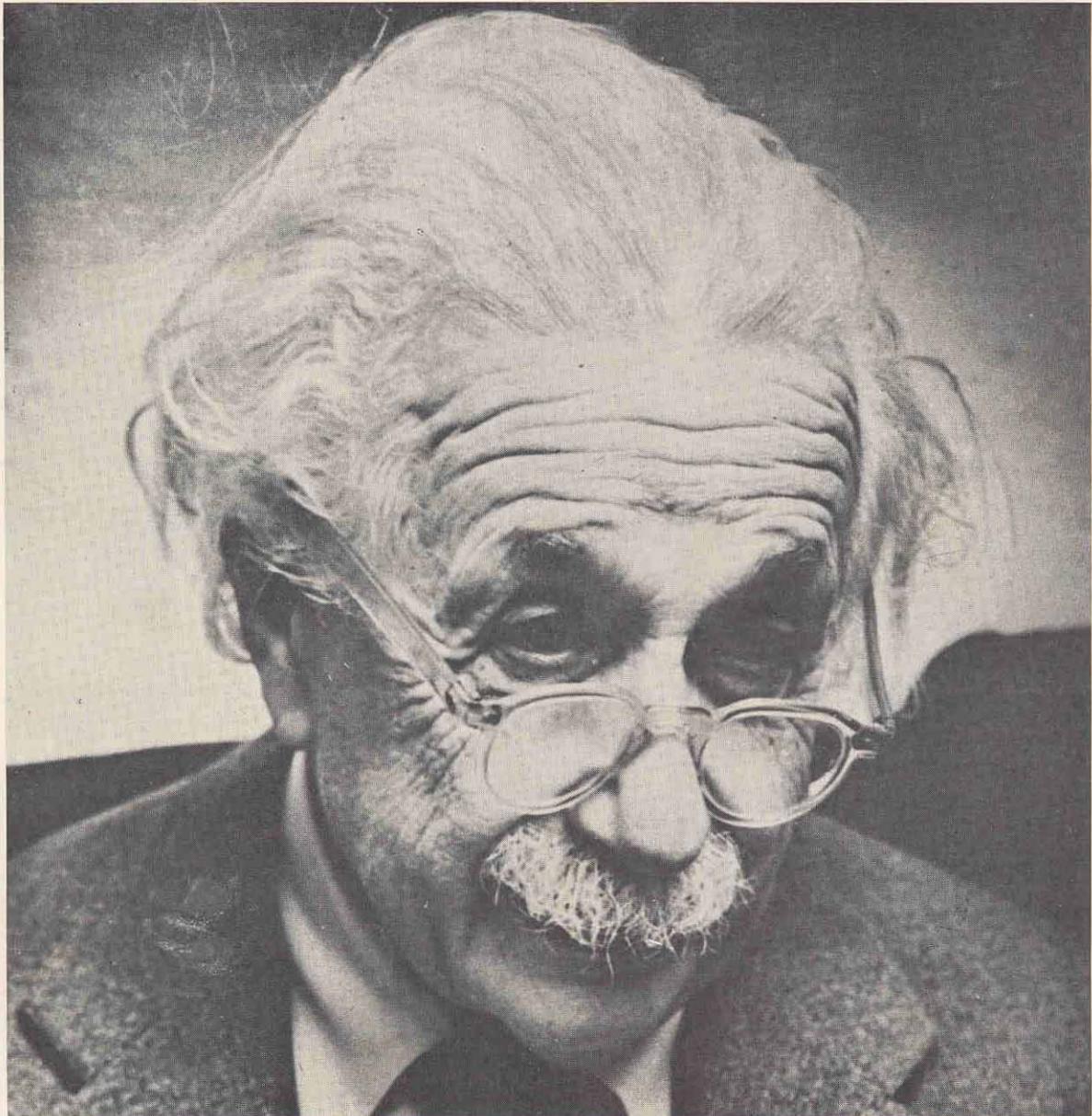


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"The Ways of the GI"

"I might mention that I am a serviceman, overseas in Italy at the present. If it weren't for the fact that my wife is forwarding *The PLAIN TRUTH* to me, I would indeed be very tempted to follow the ways of the GI. Thanks so much for your help and guidance, and I'm only sorry I cannot hear your radio programs over here."

Larry M. B.

• *But you can, Larry—check the radio log in this issue.*

New Listener Writes!

"For the past several months, I've been a constant listener to your programme, without doubt you can talk faster and say more than any other public speaker this side of heaven. I have thought that perhaps your fifteen minute discourse was delivered from 'The Written Script.' Now I have changed my mind—it must be spontaneous. Please answer this question direct or over the air: Why do you use the first two names so differently—Herbert W., then you switch to Garner Ted? Where does the Garner Ted Armstrong come in?"

W. H. P., Texas

• *Father and son. And it's supposed to be 30 minutes duration. If they ran the tape at double speed—it's a wonder you heard any of it!*

Evolution Again!

"After reading some college books on evolution, I too was captured by its logic and reasoning. But after hearing one of your recent programs on evolution vs. the Bible, I have come to see how ridiculous and plain foolish evolutionists are."

Richard C., Jr., Florida

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"We enjoy your broadcast, which we get here in British Honduras quite clear. I am a preacher, but, I must admit that I got plenty of teachings through your

broadcast. You made it so plain, so distinct, that one can't help but listen."

M. R., British Honduras

The Smoking Habit

"May God give all of you an extra blessing for being faithful servants. Mr. Ted Armstrong's article entitled 'Don't enjoy *The PLAIN TRUTH* Too Much' hit home right where it hurts! When he mentioned the old gentleman with the tobacco-laden breath it was as if I was that old man. I have felt guilty over continuing to smoke; so guilty in fact that I'm practically in a state of torment. I've been smoking steady for 23 years and the habit has become such a big part of me that I'm completely enslaved to the filthy cigarettes. I have been praying earnestly, asking God to take the cigarettes from me."

Paul James T., Indiana

• *He will.*

Simon Magus

"Your magazine, *The PLAIN TRUTH*, is far from being true to its name. One is impressed at the uncovering of an individual, Simon Magus, in the first century. That you would bring him to the front in 1963 is mostly invention. Why would not some of the honest persons of the past have brought out the same black story, such as good Martin Luther, or Wycliffe, or Calvin. . . ?"

William Paul B., New York

• *Aren't you a little confused, Bill? Simon is mentioned in Acts 8, in the same Bible Wycliffe translated, and both Luther and Calvin used. We didn't uncover him—Luke did.*

Child Discipline

"I have just finished listening to your broadcast on child care and guidance. My wife has the 'other' books on the subject which have been the roots of our trouble since marriage. When I discipline one of our three children she says I should read more on the subject and do less. I have been listening to

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Personal from the Editor

YOU MAY have read the principle article in *This Week* magazine for March 8, circulated in many metropolitan newspapers. (Circulation 14½ million copies.) The article was a report on what is happening to religion in United States colleges. It was captioned: "Is God Leaving the Campus?"

The subhead asks the question of WHY so many college students "end up without any genuine belief in God or the moral values."

Are these students—future world leaders—*better off* ending up with this intellectual MATERIALISM—with moral convictions discarded?

NOTICE THE RESULT! Then I want you to know the shocking FACTS—the CAUSE of this tragic result. The RESULT? Unbelievable thousands of premarital pregnancies. A shocking rise in mental breakdowns and in suicides on college campuses. Six hundred college psychiatrists were polled. The composite answers revealed that psychiatric help is being sought by 15% of students, but *ought to be* by 45%. VIRTUALLY HALF OF ALL STUDENTS, say the psychiatrists, NEED IT!

I suppose you've heard that bromide that if you believe in God or religion, or study the Bible, you'll probably go crazy. Well, LOOK AT THE FACTS:

150 years ago most American colleges had been founded by religious denominations. Religion then was an important part of the curriculum. But *mental breakdowns were almost unheard of*. Even during the nineteenth century college campuses were centers of religious activity.

The radical shift has come in *this* century. Academic leaders, into whose minds the atheistic theory of evolution had been injected during their own college careers, adopted an attitude of hostile neutralism toward religion. Any thought of God, or the Bible, was dismissed or ignored in silence. Any idea of God, or the Bible, had become in-

tellectually disrespectful. Science, engineering, technology, pagan philosophy, now wore the badge of intellectual respectability.

German rationalism had spread its tentacles through the educational systems of the entire Western world—Europe, Britain, America—as well as the other Commonwealth countries. The leaven of disbelief had now leavened the whole lump. God was relegated to the limbo of medieval superstition. The Bible had been thrown out the window—even though unused copies might be gathering dust on college library shelves.

Today, literally, GOD HAS LEFT THE CAMPUSES OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF THIS WORLD—that is, if, indeed He ever *really* was there! Perhaps, even during the past two centuries, the god of the campuses was the god of *this* world, rather than the Creator and Sustainer and RULER of the universe.

And, though he may not be *called* by the name of "god," that god is, indeed, still on the campuses masquerading now under the name of the *false messiah*, MODERN SCIENCE.

During this present century there has been a constant weakening of religious conviction—a watering down of devotion, accompanied by a tobogganslide of morals.

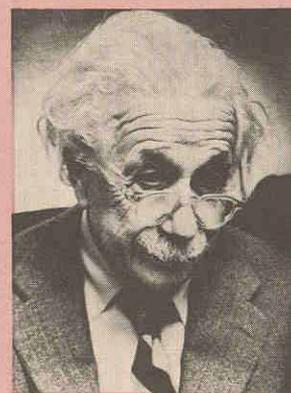
The article in the *This Week* magazine mentions that American churches contribute millions of dollars to send missionaries and money to the Congo, New Guinea, South America, but they are utterly *neglecting* three and a half million future LEADERS in their own nation!

Not only do we talk about separation of church and state—we actually *have* separation of church and campus! The magazine article terms this a "baffling neglect." And it comes at a time, paradoxically, when "a new interest in religious values and ideas is sweeping the campuses." Yes, there is the *interest* of curiosity. It is an interest

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OUR COVER

Probably no other educated man in the twentieth century achieved such world-wide fame as Dr. Albert Einstein. He symbolized for many aspiring young people the epitome in scientific education and technological achievement. Einstein is now dead. Unfortunately the very scientific achievements to which his knowledge contributed now threaten, in another world war, to bring death to all mankind!

in IDEAS—rather than in TRUTH. But it is NOT a hunger for TRUTH, or a willingness to surrender to it, and to make an about-face toward better goals!

Life on co-ed campuses inevitably leads to romances and marriages. An appalling percentage of these marriages results in divorce. And divorce puts the participants through the wringer of emotional anguish, lonesomeness, frustration. It results in broken lives and juvenile delinquency of many children.

Here on the Ambassador College campus, things are different. Students come here to learn the TRUE VALUES. They come here to learn HOW TO LIVE, to learn the real MEANING of life, and how to live it enjoyably, happily, and abundantly to the FULL.

And—yes, romances do occur here, too. I suppose we have had more than two hundred marriages during the past ten or twelve years. To the best of my knowledge, there has been only one separation—and that one only temporarily—the couple recently got word to me that they are *happily* back together again. There may have been three or four others that have been slightly less than perfection, with problems to solve and adjustments to make—but even these are holding together with reasonable happiness, and each of these was a case where counselling was sought prior to marriage and faculty members advised *against* the marriages. Any such counselling must be voluntarily initiated by the student, but is always available.

Without exception, to the best of my knowledge, EVERY other marriage that has resulted from life on this campus has been a happy and successful one.

One reason for this is the Ambassador Course in Principles of Living. That is a course that I myself teach—with the collaboration, in the phase of sex understanding, of the college physician. About 90% of unhappy marriages, and of divorces, are largely the result of certain ignorances within this area—a lack of vital knowledge that is not imparted in courses on the subject elsewhere.

WHY have those applying themselves to knowledge turned more and more from God, and from the Bible, during the past half century?

WHY? Because the natural mind of man is automatically HOSTILE to THE

WAYS of God, or to OBEDIENCE. Human nature resents any authority over it. And GOD is the *supreme* Authority!

WHY? Because the BIBLE has been the most MISUNDERSTOOD of books! Because men have supposed—and been taught—that the Bible says precisely the *opposite* of what it actually does say.

IF the Bible said what most people have been taught, then I, too, should say that it is plain superstition! Then I, too, should say that it simply doesn't make sense!

Let me give you an example or two.

The Bible is *supposed* to teach that man has an immortal soul—that this soul is the REAL MAN—that it is spiritual, immaterial, and immortal. That, if saved, this soul departs the body at death and goes off to heaven, but if unsaved, it departs the body and goes to hell. Some, of course, believe it goes later to one of these two destinations by way of "purgatory." Also it is known that the Bible *does* teach that there shall be a RESURRECTION of the body, and then a JUDGMENT.

Now, if what is probably supposed to be the majority are consigned to the everlasting tortures of a burning hell—where they continually scream in terror and unbearable pain of continuous burning—yet never burn up—and then, later, are to be resurrected to have their case opened up in divine Court to be JUDGED, as to whether they should have been suffering this torture all these years—well, IF the Bible taught such contradictory and inconsistent nonsense, I think I, too, would brand it superstition and throw it out the window!

BUT THE BIBLE TEACHES NO SUCH THING!

Many times I have offered \$1,000 for any plain statement anywhere in the Bible that the "saved" shall leave this earth and go "to heaven." Also I would gladly pay anyone a thousand dollars for showing me any passage in the Bible that teaches anything about an "immortal soul."

The Bible says God formed MAN—but merely a body for *man to live in*—but the MAN, of the dust of the ground—matter—and that this MAN composed of material substance *became* a living SOUL. The SOUL, then, is composed of MATTER, *not* of spirit. The Bible further

states twice that "the soul that sinneth, it shall DIE." So souls are NOT immortal—souls can DIE. The Bible NOWHERE says any man will ever go to heaven. Jesus Christ told the Pharisees that they would *see* Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the prophets in the Kingdom of God (NOT in heaven)—and that they themselves would be thrust out. Yet Christ also said plainly that NO MAN had ascended up to heaven, except that He, Himself, had come down to earth *from* heaven. So neither Abraham nor any other man had ever gone to heaven.

The Bible says plainly that the wages of sin is DEATH. Yet almost everybody has been taught that it says the penalty for sinning is just the opposite—ETERNAL LIFE, in hellfire. The Bible says eternal life is the GIFT of God—yet nearly all have been taught that eternal life is NOT a gift to be received from God, but something we were born with and already HAVE.

More than thirty-seven years ago, I was shocked to see with my own eyes that the Bible says the very opposite of what I had been taught in Sunday School. I was amazed to find that what the Bible actually SAYS *makes sense*.

Yes, educated circles have discarded the Bible because they have been willing to ASSUME, without checking, that the Bible teaches these pagan superstitions.

Agnosticism, materialistic "science" has been sugar-coated, and presented in the guise of intellectualism. It has been made to appeal to intellectual vanity. The BIBLE has not been presented as being intellectually respectable. But the proofless fable of evolution has been dressed up to *appear* intellectually respectable. Humans want to "belong." The "educated" crowd has travelled that materialistic road, and students have gone along with the crowd.

But WHAT ARE THE FRUITS?

Look at them! 40% of college and university students *need* psychiatric treatment! 40% are mentally SICK! Unbalanced! Emotionally insecure! Frustrated!

Forty years ago it was illegal to disseminate knowledge of sex. Down through the centuries sex had been polluted. From ancient Egypt, through Greece, Rome, organized "Christianity,"

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The Shocking Truth About COLLEGE EDUCATION

More students than ever before will enter college or a university next autumn. Yet almost none knows the shocking TRUTH about how this system of higher education developed—its RECENT DRIFT—and why the system will be obsolete in 15 more years. TRUTH is stranger than fiction!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

ARE YOU a college student?—a high school senior, thinking about *whether* to go on to college, or *which* college?

I've got NEWS for you!

If you are already *in* college, or a university, *what are you learning?* Are you sure you are learning the really IMPORTANT things? Are you learning what are the *true values?* Are you learning only how to earn a living—in a profession—in science, technology, in teaching, in business—but NOT learning *how to live?*

Are you sure you are keeping up with the times? Is it possible that even today's most *modern* curricula are already out-of-date—utterly failing to prepare you for the times you live in, and *the changes immediately ahead?*

It's Time to THINK About This!

I know two students who graduated, then received Master's Degrees from one of the most famous universities in the world. They said they had spent the best years of their lives cramming into their minds useless or DEAD knowledge—knowledge they could not now use. Then they studied at Ambassador Colleges, where they learned the *true meaning* of life, the real PURPOSE for their existence—the real cause and meaning of world conditions, and HOW to adapt and adjust for the drastic changes coming in the immediate World Tomorrow.

Whether you are already in college—or high school—or long past both, you need to THINK about these facts!

Suddenly we are in a different world. Frightening changes have completely revolutionized the society in which we live. They portend *far more drastic*

changes to occur in seven to twelve years! Few people are prepared to meet these coming revolutions in society!

The world went along on a comparatively even keel from the dawn of history until the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Suddenly knowledge increased. Nearly all mechanical inventions have appeared during only the past 150 years.

In the brief span of a lifetime the world has passed with accelerating speed through the age of invention, the machine age, the age of science and technology, the nuclear age, and, now, the space age. The sudden acceleration in scientific development is evidenced by the astonishing fact that 90% of all scientists who ever lived are living today.

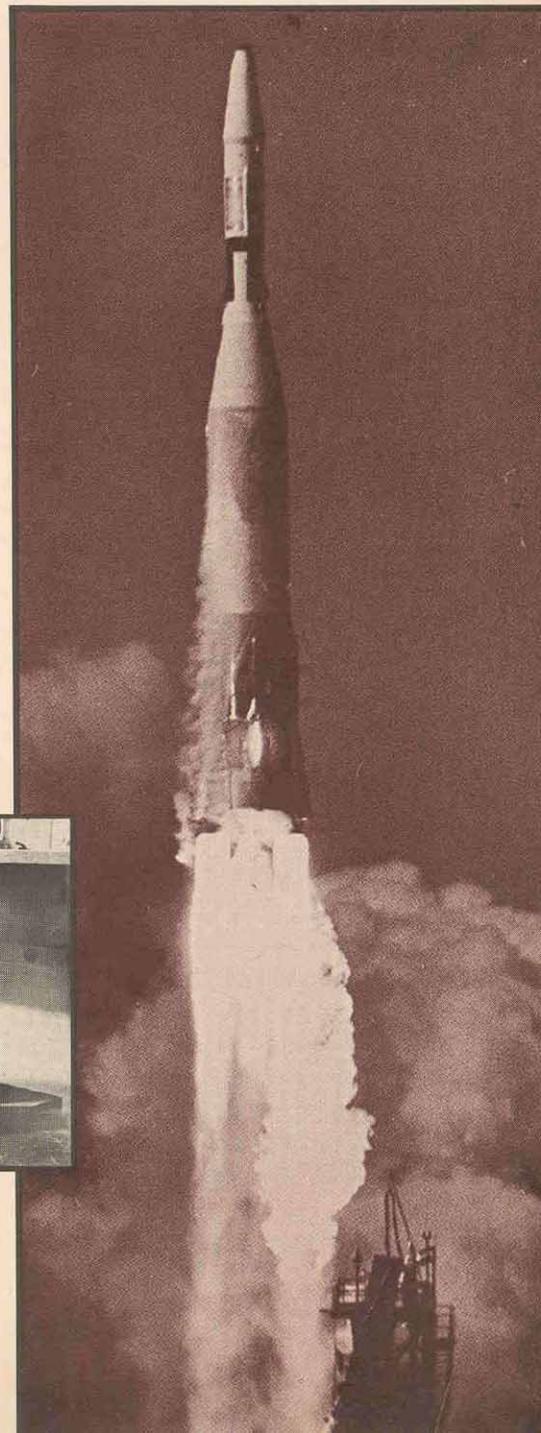
New Age in Education

And with these developments has emerged a new age in education. Today's world is what its leaders have made it, and these leaders are the product of this



Wide World Photos

Intensive education in science and technology has made the awesome rocket race to the moon, right, possible. Above, checking instruments at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology. Question is, where is all this knowledge leading us?



world's education. But what kind of world has this education produced?

It is a deceptive world. It *appears* to be a world replete with gadgets, labor-saving devices, and luxury undreamed of by our ancestors. It is a world of instantaneous world-wide communication, rapid transportation by automobile, railroad, jet plane. It is a world entertained by radio, television, stage and screen, giant sports fields and arenas. It is a mechanized world where mass assembly-line machine production makes possible higher incomes, shorter work-hours, more leisure for entertainment and amusement.

Is not this an exciting world of great progress? Is this not a world looking forward to a magic push-button Century 21 where labor will be all but abolished, with idleness and ease for all?

It seems so.

But it is a deceptive world. Never was the world so filled with discontent, and unhappiness; with crime, with juvenile delinquency, with divorce and broken homes, with sickness and mental illnesses, with violence and destruction. Never before was it possible to erase all life—human, animal, and plant, from the face of this earth! It is a confused, misguided, chaotic world divided against itself in the throes of world revolution. It is a world cowed by threat of nuclear devastation. This world is harassed by fear, ignorance of the true values, and frustrations. It is a deceived world, gripped by strife, injustice, corruption, with approximately half its population suffering from poverty, famine, disease and death.

This whole disintegrating civilization is the product of an underlying *concept* toward knowledge, and a *philosophy* toward life, which together have formed the foundation of modern education. The philosophic basis of modern education is that of the ancient Greeks and Romans. The concept, through which the presence and motion of things has been viewed and explained, is the materialistic approach of modern science.

Modern education, therefore, is almost wholly materialistic. It develops the machine, the theorem, the hypothesis which becomes the faith or the belief of modern science. But it fails to develop

the MAN, or to lead him to a knowledge of the true values.

Few seem to know that peace of mind, happiness, contentment, the true, absorbing, interest-filled, *abundant* life of utter well-being, with prosperity and assured security, are our true heritage. Few seem to know THE WAY. Few seem to know that there are invisible but inexorable LAWS in motion to make possible that utopian state for all. The very first mission of education is to disseminate the knowledge of those laws and of the PURPOSE of life.

Yet this knowledge is NOT disseminated—except in three colleges.

What *is* man? WHY is man? Was he put on this earth for a PURPOSE—or did he just happen, by accident? Is there meaning to life? What is THE WAY to peace, to happiness, to well-being, to dependable security? WHY are we air-breathing creatures of mere transitory existence?

WHY are these questions ignored, and certainly never taught—these BASIC foundations of any right or true education? Why? Simply because modern education has become almost wholly materialistic. It has lost the true values. It gropes hopelessly in the dark, in a vain search for the acquisition of knowledge which can come only through the very source it rejects! It fails to teach young men and women the most needed of all knowledge. It teaches young people how to earn a living, but fails to teach them *how to live!*

Surprising Origin of Modern Education

How did the system of modern education come about? A brief research of its history will prove startlingly illuminating.

The academic form of curricular education was originated by the pagan Greek philosopher Plato, 427-347 B.C. He was the founder of education of regular curriculum in a fixed place. He called it the *academy*.

But an interesting analogy, and lesson—if you can believe it—is portrayed as of much earlier date. It is found in the Biblical account in Genesis.

It portrays the Creator as the original Educator, giving instruction to the first man and woman, regarding the two

basic *ways* of life. This was pictured by two symbolic trees. The one, freely offered, represented *the way*, as a life-philosophy, of love—of outgoing concern for others—of giving—of serving—of sharing. The other, forbidden yet left completely accessible, symbolized the opposite life-philosophy. It evaluated success in terms of material acquisition. It was *the way* of vanity, selfishness and greed; of consideration, first of all, for SELF; it exalted competition and strife.

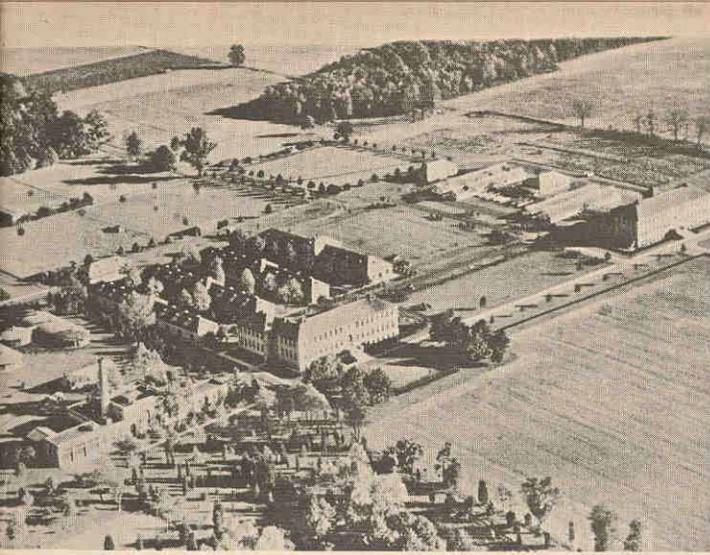
The first was simply *the way* of the invisible, inexorable, living LAWS performed by LOVE—the Law of the Ten Commandments—the Law of the Golden Rule. The second was the way this world has followed—competition, acquisition, materialism, fulfilling the twin pulls of human nature—vanity and greed.

