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COVER: Amateur radio is a hobby that allows you to develop friendships around the world. "Hams," as amateur radio operators are often called, use shortwave radio equipment to "Talk to the World." See the article starting on page 16. Photo by Hal Finch.

Letters

"Love, Marriage and Sex"

I am writing to say how much I enjoy and appreciate having the series about "Love, Marriage and Sex" in *Youth 83*.

I am an 18-year-old teen. I thought I was smarter than my elders and thought I could handle things my own way. Well, I know now how wrong I was. I am now six months pregnant and realize my mistake, now that it is too late.

So take the advice from one who knows. Don't throw your life away by doing the things the world does. Think twice before someone tries to talk you into something you will regret later. Don't mess up your life like I have. Save it for when you're married to someone who really, truly loves and respects you and believes in the ways you do (such as religion).

So be cautious and don't make a mistake you might regret for the rest of your life.

Name Withheld
Indiana

Talking to God

I was reading the October-November issue of *Youth 83* when I ran across an article within "Dear *Youth 83*." I . . . found something quite intriguing. I quote you in saying "They just say it over and over," as without meaning, referring to the Lord's Prayer. This accusation is quite amusing!

To return to your accusation, we . . . *do not* simply recite the Lord's Prayer. Furthermore, I find it quite wrong for you or any other organized religion to state or write such falsehood. We do in fact have meaning to the Lord's Prayer . . . The meaning of this prayer is in fact *holy* and *just*. Jesus, our Brother and Savior, did in fact give us this prayer, not simply to teach us a "format" of what, or how to pray, but rather gave us a holy prayer to pray by. It is also used as a proclamation of our faith. Don't misunderstand, *this* prayer isn't used in repetition. However, I will admit such repetition of other prayers did in the past and still does, exist.

Douglas-Allen Ploszay
Carson City, Nev.

We did not intend to offend any religion or any person who may have prayed the so-called Lord's Prayer over and over. The "Dear Youth 83" answer was meant to explain the importance of personal, one-to-one communications with God. Christ didn't intend the

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Love, Marriage and Sex

The Divine Purposes of Sex

By Herbert W. Armstrong

Now comes the BIG truth! Sex was designed in humans for purposes other than reproduction — for purposes totally foreign to animal or plant life! Part 6 of a series.

The world has continued in unhappy and wretched IGNORANCE of the glorious God-bestowed purposes of sex.

AND WHY?

The only authority for morals

This brings us again to that striking truth, that THE WORD OF GOD IS THE FOUNDATION OF ALL KNOWLEDGE! *GOD is the Supreme EDUCATOR!* The Bible is far, far from the *sum total* of knowledge. It is the BASIS — the FOUNDATION — the *starting point* and the foundational *approach* to the acquisition of discoverable knowledge.

God, through the Maker's Instruction Book, reveals *what man cannot otherwise learn!* Full TRUTH comes from the biblical revelation, PLUS acquired and discoverable knowledge approached through the CONCEPT revealed in the Bible.

Man, without divine revelation, has been able to observe that plant life reproduces, animal life reproduces and human life reproduces. From this, IGNORANT of the divine revelation, man has formulated erroneous and happiness-destroying concepts about

purposes and uses of sex.

Through the centuries pagan dualism had assumed and taught the erroneous premise that the *only* purpose of sex is reproduction — and it has viewed even that purpose with suspicion! *Not understanding* the real meaning and true purposes of marriage, and inheriting its concept from the Babylonian Mystery religion, it placed marriage on a LOWER PLANE than celibacy or lifelong virginity!

Today educators, scientists, psychologists, doctors and those who set the moral standards, rely on the evolutionary concept as their assumed and erroneous basic premise and approach to knowledge. *They* do not know the origin or PURPOSES of sex. They do not know how, why or when MARRIAGE originated.

The Bible reveals knowledge *otherwise unacquirable!*

So once again, let us go to that SOURCE of knowledge! Remember, the Eternal (Hebrew, *Yahweh*), who literally spoke to and instructed Adam and Eve, was the very Person of the Godhead who later became Jesus Christ.

The second purpose

Jesus taught the Pharisees

precisely the same thing about sex that He had taught Adam and Eve. To the Pharisees, He said: "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife . . . What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matthew 19:4-6).

For what cause shall a man marry? Because God made them male and female — because God created SEX.

Sex did not evolve, without intelligence or purpose! It was GOD, by miraculous creation, who made humanity *male and female!* And God always has a purpose for what He does!

So *because* God created sex, He ORDAINED THE MARRIAGE INSTITUTION. And it is GOD who binds together, as husband and wife, a man and a woman.

MARRIAGE, then, is the *second*-named PURPOSE of sex!

Marriage is a physical union, but a divine institution. Almighty God ordained it! It did not evolve. It is not of MAN'S devising.

Notice, in the scripture quoted above, Jesus said to the Pharisees, "Have ye not read . . . ?" He

quoted an already written passage of Scripture. He said the Pharisees should have read it! *Where* is that scripture found? It is found in the second chapter of Genesis. It is part of the brief SUMMARY record of the ETERNAL'S original instruction to the newly created Adam and Eve. The creation of Eve had just been described, and God then said, "Therefore shall a

Realize this! UNDERSTAND this truth! We can, through sex, have reproduction without marriage! Indeed, that is one of the world's greatest evils today — there is entirely too much reproduction without marriage!

Animals reproduce. But *animals do not marry!* Animals are born with *instinct*. They need little or no teaching. Ever see a little calf born? The mother cow does not need to call an obstetrical physician or go to a hospital for the delivery of her calf. As soon as it is born, the calf will begin to stagger to its feet, while the cow just stands waiting. She does not need to teach her calf how to walk, how to take its food, how to do anything. A little wobbly and unsteady at first, the calf is up and walking in a few minutes.

Now how long does it take a *human* infant to learn to walk? Usually a year — and sometimes more. But the newborn calf walks almost immediately. No one teaches it. THE CALF HAS INSTINCT. And where does it start walking? It has no instruction from anyone. It starts walking for its first "dinner." It *knows* where to go. And the mother cow just stands still while her calf sucks its milk.

And where is "Daddy" — the bull? That's hard to say. Perhaps miles away. He probably is nowhere around. And soon the calf will not even need the milk from its mother — and will be on its own.

There is no marriage — no FAMILY LIFE — no HOME LIFE.

But with humans all this is different. The purely *reproductive* process is the same in all mammals. But beyond this, *all is different!* The *only* purpose for

sex in animals is reproduction. But HUMANS ARE DIFFERENT! In humans reproduction is *not* the only purpose of sex. A second purpose is MARRIAGE — and there is yet a third purpose!

The newborn human does not get up and walk immediately to its food. The tiny baby is absolutely *helpless*. It has a few instinctive reflexes, but no instinct, in the strict sense of the word. It has MIND — but at birth there is NO KNOWLEDGE as yet in its mind. It knows virtually *nothing* at birth. It must be *taught!* It needs parents to teach it! It matures so very much more slowly than animals! Yet its potentiality is *infinitely higher!* And for this higher purpose, parental guidance and FAMILY LIFE ARE NECESSARY!

For God had said, "Let us make man in our IMAGE."

God made cattle "after their kind" — after the *cattle* kind. He made "every winged fowl after his kind" — after the winged fowl kind! But He made MAN *after the GOD kind!*

Man's destiny

Now, incredible as it may sound to those who do not UNDERSTAND the revelation of God's TRUTH — and only an infinitesimal minority does — GOD is a FAMILY!

And in MAN, God is reproducing HIS kind! Man has the supreme potentiality of being actually born into the very divine GOD FAMILY!

Do you realize what that means? Of course, God is *composed* of immortal SPIRIT — while man, like animals, is composed in *this* life of material FLESH — matter! But the transcendent *essential* factor is that GOD IS PERFECT SPIRITUAL CHARACTER! It is the supreme intelligence, combined with holy and righteous CHARACTER of MIND that most importantly distinguishes God from every other living creature. No animal has this potential — but it is the true destiny of MAN. Of course God, too, possesses supreme ALL-
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Of all of God's creations, humanity alone was created for the God-plane relationships of marriage and family life. (Photo by Warren Watson)

man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife" (Genesis 2:24).

So the Almighty revealed the sacred MARRIAGE institution to the first man and woman.

Why marriage?

Now stop and think for a moment. WHY did God ordain the human relationship of MARRIAGE?

The old repressive, dualistic morality taught that the *only* purpose of sex was reproduction. But if merely reproducing their kind were the *only* purpose of sex, NO MARRIAGE WOULD BE NECESSARY! God made *animals* male and female. Animals reproduce — BUT THEY DO NOT MARRY! Marriage is not necessary to procreate.

'Failure? I'm Not a Failure!'

Thomas Edison said this after 25,000 futile attempts to design a storage battery. Here are some other examples showing that failing doesn't have to make you a failure.

By Tom Delamater

The news of the distinguished gentleman's death brought tears to the eyes of many people.

Few who knew him had not been touched by his kindness or inspired by his leadership. Greatness was his legacy.

Ironically, over his lifetime many people thought of him as a failure. By age 24 he had twice failed in business and had lost a political election. When at age 25 he won election to his state's legislature, it appeared that his life had taken a turn for the better. But the next year his sweetheart died, and a year after that he suffered a breakdown.

He ran in three more elections during the 10 years that followed, and three times he lost. Seemingly undaunted by his failures, he was finally elected to the U.S. Congress at age 37. But his success was short-lived; two years later he was defeated in his bid for reelection.

At age 46 he ran for an office in Congress again. And he lost. The next year, his political party nominated him as a candidate for vice president. And he lost. Two years later, he again ran for Congress. And again he lost.

He was 50 years old and had tasted little success. Failure marked his career, and losing had become a way of life. Lesser men would have given up hope and

quit. But the goal that burned within him had not been reached. Risking yet another failure, he decided to try one more time.

This time, at age 51, Abraham Lincoln was elected as the 16th President of the United States.

That was more than 100 years ago, yet today Abraham Lincoln is remembered more for his accomplishments than for his failures. In spite of all the setbacks, Mr. Lincoln knew that if he kept on trying he would achieve his goals. And because of this, he wasn't afraid to fail.

How about you? Are you afraid of failure? Do you pass up golden opportunities for fear you'll be laughed at?

