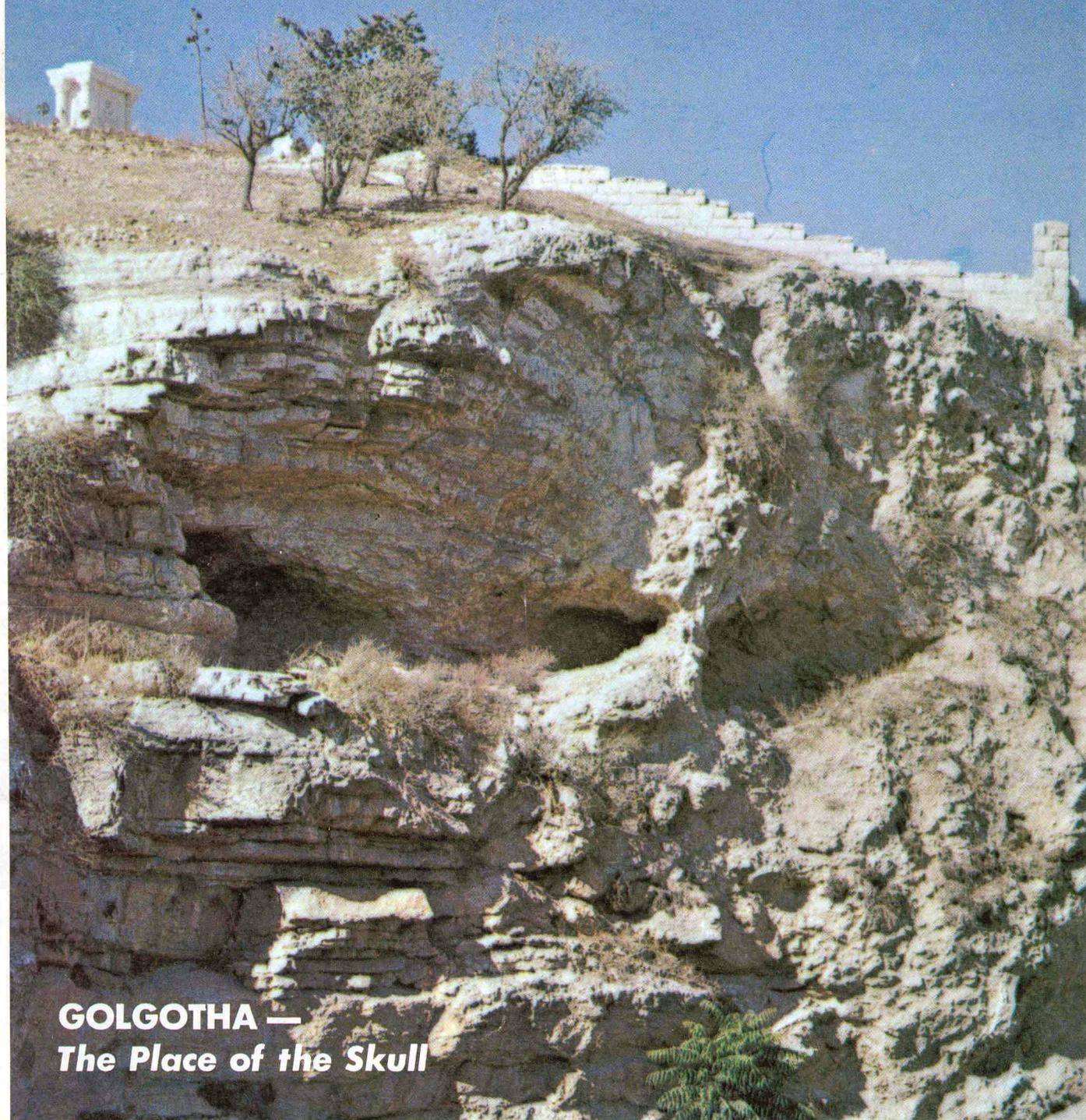


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The Place of the Skull

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Golgotha — the place of the skull — where humanity crucified and murdered Jesus Christ. In the general area of the trees on the top of the rock is the place where the gruesomely disfigured body of our Creator and Saviour was nailed to the stake, contemptuously hung and publicly displayed for all passersby to see and ridicule (Mark 15:29). The tender, flabby-faced, pale, sad young man that's pictured as the Jesus of this world could not have endured the pains of the stake. Read what The Real Jesus was really like beginning on page 17. This issue of TOMORROW'S WORLD clarifies many misconceptions concerning the events surrounding the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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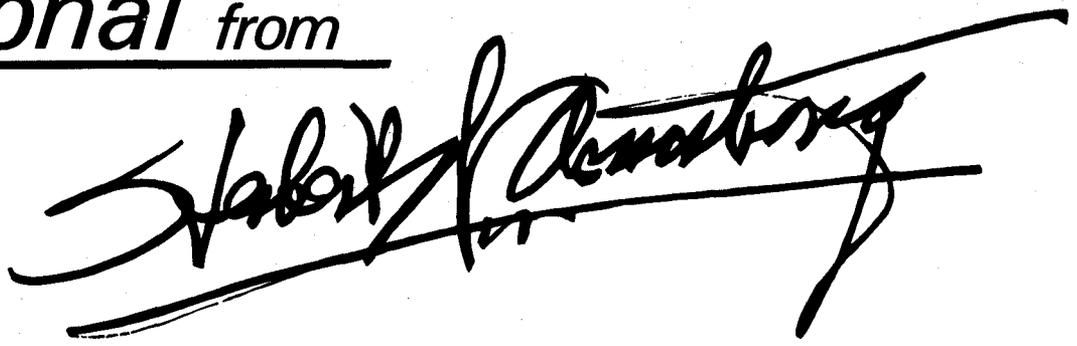
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Personal from



EMOTIONAL MATURITY

DO YOU feel *deeply* about things or circumstances that are *moving* or important? Did you ever check your emotional responses to know whether you have attained emotional maturity and stability?

Most people give little or no thought to this matter of their emotions. We humans start life as little babies. We have to grow up. But to fulfill life's real PURPOSE and mission, we must grow up not only physically, but mentally, spiritually, and emotionally. Did you ever stop to realize how many people think primarily only of attaining physical maturity? If it were not for compulsory public school education for children in our Western world, how many would take the initiative to develop their minds? How many, in each hundred, have done so in such nations as China and other countries?

But what about *spiritual* development? The average person, the world around, automatically accepts the established religion of his parents and his country. WHY are most Chinese Buddhists or Confucianists? Why do most people of India follow the Hindu religion? Why do most of the Japanese embrace Shintoism or Buddhism? Why do most Arab peoples follow the Moslem religion; most Jews follow Judaism; most Italians, Spaniards, and Frenchmen — as well as South Americans — embrace Roman Catholicism; a majority of northern Europeans, Britons and Americans call themselves Protestant Christians? How many give any real thought to *why* they believe the religious ideas they hold sacred?

Do these run-of-the-mill hundreds of millions of people ever give serious thought to *spiritual growth*? Yet no person attains true maturity unless he attains spiritual maturity, as well as physical growth.

But fewer still ever give so much as a passing thought to the need for *emotional* development.

Just what do we *mean* — EMOTIONAL MATURITY? Few know the meaning of the term. Do YOU? Yet it is one of the real secrets of human happiness.

But, if none is truly *grown up* — really mature — until he attains not only physical, mental, and spiritual adulthood, but *emotional* maturity as well, *where* will you find it taught?

Do you know any school or college which offers a course in "EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT"? It most certainly is something we *need* to be taught. Few will ever teach it to themselves.

No one is born with it. It must be learned — developed. We need, continually, to realize that we are born as helpless little babes, knowing NOTHING at birth. We do not come equipped with *instinct*, like the dumb animals.

Ever see a little calf born? The mother cow doesn't go to a hospital to have her young delivered by an obstetrical physician, attended by white-capped and gowned nurses. She has no delivery table. No one helps her. The little calf comes into the world by an instinctive, natural process. Almost immediately it struggles to its feet. It finds its legs a little wobbly — but in a few minutes it stands on all four. No one teaches it to walk — and it doesn't have to wait a year to learn. It starts walking at once. No one teaches it where to go — it knows! It has *instinct* built automatically into its brain. It goes after its dinner. No one tells it or teaches it *where* the dinner is located. The mother cow simply stands stupidly by, waiting for the calf to find its dinner.

No newborn human knows that much. Yet the human infant has something the dumb animals do not possess — human MIND. Humans, however, have to GROW UP. They have to LEARN — to be TAUGHT.

And one of the basic things every human *needs*,

so vitally, to learn, is the right use of the human emotions. So you see, the human MIND has something vital to do with human emotions. Yet most people never give thought to *controlling* emotions with the mind!

But our emotions need to be *understood*, taught, trained, and controlled *by the mind!*

OUR MINDS WERE GIVEN US FOR A PURPOSE!

Where is the logical and proper place to begin such training? It ought to be taught to one-, three-, and six-year-olds, and in the early primary grades in school. That means this teaching ought first to be taught by PARENTS in the home. But how can parents teach children when they themselves are still emotionally immature? How can elementary schoolteachers disseminate what they have never learned, themselves?

Just WHAT IS emotional maturity? One author defines it this way: development from a state of *taking* to a state of *giving and sharing*. There's also a spiritual principle involved — development from natural impulses and responses of human nature to the principle of loving one's neighbor as himself. Few realize it's a recipe for happiness. It is something that must be learned — by the MIND — and developed by self-discipline. As I said, it's something you were not born with. Human nature is totally contrary to it.

GOD'S LAW is based on the GIVING principle. Its basis is LOVE. Love is outgoing concern. Human nature is a magnet — a PULL, in the direction of *self*. But the way of GOD'S LAW, which is the way to peace, happiness, and everything good — ah, that is a way humans must be *taught*. Giving, sharing, serving, helping have to be *learned*.

But humans *are* equipped with EMOTIONS. And, from babyhood, all humans are actuated more or less by their emotions. Emotions are *feelings* — disturbances — departures from a calm state of rational right thinking and acting. Emotion is an *impulse* toward action or expression of feeling, unapproved — unless taught and controlled otherwise — by the mind. Among the emotions are such feelings or expressions as fear, anger, resentment, jealousy, hatred, grief, sorrow, surprise, desire, elation, joy.

Emotions have a first-cousin — our moods. The emotionally immature usually are moody, and have not learned to control their moods.

More and more I am impressed with a most important TRUTH we humans are prone to overlook. While animals are guided by instinct into the course

intended for them by the Creator, man is given powers and potentialities infinitely higher. The spirit in man imparts to the brain the powers of the human MIND — an intellectual and even spiritual quality. Dumb brutes cannot appreciate a Gainsborough, a Rembrandt, or a Goya painting; a Beethoven sonata or a Schumann concerto, or the literature of great authors. They cannot acquire scientific knowledge, weigh facts, make decisions, render judgments, exercise self-discipline, develop character. They cannot attain access to and union with Almighty God, become begotten of Him as His very child, enjoy actual communion with the Eternal Creator, have their minds opened and enlightened by His Spirit, come to comprehend spiritual truths and, finally, become BORN as a son of God in His very divine Family!

Man was put on earth to develop and attain to *something infinitely higher than animal destiny*. Man was intended to develop spiritual CHARACTER — to become like the Supreme GOD. This all comes through the marvelous human MIND. One comes to knowledge of God through the mind. One realizes sin and repents of it *in the mind!* God's Spirit entering is the Spirit of a *sound mind!*

Not only spiritual development, but also emotional maturity is developed through the MIND. It comes by right knowledge, creative thinking, right decisions, the use of will, self-discipline. To rightly direct his actions is man's purpose in life.

Yet most people seem to assume humans to be merely the highest of the dumb brutes! They fail utterly to comprehend the magnitude of human potentiality! They allow themselves to act thoughtlessly, on impulse, with feelings, moods, emotions being swayed and buffeted into troubles, tragedies, and sufferings, through irrational actions.

I once knew a tragic example. It was a man highly educated, a teacher, who readily assumed the responsibility of teaching youths when he, himself, had never learned this central truth of life.

His mind was stored with knowledge about *things* — geology, astronomy, mathematics, literature — but he had acquired little knowledge about himself: his moods, feelings, drives, impulses, desires. As a child he had been pampered, petted and spoiled, permitted to have his own way. He had not been taught self-restraint, self-control, or how intelligently to divert

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How Often Should We Partake of The LORD'S SUPPER?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THE LORD'S SUPPER, like so many essential points of the original true doctrine, has fallen into the mire of erroneous tradition. Jude exhorts us "that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Modern Confusion

Today different church denominations take this sacred ordinance different ways. One church claims the bread and wine literally are transferred into the actual body and blood of Christ. Some churches take this "supper" every Sunday MORNING. Some take it once a month, in the morning. Others take it four times a year, and at night.

Truly, "all we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way" (Isa. 53:6).

There is but one way to get back to the plain TRUTH once

delivered to the saints, and that is to shelve our assumptions and traditions, and then with open minds diligently "search the scriptures," the only true record of what was once delivered.

The First Lord's Supper

Let us examine the passages showing the first institution of this ordinance.

Notice in Luke 22:14, 19-20, "And when the hour was come, he [Jesus] sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. . . . And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

Notice, it was "when the hour was come" that Jesus first introduced the bread and the wine.

There was a DEFINITE TIME — a definite hour — when He held this supper, setting us an example.

Notice, too, He commanded them to observe it — "THIS DO." And why? "In remembrance of me," Jesus said. It was, then, a MEMORIAL — in memory of His death. He instituted it on this tragic night, the very eve of His death.

In Matthew's account we read, "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread" (Matt. 26:26). It was "as they were eating" that He took bread and introduced this solemn ordinance we call the Lord's supper. Eating what? Eating the PASSOVER! (Verse 17 and Luke 22:15.)

Notice Matthew 26:2. "Ye know that after two days is the *feast of the passover*, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified."

Jesus knew His time had come. He was our Passover, sacrificed for us (I Cor. 5:7).

"Now the first day of the feast of

unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?" (Matt. 26:17.)

After sundown (the days began at sundown), Jesus sat down with His twelve disciples in an upper room (Matt. 26:20; Mark 14:15).

And as they were eating the Passover supper (Matt. 26:26-28), "Jesus took bread, and blessed it . . . and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

So we see it was the night of the final and last Passover supper that Jesus introduced the "Lord's supper." To thoroughly understand the connection between the "Lord's supper" of the New Testament and the Passover of the Old, let us make a quick examination of the Passover.

The Ordinance Under the Old Covenant

The original Passover marked the exodus of the children of Israel out of Egypt. God had been pouring out the plagues upon Egypt, to induce Pharaoh to let the Israelites go. You will find it recorded in the 12th chapter of Exodus.

On the 10th day of the first month (the Hebrew, or sacred, year began with the new moon in the spring, near the equinox, not midwinter), they were told to take a young lamb without spot or blemish, a type of Christ, the Lamb of God. This lamb was to be kept until the 14th day of the first month, Abib, when they were to kill it "in the evening" (verse 6). The literal Hebrew, margin, is "between the two evenings," and from the *Jewish Encyclopedia* we find this is the twilight period between the time the sun goes down, when the new day has commenced, and the darkness when the stars are out. So the lamb was killed in the very beginning of the 14th of Abib.

As soon as it was killed, the blood was to be sprinkled over the doorposts of their houses. The lamb was to be roasted and eaten in haste. At midnight that night the angel of the Lord passed

through the land, striking dead all the firstborn of the land. But, "when I see the blood, I will *pass over* you," the Lord told the Israelites (verse 13). Many Jews today are beginning to see that it was the BLOOD that saved them.

For seven days they ate only unleavened bread. The 14th of the first month, Abib, was the Passover, and the 15th was a feast day, or annual holy day (verses 15, 16, and Numbers 28:16, 17). The 15th was the first of seven days of unleavened bread. The seventh of these, or the 21st of Abib, was also a holy feast day, or annual Sabbath, called a "high day" even still today by the Jews.

The lamb was killed as the sun was going down (Deut. 16:6), yet it was eaten in the 14th day (Leviticus 23:5, 6), not after it was passed.

Year after year Israel continued to observe the Passover. The eating of the lamb symbolized the acceptance of the broken body and spilled blood of Christ, showing their faith, looking forward, that He would come.

Instituted an Ordinance Forever

Now notice Exodus 12:17, 24. The Passover was instituted as *an ordinance FOREVER*. Just as circumcision was not done away, but was changed — today it is of the HEART (Romans 2:29). In both cases God meant FOREVER, and so, as we have seen, at the last Passover supper Jesus CHANGED the manner of observance of this ordinance. No longer do we kill a lamb and eat it, since the Lamb of God has been sacrificed once for all. Instead, we take the bread, symbolizing His broken body, and the wine, symbolizing His shed blood, as a memorial, looking back to His death.

How Often Observed?

Now notice Exodus 13:10, speaking of the Days of Unleavened Bread, "Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year." The time is once a year, at night, after the sun has set in the beginning of the 14th of Abib.

Jesus set us an example (I Peter 2:21), observing it at this set time once a year (Luke 2:42).

Suppose the Israelites in Egypt had observed this ordinance at some other

than this set time? They would not have been saved when the death angel passed by that night! God does things ON TIME. He has given us an exact time for this ordinance. Jesus instituted it "when the hour was come."

The Ordinance of Humility

In giving us the account of the instituting of the "Lord's supper" ordinance, Matthew, Mark and Luke describe the taking of the bread and wine. But John relates another part of this ordinance.

It is in the 13th chapter of John. Verse 1 shows the event is the last Passover. And the supper being ended (verse 2), Jesus took a towel (verse 4) and began washing His disciples' feet (verse 5).

"So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; *ye also ought to wash one another's feet*. For I have given you an EXAMPLE, THAT YE SHOULD DO AS I HAVE DONE TO YOU" (verses 12-15).

Many today do not want to humiliate themselves by washing the feet of their church brethren. Some argue that Jesus commanded only the disciples to wash one another's feet. But they will admit it was a COMMAND to them. Very well, turn to Matthew 28:19, 20:

"Go ye therefore," He said to these same disciples, "and *teach all nations, baptizing them . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded YOU*." So they were to teach US to observe ALL things WHATSOEVER He commanded them. Surely God is no respecter of persons!

Kept Once a Year in the Apostolic Church

Now notice I Corinthians 5:7, 8: "Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven . . . but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

Paul gives directions regarding the "Lord's supper" in the 11th chapter of I Corinthians. Some have misunderstood verse 26, which says, "As often as ye eat

this bread, and drink this cup," and interpret it to say, "Take it as often as you please." *But it does not say that!*

It says "as often" as we observe it, "ye do show the LORD'S DEATH till he come." And Jesus commanded, "This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me" (verse 25). We do it in remembrance of THE LORD'S DEATH — a memorial of His death. And memorials of momentous occasions always are observed annually, once a year, on the ANNIVERSARY of the event they commemorate. That is the way we observe the 4th of July.

Jesus instituted this New Testament ordinance ON THE EVE OF HIS DEATH. It was the 14th of Abib, Hebrew calendar. He was our Passover, sacrificed for us — and He was sacrificed on the same exact day of the year that the Passover lambs always had been slain! As the Old Testament Passover commemorated Israel's deliverance from Egypt, a type of sin, so the New Testament "Lord's supper" — a continuation of the Passover with different emblems — commemorates Jesus' death, and our deliverance from sin. Immediately after that last supper, Jesus and His disciples went out to Gethsemane, where, later that night, Judas Iscariot led the bloodthirsty mob which seized Jesus and led Him away to be crucified during the daylight part of the same 14th day of the month.

Jesus set us an example, and by following His example and observing this sacred ordinance at the same time He did — the same time the Passover always was observed, commanded to continue FOREVER — we do continue to remember His death, annually, on the very anniversary of His crucifixion. It is the most solemn and sacred occasion of the year — especially when observed at this correct scriptural hour!

Notice verses 27 and 29 in I Corinthians 11. This is not speaking about a Christian being worthy or unworthy to take it. It is speaking of the MANNER in which we do it. To take of it UNWORTHILY is to take it in a wrong manner. Had the ancient Israelites in Egypt observed the first Passover at any time except the exact time appointed by God, they would have done it

unworthily, and suffered the plague. Surely if we, once we see and know the truth, partake of this most sacred ordinance at any other time than that set apart in the Scripture, we would do it unworthily, and to our damnation. To take the bread and wine while not truly accepting the body and blood of Christ with the whole heart would be taking it unworthily and to one's damnation. Let us observe it WORTHILY!

Example of the First Century Church

The first century Church of God, under the original apostles, continued to observe this solemn ordinance once a year at the set time.

The Days of Unleavened Bread were still being observed. Notice Acts 20:6, "And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread." That was in 56 A.D.

Then notice Acts 12:3. The Holy Spirit inspired these words, to tell us the time of year: "Then were the days of unleavened bread." That could not have been written had these days been done away and kept only by Jews.

In the mouth of two or three witnesses is a thing established. Notice a third text, Acts 12:4. The word "Easter" is a mistranslation. The Greek word is *Pascha*, meaning PASSOVER. It is exactly the same word used for "Passover" in Matthew 26:2, 17, 18, 19. Many other translations faithfully render this "Passover" in this verse, as it should be. So this verse is, "intending after the PASSOVER to bring him forth to the people." This was more than ten years after the New Testament Church had been established.

The Meaning of "Break Bread"

Some churches turn to Acts 20:7 — "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread." To them this says, "Take the 'Lord's supper' every Sunday morning."

Let us examine this. Notice verse 6. This was just AFTER the Days of Unleavened Bread, when the "Lord's supper" had been taken. Paul was holding a farewell meeting at Troas, ready to depart at sunrise. When was Paul

preaching? It was not Sunday morning, but what would now be called Saturday night. It was between sunset, when the first day of the week commenced, and midnight (verse 7) and there were many lights burning (verse 8). But it was after midnight before they broke bread, when they were all getting hungry. Notice carefully, it is in the 11th verse. "And had broken bread, and EATEN." This bread-breaking was not the "Lord's supper," but eating a plain meal.

"Break bread" does not necessarily refer to the "Lord's supper," as some have carelessly assumed. In fact, this term is NEVER used to designate the "Lord's supper" in the New Testament. Notice Acts 27:34, 35: "Wherefore, I pray you to take some MEAT . . . he took bread . . . and when he had broken it, HE BEGAN TO EAT."

Notice Acts 2:46: "And breaking bread from house to house, did EAT THEIR MEAT with gladness." Here they were breaking bread *daily*, eating meat, and Paul says if we eat to satisfy hunger at the Lord's supper, we do it to our condemnation (I Cor. 11:34).

Then notice Matthew 26:29. Jesus said He would not again take the "Lord's supper" until after His second coming in His Kingdom. Yet, later, as He sat "AT MEAT," eating a meal, He broke bread and blessed it (Luke 24:30).

They then used a kind of bread such as is used in many European countries today, and instead of slicing, they broke it. "Break bread" was a common term to indicate eating a meal.

Let us return to the faith once delivered. Let us humbly and obediently observe this solemn, sacred ordinance as we are commanded, and at the time set apart in the Bible, after sundown on the 14th of Abib, or Nisan, sacred Hebrew calendar.

The date, Abib 14, is calculated by the moon. The first day of the new year always begins with the day nearest the spring equinox when the new moon is first visible to the naked eye AT JERUSALEM (not in the United States). The Jewish calendar as used by Jews today is correct. But it must be remembered that "in the 14th day of the first

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How Much of The Bible Should You Reject?

Did God allow blunders, errors, or PRIVATE OPINIONS to creep into the Bible? Is any part of Scripture UNinspired? Here, straight from your own Bible, is the real truth!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

VAST SEGMENTS of organized "churchianity" claim the entirety of the Old Testament is done away. Other large organizations claim to receive "only the writings of St. Paul." Still others cling only to the Gospels, while others still buy "red-letter Bibles" and will believe only those words directly spoken by Jesus Christ, and reproduced in their Bibles in red letters!

But in the midst of all this confusion, WHO is the ultimate authority? Apparently, *each individual* believes he is allowed to become his OWN SUPREME AUTHORITY as to which portions of Scripture are, or are not, inspired!

But God never GAVE this authority into the hands of man! Almighty God is *Supreme Authority*. It is HE WHO HAS directly INSPIRED Scripture, and He has never left it up to man to decide *which* writings are to be included as sacred Scripture!

What Is the New Testament?

Unless God, the SUPREME AUTHORITY, has directly CAUSED His Scripture to be inspired, and has carefully kept

and guarded those writings which He *wanted* to be contained in Scripture, then there remains no authority whatsoever for deciding what is Scripture, and what is not!

For example, the New Testament is a collection of brief journals, short historical treatises, private correspondence, and circular letters intended to be read by local congregations! Notice, "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach" (Acts 1:1). Luke was writing to the same Theophilus that is mentioned in his first chapter of the Gospel bearing his name! Both of these works of Luke — which now form a part of *inspired Scripture* — were nevertheless written to a PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL! Does this mean all these writings were merely Luke's private opinions?

Think for a moment! If this line of reasoning is followed — there remains not one shred of evidence for the authenticity of ANY of Scripture!

Paul wrote to TIMOTHY. Does this mean that *none* of the instructions found in the letters to Timothy is

applicable to us today — since Paul was writing *personally* to him?

John wrote to the "elect lady" (II John 1), and to Gaius (III John 1), just as Paul wrote to Titus and Philemon!

Luke wrote to Theophilus, while Paul continually insisted upon writing to mere *local congregations*!

But — *regardless* as to the original character of various of the Bible books, letters and journals — ALMIGHTY GOD selected them as part of *His inspired Scripture*! He said, *inspiring* the Apostle Paul to tell us, "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).

What self-willed, false prophets who wish to have their *own way* do not seem to grasp is that if there is *one single word* of the original inspired Scriptures which is NOT valid, and which is UNinspired, then there remains *no authority whatsoever* for saying that ANY of the Scriptures are inspired!

