometimes helpful. Their modern wording makes certain sections clearer than the King James Version. The new Revised Standard Version and

the Moffatt translation are written in modern English and can be useful in comparing with the King James Version.

Since very few basic textual errors appear in the King James Version—though it is not always a perfect, or clear translation—it should be used most often for Bible study.

Is it wrong for a Christian to raise tobacco? If so, what can a small farmer in the tobacco country use as a substitute and still make a decent living?

The tobacco industry is a million dollar business. Hundreds of farmers supply tobacco for the tobacco consumers. But, is it right in God's sight to be a tobacco grower? This is a question faced by farmers who want to obey God and serve the health of mankind.

Scientific tests prove that the various tobacco habits—smoking, chewing, snuff-dipping—are harmful to those who indulge their lusts in them. Many are cancer victims. Tobacco users are addicted to the habit solely in the interest of satisfying the lusts of the flesh. Even when used as an insecticide on food crops, tobacco is a threat to man's health, because some of it is taken into the body on foodstuffs.

A Christian should grow that which is healthful, and in some way serves the community. *Nothing* is worth doing if it is done only in the interest of making money.

A close examination of all possibilities will reveal that there is always at least

one good substitute for tobacco in most any area. It should not be difficult to change to a useful type of farming. It is just a matter of becoming *willing* to depart from old ways and learn new techniques and routines. A new procedure will look difficult at first, but a little mental effort will help one to adjust himself to anything that is worthwhile.

God has promised to supply all the needs of anyone who will put the Kingdom of God first in his affections (Matt. 6:24-34). A *Christian* farmer who plans his production wisely can claim these promises and look to God for the necessary profit. He must ask God, in faith (Jas. 1:6-8), for the needed guidance and help.

In the tobacco-growing regions there are several reliable products that can be grown for the market. *Good quality* vegetables are easy to grow and are in great demand in most areas. The best grocery stores pay prices that give the farmer a good return for his labor and a high rate of income per acre. Chickens and other types of poultry are also profitable in some regions, especially for the man who can grow some of his own feed. However, don't try poultry farming unless you can understand, and conform to, the necessary principles of poultry management. Sweet potatoes are also a good market crop in the tobacco producing area. Many tobacco farmers have already tried these sources of income and have found that, *with good management*, they are profitable.

Autobiography

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in my inexperience, to be God's answer to my prayer. Since I could not go back into the advertising business, and *leave* the ministry, permanently, I *reasoned* this solution:

"Tell you what I might do," I finally said to Mr. Hopkins. "I know I have been called to the ministry. I've been ordained. But my salary is temporarily cut off. It seems to me this is God's answer as a temporary fill-in for our financial need. I'll come on out to Astoria *just for the month of December, only*. I'll help you through the Christmas rush. Then I'll have to return here."

How many times, since, have I quoted the Scriptures: "Lean not unto *thine own* understanding," and "There is a way that seemeth right to a man, the end thereof are the ways of death." Human reason is usually faulty. But this did *seem* like the right decision. I was to pay a high price over the next 15 months to learn that lesson. How I found myself caught in a trap of unforeseen circumstance, forced to break all precedent in methods of selling advertising space; and how, after 15 long and almost sleepless months I finally got back into the ministry, will be related in the February installment.

How Did This World's RELIGIONS Begin?

Here is the little-known, gripping story of the birth of a great religious system which today masquerades under the name "Christian," yet it began hundreds of years before Christ!

PART III

by Dr. C. Paul Meredith

DID YOU know that at Christ's time pagan practices bore an amazing similarity to Jesus' teachings?

Did you know that those pagan customs crept into the professing Christian world? The churches of today ignore this fact!

Here is how it happened.

In the previous articles of Dr. Meredith's forthcoming book, *Satan's Great Deception*, we discovered that Nimrod, the world's first despot, founded civilization at ancient Babylon. That civilization has engulfed *the whole world*. Nimrod also established apostate Sun-Serpent worship—the worship of the devil and evil spirits. As a punishment, God scattered the people (Genesis 11:8).

We also learned that righteous Shem later slew Nimrod to prevent him from reorganizing society in another universal apostasy. But Nimrod's system lived on!

We find *many* of the practices of his religion to be similar to, yet counterfeits of, the true teachings of God, *but different enough to prevent its followers from receiving eternal life*. The "Mystery of Iniquity" of *our day* was taking shape *then!*

THE OBJECT OF THESE MYSTERIES WAS "TO BIND ALL MANKIND IN BLIND AND ABSOLUTE SUBMISSION TO A HIERARCHY ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON THE SOVEREIGNS OF BABYLON" (Hislop, p. 5). VAST NUMBERS TODAY ARE ALSO IN BLIND AND ABSOLUTE SUBMISSION TO A GREAT FALSE CHURCH!

Nimrod Worship Widespread Under Other Names

We have already seen how Nimrod, after his death, was said by Semiramis to have been *reborn* in the form of her illegitimate child Nin or Horus. That the

child (Semiramis' counterfeit of the coming Savior) who was worshipped in the various countries was really *one person*—Nimrod, there is much evidence. An examination of the legends and characteristics assigned to those gods by their worshippers show these coincide with the characteristics of Nimrod and events in his life. (Now as we proceed, please recall that Nimrod was not only deified by Semiramis and worshipped after his death, but also, in her Mysteries, she said he was "reborn" as her *fair-skinned* child.)

Egyptian tradition shows that their god Osiris (Nimrod) was *black*. (Plutarch's *De Isid*, et. Os., vol. ii, p. 359.) This is a land where the color of the population is only slightly *dark*. This then clearly shows that the man they worshipped was *not* of their own nationality.

This negro-featured Osiris was clothed from head to foot in a *spotted dress*, the upper part being a leopard's skin (spotted) and the lower part a *spotted dress* (Bunsen, vol. i, p. 425). The name Nimrod means "subduer of the leopard"—from *Nimr*, a "leopard," and *rod* "to subdue." This name seems to imply that as Nimrod had gained fame by subduing the horse, he had also subdued the leopard and used it in hunting (Hislop, p. 44). In India hunting with leopards has been a custom (Wilkinson, v. iii, p. 17). *Persian* legends show that Hosang (Cush) the father of Tahmurs (Nimrod) who built Babylon, was the "first who bred dogs and leopards for hunting." (Sir William Jones' *Works*, vol. iv, pp. 341, 353.) The Egyptian high priest's robe of office was the leopard's skin. Here, then, the leopard skin, was the *common* covering for the *main* deity in these two countries!

Nimrod, by the same spotted covering,

is identified as being the god Bacchus of the Greeks. Leopards were employed to draw Bacchus' chariot, he was represented as attired in leopard's skins and his priests were attired in the same manner or with the spotted skin of a fawn. This latter seems to have come from *Assyria* (Vaux's *Nineveh*, chap. viii, p. 233)—indications again of the principal gods being covered with leopard's skins in two countries. The similarity to *one* man—Nimrod—is marked!