Dreaming of success

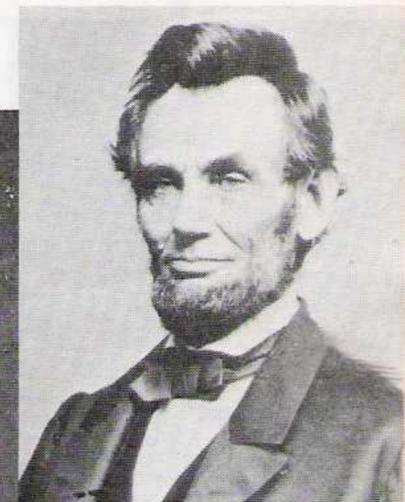
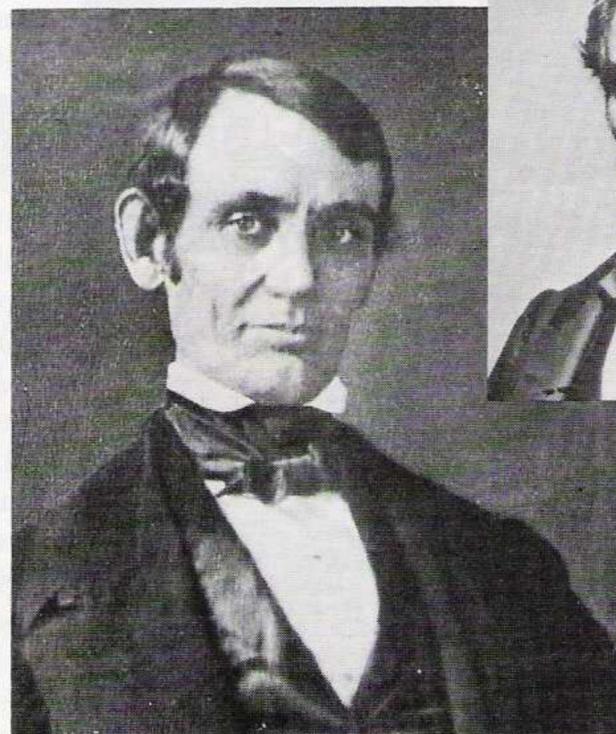
We've all dreamed of being more than what we are. We imagine what it would be like to be a famous entertainer or a great athlete. We visualize ourselves as a successful executive or an influential leader.

The problem is, we're not always willing to pay the price. We know it takes a lot of hard work to make dreams like that come true. And too often we do nothing about them because we think the risk is too high. What's the use? we figure, and we hold back.

Before we can be successful, we have to overcome the fear of failure. Most successful people have overcome many failures, and it is a measure of their strength that their failures propel them to new attempts at success.

Learn from your failures

As a teenager, if you have had setbacks, you are in good company. Did you know that Winston



Was young Abraham Lincoln a failure? Later he was remembered far more for his accomplishments. (Photos — Culver Pictures, Inc.)

Churchill, the British statesman, was considered a failure as a teenager? He repeatedly failed during his school years, so his

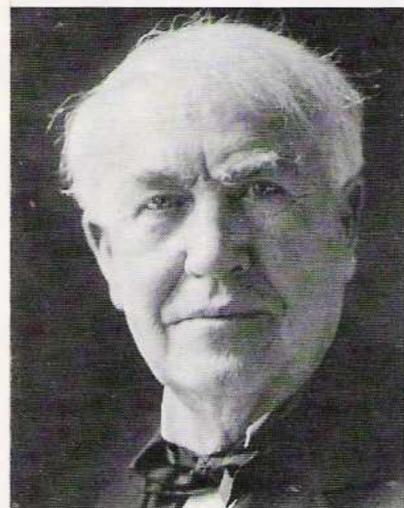
father decided to send him to a military academy instead. No rousing success there, either, he failed to receive a promotion once he was commissioned.

He eventually gained fame and prominence because he made an historic escape during the Boer wars. Even so, being captured in the first place was considered a failure by military standards.

But, you see, failure didn't phase Winston Churchill. The lessons he learned from his failures taught him how to attain success.

Failure is often a better teacher than success because failure

The British statesman who led his country to victory in World War II suffered his share of failures throughout his life. But failure didn't phase Winston Churchill. (Photos — Culver Pictures, Inc.)



Sometimes thousands of attempts preceded success for Thomas Edison.

sharpens the instinct to survive. It forces us to learn in detail about our goals and abilities and provides us with a pause to reassess our opportunities.

So don't be afraid to fail. You'll be joining a distinguished group if you do.

Overcoming the fear

Too often the temptation to stay put and do nothing — to accept less than the best — is far stronger than the urge to succeed. But this *can* be overcome. It *must* be overcome if you're to lead a fulfilling and rewarding life.

But how? How can you overcome your fear of failure? Here are three points that can get you started in the right direction:

1. *You've got to try.* People who try to do something worthwhile and fail are far better off than those who try to do nothing and succeed.

In this regard, the greatest mistake you can make is to continually fear you will make one. After properly planning and preparing, don't be hesitant — just go out and do it.

As mentioned earlier, Thomas Edison, who developed the incandescent light bulb, the phonograph, the motion picture camera and more than 1,000 other devices, was once asked how it felt to be a failure after 25,000 attempts to invent the storage battery. "Failure? I'm not a failure at all," he said. "I now know 25,000 ways how not to make a storage battery."

Mr. Edison's comment shows that perseverance and a positive attitude will keep you on the right track. As soprano Beverly Sills once said: "You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try."

2. *You must have long-range goals.* This will keep you from being frustrated by short-range failures.

A few years ago a young man, age 15, made the statement: "I'm going to win seven Olympic gold medals." This brash young athlete went to the Olympics in Mexico City, Mexico, in 1968 — but returned with only two gold

medals. In his mind, he had failed, but he was not a failure. He was still determined to achieve his goal.

After training hard for four more years, Mark Spitz of the United States not only won seven gold medals, but he set or helped set seven Olympic records in the process!

Mark Spitz knew that the road to success is a long one, and that you have to be strong enough to believe in your goals. Success lies in final accomplishment and cannot be measured conclusively at some point along the way.

3. *Realize, however, that you can't do it alone.* There's a key to success and to overcoming the fear of failure that most people overlook. And that's the need for God's help.

You aren't here by chance. You were put here for a purpose. (Our free booklet *Why Were You Born?* explains that purpose.) And you certainly weren't put here to fail.

Take a moment when you've finished reading this article to read Matthew 25:14-30, where Jesus Christ tells the parable of the talents. In it Christ shows that a person who, out of fear, does nothing with what he is given will have it taken away and given to someone else who *has* done his best.

God wants us to live a life full of accomplishment and purpose, and He expects us to approach all we do with conviction and confidence. Yet God knows that we all make mistakes, and He wants to help us overcome and learn from them.

However, we have to ask for that help. Ask God in prayer to help you have courage in all you do.

Don't let occasional setbacks stop you. Just because you've failed at times in the past doesn't mean you *are* a failure. And you needn't fear failure.

For this thing we call "failure" is not in the falling down, it's in the staying down. And you always have before you the opportunity to get up and make a fresh start. □



When Your World Is Turned Upside Down...

For every two U.S. marriages there is a divorce. This isn't just a statistic to many Youth 84 readers — it's a painful reality. If you are facing this situation, this article can help.

By Dan C. Taylor

As a 6-year-old boy, I didn't fully understand what my parents' divorce meant. Nor did I grasp all of the immediate and future problems I would face because of my family's breakup.

What I did know was that my life was more complicated.

I felt rejected, unloved and hurt. What's going to happen to us now that Dad is gone? I wondered. My future looked, at best, uncertain.

Sometimes the cruel comments by other kids, the awkward situations visiting my dad — and his girl friend — and the thoughts of all the things I had missed doing with my dad made me feel as if I would not survive

my parents' divorce. "Why did this happen to me? What did I ever do to deserve such treatment?" I protested.

Millions of children and teens around the world have had their lives turned upside down by divorce. Chances are, many of you reading this know the pain of a shattered family.

What are some of the typical ways children and teens react to

Photo by Warren Watson

When your parents divorce, it is natural for you to feel hurt, rejected and insecure.



their parents' divorce? If you are facing this situation, what can you do to minimize the effects of your family's breakup on your life now and in the future?

What can you expect?

When your parents divorce, it is natural for you to feel hurt, rejected and insecure. You may even find yourself losing sleep, unable to concentrate on schoolwork or even getting angry at one or both of your parents for no apparent reason.

You might find yourself getting depressed easily. You may lose your appetite — or gain one. Perhaps you'll find yourself unable to control your emotions. These are all normal reactions to divorce. Most manage to get these problems under control as they adjust.

But divorce can affect you in many other ways too — ways that, if allowed to go unchecked, could cause severe problems for you now and in the future.

For instance, some children and teens blame themselves for their parents' divorce. They bear a needless burden of guilt that may handicap them in their own relationships.

Others feel compelled to choose sides. They become the ally of one parent against the other. But this is a situation in

which everybody — parents and children — loses.

Some teens find themselves turning to destructive behavior in an effort to get back at their parents for the pain they are experiencing — or to get attention. Some become involved with drugs, gangs, shoplifting, vandalism or sexual relationships. But all of these activities have a way of hurting the teen more than anyone else.

There are ways to avoid problems such as these. But it will take a great deal of effort.

How you can cope

When your parents divorce, it's hard to think about how to handle all of the disturbing changes that are occurring in your life. But there are some things you need to do in order to cope with your new situation.

First, realize that you cannot undo your parents' divorce. In all likelihood, their breakup is permanent. No amount of bad behavior on your part, or wishing that it were not so, will make that divorce go away. Sitting around and dreaming of ways to get your parents back together only delays your adjustment to your new circumstances.

Second, don't blame yourself for your parents' divorce. And also avoid getting into a habit of placing blame on your parents for your own problems and mistakes. Certainly your parents' divorce has had a tremendous impact on you. But while your family's breakup is a reason for certain reactions you have in different circumstances, it is not an excuse for misconduct on your part. You, not your parents, are ultimately responsible for your own actions.

God wants you to be happy, and blaming yourself or others doesn't lead to happiness. "Be happy, young man, while you are young," wrote Solomon, "and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you to judgment" (Ecclesiastes

11:9, New International Version).

Third, learn to talk about your problems and fears with a close friend, a minister or, even better, with your parents. You'll be surprised to find your parents have a great deal of understanding for what you are going through — if you give them a chance. Remember, they've been hurt too.

Fourth, get involved with school or extracurricular activities. You'll find that the busier you are, the less time you'll have to worry about your problems. Get involved in activities where you have an opportunity to develop some leadership skills. Develop a hobby or some other interest. Most of all, get your mind off yourself.

Fifth, take advantage of family get-togethers to develop close relationships with your grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Family bonds can give you a great sense of security. You'll know your roots and have a feeling that there is always someplace you can turn in a pinch.