Either the Bible is ALL inspired — or

you can have confidence in NONE of it!

Is there, then, *one single place* in all the Bible where Almighty God allowed an individual to merely express his own "opinion"? Are there only one or two small "exceptions" to this great and authoritative principle of Scripture?

Did God allow Ezekiel to make only one or two *small slips*? Did Isaiah only contradict himself once or twice? Did Peter just make one or two small mistakes in chronology? Could John have misread what he saw in vision? Surely Moses must have FORGOTTEN a great many of the necessary *details* of history? Did Paul merely express his "opinion" to members of the Corinthian congregation?

These questions must be *answered* — and must be answered from the AUTHORITY of the unbreakable Scriptures!

The Bible Is Sacred, Inviolable, and Is TOTALLY INSPIRED

Jesus said, "The scripture CANNOT BE BROKEN"! (John 10:35.)

Think for a moment! Christ is the WORD (John 1:1): He is the Scripture — *personified*!

Can feeble man ascend up to heaven, to pull Christ off His throne? Can feeble, conniving, carnal man — in his desires to justify himself and have his *own way* — nullify the authority of the Living Christ?

But Christ is the *Word*! He is at the controls of the entirety of the universe. He lives!

What you need to realize is, just as Jesus Christ is absolutely SUPREME, untouched and inviolate by the puny presumptuousness of man, so is the *written Word* — the Holy Scriptures!

Paul also was inspired to say to Timothy, concerning some individuals who were guilty of "vain babblings," that they, "concerning the *truth* [Jesus said, 'Thy word is truth'! (John 17:17)] have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless THE FOUNDATION OF GOD standeth SURE, having this seal..." (II Tim. 2:18-19).

Yes, REGARDLESS as to the petty bickering, differences and disagreements of

men, the *foundation of God*, the SCRIPTURE, the TRUTH, stands SURE!

Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy *the law, or the prophets*: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill"! (Matt. 5:17.) Here, Jesus was speaking of two of the major portions of SCRIPTURE. He was not *merely* talking of the Decalogue, the Ten Commandments. Jesus expressly included "the Prophets." Also, in the context of this verse — part of the very focal point of the whole meaning of Christianity — Jesus referred to "the Law." Actually, Jesus meant the first five books of the Bible, together with all the prophetic writings! He went on to speak of these sections of inviolate Scripture, "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass *from the law*, till all be fulfilled"! (Matt. 5:18.)

Yes, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Living Christ of today, stated that until the heavens and the earth were utterly destroyed and *passed away*, not one single little punctuation mark or shading of meaning would be changed, altered, or in anywise dropped from the Law.

Did Paul Give His "Opinion"?

Let's turn now to one particular section of Scripture — the INSPIRED SCRIPTURE — which has given no end of trouble to "scholars" who have never recognized the absolute AUTHORITY of the Bible.

It is found in I Corinthians, the seventh chapter. In this section of inspired Scripture, the Apostle Paul was led of God to instruct the Corinthian Church concerning marriages.

He said, "Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. But I speak this *by permission, and not of commandment*" (I Cor. 7:5-6).

Later, Paul said, "Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful" (verse 25).

But what is this? Is Paul trying to

show the Corinthian Church they may DO AS THEY PLEASE concerning these vital principles of marriage? Is he saying since he has no commandment from Christ, that he's just giving his own PRIVATE OPINION, for whatever it's worth — and that they may make up their own minds what to do about it?

FAR FROM IT!

Paul Was Inspired!

Let's come to really *understand* these portions of the inspired Scripture!

Peter said of Paul's writings, "... Even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are *unlearned and unstable wrest*, as they do also THE OTHER SCRIPTURES, unto their own destruction" (II Pet. 3:15-16).

Peter called Paul's letters SCRIPTURES! Here was the *spokesman* of the twelve, one of the leading apostles of God's Church, the one Christ had FIRST told, "Feed my sheep," stating Paul's epistles had the authority of SCRIPTURE!

Did Paul, then, temporarily DEPART from writing actual *Scripture* when he said, "Yet I give my judgment"? Certainly NOT!

Notice! Paul had said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but *Christ liveth IN ME*"! (Gal. 2:20.) Jesus Christ was living His life over again *within* the Apostle Paul, just as He promises to do in *every* Christian. If we do *not* have the Spirit of Christ we *do not belong* to Him! (Rom. 8:9.)

Paul said, in the *same* chapter of I Corinthians containing the "judgments" he gave, "... And I think also that I have the Spirit of God" (I Cor. 7:40).

Now, let's notice the *real* meaning of these vital portions of SCRIPTURE!

Remember, we have proved them to be JUST AS MUCH a part of the SACRED SCRIPTURES as any other part!

"But I speak this *by permission, and not of commandment*..." (I Cor. 7:6). Paul is dealing with the problems

of marriage and divorce! He is instructing the Corinthian Church, and God, through His direct inspiration of these verses, IS INSTRUCTING US TODAY, concerning chastity, concerning *whether* or not to marry, and concerning believing and unbelieving mates.

Paul did NOT say he was here departing from divine AUTHORITY and was *speaking his own ideas*, since HE, PAUL, had been given *permission* to do so! Rather, he is saying, "I am telling you this by way of *allowing you permission* to either marry or remain single, and I am not directly COMMANDING you to do ONE or the OTHER!"

Notice the PROOF! In the very next verse, he said, "For I would that all men were even as I myself. [That is, without a need to be married.] But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that" (verse 7).

Notice further, Paul clarified what he meant in the 10th verse! "And unto the married I command, YET NOT I, but the LORD." Paul, by stating his own divinely commissioned Apostolic *authority* to command the members of God's Church, began this thought by saying HE was commanding them to do a certain thing. Then, interrupting *his own* command (but that command was AUTHORITATIVE), he said, "yet not I, but the LORD."

He then gave them the meaning of a *direct quotation* from the words of Jesus Christ Himself!

"Let not the wife depart from her husband!" The marginal reference takes you to Matthew 19:6, where you read the words of Christ, "What therefore God hath joined together, LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER"!

Do you see? Paul, speaking to the Corinthians directly, and also being inspired to WRITE HOLY Scripture, was either instructing from his Apostolic AUTHORITY, *based* directly on the teachings of Christ, or else quoting commands of Christ HIMSELF!

In verse 12, we read, "But to the rest SPEAK I, NOT the Lord . . ." Or, "To those in OTHER circumstances, I have no direct command from Jesus Christ — no written 'Thus saith the Lord' for this particular case — but HERE IS

MY AUTHORITATIVE COMMAND, which CHRIST WILL BACK UP!"

Again in verse 25, Paul stated, "Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet *I give my judgment*, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful. . . ."

Paul gave his *judgment*! Was he AUTHORIZED to do this? He certainly *was*!

Notice! "I will build MY CHURCH; and the gates of hell [*hades*, the GRAVE] shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt *bind* on earth shall be *bound* in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt *loose* on earth shall be *loosed* in heaven" (Matt. 16:18-19).

Christ had given His apostles, a part of the very *foundation* of the Church (Eph. 2:20), POWER and AUTHORITY to either *permit* or *forbid* certain things. That is, they could, *within the framework of God's laws and Christ's teachings*, have the power to make BINDING and LOOSING DECISIONS!

CHRIST HONORED those decisions! When Christ, who is the LIVING HEAD of His Church (Col. 1:18), directly INSPIRED the decisions, directly GUIDED His ministers to render them, and then gave them the stamp of INSPIRED SCRIPTURES, SURELY HE MEANT TO HONOR THEM AS COMING FROM HIS OWN SEAT OF AUTHORITY!

God Works Through HUMAN INSTRUMENTS

Let's never forget the great principle that God works THROUGH HIS HUMAN INSTRUMENTS!

Remember! You COULD NOT KNOW about *church government*, about TONGUES, about the gifts of the Spirit, about pastoral administration, about the qualifications for elders, about Christ's divine PRIESTHOOD, and about DOZENS OF BASIC NEW TESTAMENT doctrines, if it were not for the *inspired* writings of the Apostle Paul!

If PAUL were giving his UNINSPIRED OPINION *anywhere* in the 14 books God inspired him to write, then how could you be sure THE ENTIRETY OF ALL FOURTEEN BOOKS is not just his personal, *uninspired* opinions?

This *same* reasoning could then be

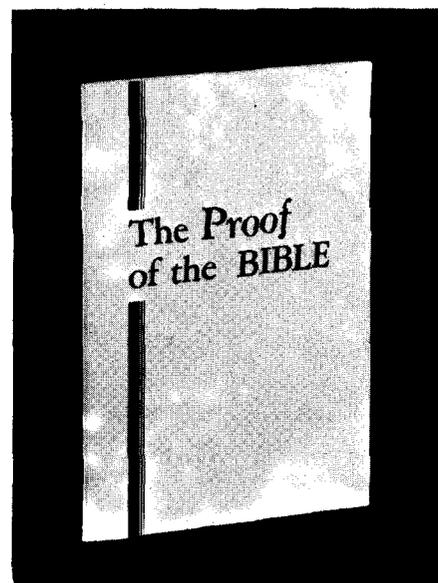
applied to *all* the Bible — rendering it nothing more than the scholars CLAIM it to be — an UNINSPIRED collection of histories, narratives, poems, private letters and apocalyptic writings!

But it is INSPIRED! ALL of it! (Write for our FREE booklet, *The Proof of the Bible*.) When Christ used Paul to APPLY the spiritual principles of God's Law to particular problems involving marriage, He intended these to become LAWS! They now have divine AUTHORITY of SCRIPTURE! They constitute a "THUS SAITH THE LORD!"

There has been a GREAT CONSPIRACY against the Word of God! For *centuries*, "scholars," "critics," or just well-intentioned theologians have questioned, doubted, scoffed at, or else twisted and perverted the pages of Scripture. Mankind has tried to burn it, lose it, destroy it, misinterpret it, mistranslate it, or, failing these methods, has simply chosen to ignore it altogether.

But *through it all* — the real TRUTH of God is still available — still INVIOLEATE!

How *thankful* we can be God so *carefully* guarded His Holy Word — so that NO UNINSPIRED PERSONAL OPINIONS WERE EVER ALLOWED to creep into it! How THANKFUL you can be that "ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD" (II Tim. 3:16.) □



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EASTER???

IT'S EARLY. In fact, it's even darker outside your home now than it was last night when you went to bed.

Somehow you sleepily stumble into your finest new clothes, wake the kids, get them dressed, and walk out into the chill morning air. It's a short trip to a local hillside, and you arrive at five.

It's an Easter Sunrise Service. All

your friends and neighbors are there. You squint to make sure you recognize all your neighbors — and hope they'll recognize you. The services are about to begin.

The minister preaches soft intonations about the Son of God risen. The audience is led to a quietly emotional climax, and then the long-awaited moment arrives — the first sharp ray of the yellow orb peeks over the eastern horizon. Every head bows in worship.

Later on in the morning, there is a romping family egg hunt at home. Colored eggs, chocolate eggs, candy eggs. The kids love it. Look at the glow in your daughter's eyes as she looks for eggs, collects them, counts them, eats them.

Next comes a more formal 11 a.m. church service, for which the entire family dons their finest new spring clothing and Easter haberdashery. After a pleasantly brief sermon, there is the traditional Easter dinner at grandmother's, followed by relaxation and a little sleep after so long a day.

This is Easter — your town — your home — 1971 A.D. — RIGHT?

Wrong!

This is Ishtar — Babylonia — 1971 B.C.

Every one of the customs described above dates back over 4,000 years to Babylonian Ishtar worship. When Babylon fell, the migrating Teutonic tribes continued the same observances to their spring goddess, Eastre (or Ostara). These pagan Germanic observances

were then incorporated into nominal "Christianity" during the Dark Ages in an effort to win the European pagans to the fold. Thinly veiled paganism has survived virtually intact for 4000 years. As languages have evolved, developed, and formalized, the word EASTER has been pronounced identically the same, and the customs remain unchanged.

But so what? Isn't Easter fun? Don't the kids love it?

No! Children *don't* love Easter, the holiday. They love pink dresses, chocolate eggs, eating lots of good things, a week's vacation from school, dressing up, and eating sweets.

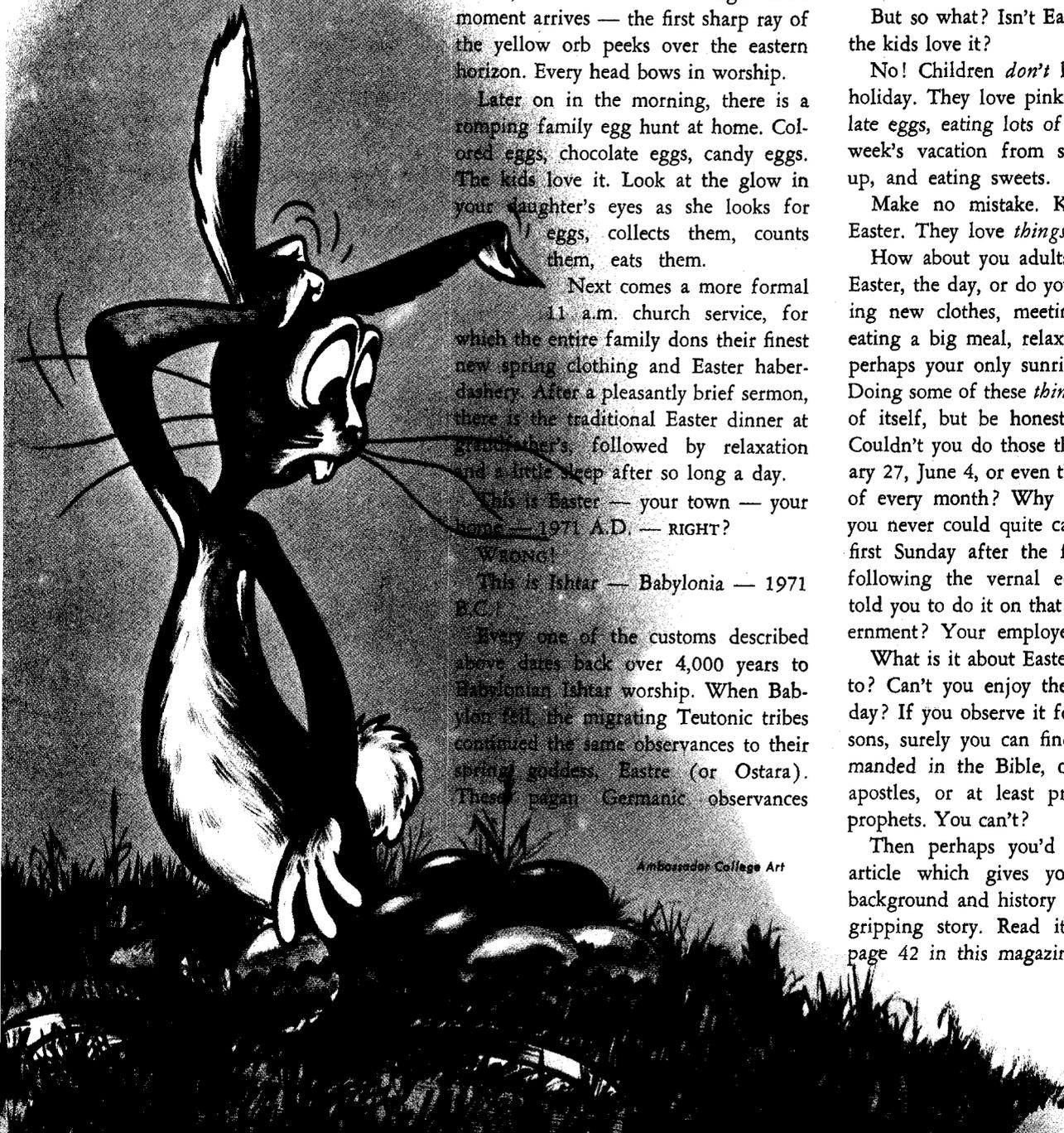
Make no mistake. Kids don't love Easter. They love *things!*

How about you adults? Do you love Easter, the day, or do you only like buying new clothes, meeting old friends, eating a big meal, relaxing, and seeing perhaps your only sunrise of the year? Doing some of these *things* is not wrong of itself, but be honest with yourself. Couldn't you do those things on February 27, June 4, or even the first Tuesday of every month? Why do it on a day you never could quite calculate — "the first Sunday after the first new moon following the vernal equinox"? Who told you to do it on that day? The Government? Your employer? The Bible?

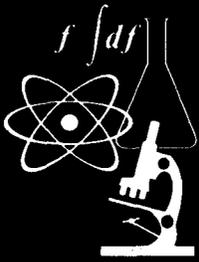
What is it about Easter that *you* cling to? Can't you enjoy the good life *any* day? If you observe it for religious reasons, surely you can find the day commanded in the Bible, observed by the apostles, or at least predicted by the prophets. You can't?

Then perhaps you'd better read an article which gives you the Biblical background and history of Easter. It's a gripping story. Read it beginning on page 42 in this magazine.

— Gary L. Alexander



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Science vs. Theology?

MORAL ISSUE ROCKS AAAS CONVENTION

DEMONSTRATIONS and disruptions by long-haired, placard-waving students, heated exchanges between the audience and speakers, and open dissent among recognized authorities interrupted many sessions of the 137th annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science held recently in Chicago. The center of controversy, however, was not a strictly scientific problem, but one with *strong moral overtones* — the *use of science!*

Should we spend millions of dollars to find out if there is life on Mars? Or should such money and effort be utilized to improve conditions for life here on this earth? Should scientists participate or refuse to participate in

research that could be used for questionable or destructive purposes, such as weapons research and genetic engineering?

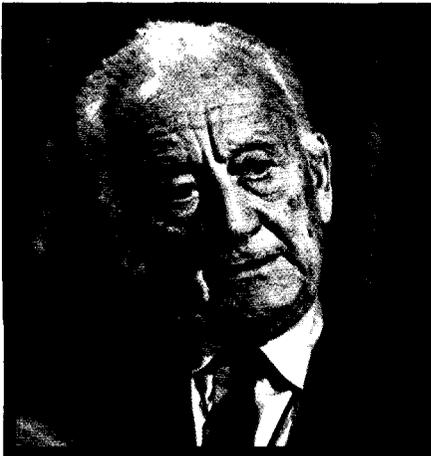
Opinions of the 5,500 delegates present were varied and often sharply divided. Some felt that scientists should stick to science — expanding the frontiers of knowledge in every direction — and leave the responsibility of deciding *how* this knowledge should be used to the public. This has been the general custom of the scientific community.

Others rejected this “moral neutrality” on the part of the scientific community, asserting that scientists should take responsibility for their discoveries. As such they should openly oppose the mis-

use of technology, as well as take a more active role to insure the proper use of information they discover. *Just how* scientific discoveries and advances in technology *should* be used was *not settled*. This remained a hotly debated subject throughout the convention.

One very significant item that was either overlooked or ignored in the emotion-packed sessions was the real cause of the “moral neutrality” that has permeated much of the scientific community. Or, more importantly, why should some of the most highly educated minds in the Western world — who largely agree as to the facts of science — be almost hopelessly divided over the *use of science?*

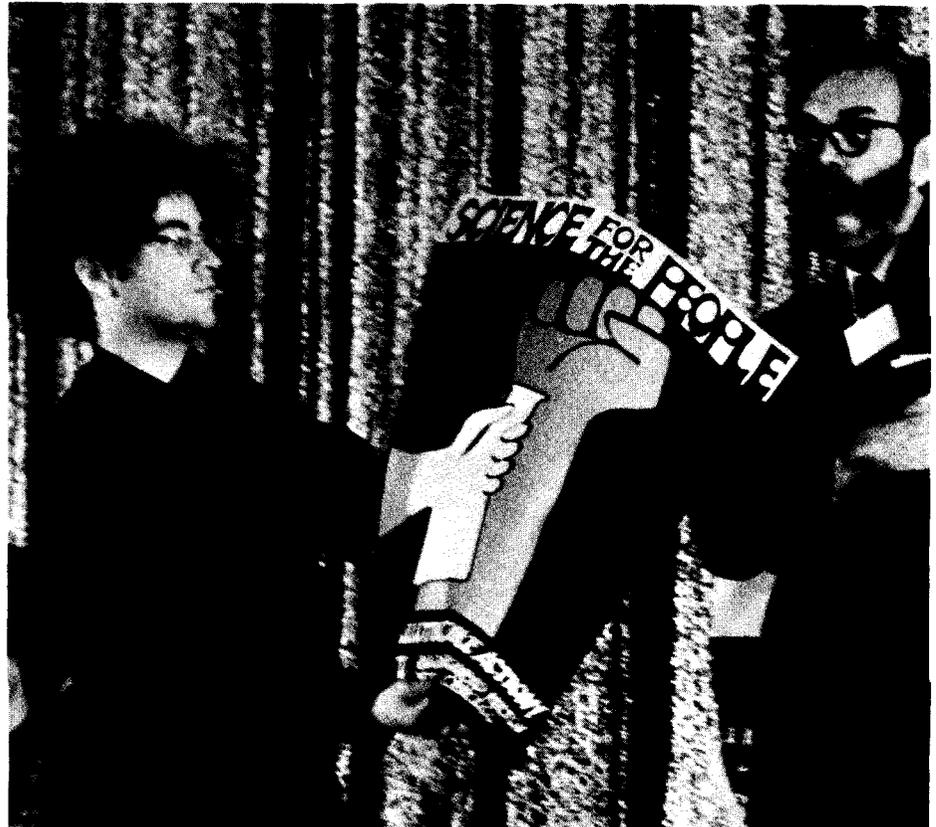
The “moral dilemma” confronting the scientific world is actually the result of trends that have been developing for some time. One aspect of the problem involves the method of scientific



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As Dr. Albert Szent-Györgi, AAAS Convention Research Director, told our staff men who interviewed him, the use of science is a major problem facing both scientists and society.

Right: Defiant poster expresses the ideals of humanitarian moralists, who kept disrupting meetings at AAAS Convention.



inquiry. The essence of the scientific method is objectivity — the unbiased gathering and evaluation of information. As such the scientific method of observation and repeatable testing is generally recognized as a neutral tool in the hands of the experimenter. It is a powerful tool but it also has certain limitations. It can be used to develop techniques to transplant organs, put a man on the moon, or defoliate trees.

The scientific method *cannot* be used, however, to decide *how*, *when*, or even *if* these techniques *should* be used. The question of how discoveries of science *should* be utilized involves value judgments on the part of the user. The scientific method was never intended and is plainly not designed to make decisions of this nature. In fact, it's commonly admitted that one "... important implication of the scientific method is that it does not make value judgments or moral decisions" (Paul B. Weisz, *The Science of Biology*, 1963, p. 11). While "it can provide people with information they can use in making value or moral judgments... the act of making the judgment itself is not science" (W. T. Keeton, *Elements of Biological Science*, 1969, page 3). This is not a weakness of the scientific method, it's merely a limitation.

Science as a profession employs a method of inquiry that is objective — morally neutral. While science can be *pursued* in a value-free system, it cannot be *used* without reference to values. Value judgments concerning the *use* of science fall outside the limitations of the scientific method. It should not be surprising that scientists are reluctant to be dogmatic where values are involved because their methods are inadequate. Although this may be a contributing factor to the "moral neutrality" of scientists, it is not the basic cause of the growing "moral crisis" facing the scientific community today.

Since the ultimate use of science involves value judgments — a subject that cannot be resolved by the scientific method alone — scientists must look outside science for answers to their "moral dilemma." But where? Where can they go for moral advice? According to Dr. Harry D. Gideonse, Chancellor of the New School for Social

Research, "The problem of clarification of human values may ultimately be a problem of *religion*..." (*Vital Speeches*, June 15, 1970, page 531).

This is not as surprising as it may seem at first. Wrapped up in the question of *how* should the discoveries of science be used are more fundamental questions of the right and wrong use of science. The heart and core of the controversy centers around the *basic* questions of *right and wrong*. These are questions that clearly involve religion — questions for which *theologians* should have answers.

Now there *were* theologians in attendance at the Chicago Convention. They were involved in discussing the subject of "Science and Human Values," yet strangely enough they were *looking to science* for guidelines regarding human values, when scientists have admitted openly that this subject is out of their field!

Scientists like to deal in facts. Since religion deals with moral problems, scientists should be able to turn to theologians for definite guidelines regarding moral decisions and value judgments. All too often when scientists look in the direction of religion, they are confronted with a vast array of conflicting opinions. As one theologian at the AAAS Convention put it, "The religions of the world are in trouble!" They, too, are in a state of "crisis" over the same question — human values — a question of right and wrong. Is it mere coincidence that the scientific world (and society in general) is facing a "moral crisis" when the traditional guardians of moral values, theologians, are bogged down in the same dilemma?

The controversy that dominated the recent AAAS Convention in Chicago concerning the use of science is actually only one aspect of a much more serious problem. Recent discoveries in science have proven long-cherished ideas of theologians to be erroneous (such as the earth being created in 4004 B.C.). As a result, the whole field of religion has been called into question. Many, assuming the ideas of theologians were found in the Bible, have concluded the Bible — including its moral precepts — must be extremely outdated and riddled with error. Theologians, apparently shaken

by the discoveries in science, have gone along with this trend. They now place less emphasis on what the Bible actually says and more emphasis on Biblical interpretation — human reason — which every scientist knows is highly fallible. Biblical accounts of history have been labeled "myths." Moral absolutes in the Bible have been watered down to "situation ethics." During this same period the influence of religion in Western society has steadily declined.

In summary the facts are these:

1. The scientific community is faced with a growing moral crisis over the use of science and has no methods capable of solving the problem.

2. The theological world is in a "state of crisis today" concerning moral values.

3. Theologians have, in practice, all but rejected the Bible — especially Biblical moral guidelines.

The growing controversy over the use of science is basically a moral issue. The turmoil at the AAAS Convention merely added emphasis to a problem that has been smoldering for centuries. Science has placed tremendous powers in the hands of man but cannot decide for him how to use those powers. Moral guidelines are needed, yet the traditional guardians of moral values, theologians, are hard-pressed today to come up with definite answers.