This account portrays the Great Educator revealing these living laws of Love as *the way* to peace, prosperity, happiness—a real utopia; and their violation *the way* to strife and war, pain, suffering, insecurity, wretchedness, discontent, emptiness, and death.

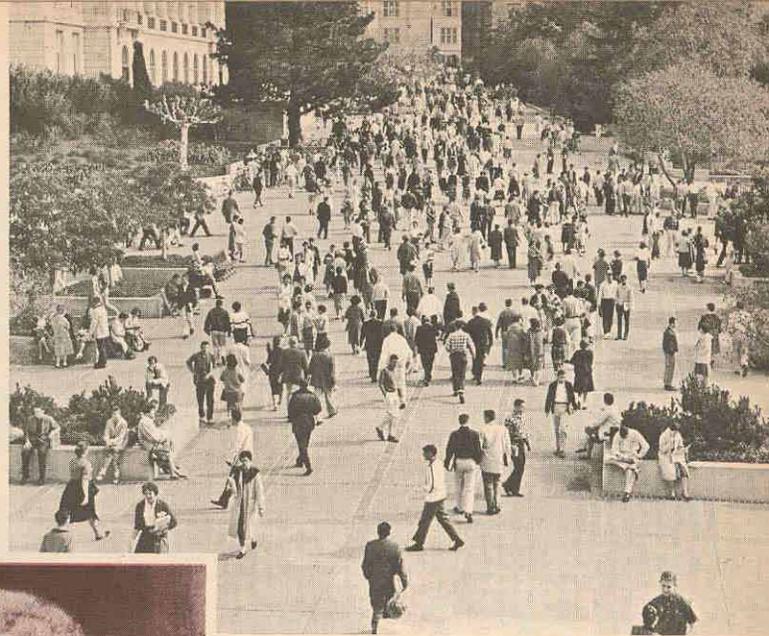
True to human nature, even as it manifests itself so often today, the woman took over the initiative. She is pictured as inaugurating, in principle, the 'scientific method' of our time. She rejected revelation as a source of knowledge. She embarked on the very first recorded 'scientific experiment.' She decided to make a test, and observe the results. For guinea pigs she used her husband and herself. She experimented, first, with the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

The result of that 'scientific experiment'? The guinea pigs became unhappy. They died. During their lifetime, however, they experimented further in the psychology of child rearing. Again rejecting revelation, they adopted the 'scientific method' of permissiveness. The result of *that* experiment? It produced the first juvenile delinquent. Their eldest son became a murderer, and they grieved the loss of the second.

But, it seems, neither they, nor their children in all the successive generations ever since, have learned anything from the experiments. Humanity has been experimenting by the same process

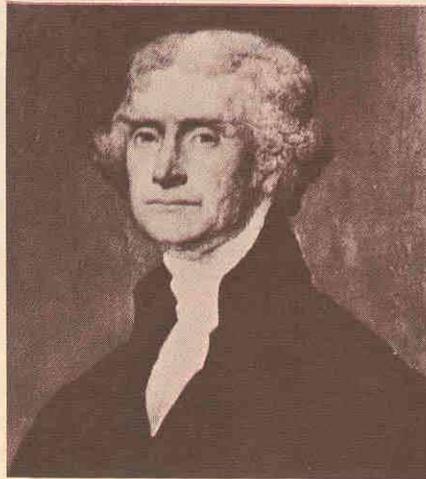


Princeton University continued the European tradition of education.



Wide World Photos

Tens of thousands of students attend a single large American University. Problem in education is that students have become mere numbers.



Thomas Jefferson founded first State University in America.

ever since, with the same unhappy results. Sorrow, suffering and death have been the harvest reaped by each succeeding generation. Mankind has never learned from the *dearest* teacher of all—experience. But mankind has *written* the lesson in human blood!

The most ancient of records reveal that educational institutions, from dimmest antiquity, were organized and maintained by religions. As early as the tenth century B.C. we find the record of schools for the training of pagan priesthoods. On the other hand, the prophet Elijah, at the turn of the ninth century, established two colleges for the prophets of God.

Pagan Schools for Christians

At the beginning of the Christian era pagan schools on the Plato model dotted the Roman Empire. No Christian schools existed. Printing had not yet been invented. Textbooks had to be prepared, laboriously, entirely by hand, one at a time. All textbooks were pagan. All leaders in the first five centuries of the Christian world were, of necessity, the pupils of this pagan education.

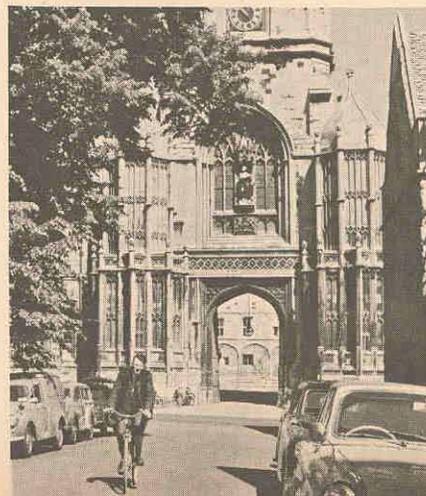
Then the barbaric invasion swept away these schools. Through these years the only education in the Western world was pagan. Pagan philosophies and religious beliefs and customs were instilled automatically into growing children. Observance of pagan holidays was a regular part of school life—as, surprising though it may seem, it continues to be today!

Education was instilled as a *system of memory-training*. It was 'spoon-fed,' literally funneled into immature and growing minds. Children were taught

to accept without question, assume without proof, believe and memorize whatever was taught. This method, too, persists today. Children are not taught to THINK—but to take orders—be followers, not leaders. Few know *why* they believe the things they do. Through all those years, all literature in the Western world was pagan.

Beginning the sixth century, the only schools were the Catholic Monastic

Oxford University is Britain's oldest educational institution.



schools, for the training of monks, and the Cathedral schools, for the training of priests. These evolved into the universities of Salerno, Bologna, Reggio, Padua, Modena, Vercelli and others. The first university of our modern pattern was the University of Paris, beginning in the twelfth century. English students sent to the University of Paris, later, 1167-68, founded Oxford University. Oxford alumni founded Cambridge. Graduates of these universities founded Harvard in 1636, William and Mary in 1693, Yale in 1701, and Princeton came later in 1746.

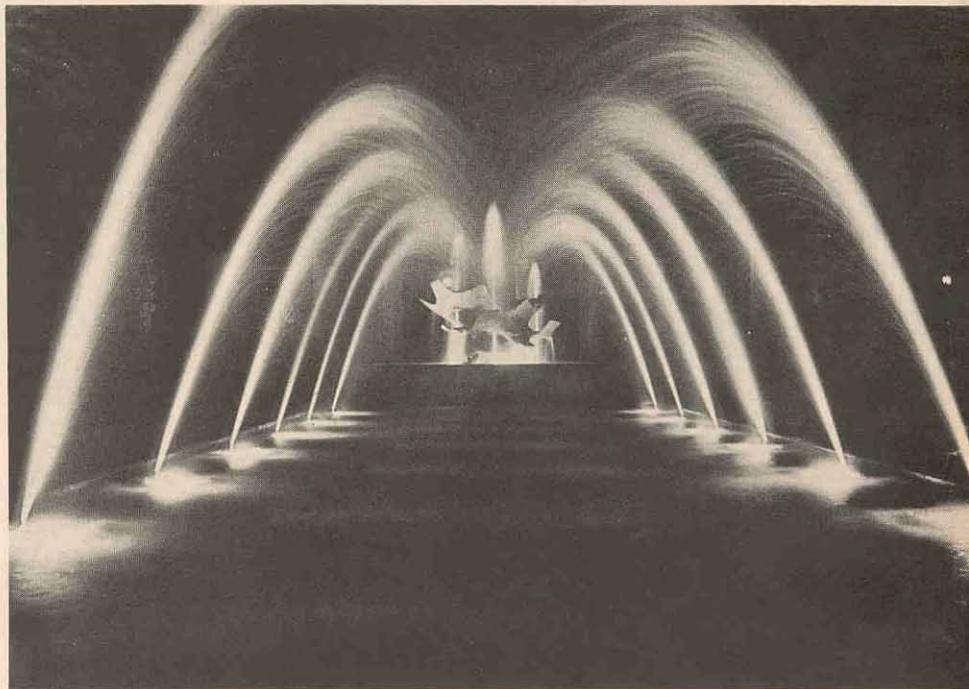
It was Thomas Jefferson who founded the first state university—the University of Virginia in 1819. His motive was to divorce education from religion. This started the present materialistic trend in American education. There was great public protest at the time. His new state university was termed 'shocking,' and 'irreligious.'

German Rationalism

Two other factors added impetus to the materialistic drift. German rationalism spread its leaven through every phase of the educational structure. And, in the present century, Big Business has made sizeable financial contributions, conditioned on establishment of technical, scientific, and professional courses to train needed personnel for these huge corporations. This has resulted in education becoming more and more a system of training young people in the art of



Spectacular bronze fountain, with three jets, makes a striking night view. At right it appears at end of pool.



In the formal Italian Gardens at Ambassador College, Pasadena, is this outstanding night attraction. Twelve jets reflect amber lighting, play over the mirror pool.

earning a living, at the expense of teaching them *how to live!*

As institutions of higher learning continued through the twentieth century, enrollments multiplied. Today we have virtual assembly-line educational production. The student loses his identity, becomes a virtual nonentity, blending into the uniform collectivism.

Prominent educators have voiced their alarm at this state of educational affairs. Many recognize the evils and the dangers—yet confess their utter helplessness to brake the drift or change the direction.

The Encyclopedia Britannica gives this definition of education: "Many definitions have been given of the word *education*, but underlying them all is the conception that it denotes an attempt on the part of the adult members of a human society to shape the development of the coming generation in accordance with its own ideals of life. . . . Education may be said to be the efforts made by the community to *impose* its culture upon the growing generation. . . . Schools and universities which are the ordinary channels through which adult culture reaches the young are naturally conservative and *bound by tradition*. They are slow to leave the old paths." (Emphasis added.)

In briefest summary, education from earliest antiquity was a means of pagan religious instruction; became a vehicle for disseminating pagan culture, re-

ligious doctrines and customs under the Plato curricular system; evolved in our modern era into a system of instilling the teachings of what the author-philosopher, Dr. C. E. Ayers, terms "Science the False Messiah,"—or the "new religion" of German rationalism and materialism, which, of course, masquerades under names and terminology other than "religion."

Now—Ambassador Colleges!

During the planning stage of the founding of the first Ambassador College, certain educators, held by circumstances in the clutch of this system, expressed sincere congratulations on the opportunity that was Ambassador's. We were privileged to be freed from the evils inherent in today's materialism. Ours was the glorious opportunity to recapture the true values; to teach the basic most-needed knowledge almost universally ignored; to teach young people not merely how to earn a living, but *how to live*; to avoid mass-production education by limiting enrollment; and to put due emphasis on true character-building; and at the same time having the advantage of being able to retain all that has proved good and sound in educational experience.

Ambassador Colleges have been built upon this educational FOUNDATION:

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"In the Beginning . . ."?

Read here why some have never understood
what Genesis 1:1 really means!

by Robert E. Gentet

SOME believe the Bible says the heavens and the earth were created only about 6000 years ago. Even many scientists assume this is what the Bible teaches. And they scoff.

But is this really what Genesis 1:1 teaches?

The truth is plain. Without realizing it, some have been believing a *fable* that sprang from the dark ages—when people knew little about the Bible except what was taught to them by churchmen, who themselves were ignorant of what the Bible really taught!

Will you notice what the Bible DOES say? You will be surprised.

What Genesis 1:1 Says

Genesis 1:1, in the King James translation, says: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

First, notice what it does NOT say. It does not say "About 6000 years ago . . ."—or "in 4004 B.C., God created the heaven and the earth." It says: "In the BEGINNING God created the heaven and the earth."

When was "the beginning"? *Genesis 1:1 just doesn't tell us!* And there is a reason.

What Genesis 1:1 does reveal is that the heaven and the earth had a beginning. This scripture makes it plain that the universe was created. Genesis 1:1 emphasizes WHO (in the beginning) created the heaven and the earth! It points us to GOD, as Creator of the universe.

Genesis 1:1 has been universally misinterpreted. Here is how it happened.

. . . Archbishop Ussher . . . in the years 1650 to 1654, published a chronology [supposedly] based upon the biblical record. His dates were accepted for nearly two centuries, though geologists reading the record of the rocks were early convinced that he had seriously erred when he stated that the earth had been created in the year 4004 B.C.,

on the 26th of October, at 9 o'clock in the morning!" (H. E. Vokes, "How Old is the Earth?" from *The Illustrated Library of the Natural Sciences*, Vol. II, p. 1155.)

Notice how Ussher tried to establish not only the date, but the time of day of creation—which he did NOT get from the Bible.

The same author further states: "The date 4004 B.C. was inserted in the margin of the reference editions of the King James version of the Bible by some unknown, and rapidly gained acceptance, particularly among those people who believed that every word in their Bible was the result of divine inspiration, no matter how that word came to be there" (*Ibid.*).

Notice! People read *marginal references* that first appeared in Bibles about 300 years ago, and henceforth *assumed* these man-made references were a part of inspired Scripture.

Genesis 1:1 just does *not* tell us the specific date of the earth's creation. Instead, this verse points us to God as being there "in the beginning"—even *before* the earth was (see John 17:24). That is the vital significance of Genesis 1:1.

Men have set an iron-clad date on Genesis 1:1 that God never intended. God nowhere tells us exactly when—at what time—He created *the earth*, or the heavens.

What Ussher Didn't See

Ussher, and many others, *assumed* that Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 are speaking of the same time. Ussher *assumed* that the world was created just before man was created. Ussher, like many others, thought God said: "In the beginning God created Adam." But this is not what the Bible says! Genesis 1:1 doesn't tell us how long God waited before He created Adam. Biblical chronology *does*, however, reveal there have been about 6000

years since the creation of *Adam*. Not understanding this vital key, men have confused the creation date of Adam with the unknown time element of Genesis 1:1 and thought Genesis 1:1 was also speaking about the time shortly before Adam's creation.

But it is not!

The Bible clearly reveals a *time lapse* between the first two verses of Genesis. Genesis 1:1 could not possibly have occurred 6 days before the creation of man!

This fact is clearly shown when we compare Genesis 1:2 with Isaiah 45:18.

Genesis 1:2 tells us: "*And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*"

Isaiah 45:18 records: "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, *he created it not in vain*, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else."

The shock comes when we study the *Hebrew* texts of the Bible which the King James translators were using as they translated these verses into the language of their day. The Hebrew texts reveal an amazing truth. The King James translators rendered the same Hebrew word *tobu* as "without form" in Genesis 1:2, yet in Isaiah 45:18 the same word was rendered as "in vain." Think what this means!

Isaiah 45:18 says God did NOT create the earth in *tobu*. Yet Genesis 1:2 clearly tells us the earth was in *tobu*. Is this a discrepancy?

Most assuredly not!

A great event occurred between the first and second verses of Genesis—which caused great destruction, or *tobu*, on the earth! Genesis 1:2 is not continuing the description of the act of creating the heaven and the earth. It is describing what the earth *BECAME*

after a great battle for control of the universe.

To understand WHY the earth became *tohu* (chaotic and void), write for an eye-opening article entitled "Did God Create a Devil?" Thousands have read this article and have had their eyes opened to an astounding revelation from the pages of God's Word!

But why has this truth been so long hidden?

The Great Conspiracy

Let us draw back the curtain of time and understand the beginning of a dark-age superstition which is still haunting the present century! When we do, we will understand WHY so many have *taken for granted* a medieval superstition which the Bible does not teach at all. Notice what was happening in the world about 450 years ago.

The astronomer Copernicus had just advanced the astounding idea—with abundant proof—that the sun and other heavenly bodies do not revolve around the earth. This teaching was so opposite from the dogma of the Catholic Church which had a great influence on the world's scientific teachings at that time that Copernicus' theory was allowed to be taught only as a "mathematical guess." It would have been heresy to have taught it as fact! To do so would constitute sin, and such an act would bring the wrath of the church fathers.

So, as long as Copernicus did not press the issue, the church was contented. Galileo, as we shall see later, was not so fortunate in his dealings with the church.

The newly emerged Protestant movement was not silent about Copernicus' thesis. Martin Luther himself said: "This fool [Copernicus] wants to change the whole science of astronomy."

But Copernicus' gem of truth attracted now-famous followers who began to liberate the world from still more errors of the dark ages. Galileo was one of them.

True Science Not Wrong

Galileo made an amazing discovery about 75 years after Copernicus' famous announcement that the universe did not revolve around the earth. Turning his newly found discovery—the telescope—to the sky, he proved beyond a doubt

that Copernicus was right. The church's teachings about astronomy were now proven absolutely wrong!

And no wonder. For the Bible doesn't say anywhere that the heavenly bodies revolve around the earth. God wanted man to use his mind and discover the mechanics of the universe.

God inspired wise King Solomon to write: "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the HONOUR of kings is TO SEARCH OUT A MATTER. The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable" (Prov. 25:2-3).

Notice that God said He purposely conceals such matters so we will search them out! In the process, we will come to see the glory of God, if we believe that: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

But God has already told us we would be unable to *completely* search out what He has created. The astronomer has been unable to find the bounds of the universe. The geologist has been unable to explore first-hand the interior of the earth. The psychiatrist has been unable to understand how the human mind functions in all its many ways.

Scientific research bears out the fact that only the existence of an Almighty God could account for all the wonder, beauty and clockwork precision of the universe around us.

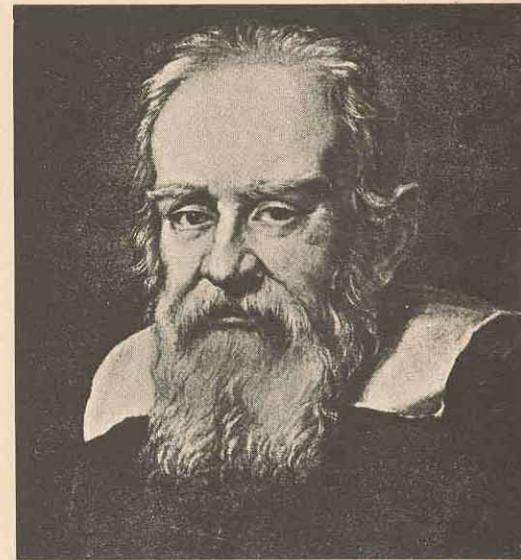
In having us search out His creation, God places a challenge before us and makes us use our minds. God's way is the way of thinking, planning, and building. It is CONSTRUCTIVE rather than DESTRUCTIVE. Why do men seem so bent on using their minds to build devices which destroy? God's way would lead man to everything good for him, if he would only heed!

The Biblical teaching about the universe was suppressed and withheld from those men—such as Galileo. It was considered heresy to even consider that the universe did not revolve about the earth.

For this reason, Galileo's triumph with his telescope was soon to meet the challenge of the Catholic Church.

Churchmen Refuse to Learn

Notice how Galileo's threat to the church's hold on the minds of men is graphically described by one authority: "The nearly 100 years of Protestantism



Galileo Galilei, who searched the sky with his newly found telescope. He correctly said: ". . . I do not feel obliged to believe that that same God who has endowed us with senses, reason, and intellect has intended to forgo their use and by some other means to give us knowledge which we can attain by them."

had been marred with cruel wars between the two religions, and the leaders of the Roman Church were resolved to stamp out any new innovations that would have a tendency to undermine the faith that had been taught for [almost] 1600 years. Their undeviating belief was that Holy Scripture taught a stationary Earth and a moving Sun. . . . And for Galileo to teach the reverse was rank heresy, of which the Holy See must take notice. . . .

"Late in 1615 Galileo again returned to Rome in a supreme endeavor to convince the Church authorities of the truth of the Heliocentric system, as proved by his telescope. But all the arguments and facts he could advance fell upon deaf ears, for Cardinal Bellarmine and Pope Paul V had decided that the doctrine of a stationary Sun and a moving Earth was not only unscriptural, but constituted one of the gravest perils to the Catholic religion" (Norton Wagner, *Unveiling the Universe*, p. 33)

Instead of following scripture, professing Christianity continued to follow past error in order to retain their influence on men. "Truly, they [the Catholic Church fathers] failed to take unto themselves the spirit of the specific in-

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Should YOU BE BAPTIZED?

Why be baptized? WHAT IS baptism? Is it a religious "rite" required by this or that church? Should it be done in infancy? Should you be sprinkled, poured upon, dabbed at with a damp cloth—or immersed? What IS a valid baptism in God's sight?

by Garner Ted Armstrong

"REPENT!" screamed the panting, perspiring evangelist to a crowd of avid followers in Brooklyn, New York.

It was a hot, steamy, sweltering day, with the heat assailing them in waves from the blistering pavement under their feet. As the hoarse voice of the street corner evangelist grew in fervor and intensity, the excitement of the crowd mounted.

Finally, an impassioned street corner plea for repentance was given. Dozens rushed up—tears coursing dusty rivulets down flushed and perspiring faces as they were swept along on the crest of a tidal wave of human emotion.

They were baptized—right then and there.

The method?

The evangelist had secured permission from the city Fire Department. He turned on a street-corner fireplug, and **SPRAYED THE WHOLE CROWD**—with a fire hose!

Was this baptism **VALID**?

The Scene Changes

At that same hour, on a Sunday morning, a cultured, well-dressed young couple stood solemnly, proudly holding their infant first-born before the pastor in a fashionable Methodist church.

The pastor graciously sprinkled a few drops of water over the wee bit of humanity. The baby had been baptized.

Was *this* baptism valid?

The scene shifts again. A baptizing service is in progress in a Baptist church. In waterproof costumes and black robes both the pastor and candidates step down *into* the tank of water. The pastor bends the candidates over backward, completely immersing them under the water.

Is *this* the proper mode of baptizing?

Simultaneously, unknown to any of these participants, still another baptizing

service is under way, far outside the city. In a swiftly running stream a minister is immersing a number of candidates, also burying them completely. But this minister shunned the water of the baptizing tank. He buried them in the running stream.

Was *this* baptism more valid than the others?

Pouring, sprinkling, immersing. Indoors, outdoors. Babies being sprinkled. Some adults being required to repent. Others baptized on profession of Christ without any repentance.

In many churches there is no baptizing whatever.

But it seems that in all there is **CONFUSION**.

Does anybody **KNOW** which is right? Does it make any difference which **WAY**—or whether one is baptized at all? **WHY** such confusion?

A Confusing World of Religion

Jesus Christ said such things would happen!

He warned you would be living in a world literally *filled* with religious confusion. He said, "Take heed no man deceives you. For many shall come in my name, saying I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matt. 24:4, 5). Notice Christ said **MANY** would be deceived, and that **MANY** would come "in His name," that is, using the *name* of Jesus Christ as if they had His *authority*.

He said, "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many" (Matt. 24:11).

In the hodge-podge of conflicts, schisms, splits, divisions, arguments, personal interpretations, and private philosophies that make up our Western world of Christian religion—one starkly clear fact stands out: These plain-spoken prophecies of Jesus Christ have come to be true, **LITERALLY!**

Today, there are well over **TWO**

HUNDRED different recognized "*denominations*"—each professing to be preaching and teaching exactly what is in the Bible—and enough other schisms and splits, or independent "organizations" to make up more than 400 differing bodies in the Western world of Christianity!

Can They All Be Right?

Oftentimes, when a person hears **The WORLD TOMORROW** for the first few times, or reads his first few issues of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, he is inclined to say, "But **SURELY** all these churches *can't be wrong?*"

But why can't they?

Jesus Christ of Nazareth **SAID** the great majority **WOULD BE!**

Most never think to put it this way: "**SURELY, all** these churches **CAN'T BE RIGHT!**" All you need to do is simply add two and two together. The very *fact* there **ARE** so many different views proves, in itself, the latter statement! No, they **CAN'T** all be right!

The dilemma facing each layman, then, is to find out **WHO** is right, and how you can **PROVE IT!**

Remember, the Apostle Paul said, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (I Thes. 5:21). Isaiah said, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20). The Apostle Paul taught a group of Jews in Berea who were, "more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

Remember! "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16).

THAT is why we constantly say, on

The WORLD TOMORROW program or in the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, "Don't believe ME, don't believe US, unless or until you *check up*, and PROVE everything in your own Bible!"

Be sure you DO carefully *prove*, to your own complete and total satisfaction, that you know the *plain truth* about baptism—by checking up on these scriptures in your own Bible!

Christ COMMANDED Baptism!