Sixth, don't let your parents' divorce prevent you from one day experiencing the happiness in marriage they were unable to have together. When you're old enough to date, you can enjoy it in the proper atmosphere without the feeling that each date must eventually lead to marriage. Avoid developing an "is this the one?" attitude in dating. It will only lead you into trouble.

Finally, realize that though you may not have a mom or a dad at home because of divorce, you can still have a rewarding relationship with both of your parents. Sure it's going to be difficult. There will be disappointments as well as enjoyable occasions along the way. But the alternative is a void in your life that needs filling. If you continue to harbor resentment against one or both of your parents, you'll only become a bitter person, and nobody likes being around a bitter person for long.

God wants you to strengthen
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Right on TIME

By Agnes Youngblood

Can you imagine an airline advertising that it has the worst on-time record in the world?

Although everyone is late sometime, we don't generally brag about it. In fact, the record books have no entry for the world's latest person!

What's so bad about being late? Consider this example.

50 wasted hours

It's your first class meeting of the year. The 200 members of your class shuffle over each other in the tight aisles of the old auditorium, and finally everyone is ready to begin. But someone is missing.

The minutes tick by. Throughout the auditorium there is a murmur of protest about the delay. A few people in the back get up and walk out.

Finally, 15 minutes late, the class president enters the room.

This example points out one reason it is important to be on time: concern for other people. In this example, if you multiply 15 times 200 (the number of minutes late by the number of students), the

president, in one sense, wasted 50 hours — of other people's time!

And then there is the person who is late for a date. How often has a girl sat waiting for her date to show up at 7, only to be picked up at 7:30? And how many times has a guy had to sit waiting for his date to do the finishing touches on her hair?

According to Amy Vanderbilt's *Complete Book of Etiquette*, a gentleman should not keep a lady waiting more than five to 10 minutes. But, she continues, "it is always better manners to be there slightly before a guest's arrival."

Horace Mann, an American educator, once said: "Unfaithfulness in the keeping of an appointment is an act of clear dishonesty. You may as well borrow a person's money as his time."

But concern for others is not the only reason to be punctual. Being on time has tangible rewards. For instance: Most schools keep a record of attendance that counts the number of times tardy. At grading time, this is taken into account. And those who are on time to class can actually get better grades.

Another time when punctuality is especially important is on the job. Employers don't look highly on employees who are regularly late. On the other hand, they often reward those who are consistently on time.

So now you know the reasons *why* you should be on time. But *how* is another question.

Timing tips

It seems that there are two categories of latecomers. There are those who are occasionally late, and there are those who are often late.

The occasional latecomer is often delayed by an unexpected emergency. This happens to everyone at some time. But those who are late more often might want to use some of the following tips to help be on time.

- Plan your day. At the beginning of each day, take a minute to write down all of the appointments you have for that day and note the time each appointment begins. This will keep anything from sneaking up on you.
- Know yourself. Note how long it takes you to get ready for school in the mornings and get up in plenty of time to do all the things you need to do.
- Think ahead. Mentally note what you plan to wear to the coming activity. Is it clean? Is it ironed? If not, schedule time for these things.
- Finally, if you see that you are going to be late, it is considerate to call and let the other person know.

Punctuality is a sign of a considerate and well-organized person. Not only will you reap the benefits of being there when you should be, but other people will appreciate your efforts to be right on time. □

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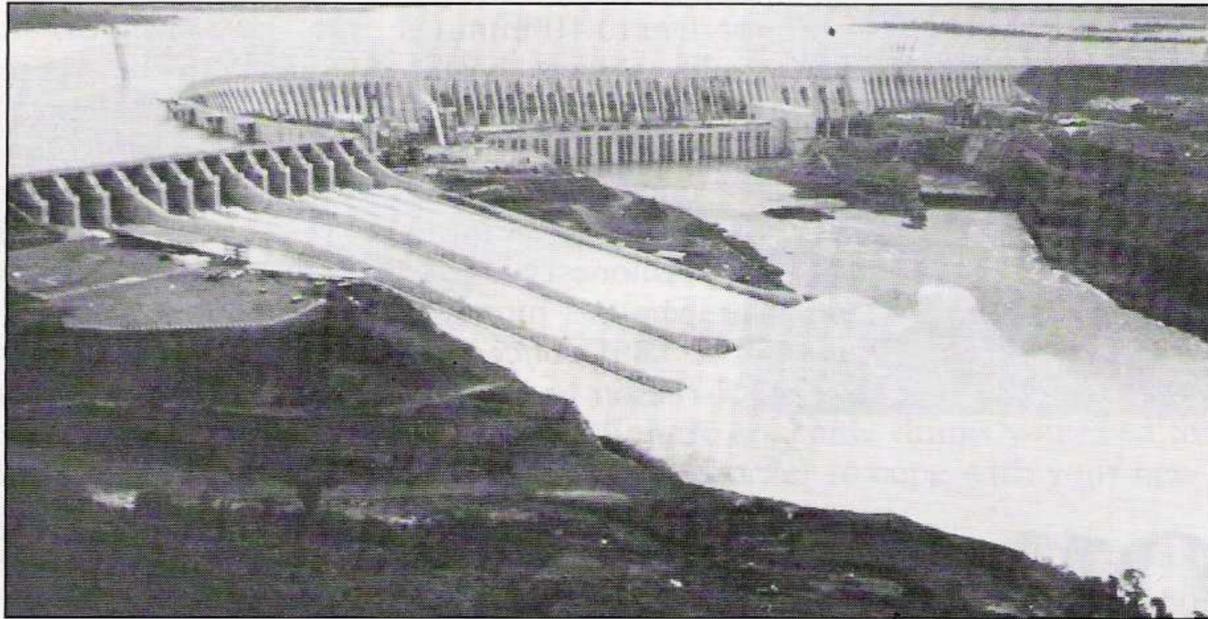


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Cheap Energy From S. America's 62-Story Dam

• It's the sheer size of Itaipu Dam, more than anything else, that is so astounding to visitors.

There is enough concrete in this dam on the border between Brazil and Paraguay to rebuild the entire city of Boston. The main part of the dam is 62 stories high, taller than any other building in South America. Its lake would cover more than half of Luxembourg. Once it is working at full capacity, the power generated in just one hour by Itaipu could keep a 60-watt light bulb burning for 24,000 years.

But these statistics don't awe the Brazilians and Paraguayans who helped build Itaipu nearly as much as what Itaipu stands for. Itaipu was built almost entirely by South Americans.

This is the cause of a great deal of national pride on both sides of the border. "We are

building for the future," says one Brazilian construction worker. "Itaipu is exciting, because you know you're building your country." One Paraguayan said, "This dam has been a dream for years."

The head of the project, Brazilian Jose Costa Cavalcanti, feels that Itaipu puts an end to the myth that South Americans need foreign know-how. "This shows we are capable."

The first of Itaipu's turbines started generating electricity last month. By 1986, all 18 generators will be installed, giving the dam the ability to produce 12,600 megawatts of power, more than twice as much as the next largest dam, the Grand Coulee in the state of Washington.

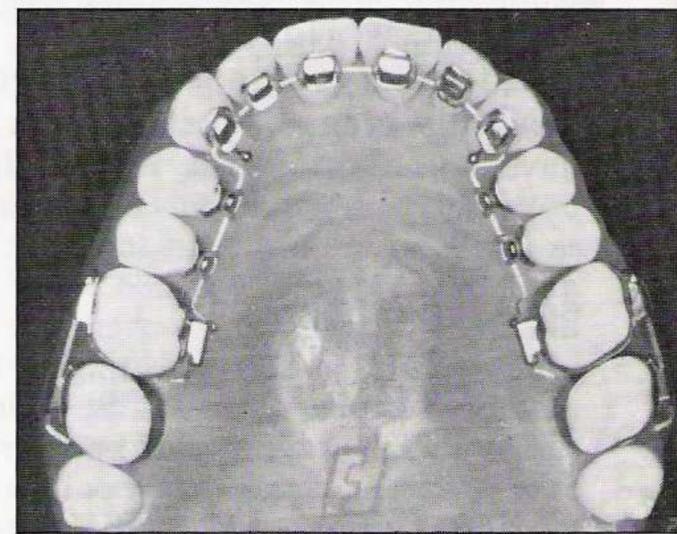
People are already looking far beyond the 1986 completion. "It's a magnificent investment,"

said one Brazilian leader. "It will be producing cheap energy 50 years from now." — *By Lowell Wagner Jr.* □

What's Behind a Smile?

• You may dread the thought of hearing your dentist say, "I think you need braces." If all you can think about is that it may mean no smiles for the two years it usually takes to straighten crooked teeth — take heart. Invisible braces may be the answer.

Taking a simple idea, Dr. Craven Kurz of Beverly Hills, Calif., has developed a way to overcome one of the biggest drawbacks of teeth-straightening: the tin grin.



Usually, crooked teeth can only be straightened by attaching metalwork to the front part of the teeth. Dr. Kurz says he simply asked the question, "How can I fit them from the back?" With all the metalwork

out of sight no one would even know you had them on.

Not only do these braces look better, says Dr. Kurz, they feel better too. Standard braces may rub against your lips and cause discomfort. Rear braces don't.

For people who have difficulty with ordinary braces — like athletes, wind instrument players or entertainers — invisible braces can eliminate a lot of problems.

According to Dr. Kurz, another plus is that behind-the-teeth braces are easier to keep clean.

As you might guess, the greatest disadvantage is cost. Working in the back of the mouth is awkward for an orthodontist. For this reason, fitting appointments take longer and cost more.

Regular braces may average from \$3,000 to \$4,500. Dr. Kurz estimates that prices for invisible braces will average one-third higher depending on the individual.

The idea seems to be catching on. Dr. Kurz estimates that about 20,000 people have been fitted so far. So the next time someone flashes you a beautiful white smile, don't be too sure they're not hiding something — and loving it. — *By Will Flaman* □

Yugoslavia Prepares for Olympics

- "Sarajevo is ready."

That's the message from Yugoslavia as this country in southeastern Europe makes final preparations for the 14th Winter Olympic Games this month in the city of Sarajevo.

Today's Yugoslavia didn't come into existence until 1918, at the end of World War I. But

this land has a history that stretches back thousands of years.

As a crossroads between Europe and the Middle East, Yugoslavia often has been invaded by foreign powers.

All these foreigners ruling their country have made today's Yugoslavians treasure their independence. After World War II, Yugoslavia took on a communist form of government. But it didn't want to be controlled by the Soviet Union, which was taking control of the newly communist countries of Eastern Europe.

Yugoslavia stood up to the Soviet Union, refusing to give up its national freedom. In contrast to other European communist nations, Yugoslavia has remained free of Soviet control.