Why? Is there a reason?

Each of us needs to analyze for himself if there is any connection between the decaying influence of religion, the watering down of Biblical principles, and the "moral crisis" facing science and society.

Are the moral guidelines revealed in the Bible absolutes after all and not just empty platitudes of men groping for a system of morality? Did a benevolent Almighty God actually reveal to mankind knowledge that would be impossible to acquire by any method known to man? Is it possible that the Bible just might be the inspired Word of an Almighty God (II Tim. 3:16) in spite of what critics say? Draw your own conclusion. Our free booklets *The Proof of the Bible, Does God Exist?* and *The Ten Commandments* will give you a place to begin.



VENUS ROTATES BACKWARD!

No Evolutionary Theory Can Explain Why—

RECENT radar-Doppler measurements show that Venus has slow retrograde motion—it rotates “backward” as compared to the other planets (*Science*, Vol. 170, Dec. 11, 1970). (Only Uranus, of all the other planets, has such a retrograde motion—and that is basically a technicality because Uranus’ axis of rotation is almost in the plane of the ecliptic.) But why does Venus rotate “backward” as compared to the other planets?

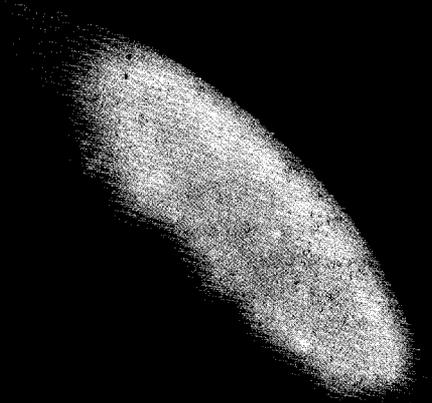
What could have caused Venus, an inner planet, to start rotating “backward”? Indeed, what could have caused the other planets to rotate “forward” for that matter? Granted that there is a plausible theory for the planets having “forward” (eastward) rotation, can the same theory account for the retrograde motion of Venus? No!

Why should the planets all revolve

about the sun in *one* direction? And why are all in *one* plane? Comets are a complete contrast to planets in this respect. They approach the sun from every direction and in all planes. No theory for the *evolution* of the solar system has yet been able to account for these irregularities!

Irregularities of this nature are called *anomalies* in scientific parlance. Regarding the case of Venus, Fred L. Whipple makes this statement on page 204 of the 3rd edition of the book *Earth, Moon and Planets*: “In any case, the slow retrograde rotation is firmly established and theories of planetary evolution must henceforth allow or account for this anomaly in planetary motion.” Previous theories for the evolution of our solar system were developed in ignorance of Venus’ backward rotation. Perhaps it could be assumed that some stellar body, such as a star, planet or comet, passed

*The great circle of the celestial sphere—that is the apparent path of the planets that is seen from outside of our solar system.

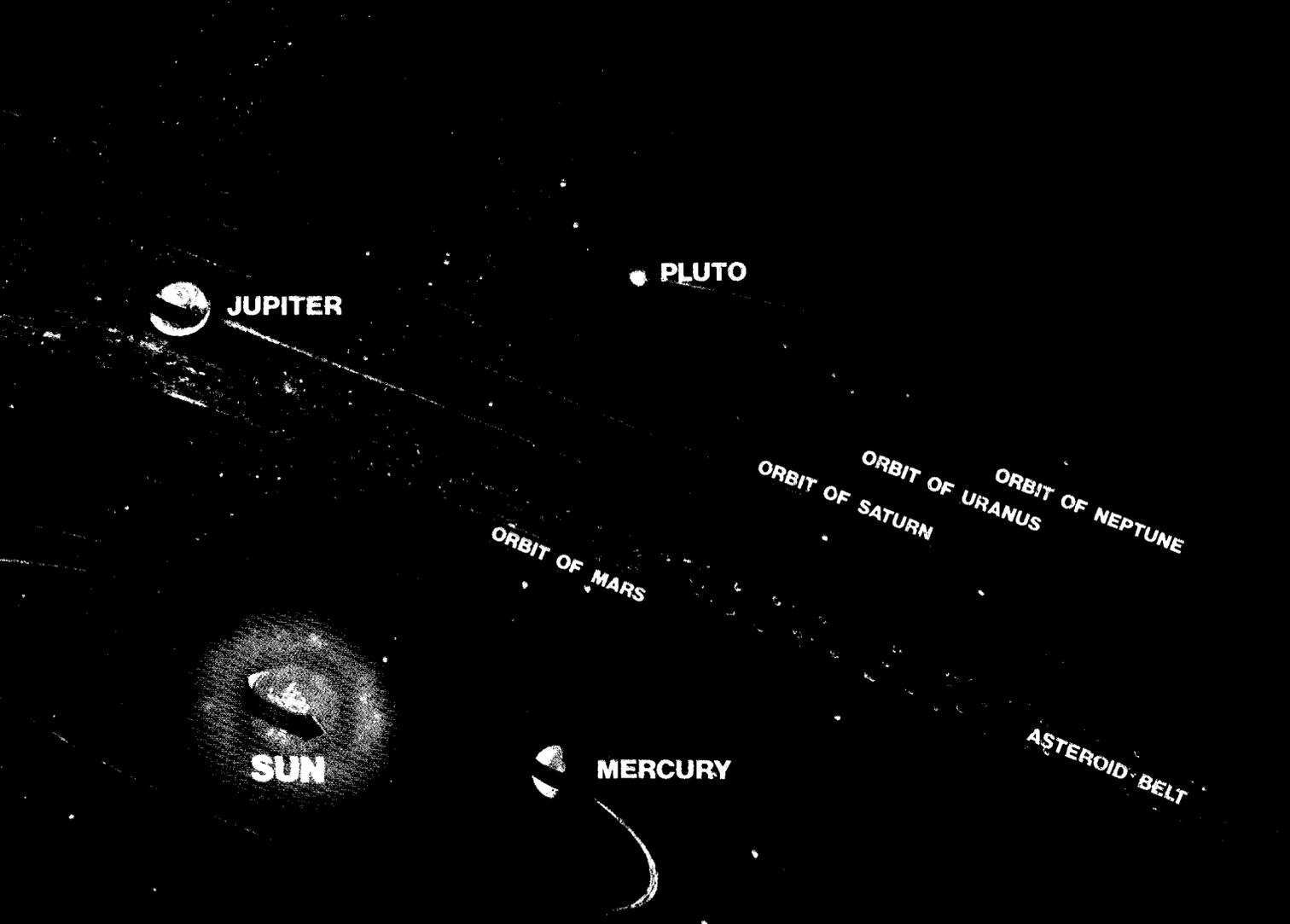


MARS



VENUS

MOON



JUPITER

PLUTO

SUN

MERCURY

ORBIT OF MARS

ORBIT OF SATURN

ORBIT OF URANUS

ORBIT OF NEPTUNE

ASTEROID BELT

EARTH

so close to Venus that its gravitational pull started it rotating "backward." But is that logical? The statistical evidence against such an occurrence defies the imagination. If we're going to assume in the first place, wouldn't it be more logical to assume that Venus was started rotating that way at the time it was formed or made — however that was done? Other anomalies in our solar system also defy explanation by any single theory of evolution.

The first such anomaly was discovered in 1898 when the satellite Phoebe, of Saturn, was found to have retrograde motion. Since that time four outer moons of Jupiter and one of Neptune have been discovered to be revolving about their parent planet in the "wrong" direction. Yet no theory has been able to properly explain this type of motion. Still evolutionary "scientists" cling tenaciously to their inadequate theories

rather than accept the obvious evidence before their eyes that all these bodies were made by a great Creator God! Our "solar system... did not arise in a haphazard manner... Few topics have produced as many unprovable theories... No conclusive solution has yet been reached" (Payne-Gaposchkin/Haramundanis, *Introduction to Astronomy*, Second Edition, p. 285).

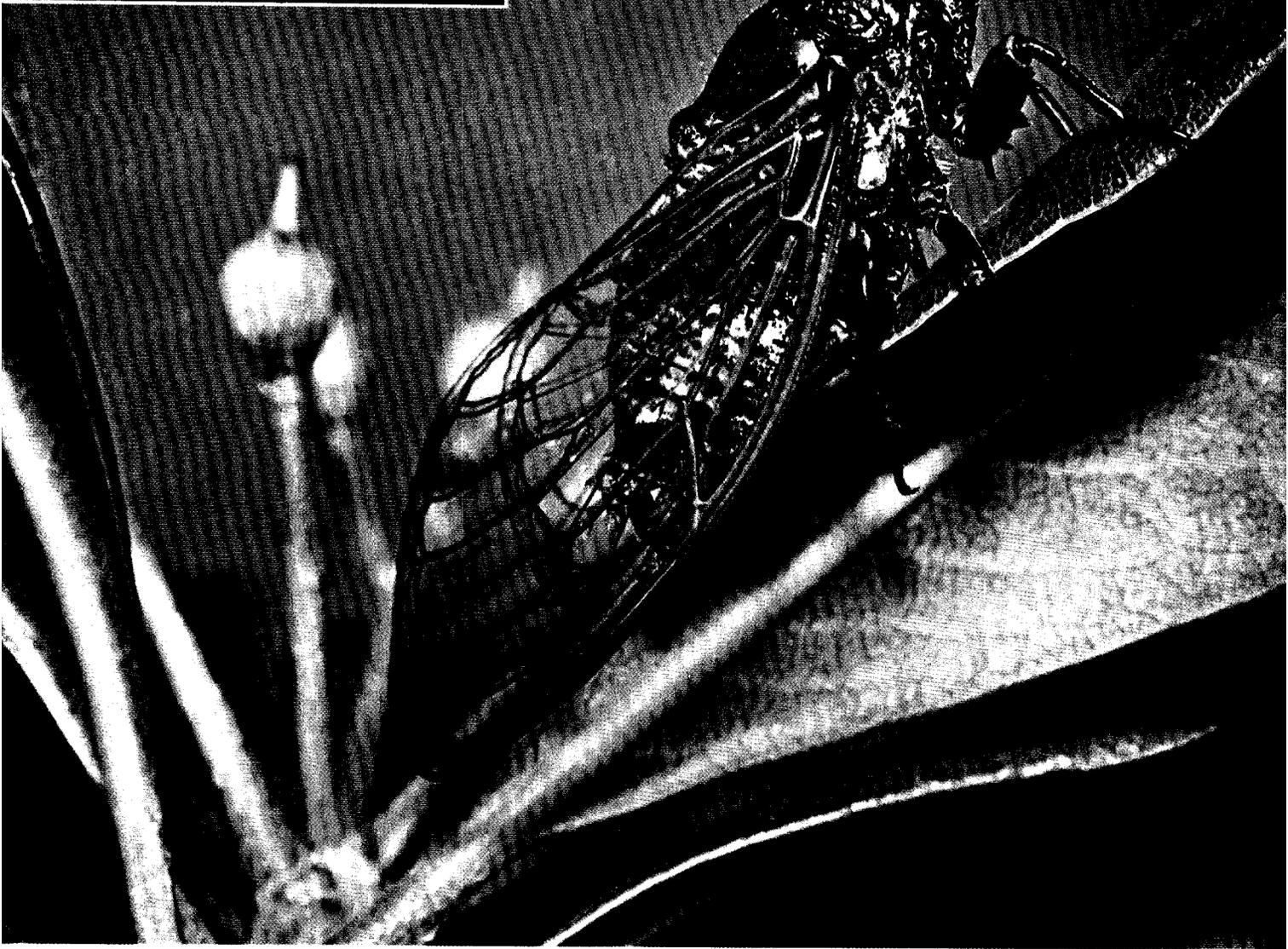
Venus rotating backward is scientific evidence against the theory of evolution. We must rather look to other than the physical for an adequate explanation.

We conclude with a question: Has God, knowing the proclivity of man to try to reason around Him as the Creator, built into His Creation just enough irregularities so that it would be impossible for man to account for them without Him?

— S. M. Hegvold



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EVOLUTIONARY MYSTERY SOLVED

THE LOCUSTS' "DEAFENING DEFENSE"

One of the most simple yet profound demonstrations of the existence of a Creator is the extraordinarily intricate self-preservation mechanisms extant in the animal world.

GOD's creation is designed to be both *active* and interesting at the same time: *active* in that life is not static — there is always a finely tuned competitive balance between the various animal kinds — *interesting* in that there are an

enormous number of the most ultra-sophisticated techniques with which the animal kingdom maintains this finely tuned balance.
Now if God were as monotonous as some puritanical religionists would have

Him be, He certainly should have used the *same* self-preservation mechanism in every animal. For example, all animals could have easily been fashioned to emit an horrendously putrefying odor like the skunk, or have sharp quills like the porcupine, or wear the hard shell of a turtle, or have the long, poisoned tentacles of a jellyfish. But fortunately God *didn't* choose "just one." He chose them *all*. Because our Creator — the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob — *loves to create*.

One most interesting example of God's beautifully interwoven design is the defense mechanism of the *cicada* — which is the scientific name for the *locust* or *harvest fly*.

These little insects, although mentioned frequently in history, have been somewhat difficult to investigate in a controlled scientific environment.

The reason?

In many species the mature adults appear above ground only once every 17 years! They promptly mate, lay eggs and then die. And the next generation can be expected 17 years later — which tries the patience of even a normally reserved scientist.

Now it would seem logical for God to have built a strong protective mechanism into these locusts — because if they could be easily attacked by predators as they all emerge together, the next generation could not be engendered, and consequently the whole species would be wiped out.

What is this self-defense mechanism? Sound.

Sound? Well, *noise* might be more accurate.

In June of 1970 at Princeton University's Auditory Research Laboratory, cicadas (locusts) were intensively studied by staff members. (Their research is reported in the article "Deafening Defense" in *The Sciences*, Vol. 11, No. 1, January 1971, pp. 34-35.) And the results of these experiments stand as "mute" (a pun) testimony that the Creator enjoys His job.

We first briefly describe the cicadas: They have stout bodies, wide blunt heads and large transparent wings. Upon emerging from the ground, after their enormously long larval stage, the cicadas shed their shells, arrange them-

selves in distinct species groupings — often on separate treetops — and then begin to generate their characteristic noise.

Actually, only the male cicada produces these prolonged shrill notes. He does so by vibrating a uniquely constructed set of membranes in a special sound organ on the underside of his abdomen. The Princeton group reports that the cicadas generated their sound primarily during the warm part of the day — the most likely time for attack. At nightfall — when darkness became an ally — the cicadas completely stopped their sound production.

Now, the obvious question: *Why does sound protect the cicadas from their enemies?* Sound — or even noise — it would seem, should *attract* the cicadas' natural enemies — birds — to these otherwise defenseless insects by giving away their location.

True. Except for the fact that one

Virgil remarked concerning the shrill calls of the cicadas: "They burst the VERY SHRUBS with their noise."

cicada doesn't sing by itself. Thousands sing together. And, as incredible as it "sounds" (another pun), a full 60 feet from the cicada swarm, the *sound intensity* is measured at 80-90 *decibels* — which is equivalent to the noise generated by a pneumatic hammer (breaking up the streets of midtown Manhattan, for example). This intensity of noise level is quite capable of damaging the mammalian inner ear! And remember, this is from a distance of 60 feet!

The Director of the Auditory Research Laboratory, Dr. Ernest Glen Wever, related that even some of the members of his research team complained of ringing sensations in their ears which lasted for hours after field observations of the cicadas in their natural habitat were concluded. Commented Dr. James A. Simmons, a post-doctoral researcher at the lab, "Whenever we observed large populations of cicadas, birds and every other visible moving thing, even people, simply left the area."

Obviously, here is an extraordinarily effective defense mechanism: It is rather difficult for a bird to eat a cicada if it can't get anywhere near it!

However, there seems to be an obvious problem here. If no visible moving thing could exist within even the same area where these loud-bellied insects are squawking without incurring permanent ear damage, how then could the cicadas themselves, in the very noise center, possibly avoid such damage?

There is a way, and it's simple. Naturally — it's part of the system: While the cicadas are generating their high-intensity sound, their eardrums automatically (and temporarily) collapse, thereby reducing their hearing capacity by upwards of 75 percent. And as a result, absolutely no injury can occur. This fact alone screams at us the title of this article — the category under which "the locusts' deafening defense" must be put — DESIGN!

But we've not yet finished with uncovering the secrets of the cicada's sagacious singing. There's more to the story than meets the ear.

Continuing their investigations, the Princeton research group discovered that the extreme efficiency of the cicada's "deafening defense" is due to a cooperative effort among *three* separate but coexisting species of cicadas. Two of these species were numerous enough to supply sufficient data for the investigation to yield reliable conclusions.

Magicicada septendecim, which is the most populous species of cicada, broadcasts its sound with a "call frequency" of 1000-1500 cycles per second. *Magicicada cassini* "calls at a frequency" of 4000-6000 cycles per second. Now it is remarkable that these two species are unable to hear each other, but *both* are loudly heard by their natural enemies — especially their primary predator, birds, whose range of hearing extends from about 1000 to 4000 cycles per second.

Now ponder this question: Since the two cicada species can't hear each other, how does either "know" that they should cooperate in generating noise to keep away the birds?

This question takes on an even

greater significance when it is realized that cooperation between these two species is more than desirable — it is an absolute necessity to maintain complete safety during the crucially short mating period. Here's why:

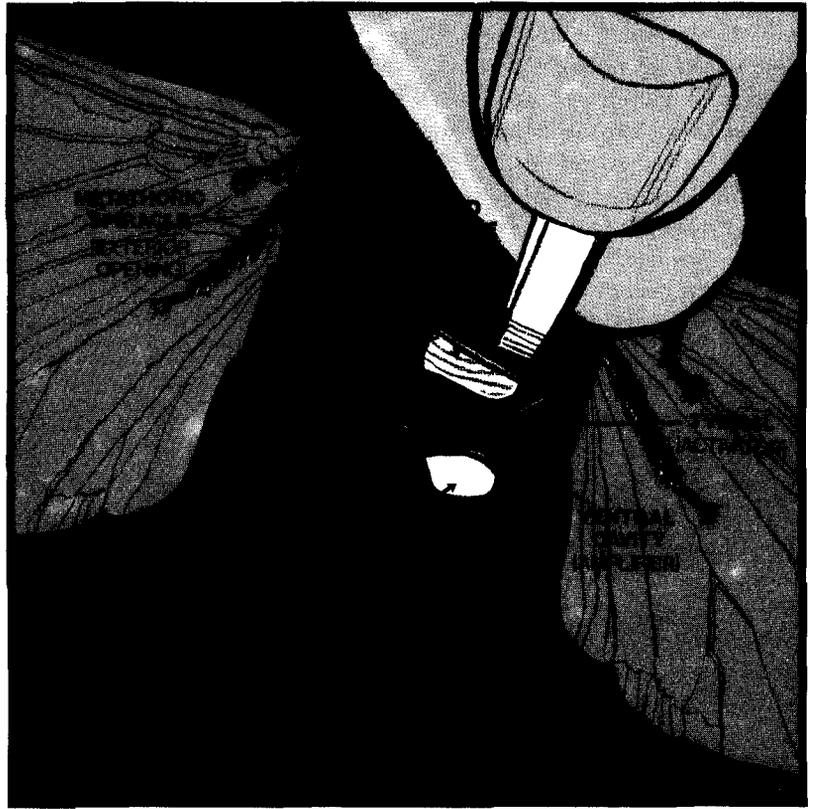
The generation of sound *differs* in the two species. *M. septendecim* sings in *relay*: one insect *starts* squawking only when it is triggered by a neighbor which has *stopped squawking*. On the other hand, all the insects of the *M. cassini* species squawk *in unison*. The combined effect is a continuous high-intensity noise, intermittently broken by progressively *very intense* sound peaks. And this is far and away the most effective and the most efficient method for keeping away enemies during the mating period. Because if *M. septendecim* were alone, the noise level would not be sufficiently intense to be a successful "deafening defense." And if *M. cassini* were alone, the noise level would remain at a perpetually constant level, which would have a progressively less painful effect on the eardrums of predators.

In other words, the cooperation between these species is essential for the sound defense system to be workable. And since cicadas are the first creatures in which this fascinating phenomenon has been observed, the question naturally arises as to *how* the peacefully co-existing cicada species [unable to hear each other, remember] *first* formed their alliance. The "scientific" answer comes back: This is an "intriguing evolutionary mystery."

And without God — that's exactly what it will always remain.

But let's look *beyond* the incredible effectiveness of the cicada's "deafening defense" technique. Let's not lose sight of the grand spectacle of God's creation just to smash the already smashed theory of evolution. Why waste our time? Let's rather appreciate the originality of the idea, the freshness of the approach, the uniqueness of the concept. Here is a sophisticated design barely within man's 20th century capacity to comprehend it. Here is a glimpse of life's phenomenal varieties and intricacies. Here is a vision of the mind of God (Rom. 1:20).

— R. L. Kuhn



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The sound-producing structures of the cicada are among the most complicated in the entire insect world. Located on the underside of the first abdominal segment, they are identified by a pair of earlike covering flaps called OPERCULA. By lifting these flaps, the details of the cicada's sound-making organs can be seen. The relatively large cavities resonate and amplify the sounds, which vibrate to the exterior through the METATHORIC SPIRACLES.

Inside, a burst of sound is activated involuntarily by "bucking muscles" which vibrate the TYMBALS. (See drawing above.) The volume can be controlled by the raising and lowering of the OPERCULA PLATES. This raising, lowering, then trailing off produces the unique summer song of the cicada. The cicada avoids personal injury from its own "pneumatic hammer" frequencies by temporarily shutting down its mirrors (eardrums), which are "conveniently" located in the same sound cavity — yet amazingly play no part in the production of sound.

You can imitate the cicada call by placing a tin aspirin box between your teeth and snapping the lid in and out rapidly. The loud buzzing song of the cicada is difficult to describe, perhaps the closest description is the word of the primitives of New Zealand, "kihi kihi."

"When Christianity conquered Rome, Rome avenged herself by imperializing Christianity. One half of the orthodox theology is due to the imperial and legal ideas of Pagan Rome, and would have been repelled by Jesus with abhorrence."
(From *The Early Life of Jesus*, Stopford A. Brooke.) **The Jesus you have heard preached, the Jesus you've seen pictured, is NOT the Jesus of your Bible. Let's take an honest, candid in-depth look at —**

THE REAL JESUS!

by David Jon Hill

DID YOU ever hear a child say, "I want to be just like Jesus was when I grow up"? Why is it that the name Jesus conjures up so embarrassing a picture of sweet tenderness in your mind? Why is it that He is not a hero that young people look to and want to grow up to be like? And I do mean *children* — not those young adults now hooked on the recent fad of imitating what they THINK Jesus was like!

In today's supposedly Christian world, with our whole calendar year saturated with stories about Jesus, why is it that more people don't want to be like Jesus? Children and adults alike look forward to the celebration of Christmas when the "little Lord Jesus" is sung about and lauded with hymns of praise and poems of love and tenderness. Everyone looks forward to trading gifts on His supposed birthday, and becomes enveloped in what they call the "spirit of Christmas."

No sooner does the new year dawn than we run into the equally great season of Easter. Here the meek and lowly Lamb of God is worshipped and we are all presented with the picture of a dead Christ on a cross! We are reminded at this time of year that *that* Christ rose from the dead — we know this truth

because on Easter morning all good "Christians" have sunrise services where they observe that great life-giving orb coming over the eastern horizon as a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus.

Yet even at this time of year, nobody seems to be envious of this Jesus — nobody seems to want to live *the way He lived*. There are still no voices claiming that they would like to be *just like Jesus*.

What kind of a man do *you* see when you hear the name "Jesus" spoken? What type of a person do *you* think about when you hear the name "Jesus"? When *you* pray in Jesus' name, what sort of a Jesus comes to your mind?

Sunday School Jesus

Remember the Sunday school picture of Jesus? Perhaps only last week you were being told about "dear Jesus." Do you remember when you were a child how many times you were told that you must "love the little Lord Jesus"? Ask yourself this honest question: Did or does that Sunday school picture of Jesus inspire in your mind affection and love, inspiration and worship? Can you look to that Sunday school Jesus in admiration and respect? Does that Jesus inspire strength and manliness? Is there, when you think of this Jesus, a

hope somewhere down deep inside you that some day you may be able to be *just like Him*?

Or is there somewhere deep inside you a small feeling of revulsion, or a pitiful sympathy for a man pictured the *way* Jesus has been pictured to you. Have you thought in your own mind that perhaps He was portrayed as being a bit of a sissy — but you didn't dare say anything about it for fear of being called a blasphemer? Haven't you thought in your own mind from time to time that the Jesus in the pulpit picture is just a little bit effeminate, yet almost didn't want to admit it to yourself because your conscience hurt you when you thought that?

Have you never questioned in your mind the fact that the Jesus pictured to you since your youth was not quite as much of a *man* — an outgoing personality of friendly nature who had fun — as you would like to have Him be? Are you sure in your own mind that the Jesus pictured to you by your Sunday school instructor *could* drive a nail as a carpenter?

How many times have you had questions in your mind about this meek and mild Jesus, the pale-faced, sad young man who never laughed? Have you never had the slightest bit of queasy

feeling about this greatest hero of all Christian literature who is yet pictured as a delicate and effeminate person? Perhaps sanctimoniously portrayed kneeling in long purple robes with hair flowing down His back, a pious look on His face, His hands folded on a rock in front of Him? Hasn't He been pictured in your mind as too much of a do-gooder to have honest fun?

Perhaps you were in the same predicament as the little girl who went to Sunday school and was asked by her instructor, "Who is the Lamb of God?" and her innocent answer was, "Oh, that's Mary's little lamb, isn't it?"

Blasphemy?