Recall that in Babylon, after Nimrod was slain by Shem's followers, Semiramis used secret or mysterious symbols to represent him so that he could be worshipped through these symbols as a god. In *Greece*, to *secretly* or *mysteriously* show that Nimrod and their god Bacchus were the same, Bacchus was symbolized as a *spotted fawn*. The rites of the Egyptian Osiris and the Grecian Bacchus are the *same*, and those of the Egyptian Isis (Semiramis) and Ceres (the Grecian Semiramis) *exactly* resemble each other (*Bibliotheca*, lib. i, p. 9).

In *Egypt*, Osiris, as we recall, was *mystically* represented as a young bull or calf—the calf *Apis*—"Apis," being only another name for Saturn, "the Hidden one." The name *Apis* in Egyptian is Hopi, evidently from the Chaldee (Babylonian) word "Hop," "to cover" (Bunsen, vol. i. vocab., p. 462). Other evidence is overwhelming that Semiramis had made her dead husband the *great* god of the world of that day.

Mankind was deifying himself by causing others to worship him. Here is a very important subject that should be looked into.

"Ye Shall Be As Gods"

A factor that aided Semiramis in her deification of Nimrod after his death was the way in which statues were made

of the *mighty men* of renown of that time. As the first of the "*mighty ones*" on the earth after the flood, Nimrod was symbolized as a bull. But there was yet another way by which his power was shown. Hislop, on pages 37, 38, 39, says that a synonym for Gheber, which means "the mighty one," was *Abir*. But *Aber* signified a "wing."

Hislop continues, "Nimrod, as Head and Captain of those men of war . . . who were instruments of establishing his power, was Baal-abin 'Lord of the mighty ones.' But 'Baal-abirin' signified 'The winged ones.' Therefore he was represented as a . . . winged bull—showing not merely that he was mighty himself, but that he had . . . ones under his command who were ever ready to *carry out* his commands . . . this . . . alone explains the remarkable statement of Aristophanes, that at the beginning of the world 'the birds' were *first* created, and *then*, after their creation, came the 'race of the blessed immortal gods.' . . . Let it be borne in mind that 'the birds'—that is; the 'winged ones'—symbolized 'the Lords of the mighty ones,' and the meaning is clear . . . that men *first* began to be mighty on the earth, and *then*, that the 'Lords' or leaders of 'these mighty ones' were *deified*."

Nimrod was unquestionably the *first* of those deified after the flood. He became the "father of the gods"—the first of any "mighty ones" who might be deified after him. The same general method applied to Semiramis—she became the "mother of gods."

Characteristics of the Babylonian System

Why has God objected all through the Bible to mankind following the Babylonish system? Let us examine closely Nimrod's way of rule and find why God would object. The characteristics of the Babylonish system of rule as represented by Nimrod's world-empire are: "rejection of God, denial of His right to rule, refusal to acknowledge man's dependence upon God for power or happiness, determination to deprive . . . God of the gratitude and allegiance of men, thirst for domination apart from God over this world, the exaltation of man to the place of Deity."

"These are characteristics which be-

longed in supreme degree to Satan, the arch enemy and rebel against God. They are characteristic of the innate heart of . . . humanity; since all unregenerate men are children of disobedience, and their minds are 'not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be' (Rom. 8:7)" (from Miller's *Ancient History In Bible Light*, p. 55).

Now notice carefully, for this is very important!

"To the later Jews, Babylon was the complete embodiment of the enmity of the heathen world against the kingdom of God, and the idea they formed of Nimrod was influenced by this view. The arrogance of his character which seemed to be implied in his very name was conceived of as defiance of God, and *he became a heaven-storming titan. As such he built the tower of Babel* . . . Jewish legend made choice of Abraham to be his antithesis, the representative of God's kingdom over against the heathen autocrat" (*Encyclopedia Britannica*, 9th ed., Vol. 17, p. 511). These are all serious indictments against this system.

To summarize why God is against the Babylonish system; God is the Supreme Ruler. This rebellion of human beings against Him would, if universal, defeat his very purpose—His purpose of giving to obedient mortals eternal life by bringing them into His spiritual kingdom of God where He is acknowledged as the Creator and Ruler of all!

Revelation 14:8 speaks of a Babylon which will be destroyed *in our day*, and Revelation 18:4 tells us to *come out of her lest we receive of her plagues!* This is really serious! *No one will receive eternal life while they are in this system!* "Babylon" is not as far away from us as we have always imagined. We shall presently see as we continue our study.

Answer Found In Eden

Man had brazenly dared to make of himself a god, a god to be worshipped and obeyed by others! He left the True God out of his life. The Ten Commandments say, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3). Many times in the Old Testament when people sinned, God said words to the following effect: "I will punish them that they may know I am God." Who *first* wanted to

be like God? The Devil! "I will be like the most High" (Isa. 14:14).

What did the Devil tell Eve would happen if she and Adam would follow his advice and eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which God had forbidden? "Ye shall not surely die . . . ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:4-5) Satan in effect said, "You will not die, *you can be as gods, deciding for yourselves what is right and what is wrong*—you can attain eternal life *this way*." The churches of Satan have been teaching this philosophy ever since. The philosophy that Adam and Eve followed in Eden is the type of philosophy the world has followed from that day to this: it is basically a type of disobedience. The Devil's *suggestion sounds good to mankind*.

God had said they would *die* if they disobeyed His command and ate of this tree (Genesis 2:17).

They did not *know* God yet—they did not fear Him: "The *fear* of the Eternal is the beginning of wisdom" (Psa. 111:10). They did not know they *must* obey Him above *all* beings or suffer dire consequences—so they ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. **THEY USURPED GOD'S PREROGATIVE—THEY DECIDED FOR THEMSELVES WHAT WAS GOOD AND WHAT WAS EVIL!** They *made their own law* by deciding that to eat of the forbidden tree was right and *not a sin*. They followed *their law* and broke God's. They *became* "as gods" to make their own law, but after they had sinned they were afraid (Gen. 3:10). They realized their folly, for God then said, "Man is as one of us, to know good and evil" (Genesis 3:22).

They had learned by *experience*. They realized they needed a different kind of clothing than their *carnal* minds gave (Rom. 8:7). Paul says mankind has been *made* to desire vain things (Rom. 8:20).

"I put on righteousness and it clothed me" (Job 29:14). They tried to clothe themselves with their righteousness, "They sewed fig leaves together and made girdles" (Genesis 3:7)—a symbol of *their* kind of righteousness, but Isaiah, inspired by God, says, "All *our* righteousness are as filthy rags." The Bible says of God's commandments, "All *Thy* commandments are righteousness"

(Psa. 119:172). If we obey God's commandments as revealed then by God's spoken Word, but now by the Bible, we clothe ourselves with *God's* kind of righteousness and are acceptable to God. We cannot make our own laws here on this earth! God said Adam and Eve must for their sin be separated from the tree of life at that time. They must die. They needed a Redeemer who could pay the penalty of death in their stead if they were to have eternal life. This was promised very soon afterward (Genesis 3:15).

Now we can see how the Devil rules this world today! Are we doing today as Adam and Eve did in the garden of Eden?