Yugoslavia is a land of great variety. It is said that it is one country with two alphabets, three religions, four languages, five nationalities, six republics and a border with seven countries.

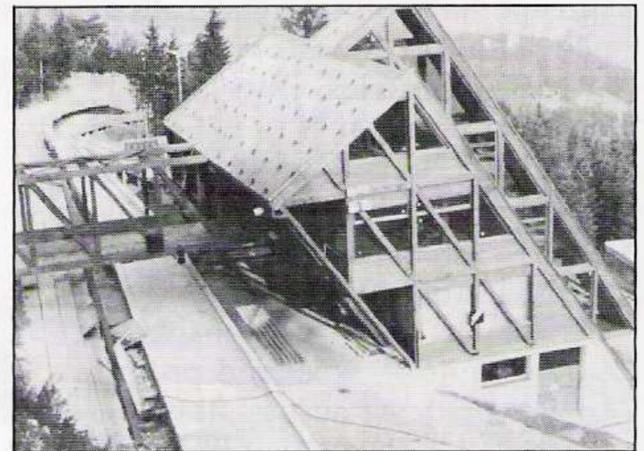
Molding all this variety into one nation has been a great challenge. Many of the different nationalities living here had rivalries that went back many centuries. And although some of the rivalries still surface once in a while, most Yugoslavians have put aside their differences for the sake of the country.

The Winter Olympics are an example of that cooperation. When the Olympics were

awarded to Yugoslavia, the town of Sarajevo had only a primitive ski resort and a 20-meter ski jump.

But today, after six years of effort, Sarajevo is ready for the Olympics. Massive construction efforts have brought about 15 new hotels, ski trails where none existed before, new roads to get the 40,000 Olympic fans to the events, and an Olympic village to house the 1,200 athletes from 48 nations who will be staying in Sarajevo.

Not only was it finished on time, but it will cost about \$30 million less than was originally



In six short years, Yugoslavians carved an Olympic complex out of the forested hills around Sarajevo. This national effort took the help of Yugoslavia's many cultural groups.

estimated. This will help the Sarajevo Olympics to make money, not lose it as many Olympic sites have done.

After the Olympics, Yugoslavia plans to use the Olympic facilities to attract tourists to Sarajevo, tourists who will spend money, helping Yugoslavia's ailing economy.

Be sure to watch Sarajevo's Winter Olympics. They will take place from Feb. 7 to 19 and will give you a glimpse of this land of variety, Yugoslavia. — *By Lowell Wagner Jr.* □

World's Biggest TV Station

• Could a television station unite a continent?

That's what many of Europe's leaders seem to be hoping as the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) finalizes plans for a European superstation that has the potential of broadcasting to more than 300 million people in 30 countries, possibly the world's largest television audience.

This would be quite a first. Until now, the governments of Europe have closely controlled television broadcasts from outside of their countries. But last year the EBU ran a test in which a broadcast, with sound tracks in six languages and subtitles in others, was sent to 15 countries.

Beginning next spring, the EBU plans a more extensive experiment — weekend programs to be broadcast across all of Europe. Later, they will expand this to daily broadcasting.

News programs will be an important part of the station's programming. The EBU plans to present the news from a European perspective, not just from the viewpoint of one particular country. "It would be the most important news, on a European scale," said one spokesperson.

The station will face many problems, mainly because of the differences in broadcasting regulations between countries. For instance, Belgium and Sweden will not allow advertising. But the station will need to sell advertising to pay its expenses. Compromises, such as blocking out the advertising, are being worked out.

Today's steps toward unity have been a long time in coming. Although these nations share many common interests, they have spent much of the past 2,000 years fighting each other.

In recent years, though, many of the nations have begun to

cooperate more and more. The European Economic Community (EEC), a main force in uniting Europe, has made trade and travel easier between nations. Workers in member countries are also free to work in any other member countries. In 1979, the people of these countries began voting to send representatives to a new European Parliament, which debates issues important to member nations.

The EEC has given its support to the European Broadcasting Union's ambitious project, saying that it is "a chance to capture the sense of European culture." —

By Colleen Gus □

Orbiting Eyes in the Sky

• Circling high above our atmosphere, space telescopes are giving us a new look at the universe. They allow astronomers to probe far deeper into space and see celestial objects with greater detail than before.

One such orbiting satellite, the Infrared Astronomical Satellite (IRAS), designed by U.S., Dutch and British astronomers, was launched in January, 1983, to survey the universe. In its 11-month mission, it transmitted evidence of new galaxies and undiscovered planetary systems.

It found what is either an asteroid or a burned-out miniplanet (scientists still aren't sure) orbiting only nine million miles from the sun, closer than any other planet.

Beyond our solar system, it confirmed that new stars are forming in the Milky Way at

the rate of about one a year from interstellar dust and gas.

Scientists are still studying data that many think will show that planets — like in our own solar system — are being formed around the star Vega. Scientists will also be studying the information gathered by IRAS in search of a new planet in our own solar system out beyond Pluto. (See "News That Affects You," August, 1983.)

The vital supply of liquid helium that cooled the telescope ran out last November, ending its mission. But in its time, IRAS sent back enough data to keep scientists busy for 20 or 30 years.

Astronomers will take yet another step in the last half of the decade when they launch Space Telescope, the first big optical telescope to be placed above the earth's distorting atmosphere. It will see seven times deeper into space and detect objects 50 times dimmer than any earthbound telescope.

The last time astronomers had such a big improvement in what they were able to see was when the Italian scientist Galileo Galilei first picked up a telescope and looked at the sky in 1609. Space Telescope will revolutionize astronomy by examining a volume of space that's 350 times larger than astronomers can now see from earth.

What will Space Telescope see? Astronomers hope to find more evidence of black holes that may exist at the core of some galaxies. They hope to see finer detail of quasars at the farthest edge of the universe and maybe even find planets around a nearby star. Space Telescope will also keep watch on our nearest neighbors, the planets of our solar system.

In the next few years, exciting discoveries will remap the skies, rewrite astronomy books and give us a better understanding about our great universe. — *By Victor Kubik* □

The Money-maker's SECRET

This secret gives you a key that can unlock your full earning potential!

By David Rothwell

One of the major U.S. newspapers ran a prominent full-page advertisement recently. "MAKE BIG MONEY," the headline screamed.

The advertisement went on to extol a surefire formula for instant riches. It was available to anyone who had the \$15.95 to send in for the book describing the formula.

Of course, advertisements like this are more likely to make the person who wrote the book rich than anybody else, but suppose someone really did know a way to guarantee your financial success. Would you be interested?

Believe it or not, there is a way you can unlock your full earning potential.

A key ingredient

Most people don't live up to their earning potential. They lack a key ingredient.

Contrary to popular thought, it is not necessarily those with superior ability who make it to the top. Studies have shown that the highest paid men and women generally don't have more abilities than the rest of us. But they do all have something in common — this key ingredient.

The studies were conducted by the Johnson O'Connor Research Foundation. At the foundation, people are tested for 19 basic aptitudes. (An aptitude is an ability or trait that you are born

with.) Since 1922, many thousands of people from every walk of life have been tested.

To the researchers' surprise, the most successful people had, on the average, no more aptitudes than anyone else. Actually, some who had the most aptitudes were the least successful. They found that nearly every human being has at least four or five strong aptitudes. But the ones who were successful were the ones who had utilized this key ingredient that allowed them to put their talents to work for them.

What is this key ingredient? In a word, it is vocabulary. Sound too simplistic?

Words make a difference

What is the magic of vocabulary? Part of the answer is that words are the building blocks of thought. They are the means by which we grasp the ideas of others and with which we do our thinking.

Another part of the answer is that words are the principal way we communicate our ideas to others. The inability to effectively communicate will thwart even the most talented person.

On the other hand, a good vocabulary will allow you to use the abilities God has blessed you with. It will unlock your potential. This has been proven over and over again.

For example, at one high school, two classes were chosen for an experiment. They were

virtually identical in age, background and intelligence. One class was given a special course designed to improve the students' vocabulary. The other class just took the normal courses.

At the end of the semester, the class that was given the vocabulary course had scored significantly higher, not just in English, but in every course, including mathematics and science.

Dr. O'Connor of the Research Foundation gave a vocabulary test to 100 young men who were studying to become industrial executives. Five years later, everyone who scored in the top 10 percent on the test was an executive. Not one of the men who had scored in the bottom 25

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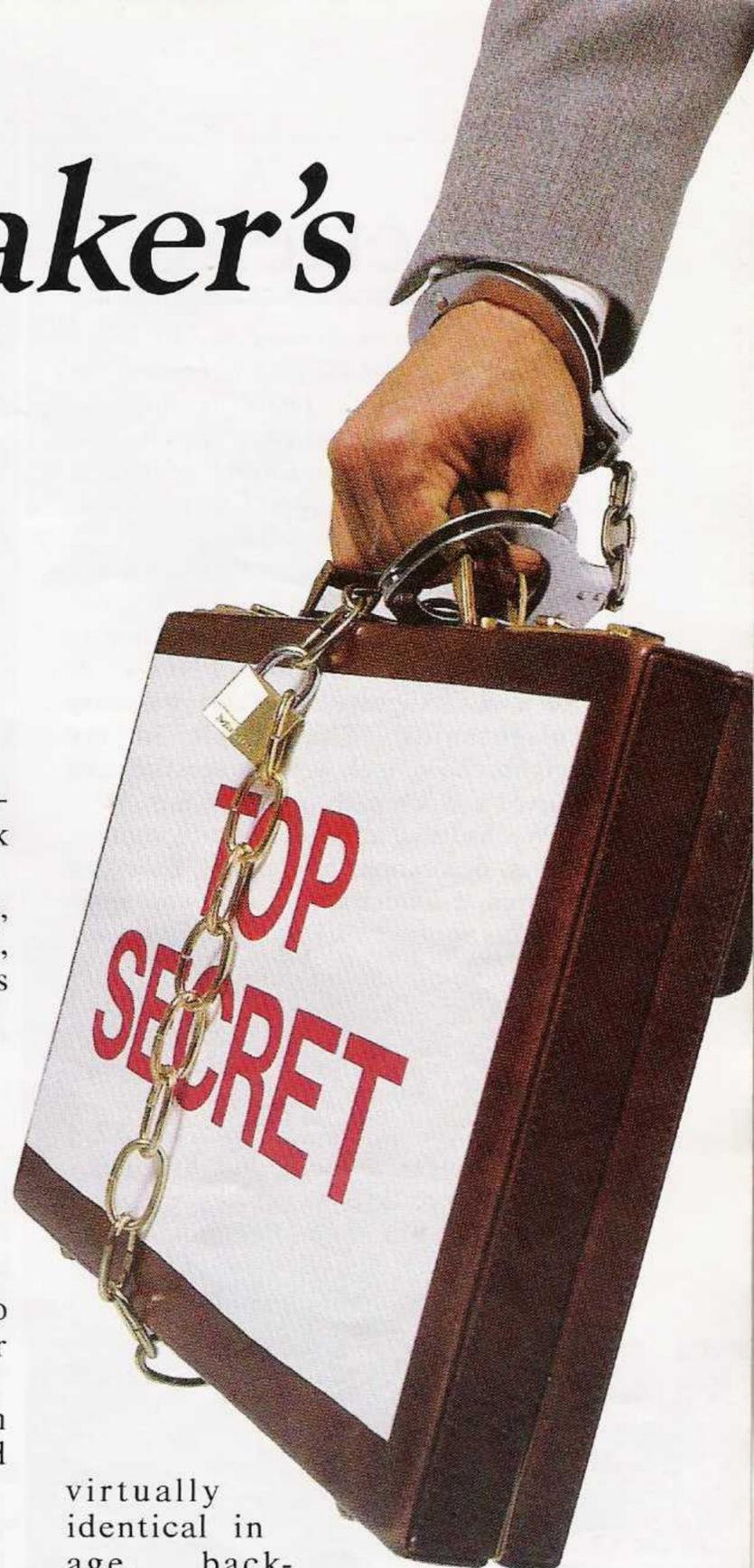