Jesus Christ of Nazareth was *baptized!* Later, you will see baptism is an outward symbol of the BURIAL of the old self, and of the resurrection to life—to live in a new and a different way! Baptism is commanded as an outward sign of our REPENTANCE, and *willingness* to surrender our lives *completely* to God—being willing to *bury* the old self.

Jesus never sinned! He did not NEED to be baptized as a repentant sinner—but only because "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps" (I Pet. 2:21). Christ's baptism, then, was an EXAMPLE to all true Christians.

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad Him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered Him. And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:13-17). Notice! Jesus said, "Permit it to be so *now*—for thus it becomes us to *fulfill all righteousness.*" John RECOGNIZED Jesus did not *need* to be baptized, but that, rather, JOHN was the one who needed baptism!

Jesus was setting us an EXAMPLE to follow.

After Christ's trial in the wilderness, He "began to preach and to say, REPENT, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17). Jesus' message was

that of REPENTANCE.

But Christ *really meant it*. He meant to *really* repent—not just experience an emotional upset or disturbance.

God says, "For godly sorrow worketh REPENTANCE to salvation not to be repented of, but the *sorrow of the world* worketh DEATH! (II Cor. 7:10). There is a "sorrow of this world" which is sheerly human and physical—it is EMOTIONAL—but it *works death*.

What about it? Do YOU know the *difference* between sheer human *emotion*, which would even lead some to sob and SHED TEARS as they "go down the aisle," and GODLY SORROW which leads to real repentance?

Jesus said, "Except you REPENT you shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5).

In His parable of the one lost sheep, and the "ninety and nine," Jesus said, "I say unto you that likewise joy shall be in heaven over *one sinner* that REPENTS more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance!" (Luke 15:7).

Jesus gave this example to show what a RARE thing it is when one *really* repents. If you have never read our article on the Bible definition of REAL REPENTANCE—then write for it immediately.

One Baptism

Peter, preaching on the Day of Pentecost in 31 A.D., said, "REPENT, and *be baptized* every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). Later, He said, "Repent you therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19). Many were deeply *convicted* as a result of the fantastic MIRACLES they had seen, and the almost incredible *fact* of the resurrection of Jesus Christ! God says, "Then they that gladly received His Word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). Notice, the very FIRST thing they did after really experiencing true repentance was to *be baptized!*

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "There is one body [one

True Church of God] and one Spirit [the Holy Spirit of God] even as you are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith [body of *belief*, true DOCTRINE] ONE BAPTISM, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Eph. 4:4-6).

Notice it—there is ONE baptism! That is, there is only one valid, authorized, right baptism according to the divinely inspired Word of God!

There are not two or three different modes or methods, not several different manners in which it may be done—each one as "acceptable as the other."

God did not leave it up to this world to devise some "form" of man-made religious rites, attaching the NAME of Christ to it, and calling it Christian!

God allows us to decide, not WHAT will be our method or mode of worshipping and serving Him, but WHETHER we will obey the ONE mode which He, the Creator, has set before us! What, then, IS that "one baptism"?

What Baptism IS

The Greek word *baptizo* means to submerge, to immerse, to bury, to plunge into! The very word itself can, at NO time, mean anything other than to submerge or to immerse, fully, in water!

Notice again the example you read in Matthew 3:13-17. Jesus came to find John on the edge of the *river Jordan!* But why there? If Christ had wanted to authorize the sprinkling of infants, or "pouring" of water out of a pitcher over someone's head, why did He go all the way to the river Jordan? Notice, "And Jesus, *when He was baptized*, went up straightway OUT OF the water!" (Matt. 3:16). What was Jesus doing IN the water—if the mode or method He intended to authorize were that of sprinkling or pouring?

Notice Mark's account: "And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized [the Greek word means submerged, buried, or immersed!] of John IN Jordan. And straightway *coming up out of the water*, He saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him" (Mark 1:9, 10). Notice further, that the baptism of repentant believers required MUCH water, not just

a cupful, or a few handfuls. "After these things came Jesus and His disciples into the land of Judea; and there He tarried with them and *baptized* [read John 4:1-2, however, which states that Jesus *Himself* did not baptize, but His disciples or students acted in His behalf] and John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, *because there was MUCH WATER* there, and they came, and were baptized" (John 3:22-23).

How PLAIN!

John had gone to this specific location because there was *much water* available for baptism! Baptism, IS, then, a total *submerging into* the water as a sign of the BURIAL of the old self!

A Complete Burial!

Have you ever seen a funeral where a corpse was left lying *above the ground*, and a few handfuls of dirt *sprinkled* over its head? Of course not—this would be absolutely ridiculous, and contrary to all laws of health and common sense!

Notice how Paul explains it, in Romans 6. "Know you not, that so many of us as were baptized [immersed!] into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are BURIED with Him *by baptism* into death, that, like as Christ was *raised up* from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk [live] in newness of life" (Rom. 6:3-4).

Baptism symbolizes BURIAL! The Apostle Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

God commands, through Paul, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:1-2). If a person is experiencing TRUE repentance, he is literally GIVING his own self to God! He is reckoning himself DEAD, so far as sin is concerned, but *alive* through God and

His Son Jesus Christ! "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be *dead indeed* unto sin, but ALIVE unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not SIN [and sin is the transgression of the law (I John 3:4)] therefore reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in the lust thereof" (Rom. 6:11-12).

Remember, "The wages of sin is DEATH!" (Rom. 6:23).

Since ALL have sinned (Rom. 3:23) and come short of the glory of God, and since the wages of *sin*, which is the breaking of GOD's law (I John 3:4) is DEATH—therefore baptism symbolizes that death!

And it is *only a symbol!*

Christ died in our stead! We do not NEED to die!

But we DO need to *symbolize* the death of our "old man" by being symbolically *buried* underneath the water in baptism! "For if we have been *planted* together in the *likeness of His death*, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin" (Rom. 6:5-6).

How PLAIN!

Though Christ died for our sins—He nevertheless demands our OBEDIENCE to His example and His command that we *typify* the crucifixion and burial of *the old self*, by being immersed into a watery "grave," and being raised up immediately as if in a resurrection, to live in a totally different manner!

This is the ONLY authorized "mode" of baptism given ANYWHERE in the Bible—and any other method or "mode" devised of man is absolutely *contrary* to God's inspired Word, and is not VALID!

Surely it must be a terrible *travesty* to God to see a literal *carnival* made of such a deeply PERSONAL and absolutely *serious* event as the baptism of a sinner, symbolizing the death and burial of the old self, and as an outward sign of total repentance!

WHEN Should Baptism Be Done?

Surely, in the light of the scriptures you have already read, the answer to this question is obvious.

Since baptism is an outward sign of total REPENTANCE, and of the willingness to BURY *the old self*, it never

SHOULD be done to infants!

Baptism symbolizes the putting away of the life of sin! It symbolizes the death and burial of an "OLD SELF!" It does NOT constitute some "magical formula" for getting oneself into the "good graces" of God! Baptism is NOT a secret ritual for "joining a church." Baptism is NOT a "christening" of a baby at birth!

Baptism is not valid if it is done by pouring, sprinkling, dabbing with a damp cloth, or cavorting under a fire hose!

Baptism is not for children!

It would be a very RARE thing if a young teen-ager of even 16 or 17 is truly READY for baptism! There have been cases where boys and girls of this age have been ABLE to come to the place of real repentance—but these are few and far between, indeed.

Baptism should be done as the result of complete and total REPENTANCE toward God and complete *faith* in the blood of Jesus Christ! Only a *mature* mind, one which can truly "count the cost," should consider baptism!

What About You?

But what about YOU? Have YOU been baptized? Was it done the WAY God commands? Did you really REPENT first? Did you know what repentance is? Did you know what to repent *of*? Did you really KNOW exactly *what sin is*, according to the Bible? Did you come to feel deeply broken up over your past way of life, the method you used in conducting your private affairs, your business, your home? Did you become so thoroughly DISGUSTED with yourself, your very nature and personality, your habits and methods of expression, that you simply couldn't stand to live with yourself any longer?

Did you not only feel this as a deep and very real *emotion*, but did you thoroughly UNDERSTAND that you must yield in complete OBEDIENCE to God and His Law? Had you really come to Jesus Christ in UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER of your rebellion against GOD'S WAYS—had you thoroughly repented of going with the WORLD?

Did you understand, *fully*, that you were being BURIED, and that a "new you" was to emerge from the water? Did you really "count the cost" (read Luke

14:25-33) when you were baptized?

Perhaps you are like many who have written to us. They can "see" many new truths by reading *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. They listen, and they "agree with" many things they hear on *The WORLD TOMORROW* program. Perhaps, many, many years ago they were "baptized." This may have been during a revival, at a tent camp meeting, at the local church, or even when they were an infant. They realize there was no really **DRAMATIC CHANGE** that took place in their lives when they were "baptized," but feel "satisfied" since they are now learning some new "points of truth."

But **THIS IS NOT ENOUGH!** Remember—and *never forget* that **BELIEF** without **OBEDIENCE** is not enough to get you into God's Kingdom! Even the demons "*believe*" and *tremble!* (Jas. 2:19).

Satan the Devil is the greatest "fundamentalist" of all time! He believes Jesus is the Christ. He **BELIEVES** in the virgin birth, the temptation and trial of Jesus, the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, that Christ ascended to the right hand of God the Father, and that He is coming again! He **BELIEVES** in **ALL** the essentials of salvation! He **KNOWS** they are true—but he **WON'T** obey them!

Belief coupled with **OBEDIENCE** is necessary to gain the Kingdom of God! What about it? Are you being truly *honest with yourself?*

Once again, this summer, we will send our baptizing teams of young ministers, graduates and advanced students of Ambassador College into every nook and cranny of the United States, Canada, Australia, Great Britain, and parts of Europe.

MANY of you may have been contemplating baptism—but *putting it off!* You need to be **SURE**.

If you wish to have your name placed on our list to be visited by these men in your own home, or in a nearby city or town, then please write in right away and let us know. Remember, no one will **EVER** call on you for *any reason* unless **YOU**, personally, request it!

In the meantime, whether you wish to be visited or **NOT**, write in immediately for our free booklet which explains in greater length **MANY** of the questions you may have about baptism, "All

About Water Baptism." Ask for the two articles, "What Is **REAL** Repentance?" and "What Is A **REAL** Christian?"

Remember, writing for these articles and the booklet does **NOT** constitute re-

questing a visit—and there is no follow-up of any kind. But if you **DO** wish one of our baptizing "teams" to call upon you *where you live*, please let us know **SOON**—the trips are being planned now!

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

HERE are the *Bible* answers to questions which can be answered briefly in a short space. *Send in your questions.* While we cannot promise that all questions will find space for answer in this department, we shall try to answer all that are vital and in the general interest of our readers.

Where is "Easter" mentioned in the Bible?

From a child you probably believed that "Easter" signified the resurrection of Christ. For 1800 years the Western world has been taught that Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday morning.

These are merely some of the *fales* that were spun by that arch heretic Simon Magus! Christ did not rise Easter Sunday. He said He would be in the grave "*three days and three nights.*" How can you figure 72 hours between so-called "Good Friday" at Sunset and "Easter morning"?

You will want to know *when* Jesus *did* rise from the dead, so write immediately for the astonishing proof in our free booklet, "The Resurrection Was **NOT** on Sunday."

The name "Easter" is merely a slightly changed English spelling of the name of the ancient Assyrian goddess *Ishtar*. As Alexander Hislop says in *The Two Babylons*, Easter "bears its Chaldean origin on its very forehead. Easter is nothing else than *Astarte*, one of the titles of Beltis, the 'queen of heaven,' whose name, as pronounced by the people of Nineveh, was evidently identical with that now in common use in this country."

Easter, according to Webster's dic-

tionary, comes "from the name of the old Teuton goddess of spring." You probably never were taught that, were you?

It is all explained in our free booklet, "Easter is Pagan."

Instead of observing the customs of the churches of our day, the original, *inspired* Church of God, under the guidance of the Apostles, observed the Passover as Jesus commanded on the eve of the anniversary of His death. Even the writers of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 11th edition, realized *that* when writing their article, "Easter":

"There is no indication of the observance of the Easter festival in the New Testament, or in the writings of the Apostolic Fathers. . . The first Christians continued the observance of the Jewish [that is, God's] festivals, though in a new spirit, *as commemorations of events* which those festivals had foreshadowed."

Yes, the true, original Church kept the Passover or Communion *annually* when God commanded.

It was years later, after the death of the apostles, after the Samaritan conspiracy begun by Simon Magus had taken root that we find the observance of Easter beginning.

Following the example of Jesus and
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BLACK MAGIC Returns to England

Why the sudden rise in astrology, sorcery, religious superstition?

by Raymond F. McNair

WEIRD happenings are occurring in the British Isles. During the year just ended—1963—a number of churches were deliberately and disgracefully desecrated. Peaceful English churchyards were disturbed—the bones from numerous graves deliberately disinterred. Wild and obscene orgiastic parties have been reported in various parts of Britain.

What is really behind these acts which one normally thinks of as belonging to the Dark Ages?

The Plague of Witchcraft

Reports a leading news source: "BRITAIN is being plagued today by the biggest upsurge of interest in Black Magic and the *timeless secrets of witchcraft* that the country has known since the Middle Ages.

"And in those days, for the record, they burned two million witches throughout Europe.

"We know of covens (regular meetings of witchcraft devotees) all over London. . . .

"In one Home Counties town with a population of only just over 50,000 there are at least half a dozen meeting places regularly used for Black Magic rites" (*News of the World*, 1st September, 1963).

British newspapers report a sudden all-time record demand for books on Black Magic and witchcraft impedimenta such as skulls, chalices, black candles and various other objects used in connection with "the dark art."

Numerous witches have appeared on British Television and have unashamedly admitted that they were witches—blatantly divulging information to news reporters.

Many cities and university towns all over Britain have well-established covens.

In the *Daily Express* of February 20,

1964, appeared an interesting article entitled "Witches Meet." According to Mrs. Sybil Leek, 41-year-old high priestess of the New Forest Witches, "There are 600 witches' covens in Britain, with 13 witches to a coven."

Why Black Magic Is Common in Britain

"Black Magic is as common in Britain today as, say, the traffic in dope,"

reports the *Daily Express*, August 26, 1963.

The same article continues, "But Black Magic is the worship of the devil. The story of Lucifer is part of the Original Creation and cannot be shrugged off."

Dennis Wheatley, author of this *Daily Express* article shows that Black Magic dates long before Christianity. It continued after the introduction of



American Photo Service

Suddenly Britons have taken a renewed interest in Black Magic. The reason? People everywhere are afraid of the future. They crave the feeling that everything will turn out all right. The woman illustrated above typifies the Cult of Black Magic which pretends to make known the secrets of the future.

Catholicism into Western Europe. During the Dark Ages weekly "night clubs" were organized by the peasants, and at such meetings "they called upon Lucifer for help."

Even *Time* magazine (December 27, 1963) mentioned that "*England seems to be in the midst of a mild little REVIVAL OF BLACK MAGIC.*" Scores of articles have described numerous Black Magic activities here in Britain.

But just what is behind this "revival" of witchcraft—this veritable rash of Black Magic?

For part of the answer, turn to *Time* magazine.

"Parliament removed witchcraft from the list of criminal offences in 1936. Since then, the Black Arts have been the property of tiny demoniac cults. But 1963, for no clear reason, has been a banner year for *sorcerers*" (*Time*, December 27, 1963). In November, 1963, a Conservative M.P., Commander John Kerans, asked the British Government to pass new laws against the spread of witchcraft.

Though the *immediate* reason for the revival of witchcraft and astrology in Britain is attributed to the fact that Parliament removed witchcraft from the list of criminal offences, yet the *REAL* reason lies much deeper than this.

Before we can understand the subject of witchcraft, there are certain basic facts which we need to bear in mind. First, we need to realize that there is a personal, real, living Creator-Sustainer of the universe—who upholds and rules it from His high throne in heaven. This Being is revealed in the Bible as the Creator God. He is Creator, Sustainer, Ruler of all that exists in the vast limitlessness of space. He is supreme in power, wisdom and intelligence.

Second in command of the Universe is His Son, Jesus Christ.

The Scripture reveals that God the Father created all things through, or by, Christ Jesus. This includes the creation of myriads of angelic, spirit beings. You can read it in Colossians 1:13, 16, 17.

The Fallen Angels

Long before the creation of man upon the earth, God Almighty created myriads of angelic spirit beings (Heb. 1:7). These angelic beings—symbolized as

"stars"—were with God at the time when He "laid the foundations of the earth" and they "shouted for joy" (Job 38:4, 7). (For proof that "stars" represent angels, see Revelation 1:20, and 12:3, 4).

Some of the angels of God followed the rebellious leadership of a great cherub, named Lucifer. Though they had an estate here on this earth, they wanted to exalt themselves. "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day" (Jude 6). This same event is mentioned by the Apostle Peter. "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell [Greek *tartaroo*], and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment" (II Peter 2:4).

Isaiah 14:12 and Ezekiel 28:11-18 show that the former cherub, Lucifer, became exalted in his own estimation. He led a number of angels in assault against the very throne of God in heaven. Revelation 12:4 reveals that *one third of the angels were involved in this angelic insurrection!*

Even Jesus Christ himself said, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven" (Luke 10:18).

After this angelic rebellion God created MAN on earth. He made man with free moral agency—free to make CHOICE between the right ways of God and the wrong ways of Satan. God marked off a duration of six thousand years during which man must choose between the invisible sway and influence of Satan and the revealed laws of God. This is to be followed by one millennium under the enforced world-rule of Christ, when Satan shall be totally restrained.

With this very brief scriptural history of the "angels that sinned," we can understand the real motivating, diabolical power behind this recent rash of witchcraft covens which has appeared all over Britain. *The real motivating power behind all forms of witchcraft, Black Magic or sorcery—is Satan and his demons!*

Reports from America, Germany, Spain, Australia, Haiti, Africa and all over the world reveal that witchcraft, voodoo and all the various forms of

occultism or demonism are fast on the increase! Bible prophecies reveal that we will see greatly increased demoniacal activity in the years immediately ahead.

Not only do the wicked spirits rule the occult world, but they influence and, indirectly, control this present evil world—including its politics, religion, social and economic beliefs and practices. This is shocking, I know, but true! It is Satan who is "the GOD OF THIS WORLD" (II Cor. 4:4, Matt. 4:8-10). He is "*the prince of the power of the air, the SPIRIT that now WORKS in the children of disobedience*" (Eph. 2:2).

Yes, it is Satan the devil who is now feverishly working in those individuals who have yielded to him and his way of lawlessness. Satan is a rebel, and those who follow him always rebel against the holy and perfect laws and ways of Almighty God.

The Apostle Paul was very emphatic in showing that the works of the flesh include "WITCHCRAFT" (Gal. 5:19, 20). "They which do such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God" (verse 21).

God Condemns All Forms of Divination

Throughout the Old and the New Testaments the prophets and apostles of God condemned the utterly abominable practice of witchcraft or sorcery.

God commanded Israel "Ye shall not . . . use *enchantment*, nor *observe times* [practise *divination*]" (Lev. 19:26). He further commanded Israel, "*Regard not them that have FAMILIAR SPIRITS* [demons], neither seek after *wizards*, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God" (verse 31).

God declared that anyone who would seek after familiar spirits and wizards incurs His divine wrath. "And the soul that turneth after such as have *familiar spirits*, and after *wizards*, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and *will cut him off* from among his people" (Lev. 20:6).

Those who deal with familiar spirits are so detestable in the sight of Almighty God that He commanded, "*A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them*" (verse



Japan Air Lines

Black Magic permeates Asia and Africa, as well as Europe. These snake-charmers on a street in Karachi, Pakistan, illustrate the Black Arts in Asia. The snakes are symbols of the real author of Black Magic—Satan himself!

27). God warned Israel not to learn to do "the abominations" of the Canaanitish nations when they drove them out and inherited their land. He said: "There shall not be found among you one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth DIVINATION, or an *observer of times*, or an *enchanter*, or a *witch*, or a *charmer*, or a *consulter with familiar spirits*, or a *wizard*, or a *necromancer*, for all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and *because of these abominations the Lord your God doth drive them out from before thee*" (Deut. 18:9-14).

Divination was practised in many different ways. Some diviners practised *augury*. They revealed future or secret knowledge (or in some cases only *pretended to*) through dreams, trance-speaking, examining of the victims' livers, intestines, spleen bones or shoulder bones, observation of clouds, movement of animals, birds, astrology, divining-rods and through an almost endless number of other ways.

An *enchanter* was one who cast a spell on his bewitched victim through chanting or muttering certain words, phrases or songs.

A *witch* simple means a *sorcerer*. A witch can refer either to a male or female, though today it has come to mean a female who practises sorcery. A male witch is now sometimes called a warlock.

A *charmer* is one who by one means or another charms his victims. There are *snake-charmers*. Today we have our *modern charmers known as hypnotists*. Many now foolishly look upon hypnotism as harmless, as a toy. Others consider it as a useful tool. And today it is being commonly used on women during childbirth and by numerous mind and body doctors in their practice. It is a known fact, however, that hypnotism is often dangerous—especially when the subject is mentally or emotionally disturbed.

God Almighty forbids you to "firt with" hypnotism—or meddle with any form of sorcery for that matter. Don't ever let your curiosity cause you to even dabble in these diabolical practices.

Your mind is your most precious possession, so don't ever let another person (or being) take control of your mind. Don't ever permit yourself to be hypnotized by anyone.

A few years ago Bridie Murphy (hypnotists) Clubs sprang up all over America, and many played with this dangerous power as though it were a toy.

Recently on British television an interviewer and a hypnotist discussed the subject of hypnotism of expectant mothers by means of a kit! This kit included a record of the soothing, purring voice of the hypnotist—which

the expectant mother would listen to in order to become hypnotized at the time of the delivery of her baby. The Living God denounces these charmers—these hypnotists! Remember it is Satan who wants to take control of your mind in order to implant more firmly his diabolical suggestions. Resist him, and he will flee from you (Jas. 4:7).

There were many, in ancient times just as today, who consulted with *familiar spirits* by one means or another. Even *wizards* received their knowledge through familiar spirits, and *necromancers* (those who pretended to receive their knowledge from the dead) also practised their evil art through the cooperation of an evil spirit who impersonated a dead person.

Notorious Old Testament Sorcerers

A number of sorcerers are mentioned in the Bible. Notice how God regarded such persons.

Through the mighty power of God, Moses and Aaron were able to perform mighty miracles before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. But so were the magicians—sorcerers—of Egypt (Exod. 7:22 and 8:7). They were able to turn water into blood and to bring up frogs on the land through their clever enchantments. They did, however, finally have to acknowledge that Moses and Aaron had a power superior to theirs (Exod. 8:18, 19). In the end, they had to admit that the miracles of Moses and Aaron were real—produced by "the finger of God." The magicians of Egypt were unable to bring up lice, flies and the other plagues which God brought upon Egypt through Moses and Aaron. (See II Tim. 3:8.)

Though Satan and his demons are allowed to produce limited miracles, and also have power to reveal certain hidden knowledge, there is nonetheless, a limit to how far God permits Satan to exercise his limited power.

Balaam is one of the best-known sorcerers mentioned in the Bible. Balak, king of the Moabites, asked the false prophet, Balaam, to curse Israel (Num. 22:1-6). Balaam wanted to curse Israel. Even though he had certain occult powers, God would not let him curse Israel. Finally Balaam, fearful of God, had to acknowledge the overruling

power of God. He said "Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and *he (God) hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. . . . Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel. . .*" (Num. 23:20, 23).

Study carefully Numbers 22, 23 and 24. It will become very clear that even though Balaam sought to curse Israel by enchantments (Num. 24:1), yet he was forced by God to bless Israel. He was not permitted to curse the Chosen People whom God had sworn that He would bless.

It was "Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication" (Rev. 2:14). Because of Balaam's perversity and because of his loathsome sorceries, God saw to it that the children of Israel later slew him in their war against the Midianites (Num. 31:1-8).

Saul Seeks a Sorceress

Saul, king of Israel, knew the command as given in the law of Moses, and "had put away *those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land*" (I Sam. 28:3).

On other occasions, however, Saul was a very rebellious king. He would not follow the commands of God (I Sam. 15). After flagrantly disobeying God, he was told by Samuel: "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in *obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.* Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king" (I Sam. 15:22, 23).

Since Saul refused to obey God, God rejected him, and removed His protection from him. Thereafter, the Philistines gathered a mighty army to battle against Israel. Saul was terrified and greatly trembled (I Sam. 28:4, 5). He tried to enquire of God and of His prophets, but God would not answer him.

Saul then went to enquire of a woman who had a familiar spirit. At first she was afraid of this tall enquirer, by the

name of Saul. Saul promised her that if she would contact the spirit, he would do her no harm. Immediately afterward she contacted a lying demon spirit who revealed to her that this renowned enquirer was Saul, the King of Israel.