Is it blasphemy to ask questions like this? Is it blasphemy to be honest with ourselves about the man who claimed to be the very Son of God? Or can we boldly face the truth and either eradicate these wrong ideas and questions from our minds or be convinced that the *real* Christ is a *different* Christ from the one we've heard about in Sunday school?

Listen, its time to clear the cobwebs of Christian sanctimoniousness — to get away from the *superstitious* idea of a "little Lord Jesus." It is time to clear away the nauseating nonsense written with pious pen through the centuries of ignorance and get down to the **PLAIN TRUTH** about the nature and actions, words, thoughts and deeds of the most important person in all history!

There need be no *embarrassment* about the **TRUE** Jesus! The Father in heaven will not account you a blasphemer if you honestly question the picture **MEN** have put before you about His Son!

There has been more written about the life and works, actions and deeds of Jesus Christ than any other man through all history. Books have been written about the *person* of Christ. Many books have just been titled *Jesus* with an attempt made at an explanation of His life. Others would talk about the fact that "Jesus lived *here*." Books have been written on what Jesus read, a biography of His life, what His education was like. The "Historic Jesus" is the

theme of many books. Whole series and volumes of books have been written on the "Life and Times of Jesus." Studies about His life, His teachings, His birth, His infancy, His manhood — and yet in *all these volumes* the **PLAIN TRUTH OF YOUR BIBLE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY IGNORED!**

Self-righteous, bigoted, sanctimonious scribes have written *their* ideas. They've scoured the mythology, the legend, the ignorance and the superstition of past dark ages. Great "Christian" writers down through the centuries have endeavored to give us a picture of Jesus Christ. That picture has not been a true, open, plain explanation of the scriptures of your Bible, but a description of the particular Jesus that *appealed to the particular writer!*

God's Plain Warning

God plainly warns us in the Scripture that men would come in His name — using the name of *Jesus Christ*, claiming the *authority* of God, quoting *His very Bible* — and yet **USE IT TO DECEIVE!** (Matthew 24:4-5.)

Paul warned the Corinthians about this, specifically regarding the *person* of Jesus Christ. He said, "But I am afraid that *as* the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if some one comes and preaches **ANOTHER JESUS** *than the one we preached* . . . you submit to it readily enough" (II Cor. 11:3-4, Revised Standard Version).

Jesus Christ warned that false teachers would come *in His name*, **DECEIVING MANY**. *Plain scripture statements* are diametrically opposite to the pictures of Jesus that we have been taught! There are extant in the world today deliberate contradictions to the command of God not to have graven idols and images, pictures and likenesses of the Creator. (Write for our **FREE** article "Is It Wrong to Have Pictures of Christ?")

Perhaps the one *most* perverted, twisted and outright lying deception that has ever been perpetrated on mankind has been the false picture of the true Jesus! Satan is a very clever adversary. Everything he has set his hand to, he has perverted! He has succeeded per-

haps beyond his own wildest imaginations in palming off on mankind the ridiculous situation of having the person whom they worship and adore — to whom they raise their voices in pleading prayers — pictured as a soft, womanly, effeminate, shaky, pale, delicate young man with no sense of humor! Satan has pictured to modern mankind not the *Rock* of our salvation, but a sorrowful, sad-eyed, petulant-mouthed, flabby, weak and lowly Jesus!

BUT YOU CAN THANK YOUR GOD IN HEAVEN THAT THIS PICTURE IS NOT TRUE!

The blasphemy does not lie on the heart of the individual who *questions* the Sunday school picture of Jesus. The blasphemy lies in the deceived attempt of those who have passed on so much sentimental twaddle about the Son of God. The blasphemy lies in the hands and hearts of those who have *deliberately misconstrued* **PLAIN SCRIPTURE** — those who have defied the principles of the living God and described a Jesus who is narrow, restricted, contrary to the revealed truth of the Word of God!

One Example of Error

God says through His Word that it is a **SHAME FOR A MAN TO WEAR LONG HAIR** (I Cor. 11:14). And yet the Jesus of this world — the picture that comes to mind when you hear the word "Jesus" — is *long haired!*

Christ is the Captain of our salvation. He is the *firstfruits* that rose from the dead. He is now at the right hand of the Father in heaven, governing and ruling this universe! He *has inherited* God's Kingdom! He is a **BORN SON OF GOD!** Yet, your Bible very plainly says — and in the *New Testament* — "Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor **EFFEMINATE** . . . shall inherit the kingdom of God"! (I Cor. 6:9-10.) **AND YET THE JESUS PICTURED BY THIS WORLD IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFEMINATE PERSONS PICTURED AMONG THE GREAT MEN OF ALL HISTORY!**

What Is the Truth?

Almighty God plainly tells us in His Word that any **OTHER GOSPEL**, any other description of His own Son, than the Gospel which He gave through

Jesus Christ and which the early apostles taught, is under the penalty of a *double heavenly curse!* Read it with your own eyes in Galatians 1:8: "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, LET HIM BE ACCURSED"! And the next verse doubles this curse!

IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP!

Don't take for granted the picture you have always seen of the Sunday school Jesus. You no longer need to be ashamed when the name of your Saviour is mentioned. You need have no qualms about the fact that He was every inch a man!

You *must* know the truth about Jesus — the *only* man who has the name "whereby we must be saved"! (Acts 4:12.)

You have probably read and are familiar with the many stories of the great men of the Bible. Perhaps at one time or another you would have liked to have been a Daniel or a Samson. Every young man can picture himself in the place of David as he strode out to the brook with a round rock in his sling, and with the strength of God felled the great giant Goliath!

Daniel in the lion's den brings to mind great strength, courage and manliness that is to be envied! Even Moses with his fierce countenance and his powerful rod as he struck the river Nile and it turned into blood, and as he waved it out over the great Red Sea, it parted, and there was a dry way made for the children of Israel to walk across, stirs the imagination and makes him a hero!

But the true Jesus, stripped of all of the *pagan* and *false* ideas about Him — the REAL MAN who was the Son of God — is the *greatest of all Bible heroes!*

Read this brief excerpt of pagan propaganda that's being fed into the minds of our children about Jesus: "*Gentle Jesus, meek and MILD, look upon a little child.*" "Christian children all must be MILD, obedient, good as He." As J. B. Phillips, the renowned author of *The Gospels Translated Into Modern English*, puts it in his book entitled *Your God Is Too Small*, "It is a thousand pities that the word

child has so few words that rhyme with it appropriate for a hymn. We can hardly be surprised if children feel fairly soon that they have outgrown the tender Shepherd and find their heroes elsewhere."

Contrary to everything you have heard, the Jesus of your Bible was a well-educated, medium-built, ordinary-looking Jew! He was good humored, talkative and friendly. He had MUSCLES! He was in excellent physical condition — and there is no doubt whatsoever that He had a *good tan!* He spoke with an unmistakable ring of authority in His voice, and He moved people to action. He was strong and yet sociable. With His education, He still remained humble, warm, easy to get along with, nice to know!

Yes, He *was* loving and kind and helpful. Yes, He *did* have tenderness and mercy, patience, long-suffering and forgiveness — but all these characteristics were REAL LIFE CHARACTERISTICS! He was no stranger to the passions of red-blooded humanity. His compassion was *real*, not the pious and sanctimonious twaddle of an ascetic monk, but the real vital, flowing feeling of a dynamic MAN!

It's time to erase from your mind the false concept of a false Christ! It's time to remove the Sunday school silliness of a namby-pamby Saviour of an unreal world!

There is a hymn which typifies this feeling among Christians with no backbone, which says "*Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life be passed.*" And the Jesus that they conjure up in their minds is the *same kind* of a Jesus *as they are men!* He is an unreal person *hiding* from the true realities of life!

He is a Jesus so gentle that He could not possibly perform the great miracles that the true Son of God did perform! This Jesus of the escapist from reality could not cast out the money changers and turn over their tables! This delicate Jesus with the petulant, pious look, could not possibly stand in the face of the religious leaders of that day and openly, publicly declare them to be *hypocrites* — to call them *snakes* and *vipers* to their faces!

No, Jesus was not called the "Lamb of God" for all His *tenderness*. He was called the "Lamb of God" because he had the *strength*, the *courage*, the *endurance*, the *mental fortitude* — yes, the outright GUTS — to stand in the face of death and not speak up in His own defense — to let His lifeblood flow out for you and for me, for our sins, to rid the world from the curse of sin, and yet realize that He did not *deserve* so much as one lash from the whip!

No, the tender, flabby-faced, pale, sad young man that's pictured as the Jesus of this world *could not have ENDURED* the pains of the cross! The individual *pictured* with the one unsightly drop of blood dripping down from his face while hanging on the cross — the Jesus of this world — would have *FAINTED* at the sight of blood! Certainly it cannot be claimed that this worldly picture of Jesus fulfills Isaiah's prophecy of the *true* Jesus at the time He gave His life for *you*. "They shall see my Servant beaten and bloodied, so disfigured one would scarcely know it was a person standing there"! (Isaiah 52:14, *Living Psalms and Proverbs with The Major Prophets Paraphrased.*)

The Startling Truth

The truth of your Bible is more startling, more enlivening, more interesting than a thousand fables. The real, live, flesh-and-blood Jesus Christ properly described right out of the pages of your own Bible — the *truth* documented from the pages of history — will open your eyes to a truly "new" Christianity — the faith originally delivered to the saints — that you never knew existed while you still remained in the darkness of this world!

While the trembling Christian of this world sings the hymn, "Oh, to be nothing, nothing, only to lie at his feet a broken and empty vessel for the Master's use made meet," our hymn needs to be a lively paean to the *real, active, living, MANLY* Christ who can come and live His life in you — help *YOU* live an *abundant, full, REAL LIFE* and eventually *LIVE FOREVER, A BORN SON OF GOD — JUST LIKE HE IS!* □

DID JESUS WEAR LONG HAIR?

WE RECEIVE many letters about long hair. One man wrote, "I can't see where you get this idea about it being spiritually wrong to wear long hair!" (Jim C., Champaign, Ill.) Another stated, "...I Corinthians 11:14 does not say Jesus wore short hair. It says, 'Why nature herself teaches you that long hair is a disgraceful thing for a man' (*Good News for Modern Man*). It doesn't say, 'Jesus wore short hair.' *Nobody in that period of history did.* Short hair is only a product of the last 150 years" (Kelly S., Clemson, S. C.).

But is this true?

Short hair has been with us far longer than most realize. It was the dominant, accepted mode for men in the time of Christ. Pick up any good, illustrated history book on the period and you will see the evidence before your eyes. Two good books in this area are *A History of the Holy Land*, Michael Avi-Yonah, editor, and *Daniel to Paul*, Gaalyahu Cornfeld, editor. Now notice the busts and statues of various Greeks and Romans of the time of Christ. The men are wearing their hair short on every one of them in a manner similar to that generally accepted today (minus the laurel wreath).

For example, on pages 126-7 of Avi-Yonah's work are found busts of Pompey, Augustus, and one believed to be Herod — all with short hair. All statues and carvings of Roman legionnaires show them with closely cropped hair. A Roman with long hair was an oddity as is . . . er . . . used to be the case for men in our society. In fact, *ALL* the Roman

emperors before, during, and after the time of Christ, from Julius Caesar to Trajan, wore short hair. *And the emperor was the individual who set the pattern in style and mode of dress for the whole empire.*

Prior to the coming of the Romans, it was the Hellenistic Greek culture which dominated the Eastern Mediterranean, and Judaea by no means escaped. Even in Christ's day, a large segment of the Jewish population was Greek-speaking and Hellenistic in outlook. (See John 12:20; Acts 6:1.) The Greek Hellenistic style for men was to wear the hair short (Cornfeld, pp. 15, 146). On page 146 of *Daniel to Paul* is a picture of a "marble statuette of an unidentified man of the hellenistic period — a time of close contacts between the Jewish and hellenistic civilizations in thought, art, and everyday life. Whether Jewish or Gentile, he evokes his age and environment." The man had short hair. But notice that the author, a learned historian and archaeologist, *COULD NOT TELL* whether the man was Gentile or Jewish. Why? Because the styles of the day were the same throughout the Near-Eastern region, and that included short hair!

What about the non-Hellenistic Jews? The Jewish *Talmud*, which is anti-Hellenistic, states that all priests should have their hair cut once every thirty days (Ta'anith 17a). These Jews were aware of the statement in Ezekiel 44:20, "neither shall they shave their heads, *nor suffer their locks to grow long.*"

Statues and other reproductions of

the Jewish men from Christ's period are few because many Jews objected to them on religious grounds. But those few we do have again point to short hair as the style for men of the period (Cornfeld, p. 287).

Some have mistakenly assumed that Christ was under a Nazarite vow. This was not the case. Jesus Christ came from *Nazareth*. The early Christians were sometimes called *Nazarenes*. But neither of these words has anything to do with a Nazarite vow. Notice that Jesus drank wine (Matt. 11:19). He also, on occasion, touched a dead body (Matt. 9:25). Both these actions were absolutely forbidden to anyone under a Nazarite vow (Num. 6:3, 6).

Now I Corinthians 11:14 becomes clear. "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?" Not one major translation disagrees with this King James rendition as far as the intent of this verse goes. As has already been proven, in New Testament times, both short hair and long hair were pretty much what they are today.

It is A SHAME for a *man* to have long hair! Nature shows this, as Adam Clarke points out in his *Commentary*, in that a man's hair is just not designed to grow long. It is *not very manageable* — notice this in those who *do* wear long hair — and tends to fall out altogether in the later years of life (a function, at least in part, of the *male* hormones).

Clarke further points out that those under a Nazarite vow let their hair grow long as a token of *humiliation*. It was a shame. Notice too that as soon as the

time period of the Nazarite vow was over, the one who undertook the vow was to shave his head! (Num. 6:18.)

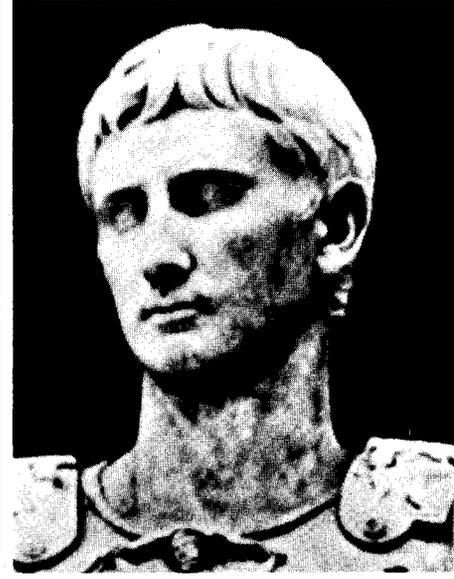
We are nowhere told to be concerned with exactly what Jesus Christ looked like, *as a human being*. The Bible gives no exact description. But we are told, "He hath no form nor comeliness; and

a kiss, to point out to Jesus' enemies which one He was. Judas would not have had to do this if Jesus had long hair.

[Write for our free reprint "Is It Wrong to Have Pictures of Christ?" if you want to know what Christ looks like *now*. You may be surprised!]

man could wear a woman's dress and still not lose his masculinity — but it would certainly be cause for *concern!*

Christ was the greatest example of true masculinity who ever lived! He had the strength — in being close to God, in character, in perseverance, and in fitness — to endure the most horrible tor-



Roman emperors set the style for the entire empire before, during and after the time of Christ. Neither General Pompey (upper left) nor the Emperor Trajan (left) wore long hair, nor did Julius Caesar nor Caesar Augustus (upper right). Hellenistic marble statuette at lower right typifies the short hair of both Jews and Gentiles during the time of Christ.

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when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him" (Isa. 53:2).

Yet Jesus looked like any other normal Jew of His day! On a number of occasions He was able to pass through crowds because He looked just like anyone else (Luke 4:30; John 8:59; 10:39). Judas had to use a special sign,

The Jesus Christ of the Bible was a medium-built, dynamic and rugged individual. Jesus, remember, was a carpenter, a builder in the hard and stony hill country of Galilee. He had worked with heavy rocks and timbers all His life. He was *no* long-haired effeminate! Does that mean any man with long hair is effeminate? No! Any *real*, masculine

ture ever suffered by any human being, before *and* during His impalement to the stake. (See Isa. 52:14.)

TOMORROW'S WORLD "tells it like it is." Men wishing to wear long hair are in error when they claim they are following Christ. The facts of history and the Bible speak for themselves.

News of the World



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The Ambassador College Radio Studio Part 3 Production and Distribution

The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast is heard over hundreds of stations by many millions of people around the world!

Yet for this vast audience *The WORLD TOMORROW* program begins as only a series of invisible electrical impulses in a cable leading from Mr. Ted Armstrong's recording microphone into the *control room* — which is adjacent to the recording studio.

In the control room the program is regulated while in progress and

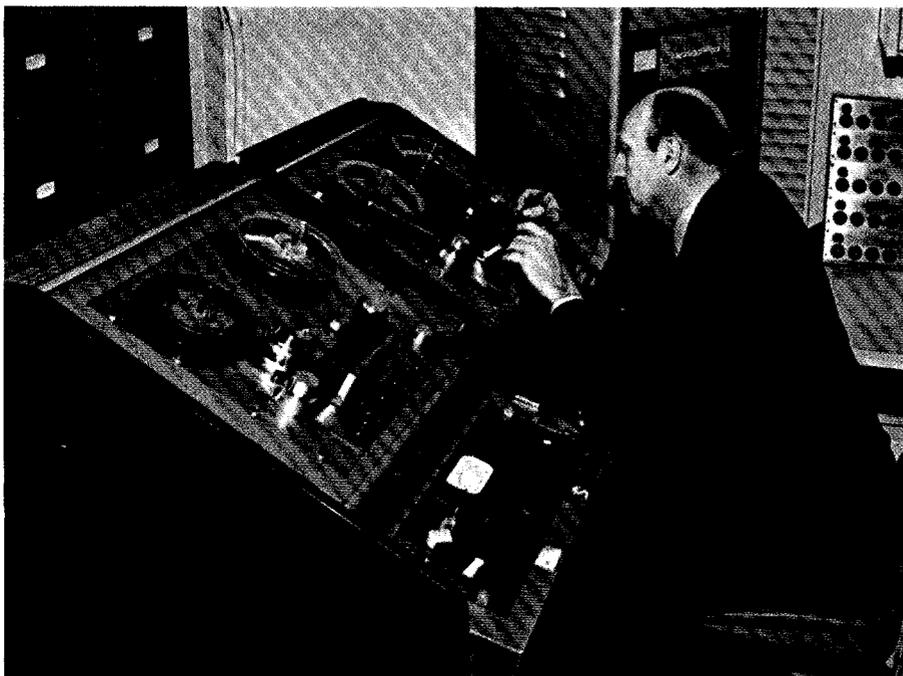
recorded on a master tape. This warning message of the Kingdom of God is recorded and wound up on a 7" reel of magnetic tape. This small bundle of tape — a product of modern technology — may seem insignificant, but the job could not be done without it.

The Miracle of Tape Recording

Tape recording was not adequately perfected until 1947 — coincidentally (?), the year Ambassador College first opened its doors. How vital and

well-timed the development of the tape recorder was to this time when God is completing His end-time Work! For even at that date Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong could no longer broadcast "live" from every radio station carrying *The WORLD TOMORROW*. Neither could the electrical disc transcription of that day do the job of recording for mass broadcasting. The need for the tape recorder was vital and God provided what was necessary for His Work.

But for several years, *The WORLD*



Left: Picture depicting the radio tapes sent around the world as a result of a well-organized team effort. Above: Much of the delicate editing and splicing of tapes must be done by hand. Below: One of the top-quality Ampex machines used in program production.



TOMORROW did use the imperfect electrical disc transcriptions, as one or two studios we broadcast in did not have a tape recorder. Once made, these cumbersome phonograph disc recordings could not be reused. Their quality was not good. And worst of all, they could not be edited. A small slip of the tongue would require the *entire program* to be re-recorded. But the advent of tape recording changed all that.

Editing the Master Tape

Mr. Frank Inglema, Manager of the Radio Production Department, and his assistants are the ones who are responsible for the fine technical quality of *The WORLD TOMORROW* tapes. These men handle the many technical details involved in editing the broadcast tapes.

Timing is one phase of editing. Every single program must be kept within very rigid time limits. Only *five seconds* of variation in the length of the program is allowed over an entire half hour. Judiciously adding or removing these few seconds can take many minutes of work for the studio staff.

Mr. Armstrong regulates his own speaking very closely. Carefully watching the timing clocks as he records, he adeptly judges when to wrap things up. But once any words, phrases, etc., have been removed from the master tape, additional editing may be needed to bring the program within the rigid time standards maintained by the radio industry. The small difference must be accurately adjusted by editing and brought within limits. The result — a smooth, fast-moving program of 28 minutes and 30 seconds.

The world over, *The WORLD TOMORROW* is known for its technical quality. High-quality programs produce more in listener response, in addition to being a Biblical principle. God expects us to do our very best with what He gives us to do (Eccl. 9:10). Countless little details must be fastidiously attended to on each and every copy of *The WORLD TOMORROW*. And many hundreds of tape recordings leave the studio every week.

Quality is a must!

The Dubbing Room

The master tape, once completed, ends its stay in the editing room and

makes its way into the next phase of the process — into the “dubbing room.” This room contains a row of identical Ampex recorders similar to the ones used to record the master tape.

It is here that multiple copies of *The WORLD TOMORROW* are made on other tapes. These multiple copies are “dubbed” from the master tape at double speed — eight copies at a time. The process is repeated until we have the hundreds of copies needed. These individual tapes are then air-speeded to radio stations across the nation.

The never-ending flow of tapes, travelling to and from radio stations, keeps *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast alive in *your* area — wherever you live!

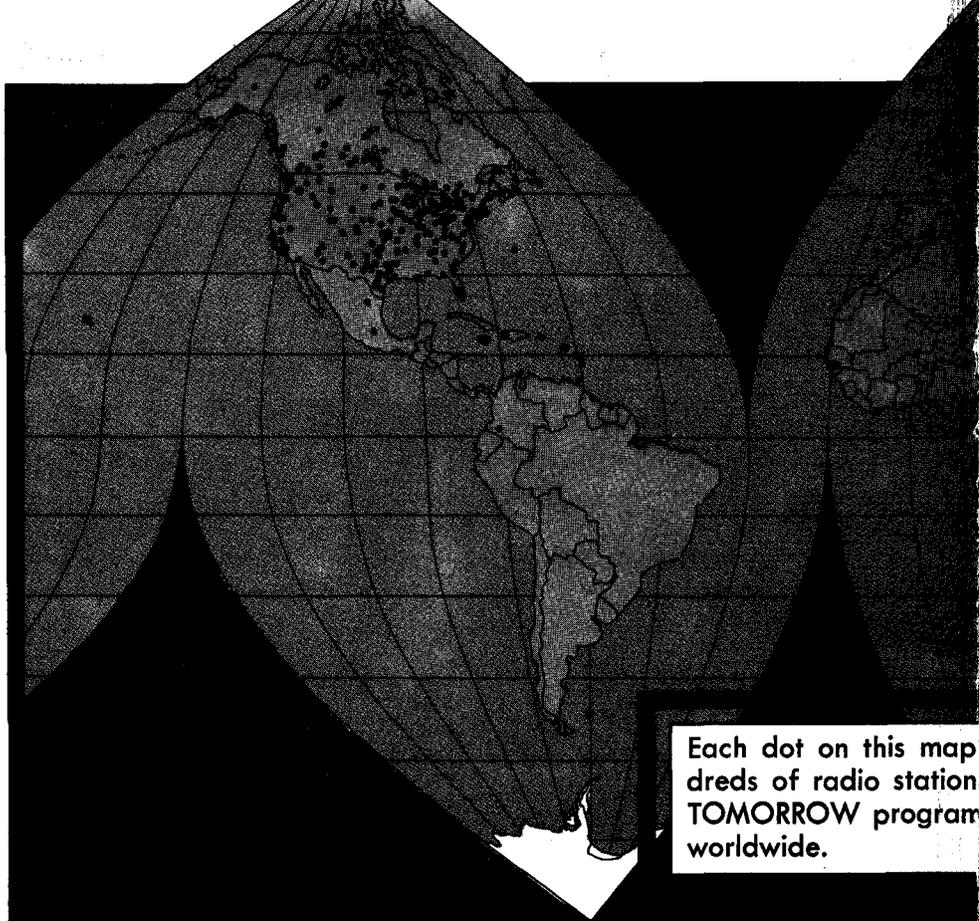
But the behind-the-scenes work is not yet done. What we have seen so far is only the work necessary for radio stations in the United States and Canada. English-language *WORLD TOMORROW* tapes that are broadcast in *foreign* countries get special additional editing.

Foreign Tapes

To begin with, a special copy of the master tape is dubbed and labeled “foreign master.” It is, at this point, identical to the program as played in the United States. Next it must be *subject* edited.