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Letters

(Continued from inside front cover)
outline for prayer He gave to become the "Lord's Prayer." There is not one example of the apostles or anyone else in the New Testament Church praying in that manner. Please read Christ's words in Matthew 6:7-13 carefully.

Neighborhood fun

Your article on "The Greatest Show in Your Neighborhood" [News & Reviews, August *Youth 83*] was very enlightening. The people in my neighborhood took your suggestion and started a block party or block fair.

We had music, food, a dance contest, prizes, decorations and games. Everyone enjoyed it immensely. Thank you again for bringing a little fun into our neighborhood.

W. Coto
Queens, N.Y.

Save yourself for marriage

Thank you very much for *Youth 83*. I am no longer a youth, but find many helpful suggestions on subjects that even affect adult life.

I was really impressed with the article "True Femininity: Every Girl's

and with it a happiness that you will never have in marriage. Saving yourself for your husband or wife in marriage is one of the greatest blessings God has given humankind. I robbed myself of that blessing. You can live with it, but the penalty lasts a lifetime.

I've just had my eighth anniversary. We've made it this far in spite of our sins, but also we've robbed ourselves of a happiness that God wanted to give us.

Keeping your virginity is well worth it. Do yourself a favor and keep it.

Name Withheld
Texas

Finishing homework faster

After reading your article "Superstudy" in the October-November edition, I discovered that I was remembering more about my homework and finishing faster. Instead of either watching TV, eating, drinking, answering the phone or daydreaming, I was actually doing my homework without any distractions. Thanks for all your help.

Sarah Jones
Newton Aycliffe, England

"My Mom Is a Real Person"

I've just read your article in the October-November issue of *Youth 83* called "My Mom Is a Real Person." I was interested in what you had to say because I haven't lived with my mom since about the age of 7. Now I'm almost 15 and realize all that I've missed.

Unlike most people's reasons for not having a parent, mine was because my mom was "mentally unfit." Even though I've not been able to live with my mom, I keep up a good relationship through letters. I met my mom again. Since she is still mentally unfit, her memory sometimes isn't that good, but she does remember the precious times she spent with me and my brothers and sister.

I hope that someone else who doesn't have a mom or dad at home will read this and realize that you can get close by writing too.

Name Withheld
Illinois

I would like to have a say on the article "My Mom Is a Real Person." Mum and I say how much of a coincidence it was about eating out at a Chinese restaurant. For some months now every fortnight before I go to work in the evening I treat Mum to a Chinese meal. It's very relaxing and it's easier to communicate with each other away from family hassles.

I'm the oldest in the family, age 20,

and I recommend to youths how important it is to get out alone with your mother or father who does so much for you and to have a good conversation by breaking down the barrier.

Pier Ruse
Sydney, Australia

I love your article, "My Mom Is a Real Person." My mom is a very special person in my life.

I treat my mom sometimes bad. And she does everything for me. I wish I had something to return my love to her. We have our ups and downs, but I will always love her. I love you, Mom.

Francene Coleman
Cassville, W.Va.

"Sex in the '80s"

Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong's article "Sex in the '80s" was well worth the reading... Mr. Armstrong knows how to get at the heart of a matter — quickly — without pulling punches. His black-and-white style most certainly brought out the stark reality of the situation.

Somewhere in just about every issue of *Youth 83* there always seems to be a "sex article"; may it be in the form of an author's contribution (always finely done, by the way) or a reader's remark. I think this is done on purpose, probably as a matter of policy because there is no doubt that easy teen sex causes the greatest attrition rate among teens whose parents are regular church attenders. So many teens who seem so hungry for the truth suddenly lose interest without explanation and become a part of the world. I believe in 90 percent of the cases sex is the cause.

Please continue writing about sex, but I am sure God is aware that the greatest trial many true Christians of the '80s face is seeing their beloved children and friends lost to [the sexual immorality] of the late 20th century.

Ernest G. Craig
Dover, N.H.

"Beyond Puppy Love"

I have just received the September issue of *Youth 83*, and I want to thank you and Joel Rissinger for the marvelous article "Beyond Puppy Love." It really gives your readers an excellent idea of what our program is all about and, especially, of how very important the 4-H youngsters are to us.

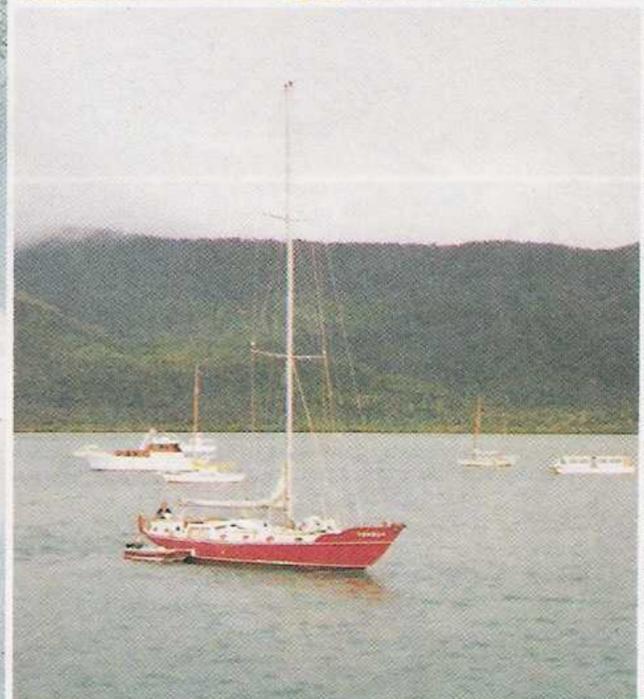
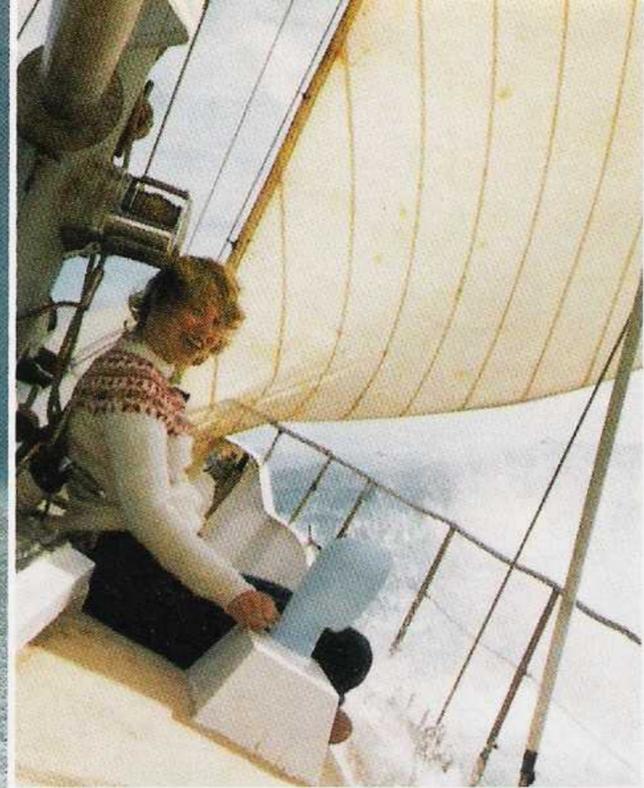
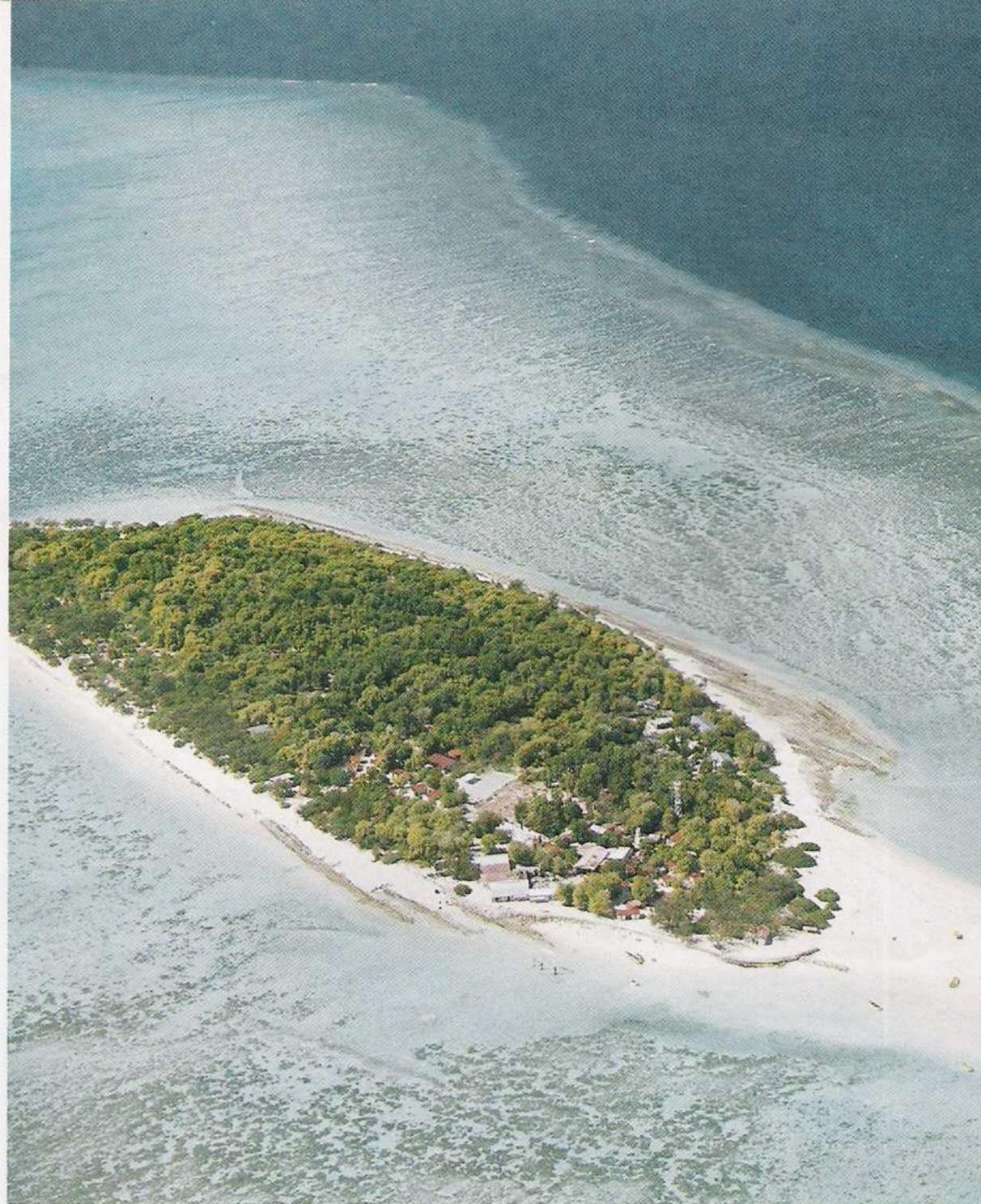
Jennifer Bassing
Director of Public Relations
Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc.
San Rafael, Calif.