This evil sorceress described to Saul what she saw while entranced.

In vision the demon or familiar spirit with whom she was communicating caused a likeness of Samuel to be seen by this woman. This familiar spirit, furthermore, revealed to her that on the very next day Israel would be delivered into the hand of the Philistines, and Saul and his sons would all be slain (verses 10-20).

I Samuel 31 reveals the fate of this rebellious king of Israel who refused to hearken to God's commands, but who consulted with familiar spirits. Saul and three of his sons were slain on the battlefield—*exactly as God had permitted the familiar spirit to reveal to him* through the "witch of Endor."

These people deal with familiar spirits just as much as the witch at Endor or as any of the ancient sorcerers. The witch of Endor who claimed to have the power to call up the dead was also a necromancer. Necromancers professed to be able to communicate with the spirits of the deceased, but in fact they always contacted a familiar demon spirit who impersonated the dead.

One who knows the Scripture will not be misled by lying, seducing spirits. The Bible clearly reveals that the dead are unconscious, and have no way of communicating with the living. "For the living know that they shall die: but *the dead know not anything*, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten" (Eccl. 9:5).

Verse 10 also reveals that the dead are totally unconscious—awaiting a resurrection. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is *no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave* [sheol] whither thou goest."

King David was inspired to write "For *in death there is no remembrance* of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?" (Psa. 6:5.) Furthermore, Psalm 146:4 says, "His [man's] breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth;

in that very day his thoughts PERISH."

The Scriptures reveal that the dead are unconscious—know nothing, have no ability to think, praise God or in any way communicate with any living being. They must await the moment of the resurrection when God will give them consciousness and raise them up to live again. The Hebrew and Greek Scriptures both clearly reveal a *resurrection* of the dead. (See Job 14:14, 19:26; Psa. 16:10, 11; Isa. 26:19; Dan. 12:2; Ezek. 37:1-14; John 5:28, 29.)

Now that we understand the Bible teaching concerning the state of the dead, we know it is impossible for the living to communicate with the dead. The living can, however, communicate with spirits who are able to impersonate the dead, and who communicate to human minds—by means unknown to man—impressions, visions, facts or knowledge of the future. Yes, demons *can* convey messages to human beings from the spirit world. It is these lying spirits who impersonate the dead. If the truth on this subject were thoroughly understood, those who now contact the spirit world (that is, mediums) would shudder to realize that they are dealing with demons—and not with the "spirits" of dead people.

Today, we speak of those who consult familiar spirits as "Spiritualists" or "Mediums." Ellen G. White, for instance, is called a "medium" by those who follow her.

The Living Should Not Seek to the Dead

Notice God's admonition concerning those who seek after familiar spirits. "And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep [chirp], and that mutter: *should not a people seek unto their God? [is it proper] for the living [to seek] to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them*" (Isa. 8:19, 20).

God expects His people to look to Him—through the Bible to reveal those future events which God deems it wise or necessary for man to know.

Notice this in Deuteronomy 29:29.
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What Constitutes a True CHRISTIAN?

Millions today profess to be "religious"—but DON'T KNOW GOD. Just what is the BASIS for true conversion and DIRECT CONTACT with God?

by Roderick C. Meredith

WE ARE living in the shadow of violent *death*. It could come any day or night. Any moment, any time. It could be ignited by the tiniest political spark struck in a far distant land—in Cyprus, in South Vietnam.

This world is teetering on the edge of OBLIVION. Thoughtful men are *fearful*.

But what are they *doing about it*? Why haven't they discovered the ONLY sure *protection* in these times?

WHY No Peace of Mind?

More people have started attending church since the advent of the hydrogen bomb than at any time in the history of the Western world.

Why?

All humanity lives in the shadow of violent death. This photo, made three minutes after the second atomic bomb devastated Nagasaki, Japan, on August 10, 1945, shows towering columns of smoke hovering over scores of thousands vaporized or burnt beyond recognition.

To get dressed up? To preen? To get ahead socially or in business? To have "peace of mind" for the rest of the week?

Partly, perhaps. But a lot go because they are *scared*.

Of God?

No. Of themselves. Themselves collectively. And what they might do to each other if they aren't careful.

When our neighbor meets us coming down the highway at 60 miles an hour—he's the unpredictable. If he wanted to—coming at us at 60 miles an hour—he could give a gentle flick to his wheel and send us both to *eternity*. That's how dependent we are on each other's whims, decisions and dementias.

Collectively, things are even more scary! This *big thing*—this *hydrogen*

thing—now belongs to *several others*. New nations are continually joining the potential "cosmocide club." They will employ this hydrogen thing as *they* see fit. *They* will decide where, when and why.

Knowing all this makes us a little restless. It makes us think about many things—not the least of which is our *hereafter*.

That's *one important reason*, at least, for the increased interest in religion. People are thinking more and more about making peace with somebody—and they usually include God to be on the safe side.

Are they going about it in the *right way*?

Are their actions really bringing them into *direct contact* with the *true* GOD of the Bible—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? Are they learning to seek and enjoy His *Divine guidance* and *protection*?

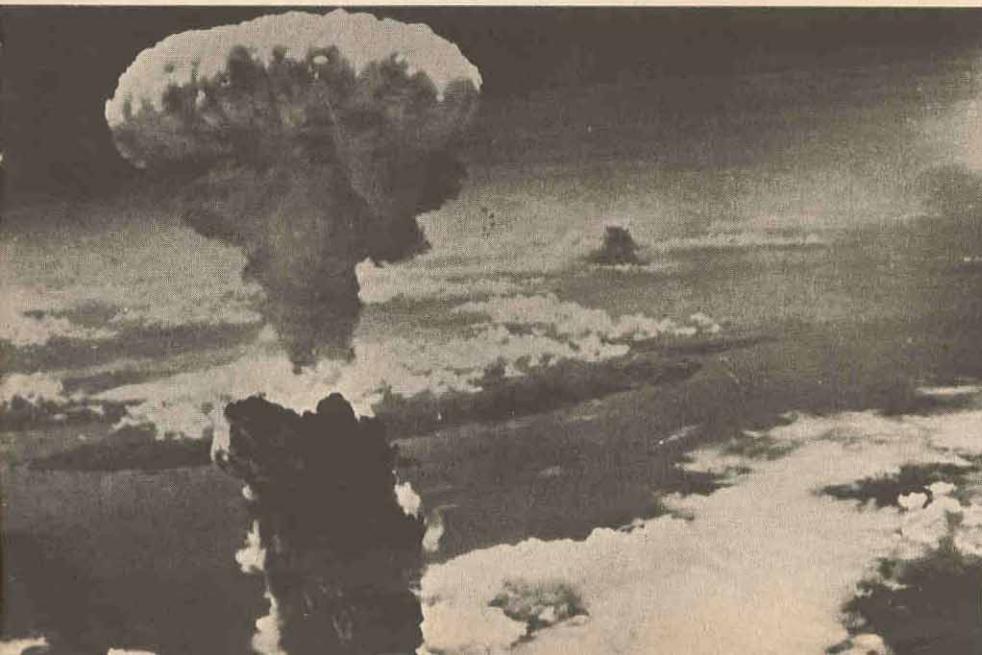
Where Do You Stand?

What about YOU? Can *you* afford to take a chance on a thing like this? Are *you* just following the crowd? Do you really *know* God as a personal *Father*? Do you experience His *help* and *POWER* in your personal life?

Jesus said of the religionists of His day: "In VAIN do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mark 7:7). They were following the ideas of *men* rather than *God*. They were worshipping the way that seemed right to *men*. But Jesus said it was all in VAIN.

This modern world is also in religious CONFUSION. Some religious groups go through ancient forms, ceremonies and PAGAN rituals—yet never really *know*

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or *understand* the Bible or God's PURPOSE for human existence. On the other extreme, many liberals and modernists think of God as an "idea" or "projection" of good—and have NOTHING as a concrete standard of belief, practice or way of life which is *based on the Bible*, which they consider mainly as a collection of human ideas of ancient Jewish shepherds.

For this first six thousand years of recorded history—these first six millennial "days"—God has permitted the world to go its OWN WAY under the *confusing and deceiving* influence of a personal spirit being called *Satan, the Devil!* Your Bible describes the Devil as a personal being "*which DECEIVETH the whole world*" (Rev. 12:9).

Are you willing to FACE this possibility in your *personal life*? Are you willing to CHANGE if God shows you *through His Word* that you have never really been converted before?

What True Christianity Involves

The true *original* Christianity—the Christianity of JESUS CHRIST—involved *understanding and obeying* the Word of God, the Holy Bible. Jesus said: "It is written, that man should not live by bread alone, but by EVERY word of God" (Luke 4:4).

The sermons and teachings of Jesus Christ were filled with references to the Old Testament—the only part of the Bible yet written at that time—as the Word of God and as having AUTHORITY over our lives. The early inspired apostles referred both to the Old Testament and to the teachings of Christ as the RULE of life—revealing a WAY OF LIFE by which we should live. In fact, throughout the book of Acts, we find references to Christianity being spoken of as "*this way*" and "*that way*" (Acts 19:9, 23; 22:4, etc.).

If you are ever going to be "converted" to the type of Christianity which CHRIST taught, you need to PROVE the *divine inspiration* of the Bible. You need to begin to BELIEVE and OBEY what it literally says in plain language! If you've not yet proved the Bible true, write *immediately* for Mr. Armstrong's important free booklet entitled, *The Proof of the Bible*.

For if you don't have the *authority*

of God and the *Bible* behind your "Christianity"—then very frankly, you should immediately STOP even calling it Christianity, and refer to it rather as your "philosophy" or some other *honest and realistic* designation!

But if you DO believe in the God of Abraham—the God of the Bible—the God that is *now* beginning to intervene in human affairs prior to the return of His Son Jesus Christ to this earth as King of kings and Lord of lords—then learn to take HIS WORD for it on the subject of WHAT true Christianity really involves! DON'T try to straddle the fence! Don't try to MIX your ideas with God's teachings and hope that God will be well pleased with the CONFUSED result!

Now notice what GOD says—in His *inspired Word*—about the true nature of Christianity—and *true Christians*.

God's Word says: "Now if any man hath not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Rom. 8:9). In plain language, you must have Christ's *Spirit* in you, or you are NOT a Christian—you have NEVER been converted.

A truly converted person is *filled with* and LED BY the Holy Spirit of God. "For as many as are LED BY the spirit of God, *they are the sons of God*" (Rom. 8:14). Through the Holy Spirit, God places His very *nature and character* within us. And it is the Spirit of "POWER, and of LOVE, and of a SOUND MIND" (II

Tim. 1:7). By receiving God's very *nature and life* within us through His Spirit, we are *begotten* of Him as His children and have *spiritual love, wisdom* and STRENGTH to overcome our human nature and LIVE as God would have us live.

Through the Holy Spirit, we are, as Peter says, "*partakers of the DIVINE NATURE*" (II Pet. 1:4).

Very frankly, in the past most of you didn't even know WHAT the Holy Spirit was, *what* it was supposed to do in your life, and *what* was the real result of your being led by God's Holy Spirit.

In Romans 5:5, God tells us: "The LOVE OF GOD is shed abroad in our hearts BY the Holy Spirit which is given unto us." Through His Spirit, God gives us His *divine spiritual LOVE*. Thus we partake of His *nature—His character*. And God's character is expressed in the *spiritual principles* contained in the Ten Commandments—*obedience to God's law*. "*For this is the love of God, that we KEEP His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous*" (I John 5:3).

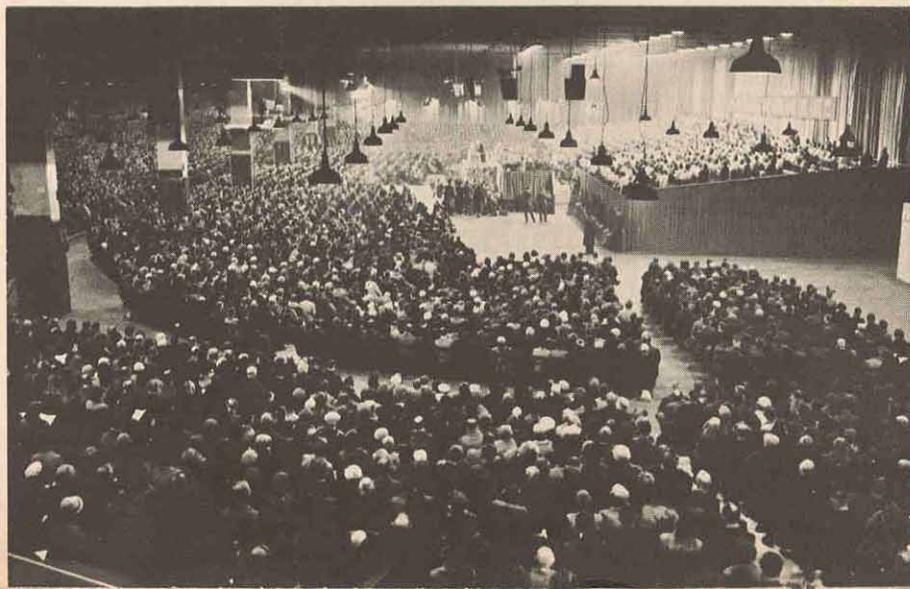
This scripture tells us that *God's spiritual love*—the love which is GIVEN us through the Holy Spirit—is the love which is expressed in KEEPING God's commandments!

How clear!

God's Spirit leads us to OBEY Him

Typical of the Twentieth Century is renewed interest in religion. Unfortunately, the growth in church attendance is coupled with superficiality, with rapid increase in crime rate, with threat of another world war and ultimate extinction of the human family. Something is drastically wrong. The professing Christian world does not know the way to peace and happiness!

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as our Maker and Ruler.

The Apostle Peter was inspired to write of "the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that OBEY Him" (Acts 5:32).

Real conversion, then, involves OBEDIENCE to God and His laws. In Acts 2:38, Peter was inspired to tell us HOW to be converted. He said: "REPENT, and BE BAPTIZED every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the GIFT of the *Holy Spirit*."

You *repent* of SIN. And what is the Bible definition of sin? "*Sin is the transgression of the law*" (I John 3:4). This is the Bible definition of sin—breaking God's law!

So to be truly converted, you must REPENT of breaking God's law. And "repent" doesn't mean merely to be sorry after a Saturday night drunken brawl leaves you with a hang-over and pounding headache the next morning. It means to be SO SORRY you are willing to QUIT doing wrong and *turn around and go the other way!* And as sin is *breaking God's law*, so "turning around" and going the other way means a life of OBEDIENCE to God's law and yielding to let *Him* fashion and mold *your character* after His own through His Spirit within you!

Remember that in the New Testament, God's law was *magnified* by Jesus Christ—particularly in Matthew 5 in the sermon on the Mount. This shows we are to keep not only the letter but the *Spirit* or INTENT of God's law in every phase of our lives.

We are to let Christ live *His* life in us through the Holy Spirit. For the Apostle Paul was inspired to write: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith OF the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

Since the Bible says that Christ is the SAME yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8), He will live the SAME kind of life in you today as He did live on earth 1900 years ago in the flesh. And during His earthly life—in which He set us an EXAMPLE that we should follow in His steps (I Pet. 2:21)—He said: "I have KEPT my Father's com-

mandments" (John 15:10).

Could anything be more *plain* and *clear* than this? True Christianity involves OBEYING your Creator and your God! As Mr. Armstrong has said so many times, "*God will not save anyone who does not surrender to His rule!*"

True Christianity involves *surrendering* your will to let your LIVING SAVIOUR live HIS life in you through the Holy Spirit! Through His *Spirit*—God's very *nature* and *character* and spiritual LOVE implanted within you—you are enabled to KEEP God's holy and spiritual law as set forth in the principles of the *Ten Commandments*, and *grow* in the very CHARACTER of God *until the resurrection!*

CHRIST Defines "Christianity"

Let us put our own ideas and human opinions aside for a moment, and SEE WHAT JESUS CHRIST SAYS ABOUT THIS MATTER.

After all, He is the One who really KNOWS!

In what is known as the "Sermon on the Mount," Jesus taught His disciples the *basis* of His Christian message. These teachings contain more spiritual truth than *whole volumes* that have been written by men.

Jesus taught the disciples that to be great in God's Kingdom, we must *do* and *teach* "His Commandments" (Matthew 5:19). He revealed that God's law is a *spiritual law*. One not only breaks the command against adultery by a physical act, but, "whosoever looketh on a woman to *lust* after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matthew 5:28).

Christ instructed His disciples not only to obey the commandment against killing, but He said: "*Love your enemies*, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Verse 44).

He summed up these instructions by commanding them: "Be ye therefore *perfect*, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Verse 48).

How many people calling themselves "Christian" are actively striving to *follow* these spiritual principles in their daily lives? Do they LOVE their enemies and *pray* for them? Are they growing

spiritually every day toward the goal of having *perfect character* even as God?

Or have we forgotten what JESUS HIMSELF said His followers should do?

Continuing, we find that Jesus taught His disciples *how* they should give "alms" or perform good deeds, *how* they should *pray*, and *how* they should *fast* (Matthew 6:1-18). In each case, Jesus assumed that His followers *would* be leading THAT KIND OF LIFE. He was teaching them HOW TO LIVE—to GIVE to others, to PRAY to God the Father on their knees, to FAST in order to be closer to God—not some empty ritual or impractical theory.

GOD'S WORD IS CONSISTENT

The religious ideas and teachings of men are varied and confused. Even the great denominations have repeatedly *changed* their doctrines from time to time—although NOT in the direction of truth! But the teaching of the Bible is *consistent* and *unchanging*.

The true servants of God in all ages have taught and written the same basic WAY of *obedience to God*. "Thy WORD is *truth*," Jesus said (John 17:17). And again He said, "The scripture CANNOT be broken" (John 10:35). *God does not contradict Himself in His inspired Word!*

We should ALWAYS bear this in mind when studying the Bible.

So Jesus continued to teach the SAME truths all through His ministry, and the Apostles preached the *same Gospel*—not something different.

Later in Jesus' ministry, one asked Him, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?"

Jesus answered, "Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God: *but if thou will enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS*" (Matthew 19:16-17).

This is the WAY Jesus taught would lead to eternal life. He taught the need for REPENTANCE from past sins, of FAITH in Him as our Saviour, and of OBEDIENCE to the *laws* and *ways* of God. Jesus said if He was to be your Lord you would have to OBEY Him!

Did Jesus know what He was talking about? Many organizations of men seem to think that He didn't, for they have
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RADIO LOG

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 WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.
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THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

(Continued from page 12)

the apostles, the early true Church observed the Passover, and the Days of Unleavened Bread which immediately followed. Notice Acts 12:3. The Holy Spirit of God inspired these words: "Then *were* the Days of Unleavened Bread."

But in the next verse we read of "Easter."

This word "Easter" is a MISTRANSLATION. The original Greek word is "pascha," meaning PASSOVER. In every other place where the same Greek word is used in the original, it is rendered PASSOVER in the King James Version. Many other translations faithfully render this verse in Acts as "intending after the Passover to bring him forth to the people."

So this verse, instead of mentioning Easter, really proves that the Church, ten years after the death of Christ, was still observing Passover.

Then when did the celebration of Easter Sunday enter the Church calendar?

Since Easter Sunday was derived by Protestants from the Catholic Church, it is to the Catholic Church that we must turn for testimony regarding the origin of Easter.

Here is their testimony—and they should know—they introduced it!

Here is what Socrates Scholasticus wrote in his *Ecclesiastical History* not long after Emperor Constantine, in the 4th century:

"Neither the apostles, therefore, nor the Gospels, have anywhere imposed . . . Easter . . . Wherefore, inasmuch as men love festivals, because they afford them cessation from labor: each individual in every place, according to his own pleasure, has by a prevalent custom celebrated [Easter] . . . The Saviour and His apostles have enjoined us by no law to keep this feast . . . just as many other customs have been established in individual localities according to usage, so also the feast of Easter CAME TO BE OBSERVED IN EACH PLACE AC-

CORDING TO THE INDIVIDUAL PECULIARITIES OF THE PEOPLES inasmuch as none of the apostles legislated on the matter. And that the observance originated not by legislation, BUT AS A CUSTOM the facts themselves indicate" (chapter 22).

So says this ancient Catholic historian in the fourth century.

Here is what Kurtz's *Church History* states about Easter: "The Saxon name Easter is derived from the old German festival of Ostara, the goddess of spring, which was celebrated at the same season" (Vol. I, p. 356).

"The English *Easter*, Anglo-Saxon *Oster*, German *Ostern*, is at all events connected with the *East* and sunrise . . ." says the Protestant historian Schaff, who continued to write that "the transfer of the celebration of Ostara . . . to the Christian Easter festival" took place years after the death of Paul. (From a footnote in Schaff's *History of the Church*, Vol. I, p. 373.)

Easter came from pagan sun-worship, not from Jesus Christ or the apostles. It is one of those Babylonian customs brought to Samaria after Israel's overthrow (721-718 B.C.) by the colonists from Babylonia. Later it was transplanted to Rome by Simon Magus. Simon Magus, who was the "Great Interpreter" or "Peter" of the pagan mystery, palmed off Easter as if it were Christian.

About 600 years before Christ, the prophet Ezekiel saw, in vision, an Easter celebration! Notice it, in Ezekiel, chapter 8, verses 12-17: "Then He (God) brought me to the door of the gate of the Lord's house which was toward the north; and behold, there sat the women weeping for Tammuz."

What Ezekiel saw here in vision is a prophecy for today!—for the House of Israel—Great Britain and America. And our professing Christian people are practicing this very ABOMINATION today as our ancestors did centuries before Christ.

Do you know *why* those women were weeping for Tammuz? Here is the answer:

Tammuz was Nimrod—the heathen messiah—the false Christ of the pagans—who was slain on Friday and supposedly rose on Sunday morning. They observed Lent just as many churches

observe it today, with *weeping* on "Good Friday" and rejoicing on Easter Sunday morning! God calls this an ABOMINATION!

But notice further: "Then said He unto me (God is speaking to Ezekiel): 'Hast thou seen this, O son of man? thou shalt again see yet *greater abominations* than these.' And He brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house, and behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the Lord, AND THEIR FACES TOWARD THE EAST; AND THEY WORSHIPPED THE SUN TOWARD THE EAST."

This is what professing Christians are doing today—turning their backs on God and celebrating pagan customs on Easter Sunday, supposedly in honor of Christ, who did not rise from the dead on Sunday at all!

Jesus Christ—the Word of God—ordered Moses to warn the people not to follow these customs of the heathen. Here is what Jesus Christ said: "Take heed . . . that thou inquire not after their gods, saying: 'How used these nations to serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.' THOU SHALT NOT DO SO UNTO THE ETERNAL THY GOD; FOR EVERY ABOMINATION TO THE ETERNAL, which He hateth, have they done unto their gods" (Deut. 12:30-31).

Here is what *God says*—it doesn't matter what we think—but it DOES MATTER what God thinks. He calls these pagan Easter customs *abominations*.

No wonder the apostles did not teach the early spirit-filled New Testament Church of God to observe these traditions of men!

Is it any wonder that Jeremiah was *inspired* to write: "Learn not the way of the heathen . . . for the customs of the people are vain"? (Jer. 10:2.)

Now that we know the *pagan* origin of the Easter celebration, let's clear away the web of error that covers the truth about keeping the Passover, the memorial of Christ's death.

We need to return to the faith Jesus delivered to us. Write immediately for the booklet "When and How Often Should We Observe 'the Lord's Supper'?" It makes the truth plain.

"In the Beginning . . ."

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junction of the great Apostle to the Gentiles, which they themselves taught, to 'Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good.'

"And thus Christian Opinion, founded upon what they mistakenly believed to be true interpretations of the Scriptures, controlled and disquieted the thoughts of men throughout the long silent centuries of the sword-swept dark ages of Europe" (*Ibid.*, p. 21).

Because of gross misrepresentation of Scripture and the violent suppression of the truth—even by the sword—a growing movement against religion began in all fields of science. "The idea that present conditions [in contrast to the clear Biblical statement that God created the heavens and the earth] furnish the safest basis for thinking about the past emerged as a REACTION against the time-honored and almost UNIVERSAL belief that the earth and its physical features are products of mysterious supernatural events.

"A great deal of weight was placed on a strict interpretation [actually a strict MISrepresentation] of Scripture, which limited the existence of the physical world to a relatively short time and required the compression of universal creation and other tremendous events into a few thousand years" (Stokes, *Essentials of Earth History*, p. 31—Emphasis ours throughout the article).

Scientists Ignorantly Reject God

Notice! The movement which began against religious teachings about 400 years ago was NOT actually against the teachings of the Bible. The real teachings of the Bible were not even known! It was the *misinterpretation* of Scripture that scientists were fighting. They were fighting a medieval superstition that had its origin in pagan wretchedness, not in the Bible.