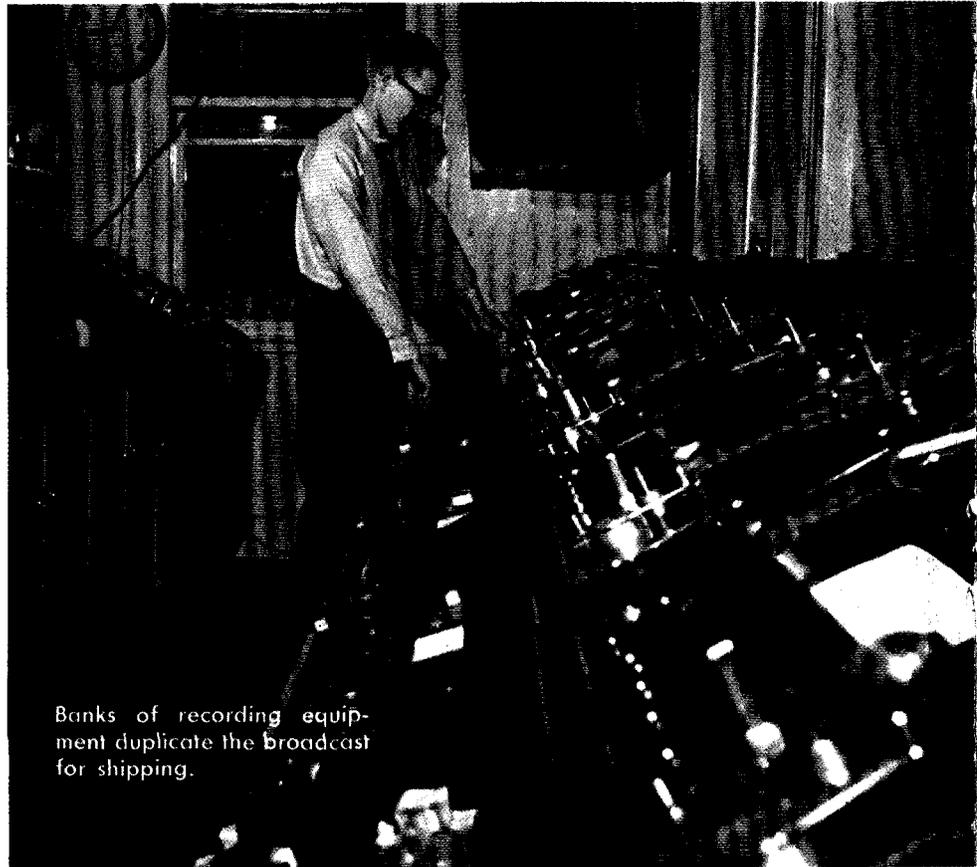
In the United States and Canada, tapes of each particular daily program can be rushed by efficient mailing systems to their destinations without a great delay. But this is not true in out-of-the-way places. Most of the foreign stations carrying *The WORLD TOMORROW* play the programs several weeks behind. As anyone familiar with *The WORLD TOMORROW* would see, any reference Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong makes to current items, or other *dated* material, must be removed.

Most commonly it is the announcements for the current *PLAIN TRUTH* magazine and specific news headlines which become outdated. Almost any day will find men in each of the four editing rooms listening to and marking portions to be removed from scores of foreign masters. Then they will make the actual deletions and insert other footage of radio tape (announcements of booklets and other literature) to

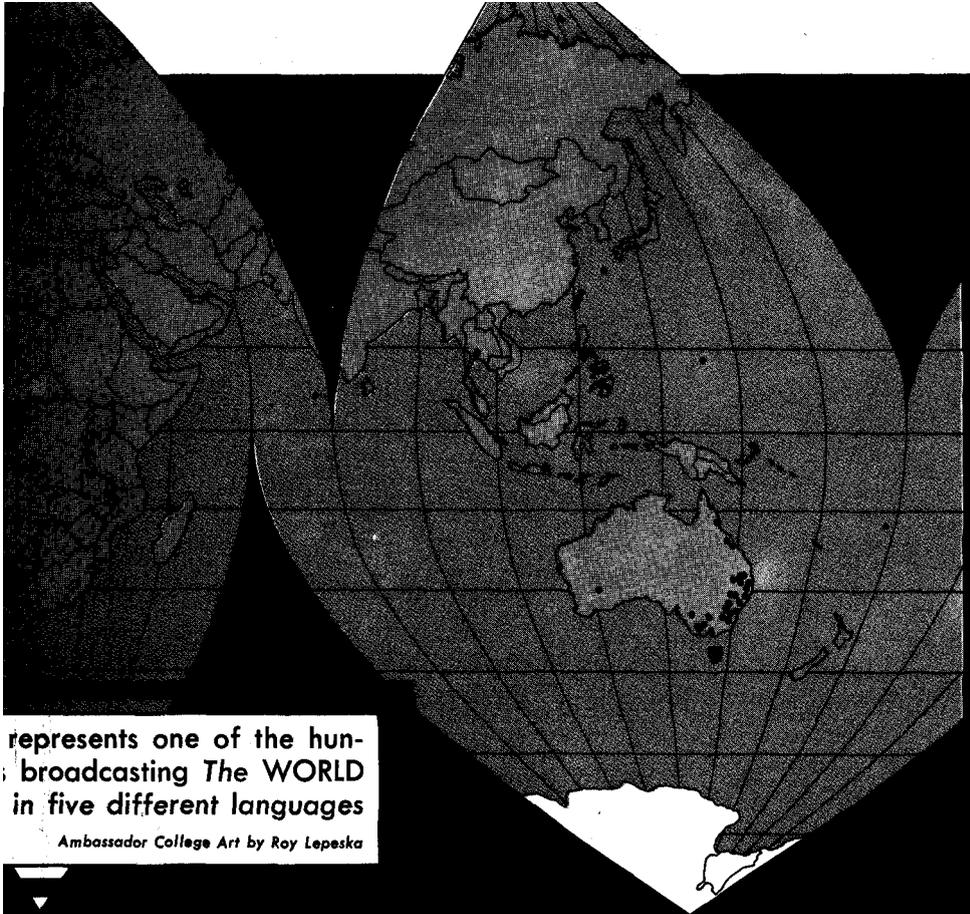


Each dot on this map represents hundreds of radio stations carrying the *WORLD TOMORROW* program worldwide.

...for A Witness



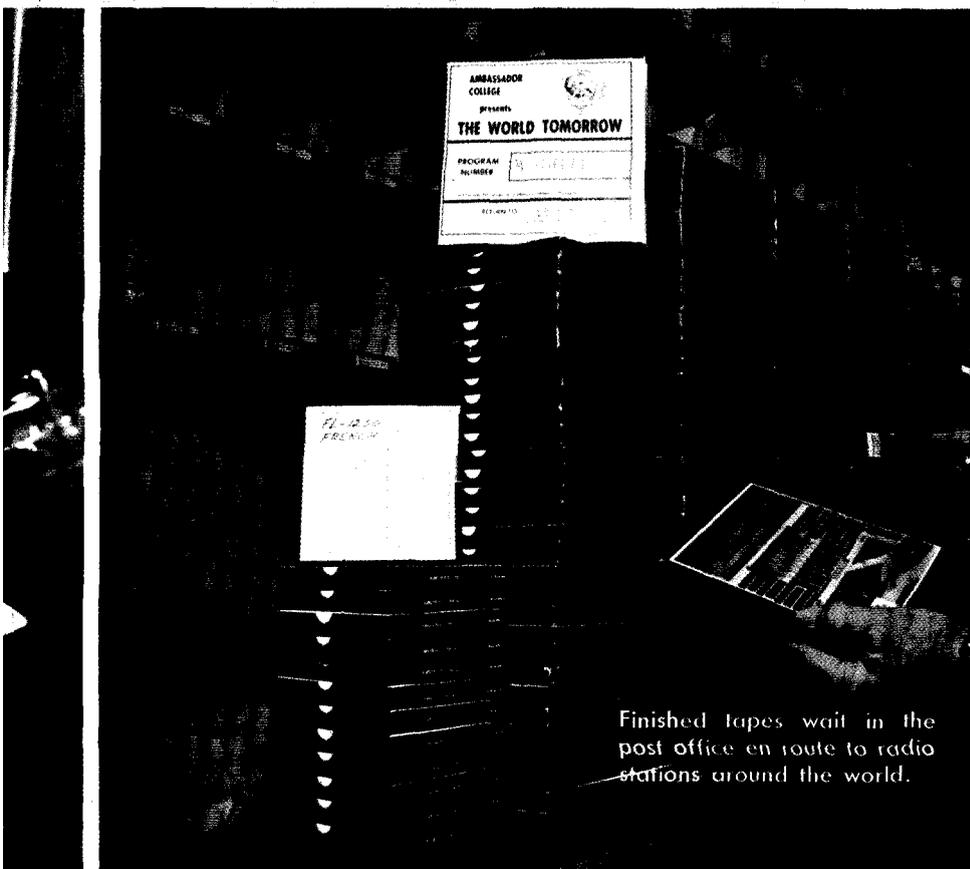
Banks of recording equipment duplicate the broadcast for shipping.



represents one of the hun-
dreds of stations broadcasting *The WORLD*
in five different languages

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Into All Nations



Finished tapes wait in the
post office en route to radio
stations around the world.

bring the time back within the critical limits.

As the final step, the *address* for listeners to send their letters to must be changed. Again the technician does this by removing the Pasadena address and dubbing in the correct foreign one. Finally then, a copy of the foreign master tape is made and shipped off to its *foreign destination*.

Around the World!

The Pasadena studio makes master tapes for various areas of the foreign work — Canada, Australia, the Philippines, Great Britain, South Africa, and the Caribbean. Radio facilities we have set up in each of those areas — except South Africa and the Caribbean — then receive the respective master tape, and dub the necessary multiple copies for distribution within that region.

The South African master is sent to Great Britain for dubbing, as we have no facilities for doing so in South Africa. Dubbing from the Caribbean master is done in Pasadena and sent directly to those stations. Tapes for isolated stations in Bangkok, Formosa, Guam, Okinawa, and Radio MANX heard in a small part of England also receive special editing in Pasadena and are sent directly from that city.

The tape bound for India and Ceylon is made from the British master, after additional editing is done at our studio in Great Britain.

Tapes for the U. S. leave the shipping room twice a week, airmail, special delivery. Most U. S. stations play the tapes 6-7 days behind the original "live" broadcast. Foreign stations will be 3-4 weeks behind, especially the ones with special mailing problems (by slow boat to Bangkok, for example!) which may be played from 7-12 weeks behind the original broadcast.

All told, *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast takes a gigantic *team* effort, involving many different people with different skills and jobs. And those who join the team — whether as their *actual* job, or with their *prayers and contributions* — find that there is no greater satisfaction to be found than that which comes from heartfelt involvement in the Work of God! □



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STAFF MEMBERS ATTEND SCIENCE CONVENTION

THE 137th annual convention of the "World Series of Science" (the American Association for the Advancement of Science) was held in Chicago from December 26-31.

The AAAS boasts a membership upwards of 130,000, with the largest general meetings of scientists held anywhere in the world. The meetings are purposed to provide an outlet and means of communicating the various ramifications of modern scientific endeavor. They include professional researchers from all the many scientific disciplines.

Once again, representatives of Ambassador College's Radio, Television and Editorial staffs attended the annual meeting.

The AAAS symposia provide an excellent source of up-to-date scientific information for our staffs. They allow our science writers to maintain a finger on the pulse of the scientific community while providing excellent material for future television and radio programs and in-depth articles in our various publications.

Members of *The WORLD TOMORROW* television crew once again set up cameras in our own hotel suite in order to conduct interviews with prominent scien-

tists attending the convention. Viewers of *The WORLD TOMORROW* telecast will be seeing these exclusive interviews throughout the next year.

Nearly 5,500 scientists were in attendance at the convention, listening to 1,500 papers and speeches on almost as many areas of research. This year however, many of the sessions were keyed to socio-political problems. More and more speakers became embroiled in social and moral questions. No more may a scientist proceed about his business without concern for the long-term effects of his work.

Dr. Barry Commoner, (above picture) the well-known ecologist, expanded this theme in an animated discussion centered on population growth and environmental pollution with a noted biologist, Dr. Paul Ehrlich.

Another distinctive feature of this 1970 conference was the predominance in so many sessions of angry youth. Several incidents arose around Dr. Edward Teller, the world-renowned physicist, best known for his part in the atomic-bomb project during World War II. Dr. Teller and Dr. Albert Szent-Györgi, a Nobel Prize winner in chemistry, both members of an earlier generation of scientists, attempted to defend the

role of the scientist in society, and in particular in regard to the question of responsibility and the generation gap in science. Never before were so many symposia devoted to scientific self-examination.

Frequently, meetings were disrupted by radical scientists and graduate students representing a "Science for the People" faction. Disillusionment with the results of scientific progress was very evident throughout the conference.

Some few however were more optimistic. Mr. William Lear, engineer, inventor and now President of Lear Motor Corporation in Nevada, revealed his new steam-turbine power plant which, he believes, will soon replace the conventional auto engine and eliminate smog. Mr. Lear, Dr. Szent-Györgi and Dr. Chauncey Leake of U. C., San Francisco, Medical Center were among those interviewed by our staff and will appear in forthcoming television programs. Dr. Chauncey Leake chaired several lively symposia on drugs.

Subjects that drew heavy press coverage included ecology and environmental pollution, the population explosion, drugs and genetic engineering.

Scientists clearly are beginning to question the end-result of the many scientific and technological "advancements" of the twentieth century. In particular, the question "why" is appearing more frequently. Why should we spend so much time and money on research?

This question erupted into a noisy display during one lecture presented by the Director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Dr. William Pickering, entitled "Exploration of Mars." His answer to the question *why?* — "to find life!" More and more, the reason presented for expensive excursions into space was solely for the purpose of explaining the origin and "evolution" of life, our planet Earth and our Galaxy.

Readers of *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD* magazines will read more of the 1970 AAAS meetings and how the trends of science fit into the prophetic significance of the coming World Tomorrow! For example, see Dr. Douglas Winnail's article in the "Science vs Theology?" section in this issue.

The BIBLE JUDGES

The CRITICS

For hundreds of years, numerous critics have been sitting in judgment of the Bible. Now it's about time we saw the Bible's judgment of them.

by Ronald L. Dart

WHY HAVE the majority of scholars — and even *theologians* — sought to discredit the authority and inspiration of the Bible? What is it about the Bible that has drawn this absolutely unparalleled opposition from so many critics?

The answer might surprise you.

Surely it would be remarkable PROOF OF THE BIBLE if it accurately foretold its supposed critics two thousand five hundred years in advance.

And that is exactly what many critics want to deny! The Bible describes their actions, defines their motives, and predicts the results of their criticism.

Hiding From the Facts — Or Hiding the Facts?

The opposers of Scripture must deny the validity of these prophecies, or be condemned by the very Book they study. The Prophet Jeremiah precisely characterized today's critics — with all their arguments, attitudes, conduct and bias.

Listen to Jeremiah's cry!

Jeremiah had received a prophecy directed at many in *our day*. Don't make the mistake of assuming that this prophecy applied only to his own time. In Jeremiah 23:20, we are told: "*In the latter days you will understand it clearly*" (RSV).

What Jeremiah saw in this prophecy left him stunned and horrified. He saw a land full of adultery, cursing and violence. A land in which "both prophet and priest are profane" — that is, they treat sacred things with contempt (verse 11). God said of those *religious leaders* who mislead the peo-

ple and are contemptuous of His authority:

Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them... (verse 12).

Ministers Troubled

And something is very wrong with many of today's religious leaders. A glimpse through the veneer of a segment of today's "Christian" ministry was given in a recent book by Dr. Klaus Thomas, a psychotherapist. The book is entitled *Handbook of Suicide Prevention*.

After being in practice for some years, Dr. Thomas had records of some *ten thousand people* who had come to him desiring advice. The shocking fact is that ministers, ministers' wives, teachers of religion, and theology students composed "the largest single professional group of desperate people who turned to medical care, sick of life."

Can you grasp the significance of that? Out of such a large, statistically significant number, the largest single group that contemplated suicide was composed of *religious workers*.

Why?

Dr. Thomas went on to tell of the first two hundred religionists who came to him for help. Five of them were high-ranking ministers of a well-known denomination, one a professor of theology, and another one of the highest church dignitaries. Out of the two hundred, thirty-four suffered from sexual perversions of one sort or another: twenty-one were homosexuals, seven

were sadistic perverts, one was an under-clothing fetishist, another preferred to wear female dresses, and two were masochists.

No wonder they had contemplated suicide! And no wonder Jeremiah said: "Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein."

Lest you think this is only one man's experience, the German news magazine, *Der Spiegel*, reported on a meeting of psychotherapists in November 1962 when the attending doctors discussed their experiences concerning a total of several hundred sexually perverted persons. They said that "nearly 90% of these patients were religious officers, *predominantly ministers*."

God thunders through Jeremiah to these tragic individuals:

They commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as *Sodom*, and the inhabitants thereof as *Gomorrah* (Jer. 23:14).

Now who is the judge?

Law Cast Aside

But how could this happen? How can men who are the *religious leaders* — the spiritual guides — become candidates for suicide? Listen to Isaiah give us the answer:

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own

sight! . . . Therefore as the fire devour-eth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: *because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel* (Isa. 5:20-24).

More and more people who are going to ministers for advice concerning right and wrong are being told that the old moral guidelines (i.e., the Ten Commandments) no longer apply.

One minister, for example, was consulted by a young girl who wanted advice about a boy she had been petting with. She felt guilty about it and asked the minister for help.

Contrary to her expectations, the minister did not rebuke her. . . . When she assured him that the relationship was serious — they hoped eventually to marry — the minister indicated that she need not feel such terrible guilt. In fact, he added, a total indifference to sex might suggest a denial of the human instinct, something he considered unwholesome (David Boroff, *Coronet*, August 1961).

Is it any wonder God inspired Jeremiah to say, "They strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness"? (Jer. 23:14.)

Again, who is the judge?

What ordinary mortal writing well over 2,000 years ago could have so precisely described the religious leaders of *our* own day? Remember, that Jeremiah *directed* these prophecies to the *latter* days — as well as to his own era.

Free From the Law

What has been the ultimate objective of the critics? No one expresses it any better than the theologian who submitted the Epistles of Paul to examination by computer — Dr. A. Q. Morton. (As we saw last month, his conclusions, unfortunately, were based on inadequate evidence, and his criteria broke down when applied to contemporary writings.) Nevertheless, having concluded from computer analysis that Paul only wrote five of his Epistles, Dr. Morton reveals what he and fellow critics are driving at:

By far the greatest consequences of the establishment of the authorship of Pauline Epistles is that it has *cut the ground from under any notion of absolute religious authority* — whether this is expressed as Church or Bible (*The Observer Weekend Review*, November 10, 1963, emphasis mine).

And there, in a nutshell, is the explicit, if perhaps unconscious, goal, of many Bible critics. They are perhaps unaware that the human mind, by nature, seeks to "cut the ground from under any notion of absolute religious authority."

No wonder we hear the cry, "There are no absolutes." Of course, once individuals are rid of any authority — whether it is Church or Bible — they are free to do as they please — or so they reason. "Free from the law," is the cry that is actually *sung* in a well-known hymn. The only law that we need concern ourselves with, we are told, is the "law of love." So it matters little, we are assured by theologians who espouse situation ethics, whether we literally commit adultery or fornication, lie, cheat, and steal, as long as we have "love for our neighbor!"

In a prophecy directed at our day, God wrote to our people Israel:

Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; and come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, *We are delivered* to do all these abominations? (Jer. 7:8-10.)

This is *precisely* what is being done by many *religious* people today. They come and stand before God, falsely believing that their minister has shown the way to be liberated from God's Law! They claim they are *delivered* from the burden of the Law — to do pretty much as they please as long as they do it out of "love to neighbor." Love to God isn't mentioned.

In this context, the following article appeared in a British paper recently:

A rector who believes the Ten Commandments are obsolete and negative was *congratulated* by his congregation after yesterday's services. "We all support his opinion," said the church-warden of All Saints, Ascot, Berkshire. "It is a sensible modern approach to religion." The minister stated: "I have not referred to the Commandments in my services for years and no one has objected. I know many clergymen who do the same."

But should we expect these congregations to object? Not if we have read Isaiah. Listen to his indictment of the church-attending public of our day:

Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it

may be *for the time to come* for ever and ever: That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us (Isa. 30:8-11).

Again, we ask, *who is the judge?*

Heretofore, we have seen the critics' judgment of the Bible, and now we are seeing the Bible's judgment of the critics.

For every one that doeth evil *hateth the light*, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved (John 3:20).

When the Bible so thoroughly condemns everything that a man stands for, it is no wonder we encounter a thinly disguised, quite irrational rejection of the Bible's authority by that man.

Yet, the Bible is the *only authority* man can turn to in this time of great religious confusion. Satan knows this. It is precisely for this reason that his organization has directed a deliberate and concerted effort to destroy that authority.

Ezekiel describes it:

There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey . . . they have taken the treasure and precious things: . . . Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them (Ezek. 22:25-26).

More and more, in the months and years to come, we are going to see religion stripped of all authority. "Situation Ethics" will be preached with ever-increasing volume. And as this conspiracy continues, the result is going to be a plunge in morals that will defy imagination.

Where Is It All Leading?

No one living in this age can be unaware of the fact that we are living in a time of moral crisis. The rising tide of crime, vice, violence, venereal disease, abortion and drug addiction has just about reached our necks, and it is no longer possible to pretend that it isn't there!

It isn't necessary to shock the reader

with statistics of the millions of dollars lost in shoplifting, embezzlement, theft by employees, and fraudulent bankruptcies. The figures will be out-of-date by the time you read them, anyway.

Nor does one need to enumerate the hundreds of thousands of illegitimate children born every year; the staggering number of legal and illegal abortions that take place; the hundreds of children whose lives are already ruined at birth by venereal disease and drug addiction; or the hundreds of thousands of premature marriages forced by pregnancy.

You already know these things!

But do you know *why*?

No Supreme Authority

The editors of *Look* magazine assigned Senior Editor Robert Moskin to talk with a broad selection of leaders who are concerned about where we are going. His most significant observation was that we live in a society *without a supreme moral authority*. He said: "The moral guidelines have been yanked from our hands."

He asked Dean Samuel Miller of the Harvard Divinity School where we can get moral standards. "Not from the Church," was the answer. Dean Miller said:

The Church has become almost as monastic as the orders in the Middle Ages. There seems to be no connection between what happens in the Church and what happens in society, except that *people living in a desperate age use it to tranquilize their disturbing experiences...The Church simply does not have a cutting edge* (*Look*, September 24, 1963, emphasis mine).

But what real "cutting edge" has The Church ever had? It has blunted or thrown away altogether the "two-edged sword" of the Bible (Heb. 4:12).

Where is today's younger generation going to look for moral standards? Are they willing to accept the authority of the clergy as the norm by which they will regulate their lives? Why should a minister's *opinions* stand between them and what they want to do? Can *tradition* provide a standard for today's young people?

There is an authority to which they could turn to provide the "cutting edge" that is needed, but that has been

laid aside. The theologians have seen to that. That has been the underlying purpose of Bible criticism.

Sir Robert Anderson, writing about the turn of the century, saw clearly where the criticism of his day was leading. He wrote:

And when these pestilent errors have fully penetrated to the unthinking multitude, they will lead to an agnosticism with no saving element whatever — an agnosticism which will soon develop into practical atheism. In this generation the pseudo-criticism is undermining the faith of the Church; in the next it may affect the fabric of society (Sir Robert Anderson, *Pseudo-Criticism*, p. 39).

We are that next generation, and the fabric of our society has nearly rotted away.

The Way of Rome

In the *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Edward Gibbon tells us that one of the five main reasons for the collapse of that "Great Society" was the *decay of religion into mere form, leaving the people without any guide*.

Religion is certainly losing its grip on the American way of life. A Gallup poll was taken in 1957 which asked the question: "At present time do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life, or losing its influence?"

In 1957 only 14% of the population believed that religion was losing its influence.

In 1967, the question was asked again. This time no less than 57% believed that religion was losing its influence. By 1970, the figure had risen to 75%. George Gallup pointed out: "Significantly, younger adults, 21-29, are more inclined to take a pessimistic view than older persons."

We have been called "a society that cannot agree on standards of conduct, language and manners, on what can be seen and heard." A recent news magazine called us "the permissive society." More and more journalists are drawing parallels between our society and that of Rome just before its fall.

Just Another Cycle?

Some, however, believe that history shows a series of cycles of decay and resurgence, of crisis and recovery. They

feel that we are simply in another of these cycles of crises which will be followed by recovery — that we are nearing the bottom, and there will be no way to go but up.

This is certainly not the Biblical summation of history! Look at the world around you. Where are the great civilizations of the past? Have *they* survived to the present day?

Take the earliest of the great world empires — Egypt. For centuries Egypt went through cycles of crisis and recovery. No doubt during those years there were many who said: "There will always be an Egypt."

But Egypt fell. To this day it is not merely a second-rate power, but a diseased, poverty-ridden, largely uneducated nation. God prophesied that Egypt would never again rise up as a world power, and it is so!

For another example, take the kingdoms of ancient Israel and Judah. Again, for centuries we have a historical record of cycles of decay and resurgence. We have the record of false prophets who predicted the kingdoms would *continue* and would *not* be destroyed by Assyria or Babylon.

"There will *always* be an Israel." Israel fell! "There will always be a Judah." Judah fell.

Is it necessary to continue to rehearse the collective histories of the Babylonian Empire, the Persian Empire, Alexander's Empire and the Roman Empire? *Where are they today?* There have been cycles all right, but each successive cycle reached lower and lower into the depths of human depravity and moral decay. In each case the nation either tore itself apart or was destroyed by another world power.

The Point of No Return

The lesson of history is clear, and we have seen more and more of the *marked parallels* between our own present crises and those of the final plunge of the great empires of the past. There comes a time in a nation's history when they are *beyond recovery*, and it is becoming clear that we are approaching the point of no return.

Journalists whose life work is keeping a finger on the pulse of our society

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The Knowledge Explosion

Man is beset by an end-time explosion of knowledge. The Bible prophesied it. Yet the Bible also foretold that our people would suffer greatly for LACK of knowledge! What's the answer to this enigma? Read here how our knowledge — AND the lack of it — is destroying us!

by J. Orlin Grabbe

FACTS. Theories. Books. Libraries. Universities. Education. Knowledge. The accumulated efforts of man's quest to *know*.

Mankind knows today "about two million times as much about the universe we live in and the creatures which inhabit it as was known shortly after the death of Galileo," states Professor Solomon Diamond in his book *The World of Probability*.

Mankind, Professor Diamond says, is undergoing a "knowledge explosion."

This "knowledge explosion" is another tell-tale sign that you're living in the *time of the end!*

Written in the book of Daniel — a source more up-to-date than tomorrow's newscast — some two-and-a-half millennia ago was this prophecy: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the *time of the end*: many shall run to and fro, and KNOWLEDGE SHALL BE INCREASED" (Dan. 12:4).