Are Men "As Gods" Today?

It can now be easily seen that if we, today, are following the same *deceptive suggestion* that our human forebears did in Eden—*making their own laws*—then we are "as gods." If Satan has thus deceived us, then our punishment will be the same as that given to Adam and Eve—denial of access to eternal life. Remember, to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are . . . whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness" (Romans 6:16). The Devil, then, rules over us by suggestive deception!

Do the nations or individuals today consult what the Bible says about divorce, for example, before they make *their* decisions and *their* laws?

They do not! They have become "*as gods*" to make their own laws! The world, then, is *Babylon*. We are told to come out of her (Rev. 18:4). This we can do by giving God's laws *precedent* in our lives—being *ruled* by Him! The proper form of government is *Theocracy*—being ruled over by God and by His laws. This form will soon be set up on this earth.

Like Adam and Eve, when they became "as gods" and made their own laws, the people today, in these end times, are *having their eyes opened* (Genesis 3:5), because of the results of following *their* laws.

World Deifies "Self"

The tendency of mankind to elevate himself is constant. After the Devil

had tried to ascend and be like God (Isa. 14:14), Adam and Eve tried it (Genesis 3:5-6) and were denied eternal life at that time. In Genesis 6:4-5, we see that mankind had deified itself in the same way as we have shown Semiramis deified herself and Nimrod. These people became "Sons of gods." Wickedness increased. Verse 11 says the *earth was corrupt and filled with violence*—the inevitable *result* when mankind makes its own laws! What happened? God drowned all on the earth except Noah and seven others!

After the flood, Nimrod and Semiramis set the pace for *self-deification* as we have seen. Israel was guilty of the same thing. In Ezekiel 20 there is a summary of why God said he was going to punish the Israelites. He repeats six times his reason: "That they may know that I am the Eternal." Judges 21:25, a summary of Israel's actions, says, "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes." Like Adam and Eve, *they* decided what was right and wrong—they were "as gods."

Today, we see the whole world deifying itself by making its own laws and leaving God out of the picture. A great religious leader dares sit today, claiming he rules in place of God! Very soon one of this group will show himself that he is God, "That day shall not come, except . . . that man of sin be revealed . . . who . . . exalteth himself above all that is called God . . . Sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself he is God" (II Thes. 2:3-4).

There is an outstanding example of man deifying himself today. While he was alive, "Joseph Stalin [had] long been eulogized by the Soviets . . . as the world's great . . . master. No words [were] considered too extravagant . . . East German children were asked to *pray, not to God but to Stalin* . . . his plans always come true" (*Los Angeles Times*, March 5, 1953, under heading "Stalin Cult Makes God of Dictator"). Only God is worthy of the attributes this cult ascribes to Stalin!

God knows the world will not voluntarily stop doing this. Soon Christ is coming to chain that deceiver, the Devil (Rev. 20:2), and Christ will rule with a rod of iron (Rev. 2:27). Then those on the earth will *have* to decide whether

they will stop deifying self or follow the *real* deity—God.

Why Do We Want To Be "As Gods"?

Yes, why? You and I today wish that this war within ourselves would cease—this inner desire which makes us, *against* our will, do things that we know the Bible says not to do. It makes us not want to do the things the Bible commands us to do. This is the internal battle that even Paul described as raging in himself. "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me but how to perform that which is good I find not . . . I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin" (Rom. 7:18, 23).

The answer to this provides the *explanation that reveals why the Devil can rule this earth by Deceptive Suggestion!* Never once does the Bible show that the Devil has used physical force to rule mankind.

God has *made* mankind so we will *desire* (lust) to go *contrary to His laws!* Unbelievable, but true! "The law is spiritual but I am carnal" (Rom. 7:14). Carnal flesh does all sorts of evil things (Gal. 5:19-21). "The carnal mind is enmity against God" (Rom. 8:7). The carnal mind today is making *carnal laws* to *take the place* of the higher spiritual laws which God has set in motion to govern us. Mankind's laws seem right in our own eyes. The flesh we are born with desires to lust, "Ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Gal. 5:16. See also II Pet. 2:18; I Pet. 4:2). "The creature (mankind—the thing *created* by God) *was made* subject to vanity" (Rom. 8:20). Mankind was made to *desire things of no value*—corruptible and sinful things, by God himself!

God has made mankind with the *inherent* capacity to be upright *but* has given them a *carnal mind!* (Ecc. 7:29.) *We seem* to be free agents to make our *own* laws to provide our *own* plan whereby we *think* (wrongly) that we will obtain happiness (The United Nations Assembly today is the big example of this).

Mankind firmly believes that the capacity to do this lies within himself. We evidently believe God gave this capacity

to us, or else how do we think we received it? *This is the very condition which makes it easy for the Devil to deceive us.*

Proving Selves Wrong Today

Today, God is letting the world *prove* that He has *not* bestowed on human minds the capacity of working out laws of happiness for themselves! He is letting them prove that happiness is beyond their reach as they are now constituted. It is no wonder then that God is perfectly willing that the Devil deceive the world now by encouraging the people in it to be "as gods." He turned even Job, the most perfect man on earth (Job 1:8), over to Satan to be strengthened (Job 1:12; 2:6, and 23:10).

God declared the end result from the beginning (Isa. 46:9, 10). He planned it this way! *After* we learn the folly of our ways God says "the creature shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption" (Rom. 8:21) and be "*created* in Christ Jesus unto good works" (Eph. 2:10). God says He will then (and only then) go a step further in creating us. He will change our fleshly bodies into Spiritual bodies fashioned to do good works.

God has promised to do just this! We must desire this new eternal body; we must repent (Acts 2:38)—show by actions that we realize that our usurping of our Creator's authority was wrong. Then He will beget us as His children and afterward give our bodies this new form. Lucifer, a spirit being, who became the Devil, never did learn his *God-given capacity*—he fought against his Creator (Isa. 14:14).

How Satan Rules

How does Satan rule? Paul said, "I fear lest by any means, as the *serpent* beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your *minds* should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" (II Cor. 11:3, 13, 14). Satan may suggest evil courses of action to us through evil people over whom he has sway. The ministers of the false churches are here referred to. Notice that Satan is behind such people. Paul says these are "*false apostles, deceitful workers transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.*" *They corrupt our minds!* Sometimes demons enter people and rule them by taking

complete possession of their bodies. Luke tells of devils coming out of many people in Christ's time (Luke 4:41).

Satan lays traps for us. He brings about *circumstances which tempt us* to do evil things. Paul warns us lest we fall into the "snare of the devil" (I Tim. 3:7). Does our acting on Satan's evil suggestions bring us under Satan's rule? Yes. The Bible says so. "HIS SERVANTS YE ARE TO WHOM YE OBEY; WHETHER OF SIN UNTO DEATH, OR OBEDIENCE UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Rom. 6:16). We are urged to recover ourselves "out of the snare of the Devil if we are taken captive by him" (II Tim. 2:26). Satan is called the prince of this world (John 14:30). He rules it.