Realizing the error in Catholic and Protestant teachings, scientists organized to thrust out of men's minds the knowledge they assumed to be the Bible's teachings. Since these churchmen all said they got their scientific beliefs from



This is how the universe was envisioned during the Middle Ages. It pictured a solid sky with the sun, moon, and stars rotating around a flat earth! Behind the "sky" was supposedly a complicated mechanism which moved the heavenly objects! This and other fables from the Dark Ages still affect certain beliefs about the Bible. The belief that God created the heavens and the earth about 6000 years ago is one of these fables.

the Bible, the scientists ASSUMED they were fighting the Bible.

And, getting God out of the picture also meant men could now rationalize they did not need to obey their Creator. Evolution and spontaneous generation were taught as truth in place of God's Word.

Let's understand. Both the professing Christian churches and the scientists were in error.

Churchmen said they had the Bible's teaching about the earth's history and place in the universe. Yet they *rejected* the Bible's teaching and the knowledge God wants us to discover for ourselves! They called the truth HERESY! Some today reject clear knowledge—still preferring to live in the dark ages and to call truth heresy.

Scientists had the facts God wants us to learn by exercising our five senses, but they interpreted all the facts through the eyeglass of evolution and uniformity, fulfilling the prophecy that ungodly men in the end times would teach that ". . . all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (II Peter 3:3-7). They were unwilling to retain

God in their knowledge (Rom. 1:18-23).

Neither the professing Christian church nor the scientists checked to see what the Bible actually says! Churchmen *assumed* the Bible agreed with their superstitions and scientists who heard these teachings *assumed* the Bible taught silly, childish fables they knew to be untrue.

It's time to stop assuming and check up! Why follow medieval, dark-ages superstitions? Why not be willing to "prove all things"?

Scientists, instead of turning to God "felt in their bones that there must be a natural explanation for organic as well as geological change, but the method was not easily to be had" (*Scientific American*, Aug. 1959, p. 102).

Is it truly scientific to reject the proof of God's existence on the basis of a "feeling in one's bones"? Admittedly, it was a difficult task!

Why Such Utter Confusion?

What a ridiculous spectacle! Men—both in religion and society—each going his own way. One claiming to teach the

Bible, and in reality teaching traditions of men. The other, openly rejecting the Bible and, "feeling in his bones" that a natural explanation could—and must—be found.

When geologists say "Early geologists fought to free people from the myths of Biblical creation" (*Geotimes*, August 1957, p. 12), they are only saying that men fought to replace one ERROR with another.

Now, the Catholic Church has accepted the evolutionary concept of the earth's origin and life upon it. Numerous Protestant churches have also taken the evolutionary concept into their teachings, justifying their actions by saying the Bible was never meant to be a book on science.

This line of reasoning denies II Timothy 3:16 which says that ALL—not just a part—of Scripture is given by inspiration of God. This modern approach makes God's Word a mere book of traditions of men.

The Bible plainly tells us that either ALL of the Bible is given by inspiration of God or NONE of it is. It is not part tradition—or "stories"—of men and part inspiration of God. It stands as ONE UNITY. When the Bible does speak about history, geology, astronomy, etc., it agrees with scientific facts.

Of course, in some few cases one needs to understand that the Bible records conversations of men. In so doing it accurately records what *they* said. But that does *not* automatically mean that what the men said was of God.

For a simple example, Job 1:16 accurately records a message given to Job by one who said a fire from "God" destroyed Job's servants and sheep. But earlier in the chapter the Bible makes it clear that it was Satan—not God—who sent this destruction! Read it in Job 1:12. We should read the scripture as it is, and *not* read our meaning into it.

The Bible tells us: "*The fear of the Lord is the BEGINNING of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that DO [KEEP] his commandments . . .*" (Ps. 111:10).

And, "*The fear of the Lord is the BEGINNING of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction*" (Prov. 1:7).

It's time to quit assuming, and to

start obeying and fearing God!

Because the truth about the earth's history has been buried under a trash heap of medieval pagan superstition and ignorance, men have assumed all of chapter one of Genesis is speaking of the same time. Some have been unwilling to admit that "in the beginning," in Genesis 1:1, is not speaking of Adam's creation, but of a time long before Adam.

Man's 6000 years of reasoning himself astray, of being led into deception by Satan the Devil, are rapidly nearing a climax. You need to write for our free, highly illustrated booklet entitled "1975 in Prophecy" to understand the prophesied events which are to literally SHAKE this earth in the next few years. Events which will bring to completion man's tragic 6000-year history of wars and suffering and usher in the *wonderful world tomorrow!*

Personal from the Editor

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sex was regarded as dirty, nasty, evil. It was looked on with a sense of shame. The subject was hush-hush. Parents taught their children nothing. They knew nothing to teach—and besides, it would have been too embarrassing. 90% of marriages were unhappy because of ignorance.

Then, suddenly, after World War I, the legal barriers were knocked down. Books disseminating sex information flooded bookstore shelves. Moral standards relaxed. Judge Lindsay of Denver shocked the world with his advocacy of "companionate marriage"—that is, temporary trial marriages being made legal until one found the mate he wanted in *real* marriage. Once people recovered from the shock, they stopped even bothering with trial marriages! More or less promiscuous premarital sampling became the campus fad.

RESULT? Well, there is an invisible LAW. Start experimenting in premarital sex, and you lessen or destroy capacity for REAL LOVE that is lasting in marriage. The only sex knowledge so far

made available in this world's colleges is biological PHYSICAL knowledge. But there is a spiritual LAW. There is a PURPOSE of which they know nothing. The real secret of marital happiness they know not.

RESULT? Marriages are less happy with all this biological sex knowledge than they were in ignorance! Divorces are on the increase! Premarital experience has become somewhere close to universal. Unwanted premarital pregnancies are literally shattering young student lives by hundreds of thousands!

Whether or not God was ever on the average college campus, it is a certainty HE IS *NOT* THERE NOW! And college students are *NOT* learning HOW TO LIVE.

How grateful I am that God Almighty has allowed me to be His instrument in founding three colleges where students learn the TRUE VALUES—where they learn HOW to really LIVE—where I personally am privileged to teach incoming freshmen the PURPOSES (that's plural!) of having made us male and female, and the knowledge that keeps young people clean and out of trouble *before* marriage, and joyfully happy *IN* marriage.

Ambassador Colleges are *NOT* "religious schools," or "Bible colleges." They are liberal arts co-educational colleges, with highest academic and intellectual standards. They are colleges where students learn to really ENJOY life—where men are masculine and women are feminine, with healthy and wholesome respect the one for the other.

Our students have fun. They are serious minded, with a PURPOSE in life—but they are not prudes—they are not sanctimonious. They learn to develop personality, to be rightly outgoing, to radiate. They study hard, work hard, play hard—with zeal and enthusiasm.

The very first thing visitors to one of these campuses will notice is the fact that the very atmosphere seems surcharged with HAPPINESS, with vitality, with a sense of active, positive, enjoyable well-being. There is enthusiasm. There is appreciation!

As the caption of *This Week's* article asked:

"IS GOD LEAVING THE CAMPUS?" And I answered, gratefully, "*NOT HERE!*"

Ambassador Colleges Demand EXCELLENCE!

Education faces a frightful crisis! It is producing hydrogen bombs and space weapons—yet fails to instill moral values in world leaders to prevent WORLD SUICIDE! In a world of mounting FAILURES in schools and colleges, THREE pioneer colleges set the pace for the WORLD TOMORROW!

by Roderick C. Meredith

NOTED EDUCATORS throw up their hands! They admit the fateful downward plunge in morals—the dangerous drift into materialism—the FAILURE of schools and colleges to develop leaders in whose hands nuclear weapons would be SAFE for humanity.

"But what can we do?" they cry. "We're in the grip of a vicious TREND! We're helpless to *change* it. We're powerless to *arrest* this downward plunge toward the suicide of all humanity!"

Approaching CRISIS! World SUICIDE!

Talk stopped years ago about *whether* there will be a World War III. Talk centers only around *WHEN!* And it means world-scale *NUCLEAR* WAR! It means—unless some unforeseen turn of events prevents—the erasure of human life from this planet!

This world is *RUN* by its leaders. Its leaders are the men educated in this world's colleges and universities. But these institutions devoted to training future world leaders are not instilling spiritual and moral values. They are utterly *FAILING* to inculcate a sense of the *TRUE* values. They are committed to *CRASH PROGRAMS* to turn out more and more destructive weapons. But there is no time to teach men now to guide these awesome forces into *PEACEFUL* and *USEFUL* channels.

It's the same all over today's world. It's the same in America, in Britain, in Japan, in the U.S.S.R.

Everywhere "education at too many

points has slipped into an easy, dangerous mediocrity." So states Dr. Sterling McMurrin, the Commissioner of Education appointed by the late President Kennedy.

Professor Claude Coleman, of Southern Illinois University, described it this way: "In the graduate school, the splinter must dedicate his entire existence to becoming a sharper and more highly polished splinter.

"American society is educating its best minds in the *WRONG DIRECTIONS* and with a *false sense of values*," he concluded. "Nine tenths of our faculties are bores, simply because they become complete nincompoops outside their specialties. They are not happy until their undergraduate majors become as narrow as they are themselves."

What a confession for an educator! These startling confessions indicate

One of the study rooms in the fine library at Ambassador College, in Pasadena, California.



the lack of true DEPTH in much of today's education. Millions of young students—as we have all been hearing—are simply UNABLE to use the English language properly. Their elementary school training has been *careless and slipshod*.

But those who do make it into a college or university are exposed to an even *greater EVIL*.

FAILURES of Modern Education

As Coleman stated, they have been given a "FALSE sense of values." They do not know *where* they came from, WHY they are alive or *what* their goal in life should be. This *serious lack* reflects not only in confused *personal* lives and goals, but in our NATIONAL life as well.

Noted columnist Sidney J. Harris summed it up in these words: "The problem is this: that intellectual knowledge is additive, while moral knowledge is not. What this means is that each generation knows more than the last, but ACTS NO BETTER.

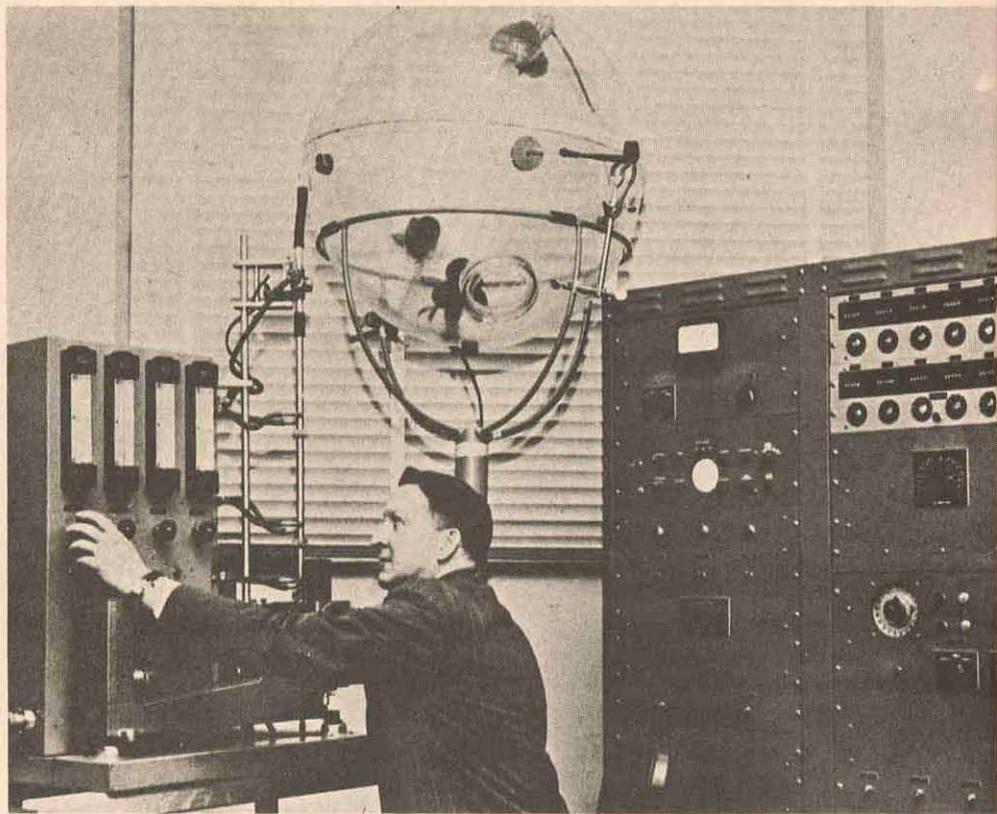
"Man is the only learning animal. Man's brain permits him to store and transmit knowledge through history . . . But in terms of moral knowledge—the kind that effectively makes our will turn toward the good—we are no further advanced than men at the dawn of history . . . There is more hate and fear and rivalry in the world today than there was during Biblical days or during the Greek and Roman eras. Along with this, there is far greater capacity for destruction.

"Moral knowledge does not seem to increase from generation to generation. *All we learn from the past is to commit the same mistakes in greater volume and with more consequences.*"

With the advent of the *hydrogen bomb* and *space weapons*, this scandalous LACK of moral and spiritual values in modern education assumes *truly frightening proportions*. At this point in human history, we CANNOT AFFORD to keep making the *same mistakes* over and over. The *result*—as world leaders admit—may well be WORLD SUICIDE!

Yet modern college and university education does practically NOTHING to alleviate this dangerous situation.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mayes, President of



Wide World Photo

Today's colleges train men who can invent fantastic machines, such as this germ-warfare warning device. But these same institutions have not trained men how to avoid war. The aerosoloscope in this photo counts germs, dust and moisture particles in the air. It was built to provide protection in case of sneak attack by germ warfare.

Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, recently stated: "A man is not improved morally simply by educating him. The tragedy of our time lies in the fact that there is little or no correlation between education and goodness.

"We know more than we have ever known," Dr. Mayes continued. "We have more educated people than at any time in history; we have more people with college degrees, yet our humanity is a DISEASED HUMANITY.

"It isn't knowledge we need; knowledge we have," he added. "*Humanity is in need of something spiritual.*"

Sensual, Spoiled and IGNORANT of World Affairs

Many educators realize that the modern college student is afflicted with the disease of *affluence—too much for nothing*. He is physically *spoiled* and intellectually LAZY. From an article in *The National Observer*: "The college man of today is a complete flop, for he is more interested in hi-fi and beer than he is in new thoughts and challenges

to the old order."

A three-year study of undergraduate knowledge of foreign affairs financed by the Carnegie Corporation disclosed the following: The typical college senior is WOEFULLY ignorant of foreign affairs or world events. College students know very little about geography. In almost every area of this field, the average student about to leave college is hazy on even fundamental world issues, and knows almost NOTHING of American foreign policy.

As for the *moral* atmosphere in the institutions of "higher learning," the *New York Post* conducted interviews on "cheating" in classes and got some of the following responses.

"A . . . junior argued that cheating is 'not dishonest' but 'necessary.' His argument: 'If you have to pass, you have to pass.'

"A Brooklyn sophomore endorsed cheating 'if you're sure you can get away with it.' 'This is,' he said, 'a dog-eat-dog world—and if you have a chance of doing a little better than the next

fellow, you should take advantage of it. Cheating goes on all over.'

"The emphasis in our schools is on high marks, not on learning,' said a sophomore."

And on the *sexual* side, *Newsweek* magazine reported: "Colleges last week were urged to face up to the facts of life: there are fewer virgins and more sex on the campus than ever before. In the current journal of the National Association of Women Deans and Counselors, devoted to campus sex standards, it was suggested since morality is no longer an 'unassailable absolute,' colleges should not dictate values, but should help students to find their OWN standards."

The Real CAUSE of Educational FAILURE

The SOURCE of these mounting educational failures is that the true PURPOSE of life and the LAWS of life are *completely omitted* from the curricula.

Harper's Magazine in its article, "God In Our Colleges," reported: "In the first place, the standing assumption is that ultimate questions are in principle unanswerable, and hence not worth asking seriously. This assumption may not discourage freshmen, but over a four-year period it is pretty well driven home. In the second place, nobody is much interested in students' answers to such questions, or deems them worth putting in competition with anybody else's."

Therefore, in our modern universities the students are taught many "facts" in certain areas of knowledge, but are NOT taught any over-all *purpose* or GOAL in life. Hence, there is no *perspective*—no *standard of values*—no central TRUTH around which these facts should be oriented to give them proper meaning.

Totally *neglecting* any *standard of values*—and totally neglecting GOD—the *selfishness*, the *aimlessness* and the *moral DEPRAVITY* in our institutions of "higher learning" is skyrocketing!

Nearly two thousand years ago, the Almighty RULER of this universe inspired the Apostle Paul to condemn the so-called "great" Gentile thinkers of his day—the *very perverts upon whose philosophies modern education was*

BUILT! "Professing themselves to be *wise*, they became FOOLS" (Rom. 1:22).

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a REPROBATE mind, to do those things which are not convenient; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers. . . ." (Verses 28-29.)

Built on this corrupt educational foundation, the PRODUCT of modern "enlightened" society is all too often an irreligious, unbalanced, SELF-willed human being who is LUSTFUL, LAZY and SPOILED; who has learned to "*cheat*" on exams, *cheat* his government on taxes, *cheat* his boss in giving an honest day's work, and *cheat* even on his wife! His "education" for life has consisted of memorizing certain facts and ideas in a very *limited* field, but he has NOT been taught to *analyze*, to THINK or to UNDERSTAND the real *meaning* or *worth* of these facts in relationship to his own *nation*, the *world* of nations around him, or his *eternal relationship* with GOD!

Is such a man, after all, truly "educated"?

Ambassador Colleges Are DIFFERENT

There are now THREE colleges on earth which provide an answer to the dilemma posed by our *false system* of modern education. These are the *Ambassador* Colleges—and they are located, respectively, in Pasadena, California; at Bricket Wood, near London, England; with a third campus to open its doors this fall at a beautiful site near Big Sandy, in East Texas.

These colleges were founded by the Editor of this magazine, Herbert W. Armstrong, who is founder and Chancellor of all three institutions. Just as *The PLAIN TRUTH* is called: "A Magazine of *Understanding*," so one of the distinguishing factors of the Ambassador Colleges is that they impart not only knowledge but *understanding* and *wisdom*.

These institutions are *liberal arts colleges*—empowered by the state to confer degrees. They are NOT Bible schools. Most Ambassador graduates do

NOT become ministers, and there is—on the other hand—a great deal of emphasis placed on becoming a *balanced* person, AVOIDING any "pseudo-spirituality" or "nicey-nice" behavior so common around many religious institutions.

Yet, at the same time, the *understanding* of the Creator's PURPOSE in our lives and in world affairs is *never forgotten!* People are taught to *think*, to *question*, to *research*, to *prove* and to UNDERSTAND the really BIG questions of life.

Students who want to thoroughly *prove*, to *understand* and to LIVE the full and abundant life intended by the Creator come to the Ambassador Colleges from all over the world. Many come from Britain, Canada, Australia, South Africa. Many already have degrees from other major universities—such as Harvard, Yale, Oxford or the University of London.

They come because they have seen—through *The PLAIN TRUTH*—that there is a PURPOSE being worked out here below. They want a *true education*—on a high academic level—based on *that purpose*.

The Ambassador Atmosphere

An amazing insight into *many* subjects is gained by Ambassador students because the college encourages a vigorous intellectual curiosity in its faculty and student body alike.

Because the student enrollment in each institution is kept relatively small—currently maintained at 550 students or under—many advantages are gained by a *personalized* type of instruction which is almost nonexistent in the average university or college. This is especially desirable in the foreign language classes.

In the field of foreign languages, incidentally, Ambassador Colleges certainly *excel*. Students are taught to *think* and *speak* in the language they are studying almost from the first period of instruction. With the genuine interest in truly *learning* the language stimulated by the Ambassador atmosphere, and the added impetus of foreign language clubs and special trips to foreign language activities or movies, Ambassador students are able to really *use* the language they are studying much sooner in their college

career than in most other institutions.

Unusual opportunities are also provided in the field of musical training at Ambassador. The Ambassador Chorale is an outstanding example of the type of musical training received here, and many of you have heard the Chorale sing on *The WORLD TOMORROW* radio broadcast or—in past years—on *The WORLD TOMORROW* television program.

Truly *outstanding* training in the field of public speaking is offered at the Ambassador Colleges. In addition to regular courses in public speaking and voice phonetics which are made *extremely practical*, the men students may join one of the *Ambassador Clubs* which are patterned after the Toastmasters International Clubs—after-dinner speech clubs usually composed of business and professional men. The *Ambassador Clubs* have proved to be a most enjoyable and helpful addition to the speech training of all participating students. Unusual speech opportunities are available to advanced students, and the enthusiasm in this department is extremely high.

Outstanding Instruction in History and Principles of Living

Unique opportunities are available in the field of historical and literary research at Ambassador. Under the guidance of Dr. Herman L. Hoeh, Dean of Instruction, students on the Pasadena campus are stimulated and directed in helping uncover exciting and meaningful events of history. They make available the real LESSON of history which most historians gloss over or fail utterly to understand.

The history and classical literature courses in the Ambassador Colleges are perhaps among the most "mind-stretching" of those taught anywhere on earth!

But honest *study, research, and proof* are both given and demanded in these and all Ambassador classes! This atmosphere is what makes many Ambassador classes *exciting*—besides being *eminently worthwhile* and *meaningful* in finding the ANSWER to a happy and productive life.

Over-all, even casual visitors to the Ambassador campuses will be impressed by the Ambassador attitude of being alert to question and study *anything*



Mayfair, one of the women's student residences at Ambassador College, Pasadena, California. Student residences reflect character and culture.

about how to live happily and successfully according to the living LAWS the Creator has set in motion. Special lectures on nutrition and diet are presented from time to time, and the students are challenged in this and many ways to come to a really *sound* basis for healthful, zestful living.

A most unusual and *valuable* course is taught by the Chancellor himself in Principles of Living. This course includes the *understanding* of many *lessons of life* which would never be imparted in any other institution. The course concludes each year with a series of lectures given by the Chancellor on GOD'S purpose in sex and marriage, and the real *understanding* of the principles of marriage as could only be taught at Ambassador.

This *most valuable* course incorporates all the latest scientific and medically proven data vital to the subject, but imparts *spiritual* understanding and knowledge—*always* overlooked by the world—which provides the real KEY to true happiness in sex and marriage.

This atmosphere of *learning to live*, this spirit of true *intellectual freedom* unshackled from tradition—these things distinguish the Ambassador Colleges from all others.

The Outstanding Beauty and Facilities of the Three Campuses

After seeing our campuses, many people have said that they "mutually excel" one another. For each of the Ambassador Colleges is located in an area of warmth and beauty—yet each is different, in certain respects, from the other.

Here's why. Pasadena, California, has long been regarded as one of the cultural centers in the nation—and it well should be. Within a few miles of our campus here are great libraries, two world-famous astronomical observatories, famous galleries and museums, and outstanding technical institutions where great research projects are always in operation.

Downtown Los Angeles is fifteen minutes from the Ambassador campus by automobile on the freeway; Hollywood, only twenty minutes away.

Recreational facilities lie in every direction. There is nearby mountain hiking and skiing, ocean beaches, Pasadena's famous Rose Bowl and its Civic Auditorium, where world-renowned recreational and cultural attractions are frequently presented.

The campus itself is primarily situated
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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

We become frightened at T.V. popularity—cancel ABC Network, plunge into television. "We're in the movies, now!"

BY 1955 television had become the popular craze in the United States. That year there were some 43 million television sets in the United States. That year the manufacture of T.V. sets hit its all-time peak in America—7,800,000 sets manufactured.

Suddenly we became frightened. Almost in a panic, we decided to make a frantic dash to put *The WORLD TOMORROW* on television—before radio went completely dead.

Rise of One-Eyed Monster

Garner Ted Armstrong likes to dub television by the term "one-eyed monster." Millions of people spend four, six, or eight hours a day looking into a television screen.

I first remember radio in about 1920 or 1921. I was still in the advertising business in Chicago, then. But the primitive radio sets of that time that come vaguely, in blurred focus, to my memory were little "wireless" sets heard only through earphones.

My earliest memory of radio, as it is today, however, dates back to 1932. At that time I was advertising manager of a daily newspaper in Astoria, Oregon. It was the very depth of the Great Depression. It had become necessary to trade advertising space for merchandise. Money, as a medium of exchange, was too scarce. I had traded advertising space for a portable radio set. It was rather large in size, for a portable. But it would receive stations from greater distances than any I have ever had since.

When we moved back to Salem, Oregon, in February, 1933, and I re-entered the ministry, I began, for the first time, to listen to religious broadcasts. Among the first, which interested me, was Dr. John Matthews of Hollywood, who styled himself "the Shepherd of the air," prided himself on being the "scholarly" radio minister. Then there was Dr. Stew-

art MacLennan, broadcasting from the Hollywood Presbyterian Church Sunday nights. These two I heard on Radio station KNX.