And now today we find this increase all around us. Here in the end-time, "the world's population is doubling every 35 years, but the accumulation of scientific data, which a century ago was doubling every 100 years, now is doubling every 6 years! And it promises to double every 4 years and then every 2 years, if nothing is done about it" (*Christian Science Monitor*, Jan. 23, 1971).

Armies of scientists armed to the teeth with equipment are dedicating their lives toward finding new knowledge. And 90 percent of all scientists who have ever lived are alive today and, as you read this magazine, are busily involved in the maddening search for facts.

"Science is a body of knowledge which has been estimated to be the equivalent of some 10,000,000 books on science and its applications. More important, this body of *knowledge is increasing* at a rate estimated to be about 1,000,000 *book equivalents a year*, or on the order of 100 books an hour" (*Science News*, Oct. 18, 1969).

The deluge of new knowledge is so relentless that Dr. J. E. Wallen, chief of oceanography at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, says: "I spend 25 percent to 50 percent of my working time trying to keep up with what's going on."

Piles of reports are accumulating in every area of science. The comment of a Nobel-prizewinning physicist, Dr. Emilio Segre, illustrates the extent of the problem. "On K-mesons alone," he stated, "to wade through all the papers is an impossibility."

A Flood of Facts

One *million* technical reports were published in the U. S. in 1969. In the field of bio-medicine, for example, there were 7000 technical *journals* published. And the number of scientific journals and articles is doubling about every fifteen years.

No one can begin to keep track of the facts. Libraries are inundated by mounds of material yet to be classified and filed. "The 'Information Explosion' Hits Our Libraries" was the title of a *Reader's Digest* article several years ago. A more recent news headline proclaims "The Crisis in Our Libraries" (*Los Angeles Herald-Examiner*, March 22, 1970). "There is really a Niagara of information being published," the arti-

cle says, "and even the most capable librarians can't hope to keep up with it... 30,000 books were published in 1969."

Of course not every book represents an increase in knowledge. But book production is indicative of the revolution in information. Prior to 1500, it is estimated, Europe was producing at most 1000 book-titles per year. But by 1950 it was spewing out 120,000 titles a year, and now the output of books on a world scale is around 1000 titles per DAY.

The morass of published knowledge is literally burying itself by its sheer bulk. Millions of dollars are spent annually by scientists repeating research that someone else has already painstakingly carried out and published. "Information retrieving" — that is, finding any particular set of facts once they've been researched, published, and filed — has become extraordinarily complicated. Many administrators of the great national and university libraries are toying with the idea of abandoning the preservation of books entirely, as an obsolete form of the permanent record, and transferring the contents to microfilms and computers.

Too Much Knowledge?

Our end-time age is bursting with knowledge.

Too much knowledge. Reams of information about minute points — rendered useless by its very nature.

Observes Lewis Mumford in his book *The Pentagon of Power*, "We are already... beginning to drown in the flood... And as our knowledge of isolatable segments and fragments becomes infinitely refined and microscopic, our ability to interrelate the parts and to bring them to a focus in rational activities continues to disappear."

Mr. Mumford continues, "In even the most restricted area of knowledge — let us say virus diseases in the gastrointestinal tract of elderly earthworms

— it is difficult for the most conscientious scholar to keep his head above water. . . . The exponents of mass production of knowledge have created a hundred journals devoted *only to abstracts of papers*; and now a further abstract of all these abstracts has been proposed. At the terminal stage of this particular solution, all that will be left of the original scientific or scholarly paper will be a little vague noise, at most a title and a date, to indicate someone has done something somewhere — no one knows what and Heaven knows why” (pages 180-181).

‘Fact’ or ‘Misinformation’?

Fact-finding ever accelerates. But, there’s no guarantee that these same “facts” won’t be hopelessly out-of-date tomorrow. “Given further acceleration, we can conclude that knowledge will grow *increasingly perishable*. Today’s ‘fact’ becomes tomorrow’s ‘misinformation’” (Alvin Toffler, *Future Shock*, page 367).

No wonder people are confused. “Human brains are boggled by the deluge. So are file cabinets, magnetic tapes, research papers and encyclopedias — all bursting with billions of bits and pieces of information, none all-inclusive, *none the first and last words on anything*.” So stated the *Los Angeles Times* on May 14, 1963. The problem has grown grossly worse in the eight years since.

A Lack of Knowledge!

There’s something missing in the world’s knowledge boondoggle. The same Bible that foretold the knowledge explosion also states: “My people are *destroyed* for LACK of knowledge!” (Hos. 4:6.)

Not for lack of *facts*. Not for lack of *scientific* knowledge.

No, our people don’t lack knowledge about automated industrial processes, or atomic structure, or DNA synthesis, or internal combustion. There’s plenty of that type of knowledge.

God tells us what is missing in II Timothy 3 where He describes “the last days” — our generation — as a time man will be “EVER LEARNING, AND NEVER ABLE TO COME TO THE

KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH” (verse 1, 7).

That’s why our peoples are heading for destruction.

For lack of knowledge of how to use knowledge. For lack of the knowledge of God and God’s Law.

For lack of the knowledge of why man was born — that man is to become God — which is the very reason man was created with the capacity to acquire knowledge.

For lack of knowledge of how to go about becoming a Son of God — the truth about the process of salvation. For lack of knowledge about repentance, baptism, and God’s Holy Spirit.

For lack of the knowledge of prophecy — of Matthew 24. For lack of the understanding which prophecy gives — that national destruction is the end result of national sins.

For lack of the knowledge of the laws of marriage, family, and child rearing. For lack of the knowledge of how to prevent juvenile delinquency, crime, and children growing up to use knowledge as heedlessly as their parents have.

For lack of the knowledge of the Biblical, ecological and agricultural laws that guarantee an end to pollution.

For lack of the knowledge of where God is working today and where His true Church is.

God says He has “a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor *knowledge of God* in the land” (Hos. 4:1).

Man’s knowledge apart from God is uncontrolled and unregulated — lawless knowledge, leading nowhere!

Horrifying. Deadly.

“Within the last 25 years, the Western world has moved into an age of jet planes, missiles and satellites, nuclear power and nuclear terror. . . .

“Our problem today is to harness and *direct these tremendous new forces* . . . TO THE NEW WORLD INSTEAD OF TO DESTRUCTION. *But unless we can do this, the rapidly increasing strains and crises of the next decade may kill us all. They will make the last 20 years look like a peaceful interlude . . .*” (*Science*, Nov. 28, 1969).

“My people [are] foolish,” God says. “*They have not known me . . . they are*

wise to do EVIL, but to do GOOD they have no knowledge” (Jer. 4:22). Without the firm foundation of God’s Law, man’s knowledge is slowly, but surely, killing him!

Man’s “feet are swift to shed blood: destruction and misery are in [his] ways: and the way of peace have they not known” (Rom. 3:15-17). Eight years ago a *Los Angeles Times* editorial stated that “75% of the scientists and skilled technicians in this country, who at the present time are working on research and development, are doing it in the fields of space, missiles, atomic energy for *military purposes and other military uses*, and only 25% of them research in the field of the civilian economy” (June 24, 1963).

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Sir Francis Bacon said that “knowledge is power.” That aphorism has summed up man’s orientation for nearly 6000 years. Man had directed his knowledge — not in accordance with God’s Law — but as a means to gain his own selfish ends. The result? The four horsemen of the Apocalypse are loosed for their reckless ride of the destruction of mankind and the earth he lives on: the four horsemen of Deception, War, Famine, and Pestilence!

Man has used his knowledge to satisfy his lusts and greed. Pollution of air, water, and soil result.

The Eternal declares: “Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee . . .” (Hos. 4:6).

And again in Isaiah, “. . . They *regard not the work of the Lord*, neither consider the operation of His hands. Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they *have no knowledge*” (Isa. 5:12-13).

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Does It Matter Which Day You Keep?

Why so much disagreement over the right day for worship? Does it really matter? Whose opinion counts? What day did Jesus keep? Should Christians keep the same day — or some other? Is the calendar mixed up? Has time been lost? This article gives plain Bible answers to these questions so important to YOU!

by William F. Dankenbring

SEVERAL years ago two friends of mine were traveling through the Middle East on an educational tour. Included in the group were several professors, men of higher learning.

As the group toured the port of Haifa, Israel, the guide remarked: "You Americans are seeking to get a four-day work week. We already have a four-day week here. Some of our shopkeepers close on Friday, Saturday and Sunday!"

The guide's meaning was clear. In Israel, many of the Arabs are Moslem and therefore keep Friday as their day of worship. Many of the Jews regard Saturday as the day of rest. But the Christian-professing population generally observes Sunday. So some shopkeepers and businessmen close down on all three days!

As he listened to the guide, one of the educators asked one of my friends, "Well, what day do *you* keep?"

My friend answered, "I keep the same day Jesus kept."

The professor, dumbfounded, had no reply. He knew what day my friend meant and didn't know what to say.

The professor would have been too embarrassed to reply, "Well, *I* certainly don't keep the same day Jesus kept." For a person who professed to be a follower of Christ [a Christian], that would have looked very bad.

On the other hand, the professor couldn't say, "Well, *I* keep a *different* day than Jesus kept!" That would have looked equally bad. So the subject was immediately changed, and the conversation shifted to a discussion of the beautiful waterfront of Haifa.

But this true anecdote brings up an important question.

Which Day SHOULD a Christian Keep?

Does it really make any difference? Does it really matter, one way or the other? Does observance of a particular day of the week have anything to do

with SALVATION? Let's understand the answer to this question!

The world is FILLED with conflicting ideas and beliefs. Every religion claims certain days are "holy." Some sects professing the Christian religion claim there is no special day we should observe. They claim we should worship God every day, and leave it at that!

Perhaps, if we use human reasoning, it wouldn't make any difference which day we observe. "A day is merely 24 hours, and all days are the same," some might reason. "Therefore, I can't see that it makes any difference whether I keep Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, or any other day of the week. So I go along with the crowd. I attend church on Sunday because most churches meet on that day. What difference does it make, anyway?"

If we merely use *human* reason, obviously, it *wouldn't* make any difference. But human reason isn't our supreme authority! Human tradition

isn't our final authority! What human beings think doesn't make any difference, because no human being can give you SALVATION!

GOD is the One who gives salvation. He is the one every Christian is to obey. Therefore, God is the final AUTHORITY! His opinion is the *only one* that really counts!

The ORIGINAL COMMANDMENT

Surely no one has any doubts about which day God *originally* set aside for a day of worship and rest. It is plainly revealed in the first book of the Bible, the second chapter.

We read: "And on *the seventh day* God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God BLESSED the seventh day, and *sanctified* it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made" (Gen. 2:2-3).

Plainly, in the beginning God set apart for a holy purpose (that's what "sanctified" means) and BLESSED the "seventh day" of the week. That day corresponds to our Saturday, today, as you will see by checking your calendar.

But has the week somehow been switched around, mixed up, and LOST between that time and today?

Was Time Forgotten?

Some believe that in the course of history, time was lost. The original seven-day week which God established at Creation was lost track of — forgotten. At various times in history, changes were made in the calendar, dropping out several days here and there.

When my friend on the educational tour in Haifa, Israel, told the professor that he kept the same day Jesus kept, another educator turned and asked my other friend, "But how do you *know* which day Jesus kept?"

My friend replied, "Surely, Dr. So-and-so, you as an educated man know that although the calendar has been altered since the time of Christ, the days of the week have *never* been changed."

Unfortunately, many people are *not* aware of this fact. The truth is, time has *not* been lost. The weekly cycle has never been interrupted or changed since

the days of Creation! If you desire more information on this subject, write for our free booklet *Has Time Been Lost?*

The correct seventh day has always been known!

In the days of Moses, about 1500 B.C., the people of Israel had been held in cruel bondage by ancient Egypt. During this time they were not permitted to observe the Sabbath.

But when God called Israel out of Egypt, He also revealed to them once again WHICH day was the true Sabbath. In Exodus 16 you will find the account. God sent manna to the Israelites six days of the week. On the sixth day, He sent twice as much, so they would have enough for two days. On the seventh day, or the Sabbath, He sent none! On this day they were commanded to REST! (See Exodus 16:22-30.)

For forty long years God performed this miracle! In this manner He indelibly impressed upon their minds WHICH day was the correct Sabbath — the day of worship!

This knowledge stayed with the Jews till the time of Christ. In fact, the Jews have never lost the knowledge of which day is the true Sabbath!

"So what?" a critic might argue. "That's an interesting story of ancient Israel, but what does that have to do with what day I'm supposed to keep?"

That's a fair question. Let's see the answer.

Which Day DID Jesus Keep?

A Christian is a person who follows Christ (see I John 2:6). In fact, the Apostle Peter wrote that Christ left us "an example, that ye should follow his steps" (I Peter 2:21).

Therefore, the question is — what example did Jesus leave us? What day did *He* observe?

We find the answer in Luke. Jesus, at the beginning of His ministry, returned into Galilee. His fame spread abroad (Luke 4:14). "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, *as his custom was*, he went into the synagogue ON THE SABBATH DAY, and stood up for to read" (verse 16).

Here is plain evidence that Christ kept the Sabbath — the same day the Jews were keeping! Although He did not perform all the little ticky tacky

"do's and don'ts" which the Pharisees had tacked onto the Sabbath, He still observed it according to the manner which His Father, God, had commanded!

This is the example Christ set for Christians to follow. He did not keep Monday, or Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, Friday or Sunday. *He kept the seventh-day Sabbath!*

Sabbath Abolished at the Cross?

"Hold on," some might object. "Jesus kept the Sabbath because He was a Jew. It was only commanded for the Jews. Anyway, it wasn't abolished till the cross. Christ nailed the Sabbath law to the cross!"

What about these questions?

If the Sabbath were made for the Jews, and that's the only reason Christ kept it, then why did Jesus Himself say, "The sabbath was made *FOR MAN* . . ." (Mark 2:27.) If the Sabbath were made for Jews only, then why did God establish the Sabbath AT CREATION — at least 2,000 years before the first "Jew" was born?

If we are willing to believe Christ, then the argument that the Sabbath was only meant for the Jews falls flat on its face.

But what about the argument that Christ nailed the Sabbath to the cross?

If the Sabbath was done away at the cross, then surely Jesus would have taught His followers — the early disciples — about it, wouldn't He? Surely the members of the early New Testament Church would have known that they were not to keep the Sabbath any longer after the crucifixion, if Christ had nailed it to the stake!

What, then, does the record of the New Testament reveal about this?

Frankly, the followers of Christ — whom He had taught *personally* for three and one half years — knew nothing about any such idea. Notice:

"And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and RESTED THE SABBATH DAY *according to the commandment*!" (Luke 23:55-56.)

Surely if Christ had abolished the

Sabbath commandment, He would have told these poor women that they didn't need to keep it any longer. But He obviously didn't. Why? Because the Sabbath commandment was still in force!

What could be more obvious than that?

Yet skeptics might argue this is merely one example. Perhaps these women simply didn't know any better. "What about the apostles and the early New Testament Church?" they might ask. "They didn't keep the Sabbath — they kept Sunday!" they might claim. "The Apostle Paul preached on Sunday, and that's who we follow," such people might insist.

Which Day Did the New Testament Church Keep?

Let's not assume. The book of Acts contains the record of what day the early New Testament Church observed. In this book we will find recorded what days of the week the Apostle Paul preached. Let's take a look at this document.

In chapter 13 we find the Apostle Paul and his company traveling throughout Asia Minor, preaching the Gospel. "But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue *on the sabbath day*, and sat down" (Acts 13:14). The next few verses reveal that Paul then proceeded to preach a sermon to those who were assembled. What day was it? The Sabbath day!

"But Paul was preaching to Jews," some might insist. "That's why he was preaching on the Sabbath in this instance." Of course, a person could conclude just that, except for one thing. The Jews rejected the message Paul brought (verses 38-41). And so what did the Apostle Paul do?

"And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the *Gentiles* besought that these words might be preached to *them* the next sabbath. . . . And *the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God*" (Acts 13:42, 44).

How plain! Here was the Apostle Paul, preaching to GENTILES on the Sabbath day! If the Sabbath had been abolished, he would have told them that

they didn't need to keep the Sabbath or wait until the next Sabbath day for him to preach to them; he would have told them he would preach to them the very next day, Sunday. But he didn't!

The Apostle Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, observed God's Sabbath. We read, "And he reasoned in the synagogue *EVERY SABBATH*, and persuaded the Jews *and the Greeks*" (Acts 18:4).

Those who claim to follow the Apostle Paul ought, therefore, to observe the same day he observed — the Sabbath.

In fact, Paul commands them to. In I Corinthians 11:1, Paul says to the Gentile Corinthians, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." If they were to follow him, then they were to *imitate* him — follow *his example*, as he followed Christ's.

We've already seen that Christ's example was to keep the Sabbath (Luke 4:14-16). What was Paul's example? "And Paul, *as his manner was*, went in unto them, and *three sabbath days* reasoned with them out of the scriptures" (Acts 17:2). Paul's *custom* was to keep the Sabbath!

Those who claim to follow the Apostle Paul and who do not keep the Sabbath are poorly informed as to the actual example the apostle set for us!

Should We Keep "the Lord's Day"?

But some will still object, saying they keep "the Lord's day." By this, *they* mean Sunday. Sometimes they will quote Revelation 1:10 to prove we ought to do this. But if you will carefully check that verse, you will find it says NOTHING about "Sunday" or holding church services on that day. It simply mentions "the Lord's day."

What day, then, is "the Lord's day"? Generally, when the Bible speaks of "the Lord's day," or the "day of the Lord," it is referring to a future time in prophecy — the time of God's intervention in world affairs (see Zeph. 1:14-17; Isa. 2:1-12, 19-21). In Revelation 1:10, the Apostle John simply meant that he was carried "in spirit," in vision, into the period of prophecy known as the "day of the Lord" (see Rev. 6:15-17).

If Sunday, however, is "the Lord's

day," or "day of the Lord," then I Thessalonians 5:2-3 is a very strange passage of scripture. We read: "For yourselves know perfectly that the *day of the Lord* so cometh as a THIEF IN THE NIGHT. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them . . .!"

Does every Sunday sneak up on you like a thief? Does "sudden destruction" come upon the world every Sunday? Obviously not. It should be clear that often when the Bible speaks of the "day of the Lord," it is not even talking about a day of the week, but a particular period in prophecy!

But why, then, do many people observe Sunday, today? What authority do they have for doing so?

For that matter, Jesus *did* say He was (and is) Lord of a certain day of the week — read it for yourself: "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore *the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath*" (Mark 2:27-28).

Sunday Observance Commanded?

The word "Sunday" does not once appear in the Bible, in the original Hebrew and Greek languages. Nor does it appear in most English translations. However, the expression "first day of the week" appears in the New Testament eight times: Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2 and 9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1, 19; Acts 20:7; and I Corinthians 16:2. Read each of these passages carefully. You will find that *not one of them* provides any authority for changing the seventh-day Sabbath to Sunday!

Two of these verses, however, deserve special explanation. Some believe that Acts 20:7 shows that the Apostle Paul preached once on the "first day of the week." But what does this verse really say?

Notice: "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to *break bread*, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until *midnight*. And there were *many lights* in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together" (verses 7-8).

Yes, this meeting occurred on the first day of the week, no doubt about

that — but notice! This occurred when they came together to break bread — or in other words, to eat dinner (see Acts 2:46). Paul preached till *midnight* of the first day of the week! Many lights were lit.

Now when did this meeting actually occur? According to the Biblical reckoning, each day begins at sunset and ends the following sunset (see Lev. 23:32). The first day of the week, therefore, begins at sunset Saturday and lasts until sunset Sunday (not from midnight to midnight, which is the modern reckoning).

Therefore, this meeting occurred during the night portion of the first day of the week — or on what we, today, call *Saturday night!* It was NOT a “Sunday meeting” at all! But on Sunday, at day-break (Acts 20:11, 13), Paul walked from Troas to Assos, a distance of about 20 miles — a good long hike. Thus, rather than preaching on Sunday, Paul LABORED on Sunday.

The other verse often quoted to back up Sunday observance is I Corinthians 16:2. Paul wrote, “Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be *no* gatherings *when I come.*” Many churches quote this verse on little offering envelopes. Many people therefore assume it means we should give an offering every Sunday — but that’s not what the Apostle Paul said!

Read this verse in context, starting with verse one of the same chapter. Paul said, “Now concerning the collection FOR THE SAINTS, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye” (verse 1). This was a special collection for the saints. Which saints?

The poor saints — Church members — at Jerusalem were suffering from famine during this time (Rom. 15:25). Paul was collecting contributions from the churches in his area to provide for their needs (Rom. 15:26-27). This collection included “FRUIT”! (Verse 28.)

Therefore the Apostle Paul was actually telling the Corinthians that they should go out into the fields on Sunday, and collect the fruit and vegetables, and put them in storage, so they would have the food ready when Paul

arrived — “that there be no gatherings when I come” (I Cor. 16:2). Obviously, he wasn’t even going to be there on that Sunday.

Paul continued, “And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem” (I Cor. 16:3). Obviously, to take so much food to Jerusalem would have required several men. Paul was not talking about monetary church collections every Sunday — not at all!

In view of the fact that there are NO scriptures in all the Bible that enjoin Sunday observance upon Christians, how did this custom creep into the Christ-professing church? *Why* do most professing Christians observe Sunday today?

The record of history reveals the answer.

How Sunday Became “Christian”

Christ never observed Sunday. The early apostles never observed it. How then did it become “Christian”? By whose authority was this day brought into the church?

Declares the historian Hutton Webster, “The early Christians had at first adopted the Jewish seven-day week with its numbered week days, but *by the close of the third century A. D.* this began to give way to the [pagan] planetary week; and in the fourth and fifth centuries the PAGAN designations became generally accepted in the *western half* of Christendom. The use of the planetary names by Christians [that is, people who *called themselves* “Christians” but who had left the faith once delivered] attests the *growing influence* of ASTROLOGICAL SPECULATIONS *introduced by converts from PAGANISM.*”

Webster continues with the remarkable statement: “During these same centuries the spread of Oriental solar worship, especially that of Mithra, in the Roman world, had already led to the substitution BY PAGANS of *dies Solis* [Sunday] for *dies Saturni*, as the first day of the planetary week. . . . *Thus gradually a PAGAN institution was engrafted on Christianity*” (*Rest Days*, pp. 220-221).

But how was paganism dressed up as

Christian and put into the professing Christian church?

The historian Edward Gibbon tells us that the Roman emperor Constantine was a pagan until he was nearly 40 years of age. “But the devotion of Constantine was more peculiarly directed to the genius of the SUN, the Apollo of Greek and Roman mythology. . . . The Sun is universally celebrated as the invincible guide and protector of Constantine. . . .” (Gibbon, *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, vol. I, pp. 636-637).

In 313 A.D. Constantine and Licinius issued the Edict of Milan which proclaimed religious toleration throughout the empire. Later, when Constantine was sole emperor, he went further. Because he had always venerated the sun and highly esteemed the day of the sun — Sunday — he proclaimed the first day of the week as a day of “rest and of worship, and its observation soon became general throughout the empire. In 321 A.D. Constantine forbade the courts to be held on Sunday, except for the purpose of giving freedom to slaves; and on that day soldiers were commanded to omit their daily military exercises. But the public games were continued on Sunday, tending to make it more a holiday than a holy-day” (Jesse Lyman Hurlbut, *The Story of the Christian Church*, p. 77).

Says Webster, “This was the first ‘Sunday law’” (*Ancient History*, p. 530).

Webster also points out, “It is highly doubtful whether this legislation had any relation to Christianity. More probably, Constantine was only adding the day of the Sun, the worship of which was then firmly established in the empire, to the other holy days of the Roman calendar” (*ibid.*).

Asserts historian Webster, “What began, however, as a PAGAN ORDINANCE, ended as a [so-called] Christian regulation; and a long series of imperial decrees, during the *fourth, fifth, and sixth centuries*, enjoined with increasing stringency abstinence from labor on Sunday” (*Rest Days*, p. 270).

In this manner, the plain teachings of Christ, the early apostles, and the

Bible were subverted, overthrown, and rejected!

Back to the Faith Once Delivered

The Apostle Peter foretold that false teachers would creep into the Church, preaching "damnable heresies" (II Peter 2:1). He said: "And *many* shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the *way of truth* shall be evil spoken of" (verse 2).

The Apostle Jude warned: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should **EARNESTLY CONTENTEND** for the faith ONCE DELIVERED unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares . . ." (Jude 3-4).

Isn't it about time we got back to the "faith once delivered"? Isn't it about time we saw paganism for what it is, forsook pagan practices dressed up "as" Christian, and began to OBEY GOD and follow Christ?

Nowhere in the entire Bible will you find authority for keeping Sunday. As Cardinal Gibbon himself says in his book *Faith of Our Fathers*, "But you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify" (p. 111). Instead, the Bible plainly and strongly condemns embracing pagan practices and worshipping on the day of Baal the sun-god (see Jer. 10:1-2; Deut. 12:30-32; Hosea 2:13).

But throughout the Bible, God commands true Christians to worship Him by observing the day *He* made holy — the seventh-day Sabbath! Observance of the true Sabbath is the SIGN between God and His true people (Exodus 31:14-17). God says if we KEEP His day holy, and stop trampling all over it, He will bless and prosper us, and cause us to "ride upon the high places of the earth" (Isa. 58:13-14).

God never changes (Mal. 3:6; Hebrews 13:8). His laws are eternal (Psalm 111:7-8). His Sabbath day will be observed by all the world during the

soon-coming millennial reign of Jesus Christ on this earth — in TOMORROW'S WORLD (Isa. 66:22-23). Soon the WHOLE WORLD will rejoice in God's Sabbath!

But what about you?

The Apostle Paul declared, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but *NOW* commandeth all men every where to *REPENT*"! (Acts 17:30.)