Photo taken by Accident — Accident, Md., that is. Lisa Lunsford was 12 when she took this picture last November.

Challenge" [October-November *Youth 83*].

I was married at age 15. I wasn't a virgin nor was my husband. Fornication has left its scars forever. Nothing can take away the pain and agony that this one sin can cause a person. Once you have lost your virginity, it's gone forever,



Photos (clockwise from left): Shostal Associates; Julie Vanderwert; Colleen Gus

Explore the Great Barrier Reef

It's the largest structure built by living things on earth — a place teeming with life of every description. Come explore Australia's Great Barrier Reef!

By Colleen Gus

A stiff sea breeze was playfully chasing the clouds across the water. It was a perfect day for sailing.

We were setting out in the *Thekla*, a trim red-and-white sailing yacht, for a day on

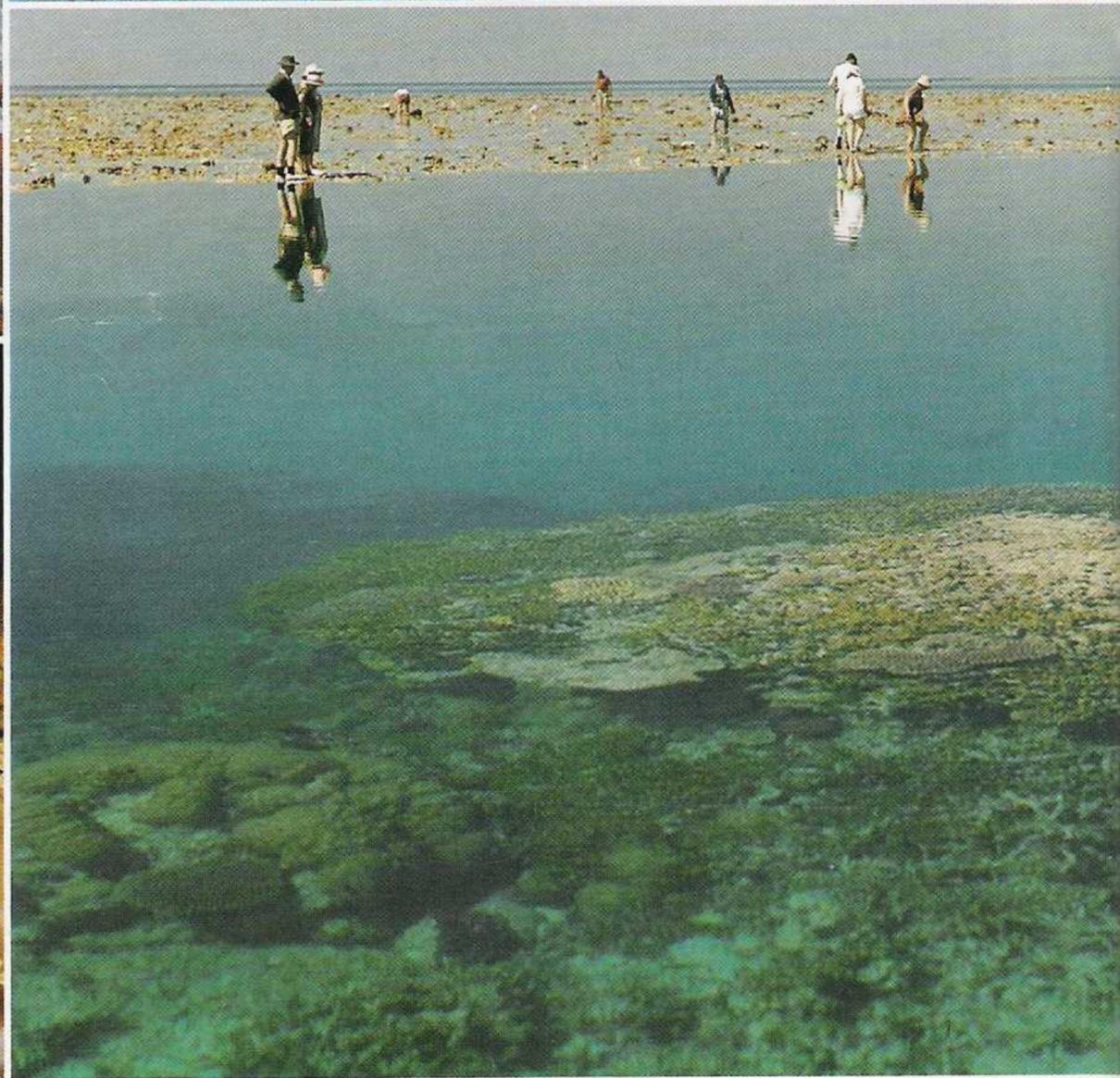
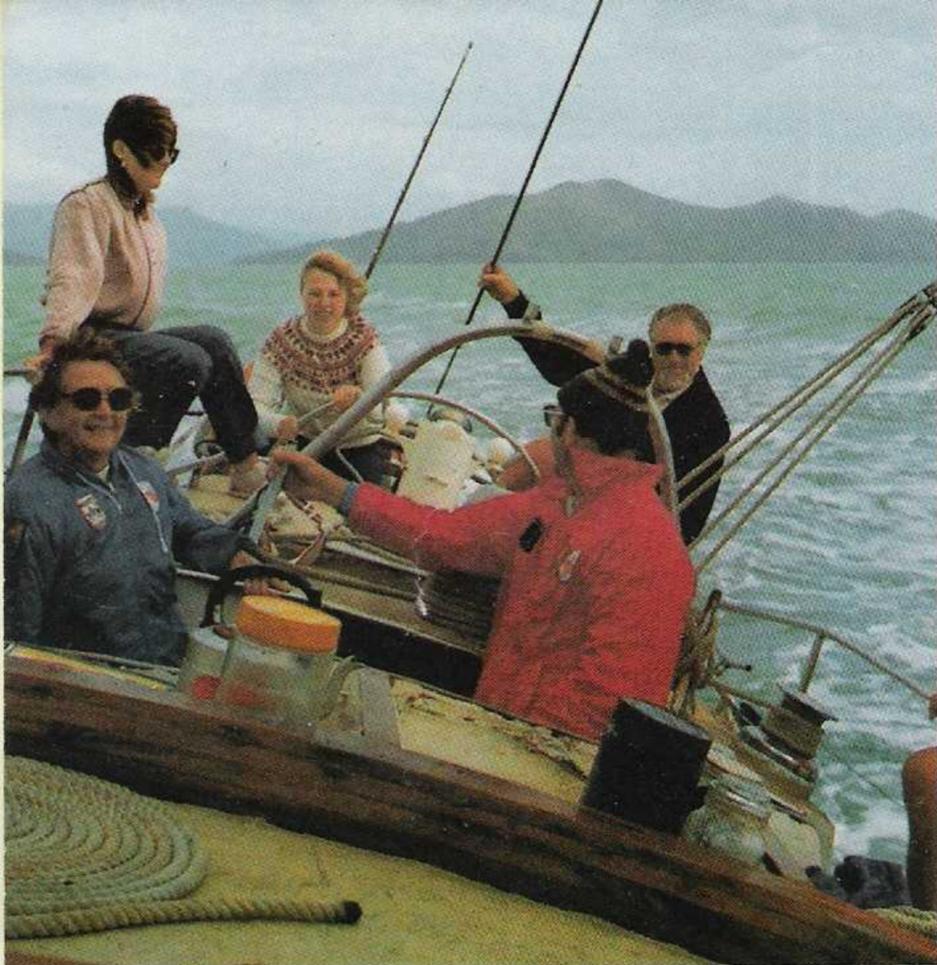
Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

Thekla's captain — a gray-bearded German fellow — had built the yacht some 20 years ago, had sailed it around the world several times and now lived in it with his wife. Now he was shouting orders in a thick accent to his three deckhands.

As the captain started the motor to guide us out of the harbor, I thought about how near I had come to missing this trip.

Australian hospitality

Just three days before, enjoying my visit to Australia with friends in Brisbane, I'd had no idea I would ever get the chance



Previous page (clockwise from left): Heron Island, surrounded by reef, is mostly a national park; the author enjoys the salt spray as the *Thekla* hugs the wind; while passengers dive, the *Thekla* lies at anchor.

to see the reef. Then some north Queenslanders had invited me, with typical Australian hospitality, to drive up to Mackay with them to see "their" reef.

And here I was perched on the deck, the sail unfurling, the salt spray hitting me, the wind blowing through my hair.

A reef is a mass of coral, a limestone-like material built up over many years by pinhead-sized sea animals called coral polyps.

If you've ever seen a piece of dead coral, you probably noticed

that its surface was rough, pitted with thousands of tiny pockets. Each of those pockets once held a polyp. The polyp secreted the limestone to build a kind of exterior skeleton around itself. When it died, more polyps joined on, and the structure grew.