Also there were a few local radio preachers on Portland and Seattle stations, and one which came in Sunday evenings sharp and clear from a station in Calgary, Alberta. A little later I began to hear Dr. Charles E. Fuller (Pasadena), also. At that time, he was broadcasting Sunday nights on powerful KNX.

At that time I never even remotely contemplated going on the air myself. But when I heard that time was open on our little local station in Eugene, in October, 1933, I seized the opportunity. That led to the broadcasting of *The WORLD TOMORROW*, starting the first Sunday in 1934.

HOW SUDDENLY have these inventions sprung up! WHAT A *DOOR* Jesus Christ has opened, that HIS MESSAGE may go to the world for the first time in 18½ centuries!

Even in the year 1930 there were comparatively few radio sets in America. But by 1934 most United States homes had radio.

And *THAT VERY YEAR* that we started on the air—1934—TELEVISION WAS INVENTED!

Think of it! Television, so common in the United States today, and becoming more common in Britain and other parts of the world, was not even invented until the very year *THE WORLD TOMORROW STARTED ON RADIO!*

My first memory of television was at Radio Station KNX, the CBS Network headquarters in Hollywood, in 1942. The CBS Network was giving a rather elementary demonstration of television—still in the experimental stages. They then hoped to be broadcasting television after the end of the war.

We moved into our present home in

Pasadena in July, 1947. There were very few television sets in use then—but television was in operation on the air.

The sets at that time were mostly little 9-inch screens. I bought one because I knew it would be developed, and felt I needed to keep abreast of progress. If it became popular like radio, I felt we might need to put the program on television.

At that time there was no network T.V. There were two local stations in Los Angeles—KTLA (still on), and one other which was then difficult to tune in at our home. The KTLA programs were all local programs. There was local wrestling, and other purely local programs.

The BIG shows, then, were still on radio over the national networks. Actually the image orthicon pickup tube was not developed until 1946 by RCA. The first network television, transcontinental, was inaugurated September 4, 1951. By 1952 we were getting several of the so-called BIG SHOWS, with the top radio talent now on T.V., Coast to Coast via the Networks.

With the advent of these big-time network shows, T.V. began to sweep the nation. In 1950 there were 7½ million television sets in the United States. But the one year of 1955 saw the record production of 7,800,000 sets in that one year. Today there are more than 50 million sets in use in the United States.

We Race to Television

By 1955 the big-name Network shows had all left radio for television and were almost monopolizing night-time entertainment in America. The motion-picture business was on the skids. The first of the notorious big-money quiz shows, *The \$64,000 Question*, attracted T.V. audiences above 60 million people.

This, and one other circumstance, con-

spired to give us the jitters. We had learned that it was the EVERY-NIGHT, or *daily* broadcasting, seven days a week, which proved really effective. We were spending BIG MONEY, now, on coast-to-coast network radio—Sunday only—one program a week. This once-a-week radio was *not* producing results commensurate with the DAILY broadcasting over the super-power stations. At that time we were on super-powerful WLS, Chicago, seven times per week. Also on the equally powerful WWVA, and we had been for some years broadcasting EVERY NIGHT on the super-power Mexican border stations. The mail response from the Sunday ONLY network broadcasting, per dollar spent, was very low, by comparison with the DAILY broadcasting on these super-power stations.

There were two reasons for that. One was the fact of the DAILY broadcasting—the other the fact that MOST of the ABC stations we were using were comparatively small-powered stations. I had found that a BIG-powered station, while it may cost two to four times as much, will bring a mail response from ten to fifty times greater than small stations.

But the main cause of our fears was the fear of television. It seemed that everybody was turning to television. It began to look like radio would soon be a thing of the past.

All these factors caused us to decide to plunge, quickly, into television. I issued advance notice of cancellation of the Sunday Network broadcast.

Our Advertising Agent of that time brought in an associate, who was some kind of production manager at the new *Television City* plant of CBS, Hollywood. He was engaged as our Director-Producer.

Today television is coming primarily to the use of TAPE for TV recording. But at that time it had to be on FILM.

Suddenly I found that I was IN THE MOVIES!

So, "We're in the Movies, Now!"

The campus paper, *The PORTFOLIO*, for April 21, 1955, carried a front-page story about our sudden rush to get on TV.

It stated: "The nation is going crazy over television! Millions of viewers are sitting hunched in their TV chairs for

many hours each day. They're forgetting about God's Message—forgetting about the rocking, reeling world they live in—DRUGGING their minds with lethargy.

"And so," the story continued, "the truth of God will be THUNDERED at them right from their own TV sets!

"Mr. Armstrong announced that the first WORLD TOMORROW program will be seen over channel KLOR, Portland, Oregon, within a few more weeks."

Continuing, the campus paper stated: "Planning far in advance, Mr. Armstrong said production will begin within a very few weeks, with other TV stations being added as fast as God provides the way.

"The supreme, *all-important turning point* has been reached! God's Work must make a shift from one medium of circulation to another. It will be no easy task."

And it certainly was NO EASY TASK!

The programs would have to be filmed at a Hollywood motion-picture studio. There would have to be "sets." First, under direction of our producers, an artist was engaged to sketch a picture, and draw plans for these sets. We decided on two.

First was a sort of stage, with a podium, and a large globe of the world suspended from the ceiling, hanging in the background. This would be emblematic of the world tomorrow! The second stage setting would be that of a private study, with bookcases, and an

office desk. For this we used the same desk I had used as my desk in my office in Eugene, Oregon—and was still using in Pasadena.

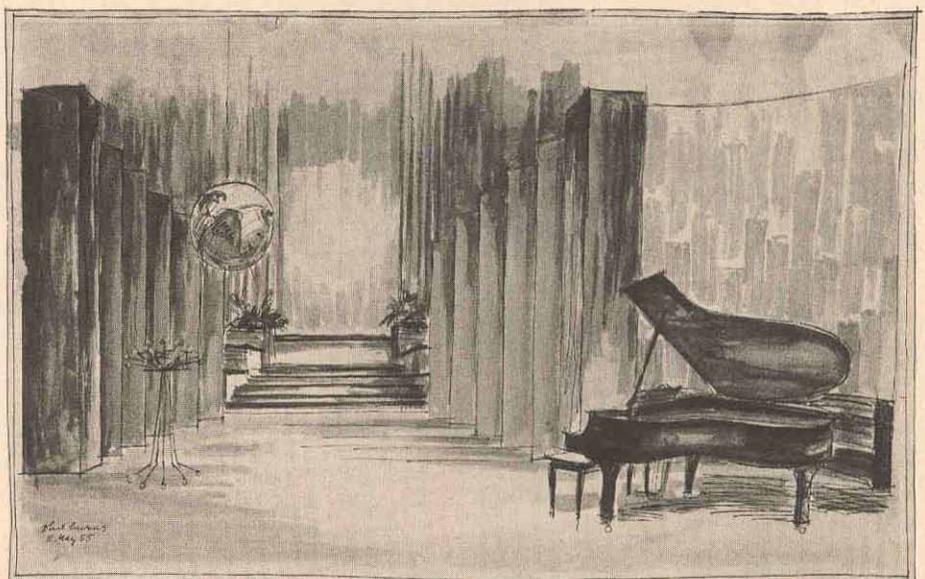
For the first set, we transported one of our semi-concert grand Steinway pianos from the college Music Department.

After receiving and approving the sketches, the sets were constructed in Hollywood. Meanwhile I began work on planning the type of program, and the format.

I felt that for me to simply walk out to a speaker's platform, and have the cameras steadily on me for a full half hour would prove very tiresome and monotonous to the viewing audience. So we began to work out plans to have the scene shift frequently to the thing I was talking about.

We had been *required*, by the radio network, against our own better judgment, to break the continuity of the program, near the middle, with music. For this, my daughter, Beverly Armstrong Gott, was used with a soprano solo in each program. So we decided to have Beverly sing on the TV program.

By that time, my son Garner Ted was making rapid progress with his voice lessons in Ambassador College, and had become our number one baritone. So we decided to vary the singing part of the program. On some programs, we planned to use a soprano solo by Beverly. On others a baritone solo by



This is a black-and-white reproduction of artist's color sketch of the first "set." Note the large globe of the world suspended from the ceiling. Compare this sketch with the final product, last photo, page 43.



Ted. And on others a duet with both of them. I think I have mentioned before that my father had a most unusual bass singing voice. Some of that talent was passed on through heredity. Personally, I do not have a singing voice at all—only speaking. But my children all inherited good singing voices—and not only from my father, but from their mother as well.

However, as we got into production on the first three or four programs, we began to use more and more "film stock"—that is, news-events motion-picture film obtained from the NBC film library in New York, to illustrate the speaking message, and after the first few programs, we dropped all singing from the program.

A Lion on the Campus

Our original idea for a format to put the program on the air was to show one or two campus views of our magnificently landscaped campus, as the announcer's voice announced "From the beautiful campus of Ambassador College, in Pasadena, California, its Presi-

The second stage-setting for the World Tomorrow TV broadcast was prepared from this sketch. Compare it with the fourth photo on page 43.

dent, Herbert W. Armstrong, brings you the real meaning behind today's world news, with the PROPHECIES of the WORLD TOMORROW!" Then, as the announcer's voice moved into the words "with the PROPHECIES of the WORLD TOMORROW," the scene was to shift to another picture on our grounds, showing a little girl leading a big lion and a little lamb—as a picture (Isaiah 11:6-7) of tame animals in tomorrow's world. (See page 43 for this sequence.)

Later we discarded this beginning, too. But we did start out with it.

But HOW were we going to show an actual motion picture of a big lion, being led by a little girl, and with a lamb alongside? THIS HAD TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED! And there are no tame

lions, TODAY. There will be, tomorrow. But we had no time-machine to project ourselves into the future, take motion pictures, and then come back to the year 1955!

Immediately I thought of the famous MGM lion, so often shown in motion pictures. Our producers were able to obtain the use of this lion, for a fee, of course. He was big, powerful looking, kingly. And he was *almost* tame—ALMOST, but we dared not trust that he was *altogether* tame!

This lion—a real lion, in the flesh!—was brought by his trainers over to the Ambassador College campus, and allowed to walk out of his cage in his big truck, and on the grounds, in front of *Mayfair*, one of our *girls'* student residences. He surely *seemed* tame. But his trainer explained that he was neither tired nor altogether tame—he was just LAZY!

Personally, I kept the trunk of one of the larger trees between me and the lion while he was allowed to be loose on our grounds. I think we had to obtain a permit from the City of Pasadena to have him there.

But, in planning this, we had to decide HOW we could photograph a helpless lamb beside this big beast, and a little girl leading. We decided not to risk it. Our motion-picture producers said we could do it with trick double-photography.

The producers decided the little girl must be a professional child actress. I think union requirements had something to do with this. They obtained the girl and the lamb. We photographed the lion, coached by his trainer to move slowly toward the camera. Then, after the lion was again safely in his cage, and with the camera securely locked in the same exact position in its tripod, we had the little girl and the lamb walk toward the camera, and a foot or two *beside* the spot where the lion had walked. Later the film editor blended the two together, so that, when it appeared on the TV screens in broadcast, we had the picture of the little girl leading the ferocious lion and the gentle little lamb.

Yes, WE WERE IN THE MOVIES, NOW!

The First Telecast

I decided to use the Biblical prophecies regarding the ancient metropolitan commercial city of Tyre for the very first telecast. This is one of the most astonishing of all prophecies.

We obtained several feet of motion-picture film of the wasteland and ruins photographed at the very spot where this great city once stood. These were edited into the film at the proper places, illustrating what I was saying on the sound-track at the moment.

These prophecies concerning Tyre, when put together with the *facts* of recorded history, give irrefutable PROOF, both of the existence of GOD, and of the inspiration of the Bible as HIS REVEALED MESSAGE TO MANKIND! They are a dynamic and dramatic CHALLENGE to the skeptic—and I used them as such on this first telecast.

I brought out the fact that most highly educated people, and scientists, reject the Bible as the Word of God. They ASSUME, without the scientific *proof* they demand on material questions, that revelation did not happen.

On the other hand, most professing fundamentalist Bible believers ASSUME,

also having *never proved it*, that the Bible IS God's inspired Word.

Then I challenged the skeptics. In the Bible, we read the account of one *claiming* He is the Almighty GOD, and SAYING He can make and unmake nations, change the course of history, and carry out His judgments over millenniums of time.

WHO IS THIS, I asked, daring to make such boasts. Could any skeptic foretell the future of all the world's greatest cities and nations, and then, after two thousand years, *make it come to pass?*

Was this written by some ignorant, superstitious Jew of thousands of years ago, merely quoting a make-believe god and writing fiction? I quoted God's blistering CHALLENGE to the skeptics: "NOW, the Eternal cries, . . . state your PROOFS. . . . Let us hear what is coming, that we may be sure YOU [you skeptics] are gods" (Isaiah 41:21, 23).

Then came what the GOD OF THE BIBLE said would happen to Tyre. Tyre was then—590 B.C.—nearly 1,700 years old, and one of the TWO GREATEST cities on earth. It was the New York of the ancient world—a great commercial and seaport city.

By the time we had the first few telecasts finished, on motion-picture film, sound-track and all, we managed to obtain time on TWELVE TV stations. So, once again, our organized BEGINNING on television, like so many other beginnings, started out with TWELVE. *We didn't plan it to be twelve. It just happened* that was the number of stations, Coast to Coast, in the cities and areas we wanted, which opened to us. Also, by the time we obtained that number, we hit the limit of our budget!

Later we were on thirteen stations—adding Hawaii—but we *started* with twelve.

Camera Jitters

I think I should record, here, something of my personal experience in performing in front of professional motion-picture cameras.

Emphatically, I *did not* take to it as a duck takes to water. Later on, when my son Garner Ted was used in speaking on two of the programs, he *did* adapt to it immediately. And, if, as I now write in early March, 1964, we do get back

on television within the next year or two, I think I shall be content to join the viewers, and let us watch Garner Ted Armstrong instead of myself. By now he is doing almost all of the radio broadcasting, anyway.

To me, however, trying to preach a sermon before a cigarette-smoking Hollywood crew of about 19 people—cameramen, electricians, sound men, script girl, directors, helpers—a full crew, with two TV cameras trained on me—well, it proved a NIGHTMARE!

Actually, once the bright klieg lights were turned on me, I was almost blinded, and I could see little in front of me except blackness. The powerful lights were shining straight into my face!

On our first day of "shooting" in the Hollywood studio, we were scheduled to go through three whole programs on the one full day of "shooting."

When our announcer, Art Gilmore, announced me, I walked out to the podium. I began to try to talk. I *did* try! But it was no go!

Just before this I had been made nervous and a little irritated by the fact our director brought a make-up man into my dressing room, and announced I had to wear make-up.

"What!" I exclaimed, indignantly, "Me wear make-up? Never in a million years!"

"You'll have to, Mr. Armstrong," replied the director soothingly. "Everyone does who appears on motion-picture film."

"Let movie actors wear all the false faces and make-up they wish," I replied defiantly. "But I'm not a movie actor, and I won't wear make-up."

"But, Mr. Armstrong," pursued the director, "this is only to make you LOOK, on the television sets, perfectly *natural*. Your face won't look natural, as the cameras show it, unless we do put on make-up. We only do it to make you *look* as if you DID NOT have anything on your face."

They simply were not going to start shooting until I gave in. Finally, on promise I could try it later *without* make-up, I consented to let the make-up man start chalking up my face.

But I was nettled by it. The whole thing was a totally NEW experience to

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The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER SIXTY-SIX

GIDEON'S TROUBLED PEACE

FROM the town of Penuel, Gideon and his men moved homeward with the spoils from the Midianites, including the two Midianite kings as prisoners. On the outskirts of the town of Succoth they captured a young man from whom they learned the names of seventy-seven of Succoth's leading men, the ones who had refused food to Gideon and his men when they were trailing the Midianites. (Judges 8:11-14.)

"Seek out from the town all the men whose names this fellow has written down and bring them to the main street," Gideon told his soldiers.

Some Were Repentant

Although the adult males of the town were considerable in number, they were cowed by the quick and decisive action of Gideon's men. The leaders were quickly rounded up and brought to the town center.

"You refused us food because you were so faithless you were more afraid of what the Midianites might do to you than what God might do to you for rebelling against Him," Gideon reminded the sullen Gadites. "You refused to believe that God would make it possible for a small number of us to overcome a much greater number of heathens. You will remember that I told you that you should respect and help us, as God's servants, rather than fear the enemy. Now look upon the two kings of the Midianites who were actually fleeing before us with their thousands of troops when we wearily passed through here. We slew all their men, but spared these two men to bring back as evidence we had defeated their army." (Judges 8:15.)

The Gadites stared in amazement at Zebah and Zalmunna. It was plain that they

didn't wish to believe what they could plainly see to be true.

Gideon continued: "You are going to suffer, according to God's will, for your miserable attitude toward your Israelite brothers!"

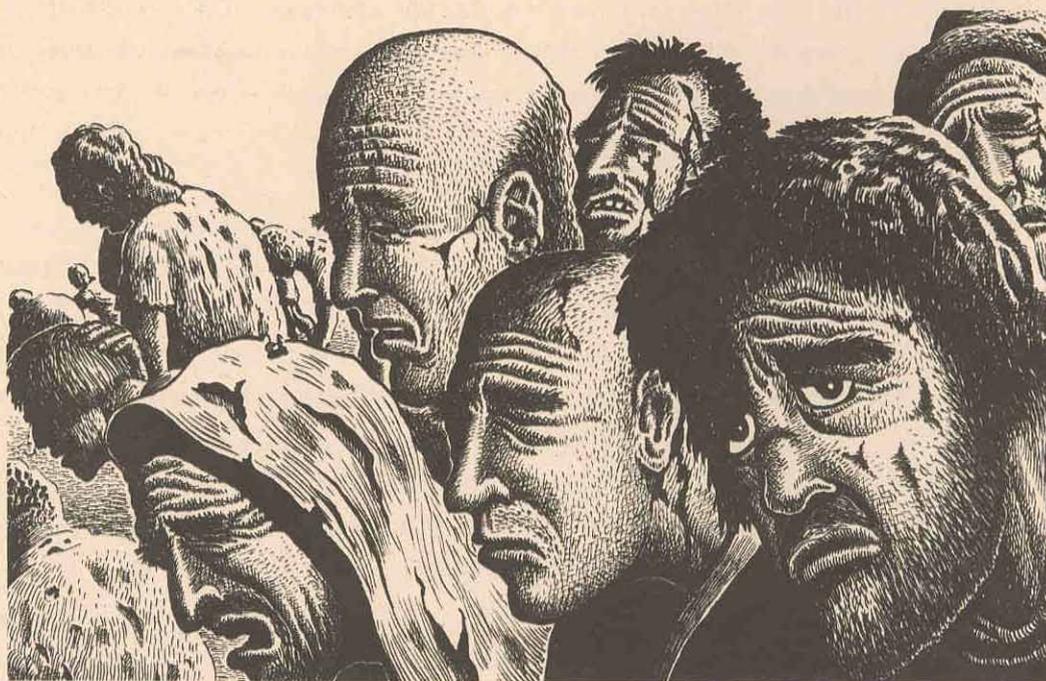
A few of Gideon's men cut limbs from thorny bushes and briars nearby. Then the seventy-seven Gadites, struggling and loudly and angrily protesting, were bound and forced to the ground, face down. They were then chastised with those thorny bush limbs and briars. (Verse 16.)

The rest of the people of Succoth, gathered not far away, watched in fear and trembling, regretful that their city had so stubbornly and hatefully refused food to their Israelite brothers, and thankful to God that only the leaders had to be punished for their city's shameful misconduct.

When the punishment was finished, it was a repentant, remorseful and silent group that got up from the ground as soon as their bonds were cut. They limped away to their homes, thankful that they had come to their senses and that their punishment wasn't as severe as that of the men of Penuel.

God's Swift Justice

Gideon and his group moved on to the west, crossed the Jordan river and



Bleeding and sore, the punished elders of Succoth limped repentantly back to their homes.

entered the central part of their country. There Zebah and Zalmunna were brought to trial as the two chief leaders of the Midianite oppression of Israel in recent years.

In the course of the questioning, Zebah and Zalmunna admitted they had murdered several of Gideon's brothers.

"If you had spared my brothers then, I would spare you now," Gideon told them. "Since you unmercifully put to death many Israelites, including my blood brothers, you can hardly expect to escape the death penalty for murder." (Verses 18-19.)

There was a rule among the Israelites that the first-born male of a family should be the one to execute anyone who murdered any of his kin. Gideon was the youngest son of his parents (Judges 6:15), and therefore he felt that it wasn't his place to personally execute the two Midianite kings, although their fate was more than a family matter.

Gideon's oldest son, Jether, was only a lad in his teens, but according to Israelite procedure, he was the proper one to avenge the deaths of his uncles. Jether was present at the trial, and like all young Israelite men of that time, he was armed to protect himself from attack by the enemy.

"Come here, my son," Gideon said to Jether. "It is your duty and honor to draw your sword and do away with these two pagan murderers."

Young Jether was startled by his father's decree. He understood why his father spoke to him as he did, and he had been taught that God had commanded Israel to use the sword to slay or drive out all enemies from Canaan. But he had never executed a man. His boyish sensitivity in such a situation was far greater than any desire to try to be a national hero.

"I—I can't kill these men!" Jether finally spoke out.

Gideon wasn't disappointed in his son's reaction. He understood the feelings of a friendly young man who had no desire to execute criminals. Gideon knew that it was up to him to do what his son couldn't do, but even before he could step forward to perform the wretched task, Zebah and Zalmunna fearfully called out for him to deal with them and put them to instant death. (Judges 8:20-21.)

"A Soft Answer Turneth Away Wrath"

After the bodies of the two Midianite kings had been hauled away and their camels stripped of their valuable trappings, the Israelites felt that the struggle with their ancient eastern enemy was officially over. Gideon realized, however, that the struggle to keep the people from idolatry was never over, and he continued his efforts against pagan worship.



"You are responsible for the murder of my relatives!" Gideon accused Zebah and Zalmunna. "If you had spared them, I would spare you now!"

Just when he was feeling thankful that matters were going especially well, elders of the tribe of Ephraim came to him to angrily ask why Ephraimite soldiers hadn't been asked to join in the first encounter with the Midianites.

Gideon could have answered in his defense that all the people were aware of the situation, and that the soldiers of Ephraim could have volunteered. He also could have reminded them that he was carrying out explicit orders from God. Instead, he chose to soothe their offended feelings with a soft answer as God commands His servants to do. (Proverbs 15:1.)

"If you feel that your tribe didn't have the opportunity to do enough in this campaign," he told them, "then I must remind you that your soldiers were the ones who showed up just in time to defeat most of the fleeing Midianites at the Jordan river. Without your men there, what would we have done? It was there that God delivered into the hands of your soldiers the two mighty Midianite princes, Oreb and Zeeb. This alone was a great accomplishment compared to what my men and I did!"

Before Gideon had finished talking, the attitude of the elders of Ephraim went through a great change. Obviously they wanted most of the credit for victory to go to their tribe. When they heard Gideon praising their soldiers, they were quite pleased, and departed in a very friendly mood. (Judges 8:1-3.)

A Stumblingblock *Looks* Innocent

Not long after that, a great crowd of Israelites gathered before Gideon's home. When Gideon went out to learn why so many were there, there were loud cheers.

"Because you have saved us from the Midianites," a spokesman for the crowd shouted, "we have come to ask you to be our king! We think you should rule Israel, and that the kingship should remain in your family down through the generations!"

Loud cheering broke forth again, finally to subside after Gideon held up his hands for silence.

"I am not the one to rule over you!" Gideon exclaimed to the crowd. "Neither is my son nor his son. If I am chosen by God to be your leader, so be it. But your *ruler* is God!" (Judges 8:22-23.)

There was another burst of cheers. Gideon continued speaking.

"I have a request. Many golden earrings were recently taken from slain Midianites. Unless those who possess them prefer to keep them, I ask that they be contributed for making ornaments by which we will be reminded of God's delivering us from the Midianites."

"We will willingly give them!" several Israelite soldiers shouted.

Someone spread out a coat on the ground, and hundreds of men filed by, in the next few hours, to drop their booty on it. By the time the last trinket had been given, there were thousands of dollars worth of gold on the coat.

Later, Gideon hired men to melt the gold down and re-shape it into a costly vestment to be used and displayed by him and future leaders of Israel as a symbol of their office as judge. Unfortunately, this thing came to be revered so highly by the people that it eventually became an object of idolatrous worship. (Judges 8:24-27.)

Only Forty Years . . .