Sabbath Observance — a New Testament Command?

"All this is well and interesting," a few people might persist, "but I still don't see any *direct* NEW TESTAMENT COMMAND to keep the Sabbath. Can you show me where there is a plain 'thus saith the Lord,' in the New Testament, that I should keep the Sabbath?"

What about *this* question?

Astounding as it may seem, *there is just such a command*, totally unknown to most professing Christians.

In the book of Hebrews in the New Testament, a portion of the Bible seldom read by most people, and understood even less, is a prophecy dealing with the Sabbath day.

In chapter 4, verse 4, we read, "For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works." God Himself set us an example, at Creation, by resting on the seventh day.

But when God commanded the ancient Israelites to keep the Sabbath, by sending manna to them the other six days of the week, they broke His commandment (Exodus 16:22-29). And throughout the history of Israel they forsook God's commands and trampled on His Sabbath (Ezek. 20:13, 16, 21, 24).

Therefore, God says to us in the book of Hebrews, in the New Testament, "There remaineth therefore a *rest* [margin, KEEPING OF A SABBATH] to the people of God" (Heb. 4:9). "Rest" is an improper translation in this verse. In the first part of this chapter the Greek word for "rest" is *katapausin*. However, the word used in verse nine is a totally different word. The original Greek word is *sabbatismos* and refers to the Sabbath day! The Moffatt trans-

lation makes this verse clearer: "There is a sabbath-Rest, then, reserved still for the People of God." The Lamsa translation really makes it clear: "*It is therefore the duty of the people of God to keep the Sabbath*" (Heb. 4:9, *New Testament from Aramaic*, Lamsa).

Here therefore, is a direct New Testament COMMAND that true Christians should keep the Sabbath day!

[Editor's Note: There is much additional New and Old Testament authority for Sabbath keeping. You will find it in our fully illustrated booklet *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?* Send for your FREE copy. See the inside front cover for the address of our office nearest you.]

Where to Keep the Sabbath?

Often, when people learn about the Sabbath, they seek some religious group to assemble with. But it is not enough to just meet with any religious body. A religious group may accept the argument about the Sabbath. But this does NOT necessarily mean they are the TRUE Church of God.

God commands us to seek the body — the Work — which is empowered by God.

If, after studying this article, you find that you have been misled in the past; if you find that you "grew up" accepting error; if you find that you have been observing the wrong day — a day God never sanctified or made holy — then what should you do?

If you are one who wants to know more about Sabbath observance — who really wants to obey God — then here is GOOD NEWS. We have dedicated, consecrated, converted, fully instructed and trained, ordained MINISTERS in all parts of the world — available to call on you, visit in your home, answer your questions, explain the Bible to you — IF YOU REQUEST it. But none of them will EVER call on you, *unless* YOU of your own free will request it!

But if you, of your own volition, want to know more about the Sabbath — if you'd like to ask questions about it or other Biblical subjects — write and request a personal, private appointment. □

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THE DECLINE OF JUDAH

CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE

Royal Visitors From Babylon

HEZEKIAH, ailing king of Judah, was speechless to see the shadow of his giant sundial gnomon moving *backward* at a rapid rate. Whether or not the king realized it, it required a most awesome situation to cause such an unusual sight—a sudden reversal in the earth's direction of rotation! But it was no more difficult for God to alter the earth's rotation temporarily than for a pilot to stop a modern jet that travels hundreds of miles per hour. The surface of the earth travels about 1000 miles an hour around its axis. So it need not have taken more than several minutes to slow down the earth, reverse rotation and then start it going again as before.

Miraculous Recovery

A miracle is a supernatural occurrence having to do with God temporarily suspending or canceling certain of His physical laws. In addition He often uses natural means which people don't always understand.

In any event, Hezekiah was shown exciting proof that God would heal him, and he was very grateful. Whatever means God used to do the healing, He first wanted the poisons out of the king's body. Isaiah instructed servants to apply a special fig poultice to the most painful and swollen area of inflammation, so that the accumulated toxins would be drawn out. True to the prophet's prophecy, Hezekiah was so improved by the third day that he had the strength to go to the temple to thank God for His help and the promise of fifteen more years of life. (II Kings 20:1-11; II Chronicles 32:24; Isaiah 38.)

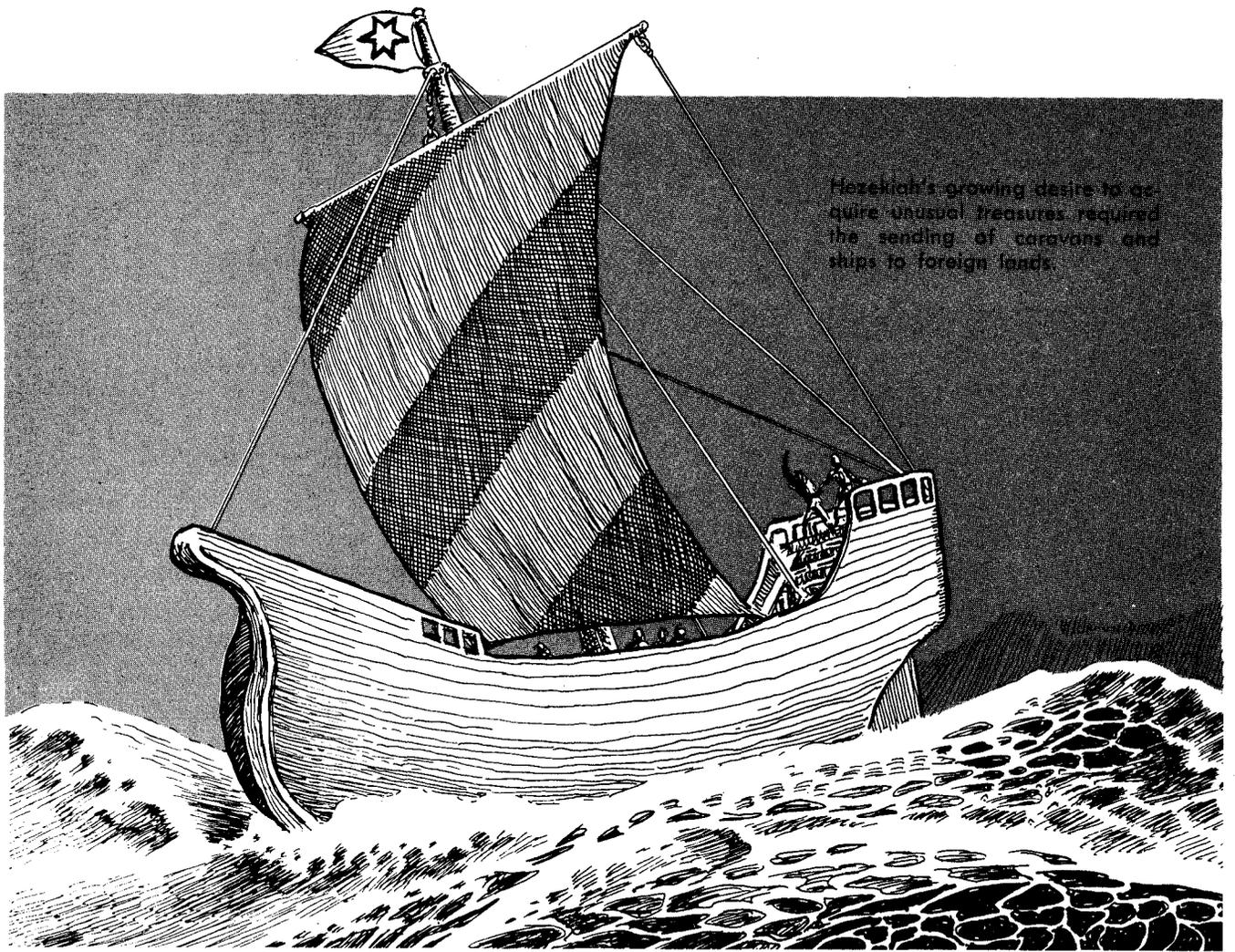
Judah continued recovering from the Assyrian assault. Prosperity increased. Believing that his nation faced a trouble-free future as long as idolatry was kept down, Hezekiah began to amass treasures. Every valuable gift that came to him from men of other lands added to the collection. Besides, he sent men afar to acquire objects of gold, silver and rare stones. They obtained costly spices, precious ointments and many unique items of unusual value. (II Chronicles 32:27.)

Among the worthy presents the king received was one from Baladan [Merodach-baladan], ruler of Babylon, a city-state in the country of Babylonia, south of Assyria. Babylon had been a province of Assyria for several years, and long before Sennacherib's army loss in Judah, Baladan moved without success to free Babylon from Assyria. Having heard of the unusual powers of Judah's God, as well as of Judah's growing wealth and power, Baladan was anxious to establish friendly relations with Hezekiah. And he wanted to use that friendship for personal advantage.

To impress the king of Judah, Baladan sent his gift by ambassadors instead of by regular messengers. These men also brought a letter for Hezekiah, who was as surprised at its contents as he was at the arrival of the men from distant Babylon, the ancient city near which men once tried to reach the sky by building a high tower. (Genesis 11.)

King Baladan wrote that the bearers of the gift were men of high rank and that he knew the officials of Judah would treat them accordingly. He mentioned the mysterious destruction of Sennacherib's troops in Judah and Hezekiah's miraculous recovery from what was regarded as a fatal illness.

Baladan wrote that he would like to know more about the powerful God of Judah, the growing prosperity of the nation and Hezekiah's treasures. Before



Hezekiah's growing desire to acquire unusual treasures required the sending of caravans and ships to foreign lands.

the letter ended, there was a strong suggestion that Judah and Babylon should plan to unite against Assyria if that nation should threaten either of them again.

Hezekiah should have been suspicious of these overly curious ambassadors, but he wasn't. He was pleased by this attention from another king, even though Baladan's kingdom was small. Hoping to enhance his prestige and gain the favor of a ruler who later might prove to be of value to him, he showed the alert Babylonians all his personal treasures, special costly army equipment and the wealth of the temple. Gullible Hezekiah even took them on a tour of the nation to let them see the outstanding farms, ranches, quarries, mines and other features of the land. (Isaiah 39:1-2; II Kings 20:12-13.)

Days later, when the Babylonians left, there was little they didn't know about Judah's economy and manpower. Shortly after their departure, Isaiah came to talk to the king.

"At the risk of your considering me overly curious," the prophet told Hezekiah, "I would like to know the identity of your recent guests."

"That should be no secret to you," Hezekiah

replied in a respectful tone, realizing that the prophet possibly knew about them even before they arrived. "They were special ambassadors from Babylon. Their king, Baladan, sent me a gift and a letter by them."

"What did this king have to say?" Isaiah asked.

For answer, Hezekiah produced Baladan's letter, written in Hebrew. As the prophet read it he scowled a little and shook his head.

"Did you disclose anything to these men?" he queried.

"I showed them everything they asked to see," the king hesitantly answered. "I have much to be proud of here in Judah. Is it unwise for me to take pleasure in displaying to foreigners the good things God has allowed us to have?" (II Kings 20:14-15; Isaiah 39:3-4.)

Isaiah stood up and thoughtfully gazed out a window for a short time.

"Didn't it occur to you that what these Babylonians learned here could be used against Judah some day?" the prophet asked. "Haven't you considered what God thinks of your growing pride in your increased possessions?"

Surprise welled up in the king toward the prophet for speaking to him so bluntly, but before words could come out, he had a sudden awareness of a vanity that had been growing in him without his recognizing it before.

"Perhaps I have been thinking about material things more than I should," Hezekiah admitted.

Result of Trusting Enemies

"That's more than possible," Isaiah remarked. "Obviously you were favorably impressed by the Babylonians, but God wants you to know that you should have no league with these pagan people. Those emissaries were allowed to test you, to see how you would react to their flattery and also to see how much of a display you would make of your possessions. Remember this, because God has spoken it: There will come a time when an army will come from Babylon to seize all that is in this palace. The invaders will ransack the city, ruin the temple and plunder the land. They'll herd our people to Babylon and surrounding nations, where they'll become slaves. Your descendants will become *special* slaves — keepers of the bedrooms of the king of Babylon!"

Hezekiah was stunned. For a few moments he paced about the room, occasionally glancing at Isaiah as though he wanted to question the prophet.

"If that's the way God says it will be, then it's certain to happen," Hezekiah finally remarked in a resigned tone. "I'm thankful that it won't happen in the peaceful years I have left." (II Kings 20:16-19; II Chronicles 32:31; Isaiah 39:5-8.)

"I, too," Isaiah answered, "am thankful that these terrible things won't occur in your time."

After the prophet had gone, the full impact of his words reached Hezekiah's understanding. Isaiah wasn't talking only about an enemy victory from which Judah would recover. He was talking about the end of Judah as a nation!

In his years that remained, Hezekiah dedicated himself to the best interests of his country. He saw to it that large supplies of grain, wine and oil were maintained. He continued to promote farming and to increase the raising of sheep and cattle.

The greatest engineering project during Hezekiah's reign was the laborious cutting of a tunnel 1,177 feet through solid rock under Jerusalem. Through the tunnel water was conveyed from a spring outside the city to a large pool inside. Previous to the filling of the pool area, the inhabitants

of Jerusalem had to get their water by lowering buckets forty feet into a well. (II Chronicles 32:27-30.)

Hezekiah's greatest accomplishment, of course, was the stopping of most idolatry in Judah and restoring proper worship at the temple.

In his last years and months, the king must have been painfully conscious of the approaching date of his death, although probably he didn't know the exact day. He died at the age of fifty-four, after about twenty-nine years as ruler of Judah. Hezekiah was buried in one of the main sepulchres reserved for the descendant kings of David.

The son Hezekiah had wanted when he was so ill was born to him three years after he recovered. Having been given fifteen more years of life, the king was succeeded by a boy only twelve years old. His name was Manasseh. (II Chronicles 32:32-33; II Kings 20:20-21; 21:1.)

The Swing to Religious License

Unfortunately for Judah, young Manasseh was guided and influenced by profane men who were in favor of returning to idolatry. It wasn't long before Hezekiah's headway against pagan religions in the nation was offset by a decline in the worship of God and a revival of permissiveness and an interest in neighboring religions.

As Manasseh grew older, there seemed to be no limit to the heathen practices he allowed and even promoted. At first he favored reestablishing private and public places for idol worship. Then he decreed that altars should be built throughout the nation for sacrificing to the god Baal, one of the chief pagan deities of the Canaanites. His next move was to prepare special shrines for worshipping the goddess Astarte, whose rituals were disgustingly lewd. These swift plunges into idolatry were more than enough to rouse the Creator's scourging anger. But Manasseh didn't stop there. He deliberately defied God by setting up these pagan altars, idols, images and obscene symbols in the holy temple!

Of course, God's priests were driven from the temple first. Then their quarters were changed into a chapel for the worship of stars and planets. Even Molech made a comeback in Judah when followers were invited to build places of worship in the Valley of the Dram or Tophet — known in New Testament times as Gehenna.

The metal idol was heated to red-hot by fires

built inside the belly. To the thunderous accompaniment of drums, the parents placed their own babies into the glowing hands of the idol in worship of their horrid god. The purpose of the drums was to drown the agonizing screams of helpless infants, sacrificed by their very own parents.

How different from the worship of the Living Creator God who says that this kind of worship is so awful that He couldn't imagine the children of Israel ever doing it. (Jer. 32:35.)

Faith was replaced by superstition. Like vultures the wizards, witches, sorcerers, and mediums returned to feed on that superstition.

Convinced that worshipping and relying on Israel's God was foolish, Manasseh did more to turn his nation to idolatry than did the pagan nations God had destroyed. He was even worse than blasphemous King Ahab, because he required his people to wor-

ship the idols he brought to Judah. Those who were loyal to God and refused to have part in pagan religious rites were arrested and tortured. If they still refused, they were put to death. (II Kings 21:1-9; II Chronicles 33:1-9.)

Because of the misused power of one man, Jerusalem, the city of peace, became a city of despair, terror and death. Those who tried to obey God lived in constant fear of criminals and of Manasseh's soldiers. Those who became idolaters became debased and miserable.

Manasseh apparently began to doubt that Israel's God existed. Manasseh was one of the most foolish kings who ever lived for deliberately antagonizing his long-suffering Creator, who began to act by giving instructions to the prophets who were hiding in Judah.

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CRITICS

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recognize that we are not merely going through another phase. The editors of the now defunct *New York World Telegram and Sun* were moved some years back to prepare a special series on teen-age immorality. Their conclusion:

It is true that in every era since the dawn of man the elders of each community have accused their young of going to hell in a handbasket. But most of these indictments of the past were made on the basis of correlating a few bad cases here and there, and using them to stigmatize the whole. Now, however, the whole picture of juvenile behavior must be viewed from a different angle. . . . *There was not a single sociologist, psychologist or youth expert whom we interviewed while preparing this series who did not agree that waywardness among today's juveniles has soared to the point of defying all precedent (New York World Telegram and Sun, July 29, 1963, emphasis mine).*

Another witness writing in *Look* magazine of August 27, 1963, said: "Whatever the mechanism, something new and rougher than we have ever known has crept into misbehavior among the young."

Remember that both of these articles were written years before the current explosion in the use of drugs and the

frightening increase in the number of "social dropouts" epitomized by the "hippie" movement.

Lawlessness Foretold

It is significant that Christ indicated that *iniquity* — lawlessness — would abound on the heels of the deception of false ministers (Matt. 24:11-12). Lawlessness is the *natural result* of the removal of law, and the removal of law is consistently the object of religious deception (see Deut. 13:1-5).

No one seems to realize it, but when the law is laid aside, there are no protective barriers left for our society. If *one* law can be broken, why not another? Once God's Laws are laid aside by the ministry, the stage is set. Civil disobedience is the next step, followed by rioting and looting and eventually a total breakdown of society.

The barriers *are already* down. The floodgates of lawlessness *have been* opened.

It must be frightening to be a political leader these days. No matter what you decide, it seems bound to turn out wrong.

God's Warning

We have been warned. Through the Prophet Hosea, God told us what would happen when we rejected His authority:

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing *thou hast forgotten the law of thy God*, I will also forget thy children (Hos. 4:6).

Through the remainder of this prophecy, God warns of a coming national captivity upon our people because they have turned away from the *only* authority they can trust — His Word.

We can be thankful, however, that the story doesn't end there. Through this time of captivity Israel — the English-speaking nations — is surely going to learn a lot of bitter lessons. But we have the promise that when those lessons are learned, God will bring Israel back to her own land. The prophecies tell of the return from captivity, and of the Wonderful World Tomorrow.

To what *authority* are men going to look in *that* day?

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: *for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem* (Isa. 2:2-3).

May God hasten that day. □

ANSWERS to your Questions

● “Would you consider comic books educational? Is it wise for my children to read them?”

The daily comic strips in the newspapers, and especially the various comic books, frequently deal directly with juveniles “putting it over” on their parents. Mere children are depicted as involved in every clandestine situation imaginable — from the little girl who has lived through countless murders, frauds, muggings, thefts and hi-jackings to the little boy who defies all adult authority at every turn, and is loved by the public for his “childish” rebellion.

Many comic strips show as a typical family scene a husband relegated to the position of mere figurehead of the family, the butt of every joke and insult, while the wife and all the children enjoy loud guffaws at his unhappy expense. Scenes such as this encourage children to mock their parents, to disrespect the police, to flaunt openly their disgust of any constituted authority.

Comic books and cartoons often present an *unrealistic* approach to violence. Horrifying spectres of interplanetary conquest and ghastly scenes of sadistic brutality are paraded before the eyes of growing youths. Animals are the victims of disastrous explosions, only to appear *as good as new* in the next scene. All this blurs the horrible consequences of violent acts to young impressionable minds.

A “comic” book *could* be a valuable method of instructing children in useful topics, as history, nature, etc. However, such is generally not the case. Consequently, parents should carefully supervise their children’s reading material. Some few of *the Classics* and others may be truly educational. But many, dealing with the detrimental subjects mentioned earlier, are obviously harmful.

Why not ask your children what they think about comic books, comic strips and cartoons? It would make for an interesting family discussion. You might be surprised by their answers.

● “I have just read the article entitled ‘Just What Is the Church?’ in *Tomorrow’s World*. I noticed you said that there were deacons *and* deaconesses in God’s Church. Please show me in the Bible where deaconesses are mentioned.”

The word “deaconess” does not appear in the King James Version. But a study of the Greek text of the New Testament makes it clear that the Apostolic Church also had the office of deaconess.

The office of deacon is described in I Timothy 3. Notice that the entire chapter is referring to those who minister or serve. In verses 1-7 is described the “bishop” (Greek [ἐπισκοπος] *episkopos* which means “elder” or “overseer”). Then comes the deacon (verses 8-10) who serves in a different capacity. Notice that nothing is said of the qualifications for the *wife* of an *elder*. Therefore, why should such instructions be given about the wife of a deacon, as verse 11 seems to say?

But the Greek should be differently rendered from the King James Version, as shown by other translations: “*The women* likewise should be grave...” The word “their” does not appear in the Greek text. The context shows that “the women” are the *women who serve the Church*. The English word “deaconess” comes from the Greek word (διάκονος) *diakonos* which means “servant” or “minister.” Phebe, a woman, is referred to as a *diakonos* (“servant”) in Romans 16:1 because she served the Church.

The “women” in I Timothy 3:11 are, like Phebe, *deaconesses*. In fact, the

Centenary Translation of the New Testament so renders it: “*Deaconesses* too must be serious...”

● “What is the *Living Prophecies* series you refer to in *Tomorrow’s World*?”

The *Living Prophecies* series is a modern version of the books of the prophets of the Old Testament. The publisher, Tyndale House in Wheaton, Ill., also publishes various other sections of the Bible in modern English. All the titles begin with the word “Living.”

We refer to this and other modern versions *on occasion*, when the archaic language of the Authorized King James Version is difficult to comprehend. Note, however, that unlike the King James Version, which represents a direct translation from the original Hebrew and Greek manuscripts, the *Living Books* series is a *paraphrase*. It is therefore open to error and private interpretation. Such paraphrased versions can prove helpful when used along with the King James Version, but should not be used solely in its place.

How Often?

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month at even is the Passover, and on the 15th day of the same month is the FEAST.” The Jews no longer observe the Passover on the 14th. They observe the FEAST — one night *after* the Passover, on the eve of Abib 15. The “Lord’s supper” or New Testament Passover should be observed after sunset on the evening BEFORE the Jewish people celebrate their feast.

Personal Counsel

If you have further questions about the Passover, write and ask me. We have dedicated, consecrated, converted, fully instructed and trained, ordained ministers in all parts of the world — available to answer your questions. Of course, none will call on you UNLESS you personally request it. But if you of your own volition want to know more about the observance of the Passover, why not write me and request a personal visit? □

FOUR THOUSAND YEARS of EASTER

Believe it or not, Easter was being observed 4000 years ago! It was still being observed when the Christ-child was born — during His ministry — when He built His Church. YET CHRIST DID NOT INSTITUTE IT — CHRIST NEVER OBSERVED IT — THE APOSTLES NEVER OBSERVED IT — the Church JESUS BUILT NEVER OBSERVED IT. Here are the amazing FACTS that have been hidden for centuries. Here are the shocking revelations of authentic history and your Bible!

by Herman L. Hoeh

EASTER was observed 4000 years ago among the pagans! But you can't find one word in the entire Bible that Jesus or the apostles ever observed it!

Where did you ever find in your Bible that Peter and Paul held Easter sunrise services? That the early Christian women in apostolic days dressed up for an Easter parade? That Christians baked hot cross buns? That the children of Christians dyed Easter eggs and ate chocolate Easter rabbits in honor of Christ's resurrection?

You NEVER found these practices taught by the inspired apostolic Church, did you? — yet these very customs were being celebrated in pagan lands long before apostolic days!

Origin of Easter Sunday

In our booklet *The Resurrection Was Not on Sunday* is proof from Scripture that the resurrection of Jesus Christ did

not occur on Sunday morning. Send for a FREE copy.

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

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. 1, 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.

About 600 years before Christ, the Prophet Ezekiel saw, in vision, an Eas-

ter celebration. Notice it, in Ezekiel, chapter 8, verses 14-17: "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 GOD Says About Easter Sunrise Services

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 the heathen messiah — the false Christ of the pagans who was said to have risen on Sunday morning. They observed Lent just as many churches observe it today, with weeping on "Good Friday" and rejoicing on Eas-

from the heathen, long after the death of Jesus Christ!

But from what sources did the scholar Hefele obtain this information?

He obtained it from ancient church history written shortly after the time Easter was adopted! Here is what Socrates Scholasticus wrote in his *Ecclesiastical History* not long after Emperor Constantine, in the fourth 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 according 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 the ancient church historian in the fourth century.

He continues to show that the Lenten fasts prior to Easter, celebrated among the pagans, were also observed by differing customs among the professing Christians.

These divergent customs surrounding Easter originated through "ignorance," says Hefele — ignorance of the Bible!

"And this diversity among the observers [of Lent and Easter] had not its origin in our time," wrote Irenaeus at the close of the second century, "but long before in that of our predecessors, some of whom probably, being not very accurate in their observance of it, handed down to posterity the custom as it had, through simplicity or *private fancy*, been [introduced among them] (*Ante-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. I, p. 568).

Now let us understand exactly how Easter was introduced.

The First Historical Records

The early Church of God in New Testament times was taught that Jesus

was in the grave three days and three nights — that He arose at the close of the third day *after* the crucifixion. The crucifixion occurred upon a Wednesday, April 25, A.D. 31. (This historical date of the Passover is demonstrated by seven irrefutable proofs in the FREE booklet *The Crucifixion Was Not on Friday*.)