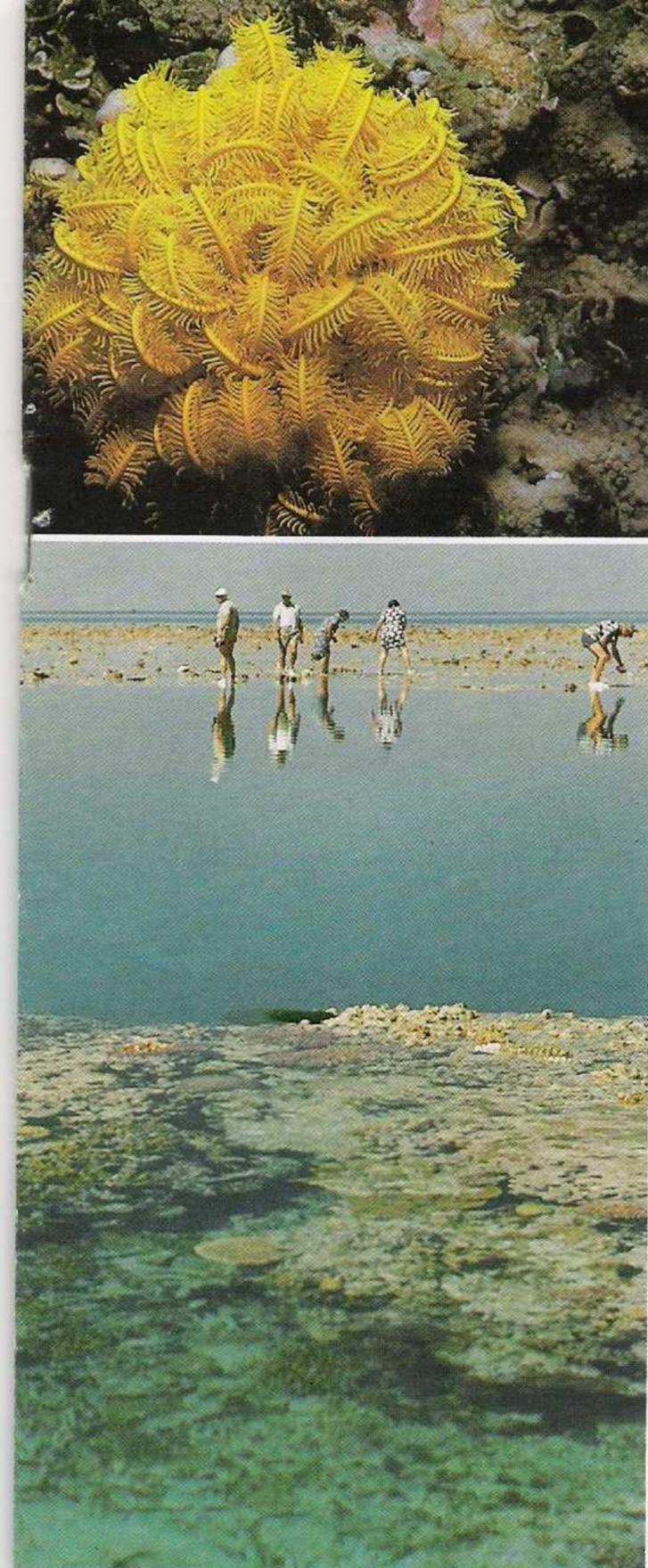
When this coral structure grows upward high enough to nearly reach the surface of the water, or even protrude above it at low tide, it is known as a reef.

Of course, Australia's Great Barrier Reef is no ordinary heap of coral. It actually consists of hundreds of smaller reefs, together forming the largest reef or reef system in the world.

In fact, the Great Barrier Reef

is the largest structure built by living things on earth. It covers an area of about 80,000 square miles (more than 200,000 square kilometers), roughly the size of the country of Syria or the state of Idaho. The reef stretches along a coastline as long as California's, from the Cape York Peninsula (Australia's northeastern tip) to the town of Gladstone, halfway down the east coast.

The reef seems to attract strange and wonderful sea life of every description — a sort of massive undersea apartment complex for plants and animals. Either burrowing into it or clinging to it for support and protection, reef life forms a constant carnival of color.



Clockwise from bottom right: Reef walking at low tide, when higher reefs are exposed; coral polyps alive and feeding; the author takes the wheel; gaily colored tropical fish are so tame they will eat from a snorkeler's hand; don't mistake this fellow for a plant — he's actually related to the starfish.

or so (about 6 meters) for about 45 minutes, and the ship's first mate, a certified diving instructor, would stay with us the whole time. Now, as we neared Whitsunday Island, he was giving us final instructions — clear your ears, never hold your breath, stay close at all times.

We reached the island, and after a little preliminary climbing and exploring — for the island itself was rich with jungle growth and alive with bird life — it was back to the beach. There we squeezed into wet suits, strapped on air tanks and lead weights and finally swam out.

As the beach dropped under us, I felt weightless and more or less out of control of my body's movements. Here on the landward side of the reef, the water was a little cloudy — stirred up from the silt carried along by coastal rivers that dump into the sea. Farther out, I was told, it is sometimes possible to see straight down for 100 feet (about 30 meters).

Colors of the rainbow

Still, a great variety of colors and forms began to appear around us. Greens, whites, peaches, blues, blacks, scarlet forms captured our attention.

Coral only turns its bleached white color and brittle texture after it dies, out of the water. Alive it can be soft and colorful, growing in any number of forms — great branches, like a stag's antlers; graceful feathery stalks, like a fern leaf; great flat round plates, with lines radiating outward; bulbous nodules or clustered scallops.

Biologists say that there are more than 400 species of coral growing at the reef. They believe it thrives so well here because two of the conditions it needs for growth are so well met: warmth

and sunlight. The sunlight is needed, not for the coral itself, but for the algae (tiny sea plants) that live in the coral's tissues for the mutual benefit of both. Coral polyps are animals and breathe in oxygen from the sea while releasing carbon dioxide; algae, like all plants, take in carbon dioxide and release oxygen.

Thus, the shallow, generally clear Coral Sea waters of Australia's continental shelf are ideal for coral growth. Here warmth is no problem; nearly all the reef is north of the tropic of Capricorn, toward the equator. At the warmest, northernmost part of the reef the greatest number of species flourish.

Then there were the other animals — gorgeous shellfish, clams, anemones (colorful, spiny animals that poison and eat smaller fish).

The fish we passed seemed unperturbed by our presence. Once we saw a manta — a sort of living flying carpet with bright eyes. Another time, it was a beautiful black object that looked like a giant black flower — or, more accurately, two dozen perfect black feathers all joined at one point at their tips. A featherfish, of course.

I swam, I looked, I tried to remember as much as I could. I paddled madly to try to get away from the specimens our guide cautioned us about — a few types of coral are poisonous, and coral wounds take a long time to heal.

Everything was so interconnected, living and dying for the benefit of the reef population as a whole. It made you think of the incredible design work that went into creating this intricate, and beautiful, environment.

After about 45 minutes, the cold began to penetrate even under our wet suits — it was mid-June, the beginning of winter in the Southern Hemisphere, and even tropical waters can be chilly in winter.

As we bubbled up to the surface, I bid good-bye — but only a temporary one, I hope — to the undersea world of the Great Barrier Reef. □

All this interesting flora and fauna has tended to attract another creature to the reef — man. People come from all over the world to enjoy the reef's comfortable tropical island and coastal resorts, to fish — but mainly to view, using snorkel gear, glass-bottom boats or scuba suits.

Taking a "joydive"

Julie and Tony (my friends from Mackay) and I intended to see the reef this last way — on a scuba dive. We were bound for Whitsunday Island.

We were going for a "joydive" — a shallow dive permitted for people without a scuba license. We would go down only 20 feet

By Victor Kubik, WD9HDS

How would you like to talk to someone on an exotic Pacific island or at the South Pole?

Or how about someone on a ship, in an airplane or even in earth orbit?

How can you call people where no telephone wires stretch?

You can communicate with people over great distances (without being charged long-distance rates!) through the exciting hobby of amateur radio. Worldwide, more than a million amateur radio operators, often called hams, do just that.

Amateur radio is the personal use of shortwave radio for direct, worldwide communications on a one-to-one basis. It is not the same as CB (Citizen's Band) radio, which became popular in the last decade and only can be used over short distances. Amateur radio has been around since before World War I and provides many more options and challenges than CB.

Amateur radio appeals to a wide variety of people. A ham could be a businessman, a farmer, a schoolteacher, a retiree, a teenager. U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater and King Hussein of Jordan are some well-known amateur radio operators.

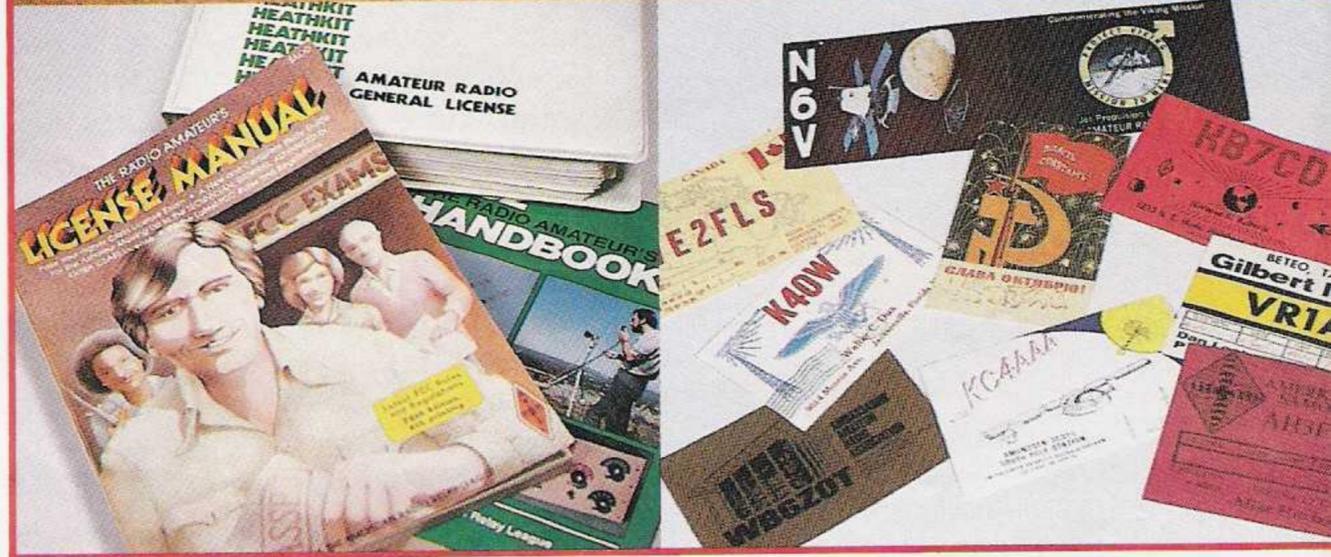
What's the lure?