For the next forty years, as long as Gideon was their leader and law-enforcer, referred to in the scriptures as a judge, most of the Israelites enjoyed the blessings of peace and prosperity. (Verses 28-29.) Since most people don't know how to wisely use peace and prosperity, such a period can be dangerous. During that time Gideon had several wives. The practice of having more than one wife was tolerated in those times, especially by men who could afford to feed many children. But God punished those who practiced polygamy, though sometimes that punishment befell the children. The Bible doesn't state how many children Gideon had, though it speaks of his having at least seventy-two sons. (Judges 9:5.)

As soon as Gideon died, many Israelites began to abuse their prosperity and turn

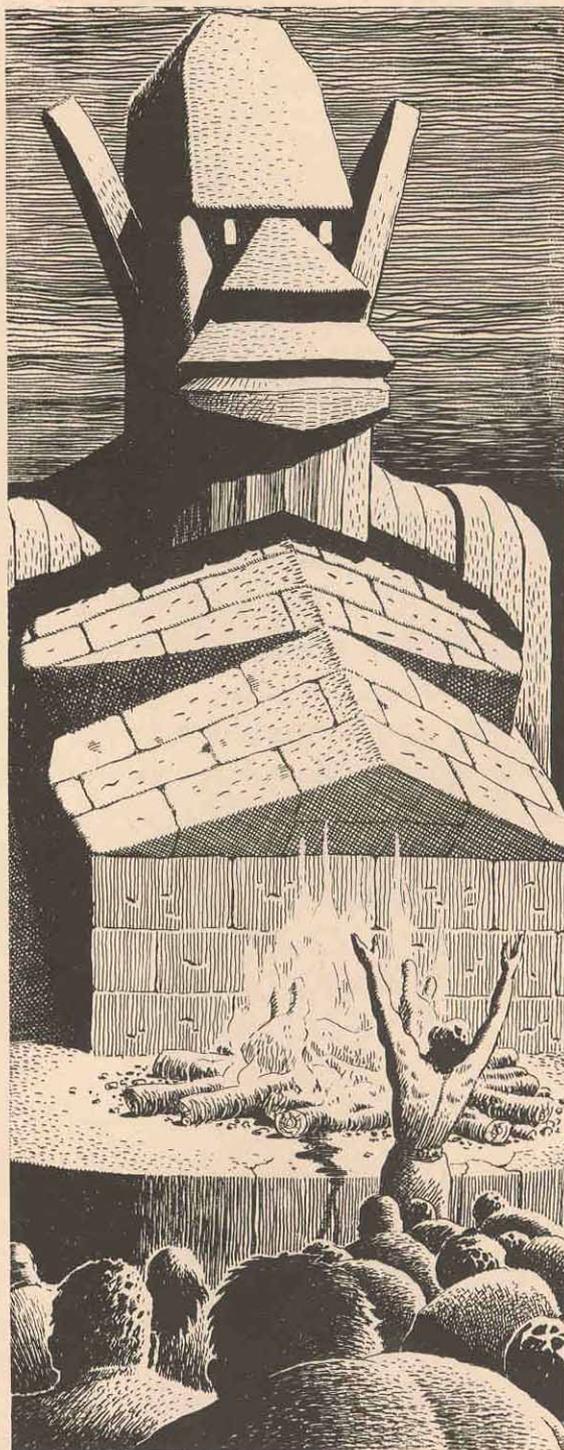
to idleness and ease. They immediately began to fall away from worshipping God and turn again toward the worship of Baal and Easter, the pagans' chief god and goddess. That false religion had been developed into different names and forms among various nations since the ancient times of Nimrod and his mother-wife Semiramis. Soon most of the nation had lost respect for what Gideon had accomplished and what God commanded. It was evident that Israel was once more heading for a downfall, this time to plunge into the misery of civil strife. (Judges 8: 30-35.)

An Evil Man Lusts for Political Power

Abimelech, one of Gideon's sons, was very desirous of being king of Israel. He started his ambitious scheme by going to his mother's family in Shechem to persuade them that one of Gideon's sons should reign over the nation.

"Someone has to determine which of my father's sons should rule," he told his relatives. "Now would you prefer about seventy of them to reign over you, or would you choose just one? I am of your flesh and bone, so why should you prefer anyone except me?" (Judges 9:1-2.)

Abimelech's relatives quickly perceived the advantages of having a



After Gideon's death, the worship of Baal grew among the Israelites, and the city of Shechem was the place where it developed most.

king from their family. They launched a campaign in and around Shechem to promote the idea of how worthwhile it would be to have a leader of Israel from Shechem, so that their city might be established as the capital of the nation.

Shechem had lately become one of the cities where the worship of Baal was most active. Some of the contributions to Baal were turned over to Abimelech, who used the money to buy the services of the kind of evil men who would do anything for a price. (Verses 3-4.)

Appalling Treachery Afoot

Abimelech's next move was shockingly cold-blooded and barbarous, proving that he would stop at nothing to gain what he wanted. He led his hired band of cut-throats to his father's home in Ophrah, about twenty miles southward, where Gideon's other sons were gathered. The hired hoodlums surprised the sons, and managed to overcome them and tie them up. At this point Abimelech arrived on the scene. He carefully examined and counted all the bound men.

"There should be seventy-one here!" he barked at the leader of the gang he had hired. "You have bound only seventy!"

"We took every man we found in this house," the leader explained. "We saw no one else."

"I wanted you to get *all* of them!" Abimelech snapped. "But go ahead with the job. Use that large stone in the back court."

The stone to which Abimelech referred was a part of the architecture in the back yard, but within the next few minutes it became a gruesome chopping block. There the seventy sons of Gideon were beheaded. (Verse 5.)

As soon as the dreadful act was finished, the murderers fled, careful to leave no evidence as to who had committed the ghastly crime.

Gideon's youngest son, Jotham, was the one who had escaped being murdered. He had hidden himself when the assassins had first appeared, but when he heard later what had happened, he almost wished he hadn't. He left Ophrah right after that, realizing that Abimelech's men would be looking for him for a long time.

While the search for Jotham was going on, Abimelech wasn't too worried about him. He felt that the youngest son would fear to make any move against him. He went ahead with his plans to become ruler of Israel by obtaining the backing of influential men, families and priests of Baal in Shechem, which resulted in a few days in a celebration and a ceremony in which Abimelech was declared king of Israel. (Verse 6.)

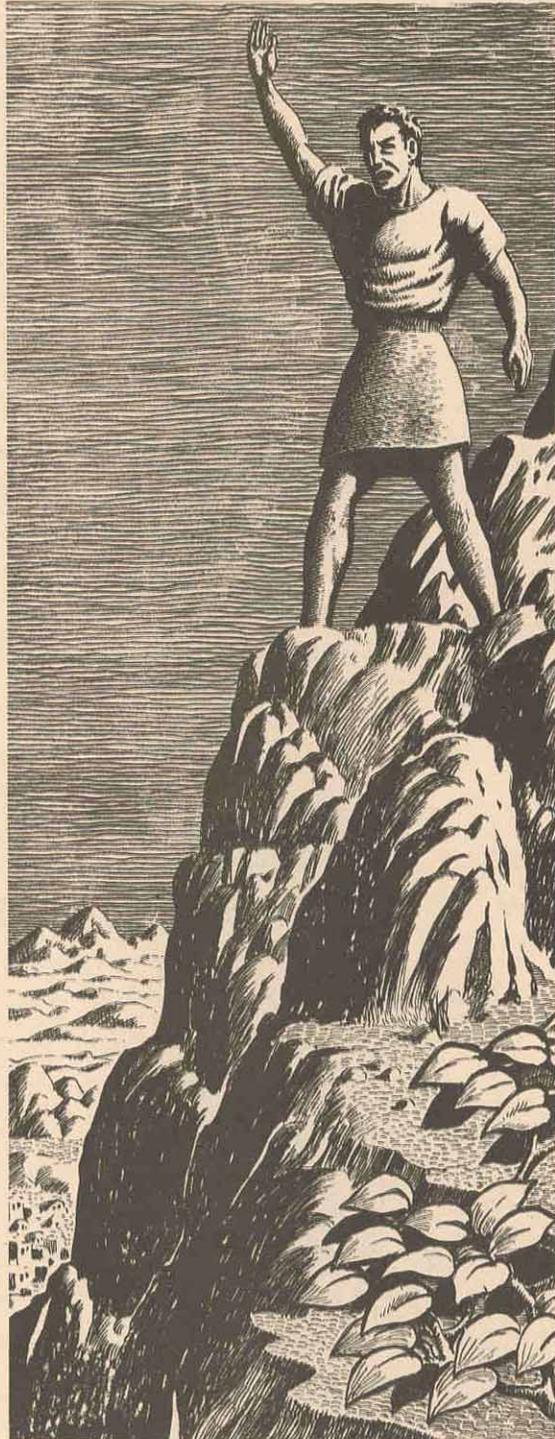
When Jotham learned of this he was quite angry. Even though a son of Gideon,

who had been Israel's leader, he didn't yearn to become Israel's king. But he wanted to expose his half-brother for the murderous, power-seeking politician he was, and to help promote in Israel the conduct his father had enforced and practiced against pagan worship.

By night Jotham went up Mt. Gerizim, which towered close above Shechem. Next morning, when the people were up and about, he appeared on the top to call down to them. This wasn't such a tremendous feat as one might imagine, inasmuch as Joshua had successfully addressed hundreds of thousands of people in that same area. Mt. Ebal was close by to the north, and between the two peaks a strong voice could clearly be heard over an unusually large expanse. (Joshua 8:30-35.)

Jotham couldn't have chosen a better place to talk to so many people at the same time and say what he had to say before Abimelech's hired murderers could get to him. It isn't known how many people lived in and around Shechem at the time, but there must have been at least a few thousand residents, including people from the neighboring villages and countryside who were gathered at Shechem for a festival.

"Listen to me, men of She-



Despite assassins who sought him, Jotham boldly appeared atop Mt. Gerizim to call down to the people of Shechem during the festival.

chem!" Jotham shouted down to them. "You are headed for misery and trouble. But if you will hear what I have to say, and move to correct matters, God will help you!" (Judges 9:7.)

Although Jotham was too far away to be recognized by sight, there were some among the startled people of Shechem who knew him by voice. Abimelech was told at once. He came out to look up and listen, and when he was convinced that the man on the mountain was his missing half-brother, he gave orders to his men to quickly climb the mountain and silence Jotham.

"And bury him up there on the mountain!" Abimelech ordered. But Abimelech did not know God was leading Jotham.

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AMBASSADOR COLLEGES DEMAND EXCELLENCE

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ated on grounds formerly occupied by a series of *millionaire estates* backing up to fabulous South Orange Grove Avenue. These beautifully landscaped grounds—with artistically laid-out gardens, fountains and pools—provide one of the most beautiful settings for a college campus anywhere on earth. People from all over Southern California come to see and admire the beauty of the Ambassador campus, and for the last two years or so, it has been included on the annual Girl Scout "Garden Tour" of beautiful parks and estates in this area.

Accompanying photos—you will find two on the next page—will give you an idea of the many fine buildings, athletic fields and other facilities which the Pasadena campus provides.

College Grounds in Britain and Texas

Our British campus is of similar tone and character. It is situated upon grounds that were once the fabulous estate of Sir David Yule, once a Director, in his day, of the mammoth British East India Company.

The main building has now been named Richard David Armstrong Me-

morial Hall in memory of Mr. Armstrong's elder son who pioneered and established our work in Britain. It is the main classroom building—with, nearby, beautiful dormitory facilities for both men and women students. An extremely attractive new dining hall for our British students has just been completed, including lounges with unusual warmth and charm.

A full quarter-mile Olympic track has just been completed on our British campus, and the students there have very fine athletic facilities including high-quality tennis courts and a newly built handball court.

The British campus is situated about twenty miles north of London in the beautiful English "Green Belt," but is only about forty minutes away from Central London via the *only* motorway or "freeway"—as the Americans would call it—now in England! So our British students are only minutes away from Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, the British Museum and countless other historical and educational centers in London.

Our Texas campus is now under construction, but the *beautiful* rolling hills

and grounds already give evidence of the special charm it will hold for students there. Our own private lake is just now filling up, and outstanding facilities for swimming, water-skiing and other aquatic sports will be especially in evidence on our Texas campus! Of course, a full quarter-mile track, tennis courts and an already-constructed basketball court are planned for this campus plus all other facilities necessary to give it the *same* type of facilities and atmosphere found on the other Ambassador campuses.

A Rare OPPORTUNITY

It is indeed an unusual opportunity and blessing for the young person who is able to attend one of the *Ambassador* Colleges! For *here*—as in no other colleges on earth—you are taught to *study* and *understand* the real PURPOSE of human existence and the WAY to a happy and abundant life.

The Ambassador professors are not "narrow" specialists who give the kind of "splinter" education described earlier in this article. They are stimulated and encouraged to bring the *breadth* and *depth* of thought to their particular subject which you find in the articles in this magazine!

For instance, we noted earlier the abysmal LACK of knowledge and understanding of geography and world events so prevalent even in the graduating sen-



Grove Manor, in Mediterranean style, men's student residence, Ambassador College, Pasadena.

iors of the institutions of this world. *Not so* at Ambassador! Our students are encouraged to take a truly OUTSTANDING course in geography—available on all three campuses—which not only gives the technical *facts* available in most geography courses, but introduces the exciting *meanings* of the geographical situation of nations in regard to their rise and fall, their current place in world affairs, and their prophesied future!

Engaged in the world-wide work of *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast and *PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, many of our professors *travel extensively*, have most *unusual* experiences in their personal history, and can impart truly *meaningful* and *exciting* background information to Ambassador students in their classes.

Instead of being spoiled and coddled, all Ambassador College students are encouraged to *WORK* and to *earn*—at least in part—their *own way* through college! Whenever possible, a job is provided here on the campus in the Construction, Maintenance or Gardening Departments, the Janitor Department, the large kitchen staffs for our student dining halls, or on our large office staffs which assist in mailing out *The PLAIN TRUTH* and other literature *world-wide*.

So Ambassador students are taught to work and *PRODUCE*—and are guided to

plan a definite *GOAL* toward which they can direct their studies and activities.

Recapturing TRUE VALUES

The Ambassador motto is: "Recapture True Values." We are doing this not only in the *classroom* itself, but in our *social* activities, our *athletic* and *recreational* endeavors, in our student *work program* and in *EVERY* phase of life on the three Ambassador campuses!

Knowing *where* we came from and *where* we are going, we restore *GOD* to the picture—and every class and every activity takes on new *purpose* and *meaning* because of this! Yet, even here, exciting *GROWTH* in *new knowledge* and *understanding* is constantly being attained. All of this makes the Ambassa-

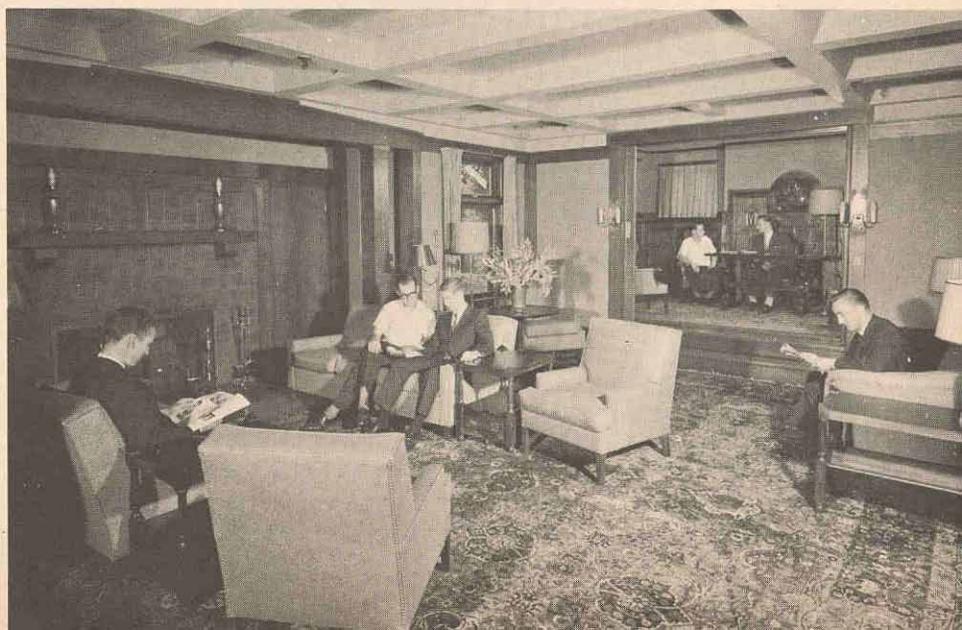
dor campuses the *HAPPIEST* places on this round earth! The "family" atmosphere among our faculty and students—the spirit of *love*, of *warmth*, and of *SERVICE* is unique in all the world.

All young people of college age will do well to look into the possibilities of attending one of the Ambassador campuses and to *DRIVE THEMSELVES* to make this goal possible! All of you in the United States who wish the College Catalog with full particulars about the college and enrollment, write *immediately* to the Registrar, Ambassador College, Box 111, Pasadena, California. Those in Britain, Europe, Australia or South Africa, write for the College Prospectus to the Registrar, Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, St. Albans, Herts., England.

The Ambassador Colleges present the *challenge of a lifetime* to all those interested in acquiring a *true* education. Attending Ambassador may require *extra effort* and *determination* on the part of many, but it is for those with that kind of *intellectual integrity* and *character* that the Ambassador Colleges have been founded.

For the Ambassador Colleges demand *EXCELLENCE* in *purpose* and *character*, as well as in study, research and the acquisition of material knowledge. In this, these institutions are truly *unique* in all the world.

Lounge room in Manor Del Mar, another of the men's student residences, Pasadena branch of Ambassador College.



Autobiography

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me. I felt that every one of that TV crew in the studio was naturally hostile to what I was going to say. I decided I would talk to THEM, and challenge them as my skeptics! Finally I did, and found afterward that, far from being hostile, many of them were quite interested in what I had to say. They had never heard anything like it before. But it didn't happen *that* day.

A Nerve-Shattering Experience

I made false start after false start. Through the morning I struggled with it. The director tried to help me concentrate and get going. But nothing seemed to help.

During noon hour there was no time to drive back over to Pasadena. The producers had arranged an apartment in a nearby bungalow-hotel for Mrs. Armstrong and me, where she could prepare a lunch that would help quiet my nerves and leave me alert for the afternoon's work. I had lemon juice, I remember. I also tried to get in a brief nap.

The afternoon was no better. By day's end, we had shot and wasted a lot of expensive film—out of which the film editor was able afterwards to piece together enough usable footage to make the first half-hour telecast. I never did think it was any good—but it brought a huge response from listeners—more than any later program.

I do not now remember details of events of just under ten years ago as well as I do those happenings when I was a boy. But it seems to me that we had to engage these movie crews, and the studio, for three straight days at a time.

It was frightfully expensive. We were trying to reduce this production expense by shooting three programs per day. I had to have the first NINE programs all ready—in brief notes, and other material—before we even started this actual production.

But that first day we salvaged just ONE program out of a hard and nerve-shattering day's work. As I remember it, we did a little better the second day—I think we completed TWO programs, and

got to our quota of three on the third day.

High Cost of TV Production

I suppose most of my readers know little or nothing about the cost of PRODUCING a half-hour TV show. I have not kept up with it since 1955, but at that time the average half-hour evening show on any one of the three big Networks was costing between \$30,000 and \$35,000 for production. That means JUST TO PUT IT ON FILM. Then the purchase of station time for broadcasting came extra. That, also, on a major Network, averaged about \$35,000 for the half hour. Total cost, about \$70,000 for each weekly half-hour show. That is what the sponsors of the big shows were spending.

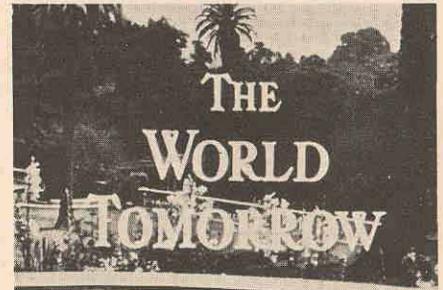
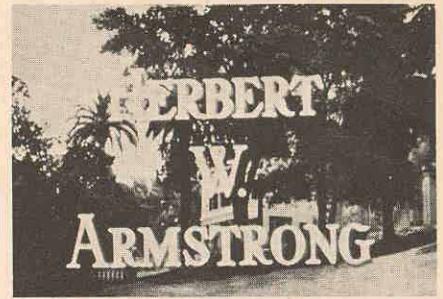
We had estimated that, by shooting three programs per day, we could produce *The WORLD TOMORROW* for TV at around \$900 per program. But that was mere wishful thinking. That first program cost over \$2,500 to produce. Later we did get production costs down to around \$2,000.

Of course the heaviest item of expense on the big entertainment shows is the high fees paid the stars. Many TV stars are paid \$6,000 for their acting in just one half-hour show. Lesser stars and supporting actors and actresses may be paid from \$500 to \$3,000—depending on how big a name they have. Of course, they go in for very expensive "sets"—with often several sets for a single show.

Perhaps the lowest-cost production of all was a show like the \$64,000 *Question*, and similar quiz shows. While they paid up to \$64,000 to the contestant who finally won, such a contestant appeared for several successive weeks before winning that much—so this big fantastic prize was divided into the cost of several programs. There were no stars, except the Master of Ceremonies, and staff members, none of whom drew down the fabulous fees of the big stars.

But then, the quiz shows finally were exposed as being "fixed." They ended in disgrace—although the public tuned in to be ENTERTAINED, and perhaps

Right, a few reproductions from one of the first TV film strips of the *World Tomorrow* broadcast.



ought to remember that they were entertained more adroitly with this deception than they would have been had the shows been more honest. The world likes to THINK it prefers honesty—which is another way of saying the world likes to "kid itself"!

We had succeeded in obtaining reasonably good times for *The WORLD TOMORROW* on a number of very fine stations. In New York we were on the ABC Network station, WABC, Channel 7. The hour was late—11:30 P.M. But that does not seem so late, in New York, as it would be for viewers in Kansas City, where people go to bed earlier. Later we switched to WPIX in New York—a station which had a very big viewing audience.

In Chicago we were also on the ABC Network station, WBKB, Channel 7. Our time there was not so good—9:00 A.M. Sunday. In Los Angeles we were on KTLA, Channel 5, at 10:30 P.M.

It was impossible for our type program to obtain time during the "PRIME TIME" hours of 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. But we did obtain the 10:30 P.M. spot on KLZ, Channel 7, Denver; KOVR, Channel 13, San Francisco-Stockton; KTNT, Channel 11, Tacoma-Seattle, Washington; KMBC, Channel 9, Kansas City; and KGMB, Honolulu; and KC-MC, Texas, Channel 6.

We had even a better time, 9:30 P.M., in Portland, Oregon, on KLOR, Channel 12. Also we were on KPRC, Channel 2, Houston, and on stations in Tyler, Texas, and Hutchinson, Kansas.

Our ratings, as shown by the principal rating agencies, showing approximate size of viewing audiences, were extremely HIGH.

Most religious programs on TV were rated, on the regular rating systems, below one point. Ratings were 0.3, or 0.7, etc. The best known prime-time big Network entertainment shows had ratings averaging in the 20s and 30s. A rating of, say, 32, was excellent and considered well worth \$70,000 to the sponsor. It meant approximately 32 million people viewing the program.

Programs like "Meet the Press," though probably much more worthwhile, did not have as many listeners as Bob Hope, Jack Benny, Red Skelton, and big-time entertainment shows. Even

at our late hour, we had a higher rating in some cities than "Meet the Press." On stations like Portland, Seattle, and Kansas City, we had ratings of around 10 and 11, indicating ten to twenty times as many viewers as most religious TV programs.

In Kansas City, at the time, the Steve Allen show, then at the height of its popularity, was shown at 9:30 and *The WORLD TOMORROW* at 10:30—a much poorer time. Yet we slightly topped it in ratings.

Our mail response was big, considering the number of stations—only 12. It was bigger than from similar radio broadcasts—but TV was so much more costly, we felt it *bad* to bring a much heavier mail response, to justify its heavier cost. Actually, even with only twelve stations, *The WORLD TOMORROW* was being viewed by a million or more people—perhaps two or three million. We were delivering a dynamic Message in power to a *huge* audience, who were not only *hearing*—as you do on radio—but also *seeing*—for a full half-hour.

If I told you the total cost, including the production of the master film (low-cost copies were sent out to each station) and the charge for station time, I suppose some of our readers would think it was EXCESSIVE extravagance. *But it was not!*

Stop a moment and figure. If you send a message to someone on a 4c (in the U.S.A.) postal card, you would never call that extravagance. If you sent a million postal cards to a million people, just figure the cost—*forty thousand dollars!* And *that* is lowest-cost ECONOMY!

As near as I remember, without checking 9-year-old records at our accounting department, we paid about an average of \$300 per station for the half-hour broadcast—a total of about \$3,600, plus about \$2,000 for production cost—total, *NOT* \$40,000, as postal cards would cost, but *ONLY* \$5,600—less than one-seventh as much as small postal cards!