The evil spirit helpers of Satan can *directly influence the human mind.* A

spirit in Old Testament times told how he would persuade an ancient king's prophets to lie to this king. He said, "I will persuade him (the king)—I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets" (I Kings 22:21-22).

Satan "*deceiveth the whole world*" (Rev. 12:9). Notice that Satan deceives people *everywhere*. As a *deceiver* he makes things seem what they are not. A man because of his own lusts can deceive his own heart and this makes Satan's work easier (James 1:26).

Paul says, "We wrestle *not against flesh and blood* but against rulers of the darkness of *this world*" (Eph. 6:12). We wrestle against *spiritual powers*—Satan and his helpers. But how does Satan rule over the *large groups of people* (Please continue on page 31)

NOTICE

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Norman A. Smith,
Director of Broadcasting

Your MARRIAGE Can Be Happy!

WHY are most marriages unhappy? Here, reprinted from the June, 1957 issue, are the BASIC CAUSES for emotional instability in the home!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

MOST people today are unhappy! The high-pitched standard of American living has swept society through a flood-gate of emotional turbulence that has dashed countless marriages against the rocks of despair and misery!

One of the *basic reasons* for our unhappiness is our upside-down home life!

The entire WAY OF LIVING of any nation revolves around its family life—its homes. Our whole *way of life* has been perverted!

Men and Women Changing Places

"What's *wrong* with our way of life?" ask most moderns. Because of our perverted national sense of humor, we have openly *laughed* at a situation that has brought untold *suffering* on us, and is destined to bring suffering multiplied yet a thousand times over! What's wrong?

Americans, and to a large extent Britons and the peoples of other nations, have broken *God's laws* regarding family life! The typical scene of modern home life is poked at the gullible public through the glaring eye of television, or from the glamorous movie screens, or from the colorful comic strips. Literally *dozens* of husband-wife combinations are presented through these media, in which the huge dolt playing the part of the husband always appears in his shuffling, bumbling, ignorant role as the brunt of every joke. Always incapable, inefficient, and frightfully stupid, the poor brute is scolded by his wife, is the source of tongue-in-cheek amusement from his children as they impugn his figure-head position as head of the household, and is dismissed as being unworthy of notice by all in-laws, neighbors and other associates.

Many of the more familiar entertainment figures are dodging vases, baseball bats and expensive china, or nursing the aftermath of a vengeful attack by the dowager wife.

On the other hand, the woman of the family is always pictured as the crisp, efficient, business-like manager of household affairs, who studiously maintains a martyred expression of pain at the antics of her incapable spouse. She manages to knowingly smile at the children as she settles every problem, quieting the protesting voice of hubby with a sharp look.

These common-place situations are enacted before the amazingly naïve American eyes through many different media of entertainment—and actually copied to a great extent in multiplied thousands of homes today!

Most of us have become so *steeped* in our own *traditions*, our own customs, that we have allowed our minds to become DRUGGED to the REAL LAWS that regulate and guide a happy marriage. GOD is the One who *instituted* marriage in the *first* place. HE is the One who gave laws to REGULATE that union, so man and woman could live together in real, deep down *happiness* and *joy*! Because this world has forgotten God, and gone totally in the OPPOSITE direction from His laws, society finds itself in a miserable turmoil of crime, juvenile delinquency, broken homes, suicides and utter frustration!

Man's Natural Mistakes

For the past 40 years, it has *seemed good* to Americans to allow woman to usurp his God-appointed office and responsibility, and begin to assume the same office as the man. Let's take a statistical view of the results.

The actual percentage of women who

are working has *doubled* in 65 years. Women now comprise almost $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total employes in the United States! Further, one-half of all employed women are married!

Increasingly, the sexes in this country are losing their identities. Mothers are becoming more masculine, and fathers are becoming more feminine! These masculinized mothers and feminized fathers are producing children which are *also* showing the opposite characteristics from that which is normal!

These facts are *not* some kind of "religious axe-grinding," but stand proved from authoritative sources—and are well known social factors in the United States!

It is not strange, unfamiliar news to anyone that something is drastically *wrong* with American family life! The rising number of women in industry is a very close parallel to the rising problem of divorce in this country!

Basis for Emotional Stability in the Home

Do you know WHY so many homes are filled with "family squabbles," "tiffs" and out-and-out *brawls*? It is because the only *basis* for a happy home is MISSING in most marriages today!

The Creator-God is the One who MADE man and woman! He is the One who DECIDED it was *best* for them to be married (Gen. 2:24). God Almighty is *also* responsible for a set of LAWS and REGULATIONS GOVERNING the happy, abundant loving relationships in the home!

How many people know what those laws are?

The laws of the Eternal Creator governing marriage and the right, sound emotional stability in the home consti-

tute the *vital key* to real happiness!

It is because mankind has ignorantly thrown away this extremely important KEY to happiness that he has fumbled around in the dark, seeking to solve his OWN problems, and has come to the ignominious end of a tremendous divorce rate and emotional debauchery. What, then, *are* those laws which will lead to emotional stability and happiness in the home? Remember, since it is God who "invented" marriage, it is also He who holds the key to its *success!*

The First Marriage

In the first marriage God ever instituted, an over-all pattern began to form which has led mankind on an ever increasing landslide toward misery. Notice, when God put Adam and Eve on this earth, He *revealed* to them the *basic laws* of marriage: ". . . and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee," God said to Eve (Gen. 3:16). The Creator had seen, in His perfect wisdom, that it was ". . . not good that man should be alone . . ." and so declared He would ". . . make an help meet (*fitting*) for him" (Gen. 2:18). God states it was HE who MADE them male and female! (Gen. 1:27.)

God then set a *way* before Adam and Eve. They, like you, were free moral agents. God showed them the way to *life*, the way of happiness and of abundance, but they chose the *wrong way*, the way that SEEMED so good to them.

What WAS their big mistake?

WHY did God drive them from the garden into exile? Notice!

"And unto Adam He said, *Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife*, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it, *cursed* is the ground for thy sake" (Gen. 3:17).

Did you notice it?

ADAM LET EVE BEGIN TO WEAR THE PANTS! God expressly let Adam realize he was being punished because he had allowed his wife to USURP his divinely appointed office, and to begin to lead him around! The very first marriage began a trend that has continued until the present day. The statistics already quoted are ample proof of the totally backward families which are trying to find happiness *contrary* to God's way,

and are therefore ending in divorce!

God's Government in the Home

Just as God has set *offices* in His Church for rulership and *government* (Eph. 4:11), so He has set offices in the home! Most people are totally *ignorant* of the God-appointed chain of authority that exists in the family, and hence are unconsciously reaping the *results* of breaking those appointed laws!

God says, "For the husband is the *head* of the wife, even as Christ is the HEAD of the Church, and He is the Saviour of the body" (Eph. 5:23). And yet—most American women want the word "obey" taken *out* of the wedding ceremony! Just as most modern "religionists" want the word "obey" *taken out of the entire Bible!* God says the wife is to be subject to the husband just AS the Church is subject to Christ. Because as most professed Christians do not really consider themselves directly SUBJECT to Christ, who is their present, living RULER, their BOSS, they cannot bring themselves to see God's authority in the HOME!