The practice of the New Testament Church of God was to observe an *annual* memorial of the death of Jesus Christ. This memorial was called the *Passover* — commonly known as the "Lord's Supper." There is not sufficient

An Easter Sunrise Service BEFORE the Birth of Christ

"And he [God] took me back into the inner court of the Eternal's temple, where, at the very door of the temple of the Eternal, between the porch and the altar, I saw about twenty-five men, with their backs to the temple of the Eternal and their faces turned to the east, worshipping the sun in the east. 'Do you see that, O son of man?' He [God] asked. 'And is it too slight a thing for Judah to practise these detestable impieties of theirs here? . . .'" (Ezekiel 8:16, 17, James Moffatt version).

space in this article to mention the many scriptures which clarify this little-understood practice of the apostles. If you want the whole story, read the article on page 3, "How Often Should We Partake of the Lord's Supper?" which explains the New Testament practice in its entirety.

The *Passover* was observed annually, on the eve of Christ's death, on Nisan 14 of God's Sacred Calendar. You can find this information in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, or even in the *World Almanac* in your town library. This New Testament practice was followed in the West universally until shortly after the death of the Apostle John. In the Eastern Roman Empire the true practice continued even longer.

Here is what happened in the East!

A calendar change regulating the insertion of the intercalary month occurred in

A.D. 142, after which *new ideas* began to be introduced into the professing Christian world. The true Christians who fled Jerusalem "continued to use the Jewish cycle [God's method of reckoning the Passover in the Sacred Calendar] till the bishops of Jerusalem who were of the circumcision were succeeded by others who were not of the circumcision [unconverted Gentiles — and] . . . they began to *invent* other cycles" (Bingham's *Antiquities of the Christian Church*, p. 1152).

This same author continues: "We see, at this time [beginning about A.D. 142, that] the Jewish calculation [determined by God's Calendar which the Jews had accurately preserved] was generally rejected by the . . . church, and yet no certain one agreed upon in its room [stead]. . ."

This is how the Passover — sometimes called Lord's Supper or Eucharist — was gradually rejected.

The Lord's Supper on Saturday!

Remember that up to this point the Churches of God universally understood that Jesus rose after three days — on Saturday evening shortly before sunset.

With the rejection of God's Sacred Calendar by many in the professing Christian world, the many now began to do what seemed right to them. Not only did they begin to miscalculate the annual occurrence of the Passover, but in the East they began to observe the Passover weekly on Saturday, the Sabbath, believe it or not! Here is the proof:

For over 200 years this custom was a universal practice of the Eastern churches. The church historian Socrates wrote: "While therefore some in Asia Minor observed the day above-mentioned [he means that some continued to observe the Passover on the 14th of Nisan as the apostles did] others in the East kept THIS FEAST ON THE SABBATH INDEED. . ." By "sabbath" all early writers meant Saturday!

So universal was the custom of observing the "Lord's Supper" on Saturday that he continued to write: "For although almost all churches throughout the world celebrate the sacred mysteries on the sabbath of every week, yet

the Christians of Alexandria and at Rome, on account of some ancient tradition, *have ceased to do this.*" You may find this amazing testimony in Volume 2 of the *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, pp. 131-132, from the *Ecclesiastical History* of Socrates, book V, chapter 22.

Did you catch the real *significance* of this quotation?

The Passover was transformed by false teachers from an annual memorial in memory of the death of Christ into a weekly memorial in honor of His resurrection, which occurred on Saturday. These weekly "passovers" were called the "sacred mysteries." What did Paul say about the sacred mysteries?

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come [the day of Christ's return] except there come a falling away first [an apostasy, a falling into error]. For the MYSTERY OF INIQUITY *doth already work*" (II Thes. 2:3, 7). The practices of the pagan *sacred mysteries* were already creeping into the world in Paul's day. A part of those ancient mysteries was later the festival of Easter.

But Easter did not enter suddenly. It entered slowly, under the pretext of being a Christian custom.

Many faithful were still observing the practices of the original true Church. Others began to hold the "sacred mysteries" every Saturday to honor, as they thought, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. But how were the false teachers going to alter the knowledge that Jesus was three days and three nights in the tomb?

"Good Friday-Easter Sunday" Tradition

Let's notice! From the *Syriac Didascalia*, composed shortly before the time of Constantine, we have a record of what happened in those early days. False teachers began to interpret the three days and three nights in the following clever fashion:

They claimed Jesus suffered on the cross, supposedly on Friday, for about six hours. The daylight hours from nine in the morning to noon they counted as one day. The hours from noon to three o'clock — when the land was darkened

— they reckoned as the first night. Then the time from three o'clock to sunset was reckoned as the second day. Friday night to Saturday morning became the second night; the daylight of Saturday, the third day; and Saturday night to Sunday morning, the third night.

A very clever argument — and it *deceived* a great many people! Those false ministers twisted the truth that Jesus was **IN THE GRAVE** three days and three nights.

For the first time the idea of a Sunday resurrection was injected into the churches. Now observe what happened.

Easter Sunday Begins Earlier at Rome

In commenting on those who did *not* observe the Passover in accordance with the practice of the apostles, Irenaeus, who lived toward the close of the second century, wrote to Bishop Victor of Rome, "We mean Anicetus, and Pius, and Hyginus, and Telesphorus, and Xystus. They neither observed it [the true Passover on the 14th of Nisan] *nor did they permit those after them to do so.*"

Who were these men? — bishops of the church at Rome! Here is the first record, by a Catholic, of the fact that the Roman bishops no longer observed the Passover at the correct God-given time, but *on a Sunday!*

It was Bishop Xystus (his name is also spelled Sixtus) who was the *first* recorded individual to *prevent* the proper observance of the Passover, and to celebrate the sacred mysteries annually on a Sunday. Irenaeus speaks further of him, declaring that his doctrine was in direct "opposition" to the practice of the remainder of the churches. Bishop Sixtus was living at the *beginning of the second century*, just after the Apostle John died.

Notice, too, that Easter Sunday did not begin with Peter or Paul in the 60's A.D., but with Sixtus in the second century!

Here you have the astounding origin of Easter Sunday in the Western churches. Together with this practice, the "sacred mysteries" were also observed every Sunday!

The Romans Divided

The introduction of this custom naturally *divided* the Christians at Rome. The Catholic historian Abbé Duchesne wrote: "There were many Christians of Asia in Rome at that time [remember that the Church of God at Rome was founded by those who came from Asia Minor where Paul preached] and the very early Popes, Xystus and Telesphorus, saw them every year keep their Pasch [the true Passover] the same day as did the Jews. They maintained that was correct. It was allowed to pass... though the rest of Rome observed a different use" (*The Early History of the Church*, Vol. I, p. 210).

These are startling facts, but they are true! It is time we knew about them!

Irenaeus wrote even more regarding the observance of Easter at Rome and elsewhere as follows: "But Polycarp also was not only instructed by the apostles, and conversed with many who had seen Christ, but was also, by apostles in Asia, appointed bishop of the Church of Smyrna... He it was who, coming to Rome in the time of Anicetus [bishop of Rome around 154 A.D.] caused many to turn away from the... heretics to the Church of God, proclaiming that he had received this one and sole truth from the apostles..." While at Rome, Polycarp discussed the matter of Easter with the Roman bishop.

Irenaeus continued: "For neither could Anicetus persuade Polycarp not to observe it [the Passover] because he had always observed it with John the disciple of our Lord, and the rest of the apostles, with whom he associated; and neither did Polycarp persuade Anicetus to observe it, who said that he was bound to follow the customs of the presbyters before him" (Eusebius' *Ecclesiastical History*, book V, chap. 24, *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. 1.)

Counterfeit Vision

Shortly after Polycarp left, there appeared an amazing letter — said by many scholars to have been a deliberate forgery. This letter states: "Pope Pius, who lived about 147, had made a decree, That the annual solemnity of the *Pasch* [*Pasch* is the Greek word for

Passover] should be kept on the Lord's day [Sunday] and in confirmation of this he pretended, that Hermes, his brother, who was then an eminent teacher among them, had received instruction from an angel, who commanded that all men should keep the *Pasch* on the Lord's day" (Bingham's *Antiquities of the Christian Church*, pp. 1148-1149).

Of this same hoax, we read in *Apostolical Fathers*, by Donaldson, p. 324, "One of the letters forged in the name of Pius, where one Hermas is mentioned as the author; and it is stated that in his book a commandment was given through an angel to observe the Passover on a Sunday."

If this letter was a deliberate forgery, it was invented after Polycarp's time in an effort to lend weight to the custom of Anicetus, bishop of Rome, who maintained the Sunday observance of the Eucharist or Passover. If it was not a forgery, then Pius himself was the author of this deceptive letter. (Pius died just prior to the visit of Polycarp to Rome.)

But the Easter controversy did not end here!

Within 35 years it broke out vehemently between Polycrates of Asia Minor and Victor of Rome, who attempted to "cut off whole churches of God, who observed the tradition of an ancient custom" — the true Passover.

Here is a part of the forthright answer given by Polycrates to Victor, vindicating the truth of God:

"As for us, then, we scrupulously observe the exact day, neither adding nor taking away. For in Asia great luminaries have gone to their rest, who shall rise again in the day of the coming of the Lord . . . I speak of Philip, one of the twelve apostles . . . John moreover, who reclined on the Lord's bosom . . . Then there is Polycarp . . . these all kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month in accordance with the gospel, without ever deviating from it, but keeping to the rule of faith."

This remarkable letter is preserved in Vol. 8 of the *Ante-Nicene Fathers*, pp. 772-773.

Polycrates came from that area in

which Paul spent most of his time — in Asia Minor, near Ephesus. This is also where John spent his last days. Here there were many Christians still remaining true to the faith!

Here is proof that both the apostles to the circumcision and Paul, the special apostle to the Gentiles, taught the observance of the Passover on the 14th of the first month of God's Sacred Calendar. Chrysostom, who wrote several centuries after the apostles, admitted that "formerly it [the Passover] prevailed also at Antioch" from where Paul began many of his apostolic journeys.

Now, what happened to stamp out the true observance of the Passover from the popular churches?

Constantine — the Man of Power

Constantine then convoked the first general council of the Christian-professing world. The Council of Nicaea decided, under his authority, that Easter *must* be celebrated on Sunday and that the Passover must be forbidden!

Without regard to these decisions, many continued faithful. For this reason Constantine issued an edict declaring: "We have directed, accordingly, that you be deprived of all houses in which you are accustomed to hold your assemblies . . . public or private" (*Life of Constantine*, book III).

Easter Still Observed on Different Sundays

Though everyone was now forced to observe Easter or flee the urban areas of the Roman Empire, the churches were still divided over the exact Sunday for Easter. Here is how confusing matters became:

"But notwithstanding any endeavours that could be used then, or afterwards, there remained great differences in the church about it for many ages. For the churches of Great Britain and Ireland did not accord with the Roman church in keeping Easter on the same Sunday, till about the year 800. Nor was the Roman way fully received in France, till it was settled there by the authority of Charles the Great . . ." (*ibid.*, p. 1151). (See the evidence in the separate two-column box on page 43.)

These are startling facts — but they ought to make you wake up to the TRUTH! It is high time we learned exactly what has happened to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to the practices of the New Testament Church of God these past 1900 years!

Does It Make Any Difference?

Listen! *Your eternity* may depend on the answer! Here are the authentic facts of history. [Additional important facts are available in our eye-opening booklet *The Plain Truth About Easter*. Sent free by Ambassador College as an educational public service.] Here is God's word to you — here is why it *does make a difference* what YOU believe — and what YOU do about it!

This article reveals from church history the almost unbelievable, startling, yet authentic *facts*. You can verify them at public libraries. YOU are soon — very soon — going to stand before the judgment seat of Christ! Don't say carelessly: "Well, here's the *way I* look at it," or, "I don't think it makes any difference." God says it *does make a difference*! God says there is a way that *seems right* to a man — to anyone, to YOU — but that seemingly right way ends in DEATH! (Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25.) You will be judged by WHAT GOD SAYS — not by what you think! God says this whole world *today* is DECEIVED! Now heed what history says — heed what GOD says! □



Ambassador College Photo

Pictured above is the cover of an Ambassador College publication detailing the circumstances surrounding the crucifixion. Why not send for your free copy?

Personal

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his moods and desires, and guide them according to wisdom.

He was married to a beautiful and intelligent wife, had a fine family, an honored position. But, allowing feelings, impulses, moods, to lead his actions instead of sound judgment and wisdom of mind, his home was broken by divorce; and in the grip of his moods and tendency to run from his problems, instead of facing and solving them, he fled in blind fear from his high position and brilliant future. He wrecked not only his own happiness, but his marriage, his home, and forced great sorrow, suffering and unhappiness on many others.

He had allowed his emotions and moods, instead of his mind, to lead his actions. He had come to see circumstances through the eyes of his feelings, and his understanding had become warped and distorted. He had grown up physically. He had developed mentally. But emotionally he was still a very young child — and, as a sad accompaniment, his spiritual age was no older.

One is not really mature until emotionally and spiritually grown up, as well as physically and mentally. Parents should realize it is their responsibility to STUDY their own children — teach them right direction and control over tempers, impulses, feelings, angers, moods. Teach restraint of selfishness and vanity. Teach love and outgoing concern for others. Teach *giving*, instead of *taking*.

But emotional maturity does *not* mean emotion-less maturity. The truly emotionally mature *control* the emotions. THEY DO NOT ANESTHETIZE THEM! They *do* express, at the right time, and in proper degree, enthusiasm, happiness, joy. They *do* feel deep gratitude for blessings, and also they deeply *feel* reverence, adoration, in the worship of God. They sincerely feel compassion toward others — a feeling of true outgoing concern. They express sympathy and have mercy.

Emotional maturity does not crucify emotions — it controls and guides them with right knowledge and true wisdom.

Emotional maturity develops hand-in-hand with physical, mental and spiritual growth — the four blending, finally, into the perfect spiritual character which is the true human destiny and the very purpose of life. It can bring very great and rewarding and lasting happiness.

Now, finally, let me describe the three categories into which people generally, and thoughtlessly, fall. And then let us see a few examples of the *correct* use of the emotions.

First, many, especially those of lesser education, let themselves go to an emotional extreme. They are mere babes, emotionally. It never occurs to them to put any check or control on their emotions. They become highly emotional over non-consequential things, like a little child. If these people drove their automobiles as they guide — or fail to guide — their emotions, their cars would run wild and create disaster.

Their *feelings* are worn on their shirt cuffs. They are upset over trifles. Their tempers fly, uncontrolled. They flatter, they gush, they exaggerate their compliments and their praise of others. They gossip, they slander, they speak evil of others behind their backs. They continually *feel* jealousy, resentment, or excessive jubilation.

Some religious sects attract deliberately the overly emotional. In religious meetings their preachers work on the emotions of their congregations, encouraging uncontrolled outbursts of emotional response. They “work it up” — they generate increasingly energetic and noisy displays of out-of-control emotion. But Jesus Christ set no such example. Nor did any of Christ's own original apostles.

Then there are those who go to the opposite extreme. Often these are the intellectuals, and the highly educated — though usually MIS-educated. They have controlled emotions with their minds to the extent that their emotions have been stifled and put to death. They no longer feel deeply about anything. They are utterly devoid of real sincerity, any depth of gratitude, any feeling of compassion or real sympathy. Their emotions never grew up to maturity — their emotions DIED in infancy.

Then there is the middle ground, equally unprofitable and tragic. These

are those who neither choke off their emotions with mental control, nor exert energy generating them. They are just listless — indifferent. They feel no purpose in life. They have no ambition. They have no spark. They do not radiate — they are like dead fish. In an introduction to another, they extend a cold, clammy, sweaty hand with no grip whatever. They merely let *you* grip *their* hand — and it's like taking hold of a damp, dead fish. They have no personality. They are nonentities. There isn't enough life in them to generate any noticeable emotional response.

WHICH of these three are *YOU*? If you are any one of them, you are wrong.

Now look at some RIGHT examples!

WHERE will you go to find the right teaching on emotional response? You'll find it where you find the true WAYS of LIFE — in GOD'S WORD TO MAN!

The Bible teaches us that our relationship with God must completely dominate our lives — until it simply *IS* our life! It teaches us to feel *deeply*, though always intelligently, about it.

Look at God's instruction through Joel. A tremendous worldwide time of trouble is now generating — such as the world never experienced before. Joel prophesied the coming famine and disease epidemic. He foretells the PLAGUES of the “Day of the LORD.” He foretells the next, and nuclear, all-out WORLD WAR — the most frightful trouble ever experienced by man.

Then God inspires Joel to instruct us how to escape and find protection. Does He say we should go through some routine motions, repeat by rote some prayer already written for us, which we recite without feeling or emotion? NO, NEVER! Here is what He says:

“Therefore also now, saith the ETERNAL, turn ye even to me with *all your heart, and with fasting, AND WITH WEeping, and with mourning: AND REND YOUR HEART*, and not your garments, and turn unto the ETERNAL your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness. . . . Let the priests, the ministers of the ETERNAL, weep . . . and let them say, Spare thy people, O ETERNAL, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them . . .

Yea, the ETERNAL will answer" (Joel 2:12-19, emphasis added).

God says we should turn to Him IN DEAD EARNEST — fasting, rending our hearts — in deepest real feeling. This is no thoughtless giving way to uncontrolled emotion. This is full mental realization of PURPOSE — of NEED — and, with deepest intense FEELING, seeking God with all our strength and might.

In correcting Israel for their manner of indifferent prayers, God says of Israel: "They never put their heart into their prayers" (Hosea 7:14 — Moffatt translation).

Look at some of the sample PRAYERS quoted for us, as examples, in the Bible. Notice David's prayer of repentance, when he "came to himself" after his sin of adultery with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband. It is in the 51st Psalm. Notice how David, in dead earnest, put his whole heart into this prayer — with DEEP FEELING of remorse and repentance:

"Have mercy upon me, O God," David cried out. "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight. . . . Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation. . . . O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. . . . The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."

Notice Daniel's prayers. He was in *intense, dead earnest*. His was no light, casual, routine prayer. He put his whole HEART into it. Of it Daniel says: "And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: And I prayed unto the ETERNAL my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God . . . We have sinned, and have committed iniquity,

and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments. . . . O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day. . ." and in this deeply earnest prayer Daniel continued on, beseeching God with his whole heart (Dan. 9:3-19).

Can you imagine these men of God praying in this manner dry-eyed? I can't. Surely tears were streaming down their faces. These were *intense* prayers — prayers of surrendered, yielded men to the GREAT GOD!

God has graciously granted, by astonishing miracles, many answers to my prayers. But never have I received an answer from God except when I prayed earnestly, from the heart. I have never known of a real answer coming from God of a casual routine prayer. Yet do not most people pray casually, perhaps as a matter of duty, and without feeling or emotion? Perhaps this makes plain the reason most people have never received an answer to their prayers.

Jesus gave us an example of two men praying. The one a respected Pharisee, the other a hated publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed, without emotion or feeling, in his own self-esteem and vanity: "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess." The other, pounding his breast in his earnest, heart-rending, deep-feeling remorse and repentance, choked with emotion, could only say, amid his tears, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" Of this latter, Jesus said, "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other" — the self-exalting Pharisee (Luke 18:9-14).

Jesus Christ is our example. Can you comprehend what extreme deep feeling Jesus experienced when He looked out over the city of Jerusalem, whose deceived, erring, wrong-doing people He loved, and cried out: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matt.

23:37.) Here was emotion expressed. But it was *intelligent* expression of feeling — not unthinking, unguided sensual impulse. It was filled with deep MEANING!

Of course Jesus had the divine power; He could have gathered the people of Jerusalem to Him BY FORCE! But, had He brought them to Him by FORCE, His whole purpose of character-building by free choice and free moral agency would have been defeated — so He *willed* that they, themselves, should make their own decisions. And He was grieved through His whole being that they rejected TRUTH and HAPPINESS and SALVATION and ETERNAL LIFE, and chose curses and suffering and death.

Should we ever feel deeply about things? About things which *should* be felt deeply about, we certainly should. JESUS DID! Just before the Judas-led murdering mob came to lead Him to trial and death, Jesus went apart from His disciples and prayed. "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44).

If we do learn to live by "every word of God" — by GOD'S INSTRUCTION BOOK — we will learn to guide emotions intelligently — but we shall not suppress them, neither let them run rampant and uncontrolled where they ought not.

Jesus Christ, at age 33½, was the most perfectly developed man, physically, mentally, spiritually, *and emotionally*, who ever lived. He was fully MATURE, these four blending harmoniously into the one PERFECT WHOLE MAN.

Let us study His life, follow His example, live as HE lived. And let us begin, *NOW*, to train our children, from their very first year of life on up — at whatever age they are — in the art of emotional growing up! □

Emotional and spiritual maturity are exceedingly broad subjects. Additional aspects are discussed in the following *free* articles:

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Copies sent upon personal request.

Letters to the Editor

Personal from the Editor

In the Nov.-Dec. issue of *Tomorrow's World*, the Personal from Mr. Armstrong was pointed very near straight at me and I am sure many other people who read it might have felt the same way. Everyone has one or more weaknesses which are more difficult to overcome than others. I have one weakness which is difficult for me, but after reading what he wrote I am sure it will be easier.

Charles P.,
Rocheport, Mo.

Seven Keys to Understanding the Bible

Being 63 and having gone to Harvard, perhaps I am expected to be a little more dignified and formal, but I just gotta tell you—after I read your current *Tomorrow's World*: "Boy! How you've socked it to me!" I mean in your "The Seven Keys to Understanding the Bible." In all my life I have never read any Biblical piece that did just that—socked it to me! Formerly, listening to ministers and reading religious pieces have been like sitting in a small church with windows so dirty, I could hardly find a pew. Much less see anything that went on so that I could understand it. I have received only two issues of *Tomorrow's World*, but each has cleaned and purified the air of my little church; the beautiful windows have been scoured clean. I understand now what I see and hear.

Samuel C.,
Knox City, Tex.

• *Welcome aboard, the Truth is clean and pure, clear, uncluttered, simple—and above all: TRUE!*

Basketball the Ambassador Way

The article on basketball in the January edition of *Tomorrow's World* was most interesting—how at Ambassador College the "breaks" of the game are given to the opposition, in good sportsmanship and character development. How different from other college games.

Larry S.,
El Paso, Tex.

Anxious for Representative

I have already written you one letter, but only asked for an answer by mail in that one. *Please, please* send someone from Ambassador College—I very much need to talk to one of your graduates. I'm tired of waiting out my life—tired of mediocrity—I've just been reading your article in *Tomorrow's World*, "What Are You Waiting For?" In it you ask, "What about it? Do you recognize the waiting posture in yourself? Can you think of the dozens of things you've yearned to do, to accomplish, to experience, to see—and acknowledge you never will?" *Yes, I can—I can see it so clearly in me and it hurts so much that I almost wish I were dead. Remember Scarlett O'Hara in *Gone With the Wind*.*

She always said, "I'll think about it tomorrow." Well, those tomorrows keep piling up and then they start collecting—you're finally face to face with yourself as you really are—not the way you've always imagined yourself—but **AS YOU REALLY ARE**—and *it hurts!* You know that you've blown it—wasted years that can't be brought back—you've done nothing when you could have done so much if you had applied yourself. That's the way it is, people say. *But, it doesn't have to be that way, does it?* I know now, as I've never known before, that the *only* possible solution to my problems and the whole world's is to get involved with God—**ALL THE WAY.** I know that time is short, but isn't a short time lived God's way worth much, much more than a lifetime lived man's way? Can you please send someone as soon as possible?

Doris H.,
Lenoir, N. C.

• *Of course, our representative will probably already have called on you before you read this.*

Cosmology

An excellent article was the one on Cosmology by R. L. Kuhn. This article is really intellectual and should be appreciated by those with higher education. Since I have read the biography of Sir Bertrand Russell, this article especially appealed to me. It's good to see that people out in the world are given credit for their correct observations.

Mrs. Aristidis K.,
Charlotte, N. C.

• *Thanks for your positive comment on Dr. Kuhn's writing—but are you sure you read the whole article?*

Cigarette Money

I recently got a brilliant idea. If I stopped smoking I could send you an additional ten dollars every two weeks besides what I send now. Plus the fact that I could put that plan into operation right now! Thus, enclosed you will find my next two weeks' cigarette money.

James C.,
Columbus, Ohio

• *Good for you, good for us and good for more people who will be able to listen to and read the Gospel around the world—that's quite a difference from seeing \$20.00 a month go up in smoke!*

Teen-ager Reads Book

I am a teen-ager (16) and when reading your *Tomorrow's World* I saw some letters from fellow teen-agers saying that they had started to read the *Bible*. I had started it myself once before, but I was confused

and it was hard to understand (or at least I thought so). Well, I have started to read it again and will most likely finish the book of *Genesis* tonight. I just thought you might like to know that you have spurred someone else on in the search for the Truth. I will write you when I have finished reading the *Bible*.

Paul P.,
Lake Oswego, Ore.

• *Great, Paul! We here, publicly, mark up one more piece of GOOD NEWS from teen-agers!*

First Contact With Bible

I am happy to say that a copy of *Tomorrow's World* has been sent to me and I have read it thoroughly. The articles are all very interesting and informative. I am 58 years old, married, with grandchildren, healthy, hold a respectable supervisory position with a utility company and after all my years of living I feel that a publication like this will give me *some* chance of becoming familiar with the Bible! I was pleased to discover how easily the many references you noted, could be found. I only wonder how many others have been too timid to study the Bible, like myself, and learn the plain truth, as you offer it to us. Thanks for such a pleasant and interesting initial contact with the Bible. I'm now anxious to read more. A small donation is enclosed and it is not necessary to spend money to acknowledge it.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald L.,
Loraine, Ohio

• *Thanks! Between you two and Paul from Oregon we have some real solid help in closing the generation gap! See Malachi 4:5, 6.*

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Please drop my name from your list (circulation list) of both magazines. *I have read both magazines and feel that they do not coincide with my beliefs and knowledge.*

Mrs. Francis K.,
South Boston, Mass.

• *That's precisely why you NEED these magazines—please STOP—and think—before you DROP OUT!*

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