Next month we will continue—showing how, as we went along, we made changes in the TV program, greatly improving it—and why we went off TV after 27 weeks. We discovered that RADIO was far from dead, after all!

What our READERS SAY

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your program for a year or longer. I credit one of your broadcasts for saving our marriage. My wife and I had made plans to separate the next day when I turned to your broadcast. It seemed you were talking to us and our differences were solved that night."

James B. M., Alabama

Tithing

"I am tithing my tenth to God's Work. I want to bring God's truth to others who will be blessed. I am 15 years old and work delivering newspapers. I read the article 'Don't Enjoy *The PLAIN TRUTH* . . . Too Much!' I want God to reprove me and show me the way of life. I want to tell you and God 'Thank you' for the advice of this article."

Dennis Wayne S., California

• *And thank you, Dennis, for being thankful.*

Why PLAIN TRUTH Is Different

"A few days ago a friend handed me a copy of your magazine *The PLAIN TRUTH* (December issue) and just now I finished reading 'Ten Reasons Why Christ Must Return.' If this article (and others I have noted) are a sample of similar truths one may expect in future issues, I would be pleased to have you add my name on your mailing list file."

S. G. H., Oregon

• *They are, and you have been added.*

"My nephew drives 50 miles to borrow my *PLAIN TRUTH*. Would you please mail your magazine to him?"

K. R., McMinnville, Tennessee

• *It's on its way.*

Germany in Prophecy

"I found the answer to one of the questions I asked you in my letter. It was in the article, 'Germany—Friend or Frankenstein Monster'—the location of modern Assyria. Through what I have been able to scratch out of the Bible (I am a very poor Bible student) and

my little 'pleasure jaunt' there in the Army in World War II, I had arrived at that same conclusion. Last week I received your literature on the Ten Commandments. In it I found the affirmation of my belief. I want to thank you for your kindness." T. M., Maine

• *A new, thorough full-length booklet is in preparation on "Germany in Prophecy." We will announce it as soon as we have it ready.*

School Principal's Advice

"As an educator of 475 wonderful children and elementary principal, I so wish all my parents at school could have heard your talk on violence over KLZ. I feel so strongly about this!"

Dr. P. G. S., Colorado

"Living Fossils"

"Today I came across a copy of *The PLAIN TRUTH* for the first time. Your article on living fossils in the February issue particularly impressed me by its amazing simplicity, as opposed to the deliberate misrepresentations of evolutionary geologists. I discussed it with several of my friends, and we found your explanations very clear and logical. If it is indeed free, each of us would appreciate having his own personal copy of *The PLAIN TRUTH*."

Peter M., California

"I am 17 years old and a senior in high school. My studies of science led me to believe that there was a practical scientific explanation for everything, including religion. No matter what religious organization I observed I found some of the doctrines unacceptable. Atheism seemed the only logical answer. About a year and a half ago I began to receive *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I saw that you backed your statements with reasonable arguments and did not ask readers to accept them on faith alone. Regardless of how I tried to refute them, and believe me I've tried, I could not. I thank you for the immeasurable help you have given me and I thank God for keeping your organization alive."

Student, Erie, Pennsylvania

What Others say

"We had with us Sunday one of our better ministers from Dallas. He re-

marked in the sermon that you were doing more good for the public than any other religious organization in the United States and praised you and your staff for what you have done and are now doing. Also, I have heard our local minister of the Church of Christ make similar remarks of the good work you are doing."

E. C. M., Tennessee

"My father was a minister who preached what the Bible said and not what most people wanted to hear, so a lot of people thought he was a fool. He was a faithful listener to your broadcast. The other day the minister of the church my husband belongs to told me a preacher did not have to know the Bible to be called preacher."

Mrs. George M., Missouri

• *Whaaaaat? That's like saying a lawyer doesn't need to know law; a dentist doesn't need to know teeth; and John Glenn could have been replaced by an ape. And called by whom?*

"I sure think lots of your *PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. I have had preachers say they wouldn't have your magazine in their homes but I have come to the conclusion that you have forgotten more about the Bible than they ever knew. They have the same routine every Sunday. You know what's going to go on before you ever enter the church, and when a preacher gets through, three fourths of the people couldn't tell you what the text was—that is, if he had one. I used to attend a little country church and after the meeting was over the women would get together to talk about all the stuff they had canned that week, and the men would have a kind of farmer's institute. Their attitude reminded me of three Scotsmen that went to church on Sunday and didn't know there was going to be an extra collection of 25c each. Just before the man with the collection basket got to them, one fainted and the other two carried him out."

Man from Florida

• *That's life as it really is!*

From Venezuela

"I am a port steward for Pan American Airways living in Venezuela. I oc-

asionally come to Miami on business and many times I hear your broadcast on WMIE during the noon hour while I'm having lunch in a small restaurant near the airport. Everyone listens attentively, including the waitresses. You really have a dynamic way of speaking. I am of English birth and would like to receive *The PLAIN TRUTH* that my family and friends in Venezuela may also have the opportunity to receive the Word of God in plain language."

Maiquetta, Venezuela

Australian Writes

"I have heard you on radio at various times. . . . Just to get a good laugh, I sent for one of your publications. On receipt of it, the big laugh was on me. I could not put the book down and it shook me more than I can say."

Lara Lake, Victoria, Australia

Life in a University

"You would be shocked to learn what goes on in a large metropolitan university. Until the time we saw your magazine, *The PLAIN TRUTH*, we unquestioningly accepted everything we heard in our science classes and social science courses. What we thought to be the truth was perversion of the truth. . . . One night an acquaintance of ours, whom we had always considered 'square,' showed us his well-worn copy of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. At first jestingly, then seriously we studied it. Suddenly our troubled souls felt as though a tremendous burden had been lifted from them. It changed our lives. Now we want the joy of looking forward every month to a new edition of your enlightening magazine."

Two Coeds, Michigan

• *Compare that with life at Ambassador Colleges!*

A Good Memory

"I have been listening to you since the early 40's. I can remember when you said the Nazis were going underground and would rise again. It seemed then it couldn't be possible. But you seemed so sure about it. I marked it down in my mind and I have lived to see it come to pass."

Steve A., Loyalton, South Dakota

What Constitutes a True CHRISTIAN?

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substituted a DEAD faith and belief in His *person*, but deny the WAY of salvation and life which He taught.

The apostles were commanded to continue preaching the SAME message which Jesus preached. Before His ascension into heaven, He commanded them to go forth and instruct ALL nations—both Jews and Gentiles, "teaching them to observe ALL things *whatsoever I have commanded you*" (Matthew 28:20).

If you would like to learn, *in detail*, how to really *keep* and LIVE BY God's Ten Commandments, then write for our fascinating and informative *free* booklet entitled, "The Ten Commandments." Study this booklet *with your Bible*. It contains a wealth of information and *spiritual* "meat."

Take Action on What You Know

Perhaps the best definition of a "Christian" contained in any one verse of the Bible is found in I John 2:6. The Weymouth translation makes the intended meaning more clear than the older King James wording. It reads: "He who says that he abides in Him is BOUND to live as He (Christ) lived."

How many of today's professing "Christians" feel bound to actually LIVE as Jesus did?

To do this—to fulfill the PURPOSE for which you were born—you need to STUDY the Bible as most of you have *never done before in all your lives!* You need to earnestly PRAY to God the Father *on your knees* two or three times each day—develop the *habit* of personal prayer to God for at least thirty minutes to an hour *every day!* You need, occasionally, to set aside a day or two for FASTING—total abstention from all food in order to realize your own *nothingness*, to draw *closer to God*, and to have the *extra time* and *impetus* for earnest prayer and study.

To be a *true* Christian, you need to begin practicing TOTAL HONESTY in your *speech*, in your *business*, and in your entire *way of life!* You need to FORSAKE your personal idols, and begin

to *honor* your parents, *obey* the laws of man and God, and WORSHIP your Creator and your Heavenly Father and SEEK Him in study, prayer, and fasting in the way the prophets of old did!

Once you have decided to make a *total surrender* to God, you need—as already mentioned—to *be baptized!* Accordingly, be sure to read Garner Ted Armstrong's helpful and important article in this issue on *water baptism*, and apply it to yourself, *personally!* Then, through the POWER of the Holy Spirit which you are promised to receive after baptism, you will have placed within you the very *nature* and *character* of God Himself! You must *develop*, *strengthen* and *nurture* this character! Never forget the instruction: "But GROW in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18).

Don't Procrastinate!

Thousands of you have come to realize that you are getting the *truth*, the *understanding* and the *Message* of God through this Work—*The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast and *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. You are beginning to realize that this is the true Work of God on earth—preparing for *Christ's second coming* and the *world tomorrow*.

But many of you are *delaying* and *procrastinating* before DOING anything about this knowledge you have been given!

If you are in this boat, then *quit procrastinating*—quit *arguing* and *reasoning* and *delaying*—and begin to OBEY the precious spiritual truth which God is showing you through His servants on earth in these last days! One TREMENDOUS step you could take in this direction would be to sign up for the *Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course* and begin systematically STUDYING—and UNDERSTANDING—the Bible, perhaps for the first time in your life!

Learn to WALK in the light *as God gives the light*. Keep *changing* in the direction of TRUTH, keep GROWING and YIELDING *your life into the hands of the Living Christ*. After baptism, ask in *faith* and *confidence* for Him—through His Spirit—to literally LIVE His life in you! Remember that He will live the SAME basic *way of life* in you today as

He did live nineteen hundred years ago (Heb. 13:8).

He will teach you to *study* and *understand* the Word of God, to *pray* to God as your *personal Father* and really come to KNOW Him in a wonderful and personal way; He will lead you to OBEY the holy and spiritual laws of God—summarized in the Ten Commandments—which tell us HOW to love God and *how* to love our neighbor; He will lead you to KEEP HOLY the same days which God *made holy*—lead you to LOVE even your enemies—to *master* your human vanity and selfishness—to *surrender* your will, in everything, to the will of your God and Maker.

There are many names and titles religious organizations and groups could choose for themselves. But Jesus asks: "Why call ye ME, Lord, Lord, and do NOT the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46.)

Let's quit kidding ourselves! *Only* those who have the *Holy Spirit* of God within them—who have CHRIST living within them—are *really* Christians. *Only* those who—through the POWER of His Spirit—are keeping the laws of God and living the WAY of God and His Word are properly called by the *name* of Christ!

HOW YOUR PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID

So many ask: "HOW does it happen that I find my subscription price for The PLAIN TRUTH has already been paid? How can you publish such a high class magazine without advertising revenue?"

The answer is as simple as it is astonishing! It is a paradox. Christ's Gospel cannot be sold like merchandise. You cannot buy salvation. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ's TRUTH and mail it to all continents on earth. It does have to be *paid for!* This is Christ's work. We solve this problem Christ's WAY!

Jesus said, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published—Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Mat. 24:14) *at this time*, just before the end of this age. A PRICE *must be paid* for the magazine, the broadcast, the Correspondence Course, or other literature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to *sell* it to those who receive it: "Freely ye have received," said Jesus to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim His Gospel, "freely GIVE!" "It is *more blessed*," He said, "to GIVE than to receive."

God's WAY is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of *giving*. God expects every child of His to give *free-will* offerings and to tithe, as His means of paying the costs of carrying His Gospel to others. We, therefore, simply trust our Lord Jesus Christ to lay it on the minds and hearts of His followers to give generously, thus paying the cost of putting the precious Gospel TRUTH in the hands of others. Yet it must go *only* to those who *ask for it for themselves!* Each must, for himself, *subscribe*—and his subscription has thus already been paid.

Thus the living dynamic Christ Himself enables us to broadcast, world-wide, without ever asking for contributions over the air; to enroll many thousands in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course with full tuition cost *already paid*; to send your PLAIN TRUTH on an *already paid* basis. God's way is GOOD!

BLACK MAGIC

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"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law." In other words, God reserves certain secret knowledge to Himself and deems it unwise for man to know too much about the future. He only reveals to man those things which are good for man.

God does, however, permit some of the foul, demon spirits to obtain and reveal certain limited knowledge of the future to those unwise individuals who seek occult knowledge by consulting (through one means or another) familiar spirits. This is what happened with King Saul. The knowledge which Saul obtained from the familiar spirit was only detrimental to him. How ter-

rifying it must have been for Saul to learn that he would die the very next day on the battlefield!

Likewise, today, some people who foolishly consult those persons with occult powers are sometimes informed of calamitous happenings which will befall them. This is God's way of rebuking those who consult with familiar spirits. He then deems those who consult with familiar spirits worthy of suffering the agony and torment of mind which they receive from knowing that certain terrifying events will befall them.

One can laugh at these things or even scoff at them. But the facts reveal that there are definitely many people living in this world today who do have occult powers—who do have powers to contact the unseen world and receive certain secret knowledge from wicked spirit beings.

One way by which you can always prove a true servant of God is whether

or not such a person is willing to speak and act according to the law of God (Isa. 8:20). Deuteronomy 13:1-5 clearly reveals that if any prophet arises and works a miracle, or gives a sign—which comes to pass—you are *not* to follow him *if he speaks contrary to God's law*.

Simply because one is able to work great signs and wonders is no proof that he is of God.

It is true that though some few individuals actually possess the satanic ability to see into the future or to work miracles—through the power of Satan, yet other individuals who *claim* to have such power, often are merely lying. They deceive the gullible into thinking they have occult powers when in truth they are only "divining lies" (Zech. 10:2, Ezek. 22:28).

New Testament Sorcerers

The most notorious sorcerer in the days of the Apostles was unquestionably Simon Magus—the man who later established a counterfeit Christianity at Rome!

"But there was a certain man, called *Simon*, which beforetime in the same city used *sorcery*, and *bewitched the people of Samaria*, giving out that *HIMSELF was some great one*: To whom they *ALL* gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, *THIS MAN IS the great power of God* (or this man is that power of God which is called great). And to him they had regard, because that *of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries*" (Acts 8:9-11).

Simon, the sorcerer, the great "Interpreter" or "Peter" of the pagan Samaritan religion, later believed on the *name* of Christ. He was baptized. He had not, however, repented, and he was unwilling to *obey* God.

He followed Philip bug-eyed with amazement at the miracles and signs which were done by this servant of God (verse 13). When he saw that the apostles Peter and John had power to lay hands on people and give them the Holy Spirit, he also wanted this power and even offered money for it (verses 18, 19).

But the apostle Peter rebuked him sharply—told him he had better repent of this gross iniquity! Simon didn't want to *obey* God. He merely wanted more



The Matson Photo Service

The famous encounter of Saul with the witch occurred at Endor. Here you see the village of Endor as it looks today.

power to work miracles! He had previously been working miracles through Satan, and now his scheming mind perceived that the power of God was greater than Satan, and he was even willing to join the Apostles if he could only receive this power (see verses 20-24).

Secular history is crystal-clear in showing that this man (Simon Magus, also known as the Sorcerer Simon the Peter or Interpreter—as he is variously called) later went to Rome and became the leader there of a great religious apostasy which took root in the capital of the mighty Roman Empire! It is this man's cult that has persecuted certain forms of witchcraft, while it actually practices others!

In Acts 16:16-24, we read of another remarkable example of sorcery in the New Testament.

The Apostle Paul was pestered by a demon-possessed sorceress. "And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour" (Acts 16:16-18).

It was after the evil "spirit of divination" had been cast out of her that her masters then saw that she could no longer soothsay. Her power to foretell the future (and their means of gain) was destroyed (verse 19). Because of this good deed Paul and Silas were beaten with many stripes and imprisoned.

Prophecy for Today

Speaking of the end of this age, Jesus Christ warned of the Simon Magus-type religious leaders performing great miracles. He said, "For there shall arise false Christs, and *false prophets*, and shall show *great signs and wonders*; inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matt. 24:24).

The final great false prophet to rule

over the world's universal religion is also prophesied to work many signs and wonders. The Apostle Paul, when speaking of the second coming of Christ, spoke of the "man of sin," the "son of perdition," who would sit in a temple of God, showing that he himself was God (II Thes. 2:1-4).

Through this false prophet, ruling over professing Christianity, Satan is prophesied to work "with *all power* and *signs* and *lying wonders*" (verse 9). "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of *those miracles which he had power to do* in the sight of the beast . . ." (Rev. 13:13, 14).

These Scriptures all clearly reveal that Satan and his demons are to work "miracles" and great "signs and lying wonders" through human beings. Satan has been granted by God limited power to work mighty miracles. He can, however, work only those miracles which God permits him to work. He is quite limited in the exercising of the powers which God has granted him. He cannot lay a finger on anyone unless God permits it. Nor does he have power over those in the true Church of God.

In Isaiah 47 is a detailed prophecy of a great false religious system which masquerades as Christian. This false Church, and her daughter Churches, are also described in Revelation 17. Her downfall is depicted in Revelation 18.

Speaking of the day of her destruction, God says: "But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy *sorceries*, and for the great abundance of thine *enchantments*" (Isa. 47:9).

"Stand now," God continues, "with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail. Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the *astrologers*, the *star-gazers*, the *monthly prognosticators*, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee" (verses 12, 13).

The great false church system of this

world is literally steeped in the Babylonian mysteries and the pagan Chaldean practices originated by Nimrod and Semiramis. These are just another form of the Black Magic now raging in Britain.

These sorcerers revealed in Isaiah's prophecy are not atheistic Communists—they're professing "Christians" who worship crucifixes and idols of dead "saints." The Communist hordes of Russia, China and the rest of the Orient will at that time sweep across Europe, devastating it. Again notice that the ones whom God punishes through this trumpet plague are those who "worship demons, and idols" and they are also spoken of as "*sorcerers*" (Rev. 9:20, 21). And they do it in the name of Christ!

You had better heed. Turn from all these forms of adoration, reverence, or outright worship of idols! Don't worship images, dead saints or demons. Worship God only!

WHY God Will Forsake America and Britain

One of the chief reasons why Almighty God is going to let the peoples of America and Britain (modern-day House of Israel) be forsaken and finally taken into captivity is that of their sorceries. "Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of *Jacob*, because they be replenished from the east, and are *soothsayers* like the Philistines . . ." (Isa. 2:6).

God says, "And I will come near to you in judgment; and *I will be a swift witness against the* **SORCERERS** . . . for I am the Lord, I change not" (Malachi 3:5-6).

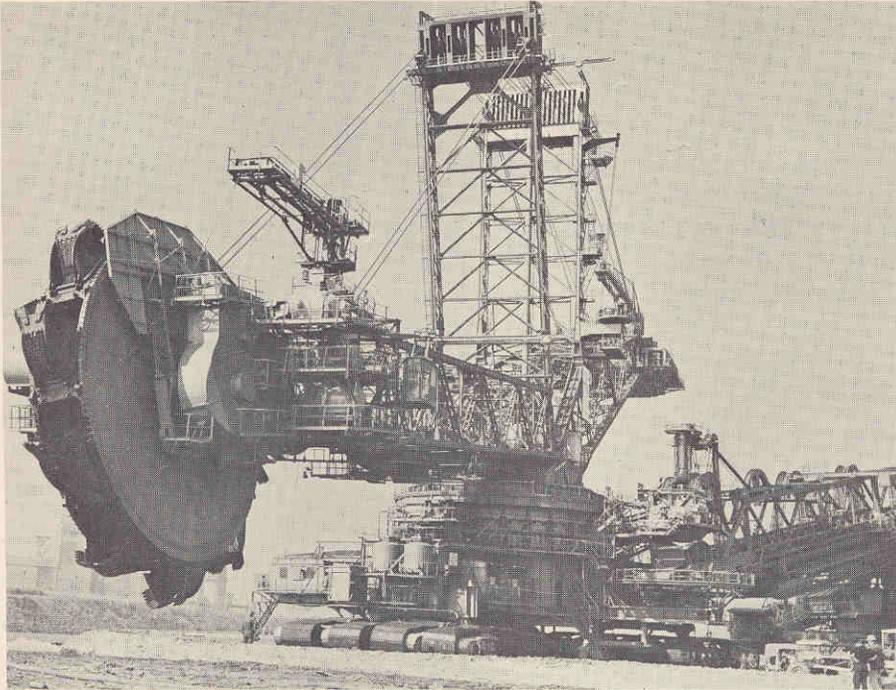
Today modern Israel and Judah—and the whole world—are horribly contaminated with many forms of sorcery.

In Revelation 21:8 and Revelation 22:15 Christ reveals that "sorcerers" will be rejected—denied the privilege of entering the New Jerusalem. All sorcerers shall "have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

This is a stern warning from God Almighty. All who are in any way contaminated by sorcery, astrology, and religious superstition had better heed God's warning!

SPACE AGE TECHNOLOGY ...Leaps Ahead!

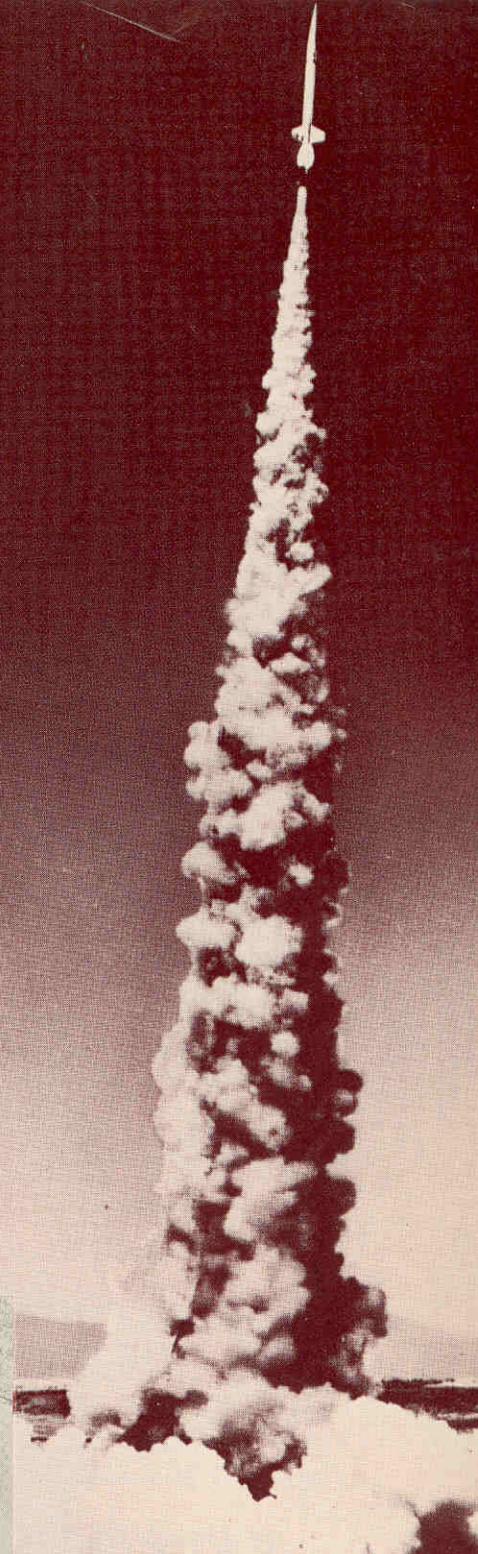
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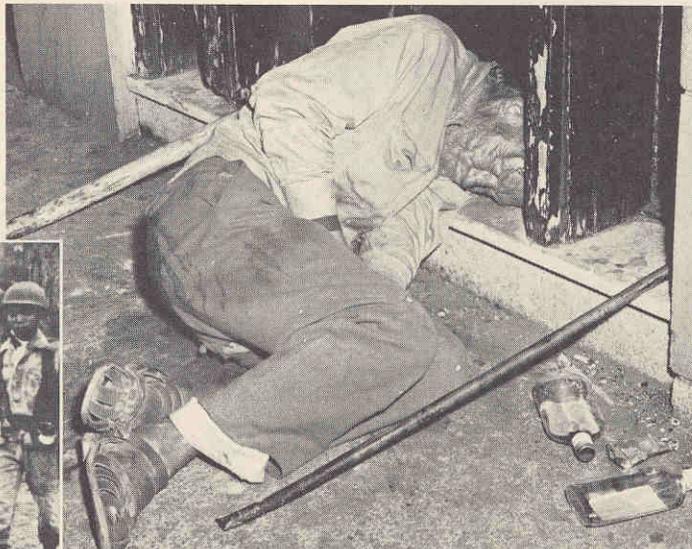
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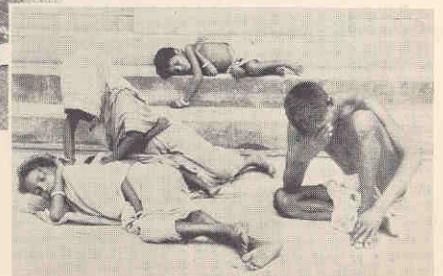
No end to wars—
and rumors of wars!



Space age and interstellar scientific knowledge now staggering.



Materialistic education fails to give man any purpose. Neither has it solved the problems of hunger, disease and war.



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