God says further, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, AS UNTO THE LORD." How many wives are really WILLING to submit in God's way to their husbands? Whether "modern" 20th Century women like to admit it or not, God Almighty MADE them to be subject to a man—and has decreed they CANNOT FIND HAPPINESS WITHOUT THAT SUBMISSION!

Paul, inspired of God's Holy Spirit, wrote: "But I would have you know, that the Head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman *is the man*, and the Head of Christ is God" (I Cor. 11:3). Paul further explained that "The man is not OF the woman, but the woman OF the man, neither was the man created for the woman, but the woman FOR THE MAN!" (I Cor. 11:8-9).

God's examples of *holy women*, who really *knew* the *key* to happiness show this same truth. Peter writes, "Likewise ye wives, be in *subjection* to your own husbands, that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation [conduct] of the wives" (I Pet. 3:1). God describes the WAY these women lived, by showing the example of Sarah, who was Abraham's wife. "For after this manner [according

to His divinely revealed ways] in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, *being in subjection* unto their own husbands, even as Sara *obeyed* Abraham, calling him 'Lord,' whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well . . ." (I Pet. 3:5-6).

Any such glowing example of Godly humility has become outdated and "old-fashioned" today. In other words—*happiness for women has become outdated and "old-fashioned!"*

A Battle of the Sexes?

What about the constant din from humorists and novelists who repeatedly chortle and chuckle over the so-called "battle" of the sexes? Is there *really* some sort of unseen or unrealized struggle for supremacy going on between the two sexes?

YES, THERE IS!

Americans particularly, and other nations to a lesser degree, LAUGH at this atrocious abomination that blights God's chosen people! The "battle" of the sexes is just another humorous name for the same struggle Eve started way back in the Garden of Eden, of trying to *rule over the man*. It has wrought only unhappiness, misery, wretched, twisted and broken homes, and a race of spineless males, who are ruled over by their wives, and ridiculed by their own children!

"As for my people, *children* are their oppressors, and *women rule over them*" (Isa. 3:12).

Yes, there *is* an actual battle of the sexes—a struggle for supremacy in the home! And that "battle" is the outgrowth of the male's 6,000-year search for sensual thrills and a way of life *contrary* to God's inspired way, letting his wife "wear the pants" in the family!

Is it All One-Sided?

Does God, then, intend that women bow their necks under a domineering yoke of bondage and submit to just *any kind* of husband, *regardless* of his actions? *Not at all!*

GOD ACTUALLY HOLDS THE MAN—WHOM HE ORIGINALLY PLACED IN AUTHORITY—RESPONSIBLE!

Just as Jesus Christ is the most *responsible* person (together with God) alive today, He intends that the husband be the *responsible* head of his family!

"Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water by the word" (Eph. 5:25-26). Christ *gave Himself* for the Church, Husbands are to *love* their wives in the same manner! "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loves his wife loves himself" (Eph. 5:28).

God is the protector, provider and ruler of His Church. So is the man to fulfill that office toward his wife. "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (1 Tim. 5:8). God demands of the husband that he be able to *support* and provide for his wife, and that he fulfill the great office and responsibility God has placed upon him.

Some Not Capable

Some men are not capable of assuming their God-given responsibility as head of the house! Because of lack of training from their own parents, and because society has gotten *away* from the way of God, most men do not, or *cannot* shoulder their responsibility.

Any man who is a drunkard, or a man who will not support his wife, or who refuses to accept the position God has demanded he accept has actually *disqualified* himself. Yet—that is between the man and God! It is NOT the place of the woman to bitterly indict the man for his sins, and then to assume HIS responsibility of being the breadwinner, the provider and protector of the home! Many women have decided it is their OBLIGATION to step into the "pants" of the family, and become its HEAD, because their husbands either are not capable, or else refuse to accept that responsibility! Such is not the case! She should do whatever is necessary for the temporary welfare of the home, but always with the goal of encouraging her husband to take over HIS responsibility, realizing *it is not her place!*

The purpose of this article is *not* to give a blinded, bigoted harangue *against* women! God Almighty does not hold the woman as RESPONSIBLE for the abominable situation existing today as does He the man! Since man is to be the

HEAD of the family—God holds the responsible one to blame for the *breaking* of that principle!

Self-Created Unhappiness

Through the hundreds of years of "doing what comes *naturally*" to the carnal mind, which is *naturally* HOSTILE toward God (Rom. 8:7), we have made our own beds of misery—and are now lying in them. *Our homes have been literally turned upside-down!* The man has refused to shoulder his burden and responsibility as head of the home, and the woman has tried to *usurp* his position and place *herself* at the head of the house! The result is self-evident!

Our cities teem with a restless, surging, vicious group of young hoodlums who have been reared under *these very conditions*, and, following the example of our entertainment media, and the example of their own mothers and fathers, they have come to totally disrespect all constituted authority! Police officers, dealing with child criminals, have revealed it is an underlying, basic lack of respect for *any* authority which is a root *cause* of delinquency! AUTHORITY BEGINS IN THE HOME!

Why are most women frustrated, miserable, unhappy? Because they have gotten out of their own element! "But I suffer NOT a woman to teach, nor to *usurp authority* over the man, but to be in silence!" (1 Tim. 2:12.)

Why are most men becoming more feminine, failing in their duties as fathers and husbands? Because they, too, have gotten out of their own element—into an *unnatural* element—trying to be a wife and a mother instead of the head of the home and a father! God says the man is to *RULE* his own house—*well!* "One that *ruleth well* his own house, having *his children in subjection* with all gravity. For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?" (1 Tim. 3:4-5.)

Remember, God indicts the MAN when He says, "As for *my people* CHILDREN are their oppressors, and *women rule over them!*" (Isa. 3:12.)

Common Situations

It is not at all unusual for men to be doing such household chores as sweep-

ing, dusting, washing dishes, cooking and preparing meals, and a myriad of other wifely chores which *rightfully belong to the woman!* Of COURSE it is not wrong for the man to *help out* his wife if she becomes ill, or in a temporary circumstance! However, in anything *other* than an emergency, those tasks are women's tasks, and should be done by women!

What about YOUR home? Is it like many "modern" homes today?

It is not uncommon for men to do the shopping, to care for the children, or get the meals, while the wife is staying out late in the afternoon with *her job*, or perhaps taking part in one of the many thousands of women's civic organizations designed to make *this world* a "better" place to live! A lot of men are quivering, quaking, spineless JELLYFISH instead of men, and it's about time some of them WAKE UP AND REALIZE IT! Perhaps *you* have known of similar situations—perhaps you're LIVING in similar situations!

What about it?

Are you beginning to *realize why* there is so much unhappiness, emotional turbulence and ultimate DIVORCE in the common American home? It is because of our national *way of life*—because we have turned our homes upside-down!

A Team

God intends that the husband and wife are a TEAM, working together toward the only worthwhile goal in life—the Kingdom of God! Most people do not have that as a goal—but they could still be *much happier* if they observed God's divinely ordained LAWS of marriage!

Marriage, it is said by most modern people, is a 50-50 proposition. That means each mate is to ideally "meet the other half-way" in their natural-minded selfishness. However, as is usually always the case, there develops an unclear idea as to *where* that "middle line" actually *is*, and neither mate seems to be able to convince the other he or she is not meeting his or her side of the responsibility!

Endless arguments develop over the *other* doing HIS SHARE more fully!

First of all, *marriage is not a 50-50 proposition!*

God meant it to be a 100-100 proposition, whereby it's ALL the way for *each* partner, ALL the time! The husband is

willing to GIVE 100% to the wife, and the wife is willing to GIVE 100% to the husband!

As was explained in the preceding article, mankind has jerked love from its original place of perfect *giving*, and pointed it toward SELF, making it mean, in our modern language, a "getting" and a *receiving* instead of a *giving*! Love, as advertised in our movies, novels and comics, is all GET—pointed toward making the SELF happier!

BUT—if a husband and wife are REALLY *in love*, according to *God's definition* of love (Who CREATED love!) they will be willing to each GIVE to the other!

If that were true, countless marriages that are threatening to *break up*, and end in divorce at this very minute could be saved! But a total lack of consideration seems to be the rule—with the woman trying to be a man, and the man trying to play the docile role of a homemaker!

Whether modern women realize it or not, it is a heinous CRIME against their husbands, against their children, and a crime against their All-powerful CREATOR for them to *leave the home* to WORK and support the family!

"That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, KEEPERS AT HOME . . ." or, as some translations render it, "HOMEMAKERS!" "... good, OBEDIENT TO THEIR OWN HUSBANDS, THAT THE WORD OF GOD BE NOT BLASPHEMED!" (Titus 2:5).

There!

Did you notice it? Read it again! It is *blasphemy* against the sacred, inspired Word of God, which Word is going to JUDGE you in the judgment, for a woman to forsake her God-appointed office of being the KEEPER OF THE HOME! *That is the thundering command of your Creator, who grants you every sweet breath of air you draw into your lungs!*

What to Do About It

But—only reading the truth of God, and nodding in silent agreement to it, is not going to make you any happier—nor will it solve your emotional problems! You must DO something about it! If every husband and wife were earnestly and sincerely TRYING TO GIVE to the

other partner, and to fulfill the real obligation of marriage—there would be no such monstrous problem that exists today! For those who will MAKE an honest effort to *get on God's side of the fence*, and forsake the worldly way of MISERY, here are some definite *keys*!

When you begin to *argue*, and a family "squabble" seems to be materializing—the husband should take charge and *go get his Bible*! He should sit down *with his wife*, and READ these scriptures I have quoted for you in this article—the scriptures which are God's commands to man concerning the MARRIAGE STATE!

Be willing, you husbands, to *admit* you're wrong! But also remember, God has made you the HEAD of the home (not the domineering, harsh, overlord or master), which is an office to be exercised in great wisdom and judgment—and always in the utmost LOVE!

Go over the *scriptures*, and see if BOTH of you are really meeting up to them! Of course, you're not! If you *were*, there would BE no "squabble" developing! Here's a particular example:

Common Emotional Problems

John Q. Public has had a hard day at the office. The boss loaded some extra

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work on him, he spilled coffee on his tie during coffee break, and has had to fight heavy, frustrating traffic all the way home. On arriving at his home, he is met by his wife, Mary Q. Public, who has also had *her* troubles. Junior turned his oatmeal bowl upside down on his head, broke the goldfish bowl and caused her cake to fall. Aside from this, she's had a headache all day, and the telephone has been constantly ringing.

John and Mary meet each other at the door. With deeply etched frowns of frustration and despair, they both begin mutually vehement descriptions of the awful turn of events that plunged them into this vengeful mood. A few minutes later, John loudly slams the door and races down the street in the heat of anger—Mary flings herself across the bed and screams epithets of general frustration and helplessness.

A far-fetched situation, you say?

Oh, no it isn't! In fact, it may well have happened to YOU only yesterday!

The question is, WHY?

Consider a few facts. Every incident that served to make the day of John and Mary miserable was a minor problem that need not have upset them greatly. Each incident, as it occurred, could have been handled with emotional control and stability!

At the time of John's arrival home—everything that had gone before was *just that*—it was GONE BEFORE! It was OVER, it had already HAPPENED—it was *in the past*! Had John surveyed his own feelings, and then taken into consideration the feelings of his wife, he would have controlled himself, *conquered* his feelings, and met his wife at the door with a smile, fully determined to *help her* by showing emotional control and sound-mindedness. He could force himself to FORGET whatever is "under the bridge" and realize that thinking about it, worrying about it, *straining* at it, isn't going to CHANGE anything—it only makes an extremely unpleasant evening and a squabble with his wife!

Mary could have done the same thing! Realizing all her problems during the day were over with, and entirely *in the past*, she *could have* realized her responsibility toward her husband, and, swallowing her self-pity—tried to help him!

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The Bible Story

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CHAPTER FIFTEEN

GOD CALLS MOSES

“WHY IS IT that you girls are back home so much earlier than usual?” Reuel asked his daughters.

“An Egyptian was at the well where we go to water our flocks,” said the daughters. “Evil shepherds rushed in to drive our herds away, but this stranger drove the shepherds away. He also drew water for us, and that is why we are home so soon.” (Exodus 2:17.)

“Then let us properly thank the man,” Reuel exclaimed. “Go find him and invite him to eat with us.”

Moses Meets Reuel

Because he was lonely, Moses was happy to be invited to Reuel’s home. It didn’t take long for Reuel to see that this stranger was a very intelligent and educated man, well-trained in many matters.

Reuel knew that such a man could be valuable to him, and so he invited Moses to live in his home for a while.

“I should like to stay here,” Moses told Reuel. “But if I do, I want to earn my living.”

“The only work I can give you is that of herding sheep,” Reuel replied. “I don’t suppose a man of your ability and education would do that for a living.”

“I’ll take the job,” said Moses.

The lonely task of tending sheep was quite a change for Moses, who for so many years had been surrounded by crowds of people of high rank. He had enjoyed the best of food and clothing, and had lived in magnificent buildings. Now, however, he was free

to think and to pray. What was more, he had always wanted to be a writer. This job of herding flocks gave him a wonderful chance to do that writing. Many years later, his writings became a large part of the Bible.

As time went on, Moses became very fond of Zipporah, one of Reuel's daughters. They were married, and later had two sons.

Meanwhile, back in Egypt, matters were becoming steadily worse for the Israelites. The Pharaoh whose daughter had adopted Moses had long since died, and those who followed him as kings were even more cruel. The Israelites suffered more and more, and increasingly begged God to free them from the Egyptians.

God heard their prayers. He had not forgotten the agreements He had made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He was soon to take action for the Israelites.

God Calls Moses

One day after Moses had been in Midian about forty years, he herded his flocks close to a mountain known as Horeb. Looking up the slopes, he noticed that a fire was burn-



To his surprise, Moses found the bush burning furiously, but not a single leaf was singed.

ing in the brush above him. He hurried up toward it, and found that a small desert tree was burning furiously. As Moses watched, the bush continued to burn, but it did not burn up!

"This is a most amazing thing!" Moses thought as he stared at flames that hissed up from branches that weren't even singed!

But even more amazing was what happened next. A strong voice sounded from out of the flames!

"Moses! Moses!" It called.

"Here I am!" Moses replied, though he saw no one as he glanced quickly about him. (Exodus 3:4.)

"Don't come any closer," said the voice. "You are standing on holy ground. Take off your shoes and listen to what I have to say!"

There was something about the voice that made Moses obey. It was rather frightening to hear such a strange voice coming out of nowhere. In the next few seconds Moses was to receive the greatest shock of his life.

"I am God!" the voice said. "I am the One who spoke to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!" (Exodus 3:6.)

When Moses heard those words, he was filled with such awe and fear that he was afraid to keep on looking at the dazzling flames, and he pulled his jacket up over his eyes.

"I have seen the troubles of my people, the Israelites," the voice continued. "I know their sorrows. I am going to rescue them from the Egyptians and take them to the good, rich land of Canaan. I want you, Moses, to go to Pharaoh and tell him to let the Israelites leave Egypt!" (Exodus 3:7-10.)

Moses was so surprised by what he heard that he could scarcely believe it. Why would God, he wondered, pick a sheep herder to tell the king of Egypt that he should let the Israelites go free?

At last Moses managed to speak.

"Why do you choose *me* to go to Pharaoh?" he asked. "I had to flee from Egypt years ago. If the present king learns who I am, he will have me killed. If he knows me for only a stranger, he won't listen to anything I say."

"I shall give you wisdom in what to say and do," the voice answered.

"But my own people, as well as the Egyptians, will want to know what right I have to tell Pharaoh what to do," Moses said. "They will want to know the name of the God who has told me what to do."

"Tell them that the God who calls Himself I AM THAT I AM has sent you," the voice said. (Exodus 3:14.) "Furthermore, tell your people that I am to be known

by that name for all their generations to come.”

Now go back to Egypt and gather all the leaders of Israel together and tell them that the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob—has appeared to you to promise that He will bring the Israelites out of Egypt and into the rich land of Canaan.

Then you must go with them to the king of Egypt and tell him that I, your God, have commanded the Israelites to make a three-day trip into the desert to worship Me. The king of Egypt will not at first agree to let you go. Later, I shall bring some horrible calamities upon him and the Egyptians. Then the Israelites shall at last escape.

They shall not leave as poor people, however, because the women of Israel shall ask for payment for the services the Israelites have performed for the Egyptians. I shall cause the Egyptians to give so freely that a great part of their wealth will go to the Israelites.” (Exodus 3:21-22.)

But Moses still couldn't be sure that the Israelites would believe that God had spoken to him to be their leader in this move for freedom.

God Shows His Power

“Unless I have some way to startle them into believing me,” Moses told God, “they will not pay any attention to what I say.”

“What do you have in your hand?” God asked of Moses.

“My shepherd rod,” Moses answered.

“Throw it on the ground,” God commanded.

Moses obeyed, and tossed the staff down before himself in the dust. The instant it touched the ground, it seemed to slowly wriggle as though it had come to life! Moses leaped back, staring in amazement. The rod had turned into a live snake! (Exodus 4:3.)

“Now grab the serpent by its tail,” God said to Moses.

It took courage to seize a six-foot snake by its tail. But Moses knew he must obey, no matter what would happen. Slowly he moved toward the coiling, hissing reptile. Then he crouched down and swiftly snatched it by the tail.

Instantly the snake turned into a solid shepherd rod in his hand!

“If they don't believe you, perform this miracle,” God told Moses. “Then, if there are still some who doubt you, there is another thing you can do. Put your hand inside your jacket.”

Moses thrust one hand inside his jacket close to his chest. God then told him to withdraw his hand. When he did, he was horrified to see that the flesh of his hand



Moses was startled to see his rod instantly change into a wriggling snake!

had become white and bumpy and full of holes, as though it had been left in boiling water! Moses knew at once that God had struck his hand with a terrible, flesh-rotting disease known as leprosy.

"Now put your hand back inside your jacket," God commanded.

Moses obeyed again, and when he looked at his hand he saw that it was back to its normal, healthy condition! (Exodus 4:6-7.)

"If there are some of your people who still doubt you after these two signs, then perform a third miracle," God told Moses. "Dip some water from the Nile river and pour it out before them on the dry ground. It will at once turn to blood before their eyes!"

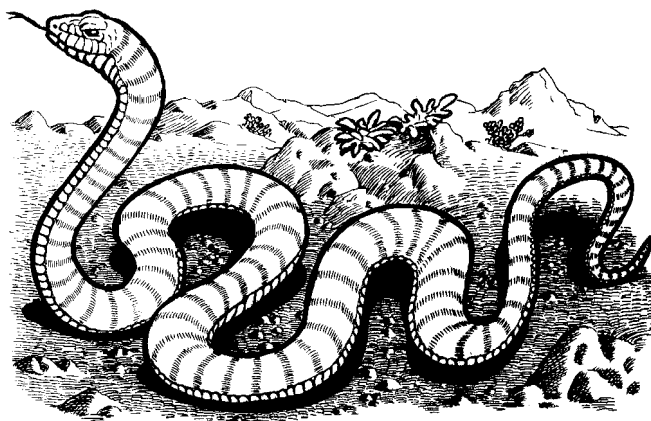
Moses Tries to Run Away from God's Calling

In spite of these miracles God showed him, Moses still felt that the task of getting the Israelites out of Egypt was much too great for him. Just as it has been with many people whom God calls for a purpose, Moses thought of reasons why he shouldn't be chosen.

"It's been so long since I left the region of the Nile that I can't speak the language well enough to be perfectly understood by the Egyptians," Moses said. "Besides, I can't speak Hebrew well enough for the Israelites to look to me as a leader."

"Don't worry about such things," God told Moses. "I have created men who can speak well just as I have created those who can't speak nor hear nor see. As your Creator, I have the power to cause you to speak well."

In spite of all the help



God had promised him, Moses still felt that it was too much for him to talk Pharaoh into freeing the Israelites. "Please send someone else who is more fitted for this great task," Moses begged.

These words from Moses displeased God, just as He is always displeased when some one tries to shirk special duties commanded of him by God. Still, He was very patient with Moses.

"Your brother Aaron, who is in Egypt, will help you," God told Moses. "I shall tell you what to say and do, and you will tell Aaron these things. Then Aaron will speak for you. As for the miracles, you must keep your rod with which to perform them. And don't fear the Egyptians who wanted to kill you years ago. All of them are dead."

Moses thereupon herded his flocks back to his home, which was one or two days' journey away. He went at once to his father-in-law, Jethro, who owned the sheep Moses herded. Jethro was another name of Reuel, the high priest of the land of Midian. Many people had several names in that day, just as we do today.

"I want to return to Egypt to visit my relatives," Moses told him.

Jethro must have thought it was rather strange that Moses should suddenly want to go back to Egypt after having been gone so long. Nevertheless, he agreed to let Moses leave. But if Moses had told him that he wanted to go back for the purpose of leading the Israelites out of Egypt, probably Jethro would have thought of Moses as being insane, and would have refused to let Moses depart with Zipporah



Moses met his brother, Aaron, on a trail leading over the slopes of Mt. Horeb.

and the two sons. Just before he left Midian, Moses received another message from God, in which he was warned again that Pharaoh would at first refuse to free the Israelites.

"When that happens," God said, "I shall bring some terrible things upon the Egyptians. If the king still refuses, then tell him that I, the God of Israel, will kill his first-born son!" (Exodus: 4:23.)

Traveling on burros, Moses and his wife and two sons set out northward along the east side of the Red Sea. On the way, Zipporah became angry with Moses over a matter having to do with one of their sons. This caused Moses to decide that it would not be best for his family to go with him into Egypt, where difficult times were soon to come. Therefore he sent the three back to stay with Zipporah's father, Jethro.

Meanwhile, back in the land of Goshen, Moses' brother, Aaron, had received a message from God.

"Go out at once by way of the Red Sea and down the Sinai peninsula to Mt. Horeb," Aaron was told. "There you will meet Moses, your brother who has been missing for forty years."

So it was that God caused Moses, traveling alone to the north, to meet Aaron, his brother, traveling to the south past Mt. Horeb. It was a happy meeting, and it took hours and even days for them to exchange news and experiences. But the thing that was greatest in their minds was the task God had put upon them.

Together they went to Goshen in Egypt, and there gathered the elders of Israel to speak to them. Aaron told them all the things God had told Moses.

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How Did This World's Religions Begin?

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ple on this earth? Let us see. Revelation 12:3 tells of a great red *dragon having seven heads* and ten horns and Revelation 13:1 describes this same beast again. This is a CIVIL GOVERNMENT SYSTEM of four succeeding empires which are to rule this earth until Christ comes. One beast had 4 heads and each of the other three had one head which makes a total of seven heads. Daniel 7:6, 17, 18 describes this in greater detail. Notice that the *dragon*, identified as SATAN (Rev. 12:9), is HEAD OF THIS SYSTEM. THROUGH IT HE RULES THIS EARTH!

But now a *second system* through

which Satan sways the millions: "I beheld another beast—and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon (Satan) and HE CAUSETH THE EARTH AND THEM THAT DWELL THEREIN TO WORSHIP THE FIRST BEAST" (Rev. 13:11-12). This is a great RELIGIOUS GOVERNMENT or CHURCH through which Satan deceives the earth as to the true way of becoming actual sons of God! Revelation 17:3 gives a further description of this system. Yes, through these two agencies Satan truly rules over all!—*for a time*. But Satan knows his time is short! (Rev. 12:12).

We have seen how the Devil, through Semiramis, perpetuated the Sun-Serpent worship after her husband Nimrod's death, and why God allows this deception to go on. How did Satan pattern

these deceptions so they would be usable to smother out and replace the teachings of Christ when he came? We shall see in the next installment.

Your Marriage Can Be Happy!

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I know this *sounds good*, as you read it on this printed page—but how many couples do you know who actually PRACTICE IT? If they *would practice it*, most married couples could be made *much happier!*

How to Grow Up Emotionally

The reason most people *cannot seem* to control themselves in such situations

is that they have never *grown up* emotionally! While their *bodies* are mature, and they may even be parents or grandparents, still, they cannot control their emotions!

As I have already shown—the only SOUND mind is the mind that is surrendered to God, and that has received His Spirit!

There is only ONE way to gain *true* emotional stability—and that way is through receiving God's Holy, SOUND-MINDED, Spirit! But *remember*, God gives His Spirit ONLY to those that are willing to OBEY HIM! (Acts 5:32).

God tells us He has established His ministers over the flock for the express purpose of aiding them in GROWTH and *development!* "And He gave some apostles, and some, prophets, and some, evangelists, and some, pastors and teachers, for the *perfecting* of the saints, for the *work* of the ministry . . . TILL we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a FULL GROWN [margin] man, *unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ!*" (Eph. 4:11-13).

A FULL GROWN man is one who has *been* able to CONQUER and hold in SUBJECTION the rampant, unbridled emotions of human nature through the power of God's spirit (I Cor. 9:27). Paul went on to say, "That we henceforth be no more *children*, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive, but speaking the truth in love, may GROW UP *into Him* in all things, which is the Head, even Christ" (Eph. 4:14-15).

Jesus Christ was the most FULL-GROWN man who ever lived! He alone had COMPLETE emotional stability and maturity! The Holy Inspired Word of God exhorts every person to "let *this mind* be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5).

Every Christian MUST have the very *mind of Christ*, or else he is NOT a Christian (Rom. 8:9).

Perhaps, when you began reading this article, you thought you would be reading a "psychological" approach to invent a panacea for all emotional problems, and you are surprised that I have quoted from and referred to so many scriptures.

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We have been called of God to conduct this work. It is not our work, but God's. We have set out to conduct God's work God's way. We rely, in FAITH, upon God's promises to supply every need.

God's way is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of *giving*, not *getting*. God expects every true child of His to GIVE of tithes and offerings that His work may go FREE—that His true ministers may GIVE the precious Gospel to others. We simply TRUST GOD to lay it on the minds and hearts of His people to give of their tithes and offerings that we may be enabled to GIVE the good things of God's Word to the hundreds of thousands who hear the Message over the air, and the scores of thousands who read The PLAIN TRUTH.

Many times our faith has been severely tried, but God has never failed us. We must not fail HIM!

And yet—whether you realize it fully or not—there is only ONE real "panacea," only *one* all-inclusive solution for emotional instability, and that way is to REPENT, and be CONVERTED! That way is to receive God's Holy Spirit which ALONE can give *true* emotional maturity and make a happy and joyful homelife possible. NOTHING ELSE WILL EVER WORK! *God made it that way!*

Only One Way

As is evident in all of us, we *all want to be happy*. WE WANT happy homes, with obedient children and a settled, orderly home life which brings the full, abundant happiness God intends!

But, without realizing it, we have rejected the ONLY way in which that life can EVER come—the way of *obedience* to God's laws! God Almighty also set ABSOLUTE LAWS for the home! When those laws are broken—unhappiness and *divorce*, which is in itself disobedience to God's law—is the result! Broken laws demand a penalty. In the case the penalty is misery and emotional turmoil for countless homes which *could* be happy!

There is only ONE WAY in which a man and wife can ever know the FULL joy and happiness that is possible in this physical life—and that is the way revealed by God in His word!

If this article serves to straighten out just ONE FAMILY and bring them to that realization—it will have been well worth the effort!

May God grant that YOU will want happiness *badly enough* that you will yield yourself to Him—and receive it!

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