Why are people fascinated with ham radio?

Some like to experiment, build and modify their own gear.

Some just like to talk, meet new people on the air and develop friendships in distant places. It's thrilling to carry on a QSO (conversation) with an embassy official in Africa or Asia, a missionary in Central or South America or a pilot flying a 747 across the ocean. You even could talk to a descendant of Fletcher Christian's family from *Mutiny on the Bounty* on Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific!

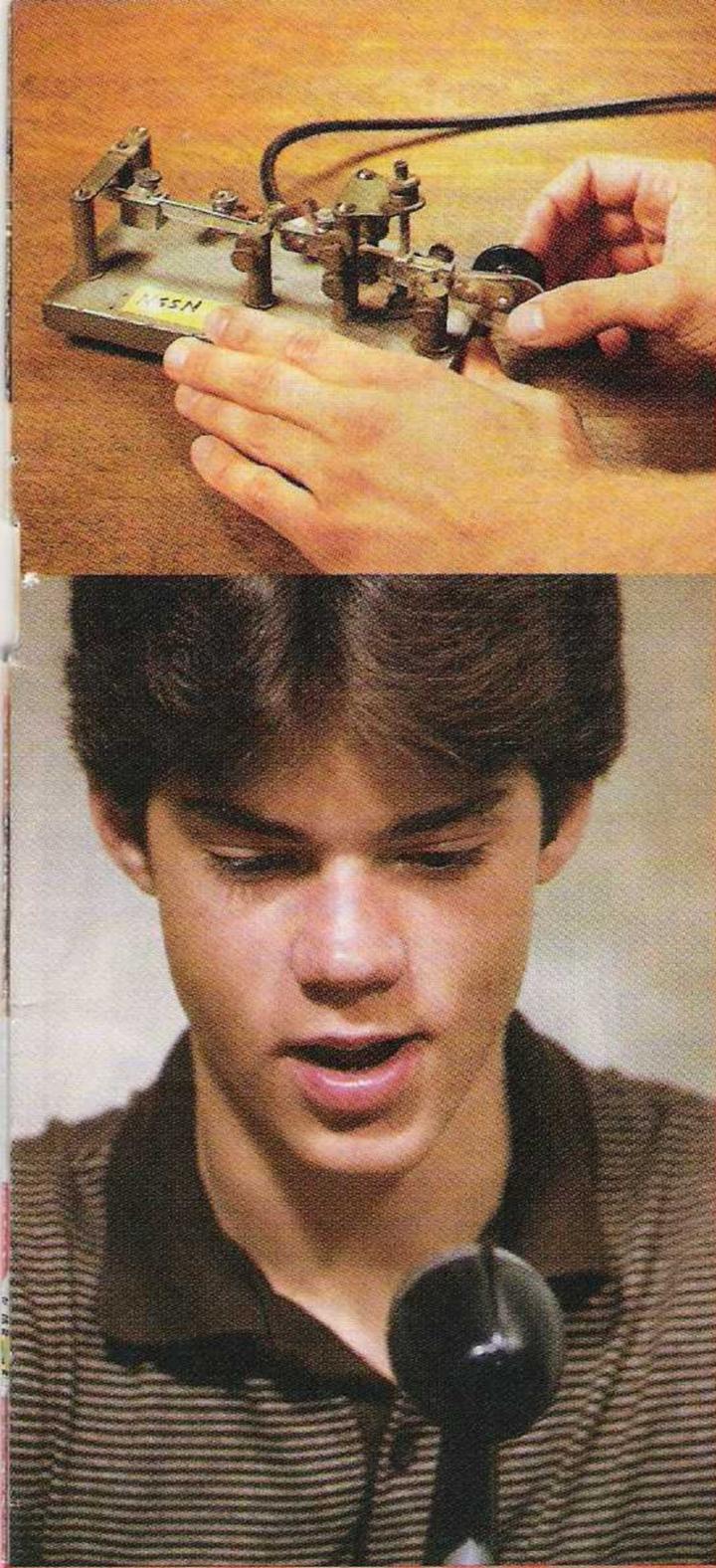
Others like to relay messages. "Phone patching" is one way of



Talk to the World

doing it. An amateur radio operator connects a distant person on the radio with another person over the telephone. In this way someone from an isolated spot like Antarctica can talk to a relative or friend back home. Many amateurs enjoy bringing people from distant places together.

Still others like to stay in regular contact with their amateur radio friends by meeting them on the air on a regular schedule. Or several hams get together on the same frequency and time in a round-table discussion from different parts of the country in what's called net operation.



With amateur radio, you can meet people around the world and never leave home. All you need is access to radio transmitting and receiving equipment, a basic knowledge of broadcasting and international Morse code and the desire to make friends around the world. (Photos by Nathan Faulkner)

an electrically charged layer of the atmosphere called the ionosphere. As you learn more about the characteristics of different radio waves, you will notice that some skip different distances. Some bounce off the ionosphere several times allowing communication with someone halfway around the world under ideal conditions.

More than a third of all hams operate from mobile locations. During times of natural disaster such as earthquake, flood and storm, often the only contact with a distressed area has been through ham radio operators. Many join weather-watch clubs that assist in warning of tornados and hurricanes. Hams often distinguish themselves in public service of this kind.

You may be saying: "This hobby has got to be expensive. It will take a lot of sophisticated equipment, and I could never learn what it would take to do all these things." But it's not as bad as you might think.

With a used transceiver (combination transmitter and receiver usually called a rig) and a length of wire running out from your room to a tree, you can start to either talk or send Morse code across a continent.

Your community may have a ham radio club that can give you more information about used gear. Also, when you join a club, expenses are divided among many and this can make the hobby affordable.

But, as with any hobby, you can become elaborate and spend a lot of money. Advanced amateurs relay signals using satellites, bounce them off the moon, send television pictures and now send computer data over the air.

How can you get into ham radio?

Before you get on the air, you

must pass the government licensing requirements. In the United States, to get a license you must send and receive international Morse code at a minimum of five words a minute. You also must take a written multiple-choice test of basic radio theory and regulations.

The best and easiest way to start is to get a study guide that explains the privileges, requirements and theory for the prospective novice.

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) will gladly help you get started, as will the national amateur societies in more than 100 countries. Write the ARRL at 225 Main St., Newington, Conn., 06111. They produce the *Tune in the World* package that contains everything you need to know about getting started.

What about learning the code? Isn't that hard? Actually, learning it can be a lot of fun. By learning a few letters at a time, you will learn the code a lot faster than you may think. If you already have a shortwave receiver, you can listen to the ARRL's broadcasts of daily code practice. With practice your speed will improve and you will be ready to take your test.

Getting your call letters

When you pass the exam administered by the Federal Communications Commission in the United States, the Department of Communications in Canada or a similar agency in other countries, you will be assigned call letters and you'll be ready to go on the air!

How about looking further into this exciting hobby?

You'll find that once you show interest, many amateur radio operators will eagerly help and advise you. It's part of the nature of those in this communications hobby.

If you decide to become a ham radio operator, we may be talking to you soon! □



As you start contacting distant operators, you will want written confirmation of the contact. You exchange QSL cards to acknowledge your conversation. A QSL card contains your call letters and verifies date, time and signal strength of the contact.

Awards are given for those who collect QSL cards from every state or continent, for example. One challenging award, the DXCC, is confirming contact with 100 or more countries. Your knowledge of geography quickly increases as you look on a map or globe and see where the people you've been talking to live.

Bouncing waves

How is that you can talk great distances from a relatively low-power transmitter? As radio waves leave your antenna, some are reflected back to the earth by

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Skiing in Your Own Backyard

Pole, kick, glide. Pole, kick, glide. Pole, kick, glide for mile after beautiful mile, sliding through the snow.

Have you ever wondered what cross-country skiing is like? It's said to be one of the most serene sports around.

Lofty mountain peaks soar skyward, stately trees rise around you as you glide silently by. You can feel the calmness as you skim through God's creation. It's hard to find solitude like that anywhere else.

Unlike downhill skiing, cross-country skiing can be enjoyed by just about anyone, just about anywhere it snows. And you don't need a steep mountainside or several feet of snow to begin cross-country skiing. Even in a flat field with only several inches of snow, you can enjoy this sport.

The main difference between downhill and cross-country skiing is the thing that keeps you moving. In downhill skiing, it's the force of gravity that hurtles you along. In cross-country, it's your own muscles. This gives cross-country skiers the freedom to ski just about anywhere there's snow.

Don't think you can afford it? Well, here's a surprise for you! Cross-country skiing is far less expensive than downhill skiing. You can rent your skis, boots, poles and bindings for around \$10 a day. Then, if you decide you really like the sport, you can buy your equipment for about \$100.

Some things you will need:

— Warm clothes. Remember,



though, when you choose what you will wear, not to overdress. Cross-country skiing is as active as jogging and you will soon find yourself overheating if you overdress.

— Skis, boots, bindings and poles.

— Suntan lotion and sunglasses. All that snow around you works like a giant mirror, reflecting the sun at you from below. Lotion protects you from a severe sunburn. The glasses keep you from becoming snow-blind.

— Hat, gloves.

Another good thing about cross-country skiing is that it doesn't take lots of instruction to be able to enjoy it. Check sporting goods stores in your town for lessons. Your community recreation center may also be offering lessons. And don't forget to check your library for how-to books.

With this equipment, several lessons and a few inches of snow, cross-country skiing can be — literally — at your doorstep. So what are you waiting for? You're only a pole-kick-glide away from winter fun! — *By Nathan Faulkner* □

Smile When You Say That

It's one of those days. You couldn't find the shirt you wanted to wear, you were late for school and you just failed the math test you forgot to study for last night.

That's when someone passes you and shouts: "Hey, smile! Did you lose your best friend or something?"

What do you do? Do you look up and smile, or do you just keep walking, lost in your thoughts? What should you do?

The results of a university study show that smiling, even if you don't want to, can help make you feel better.

The study, made at the University of California at San Francisco, was intended to show that the body responds differently to different emotions.

To determine this, professional actors were asked to move their facial muscles in specific ways, but were not told what expressions they were

making. As their faces formed expressions of fear, happiness, sadness, anger, surprise and disgust, their heart rates, breathing and skin temperatures were measured.

The actors' nervous systems responded as if they were really feeling the emotions their faces expressed. This shows that facial expressions alone can help produce these emotions.

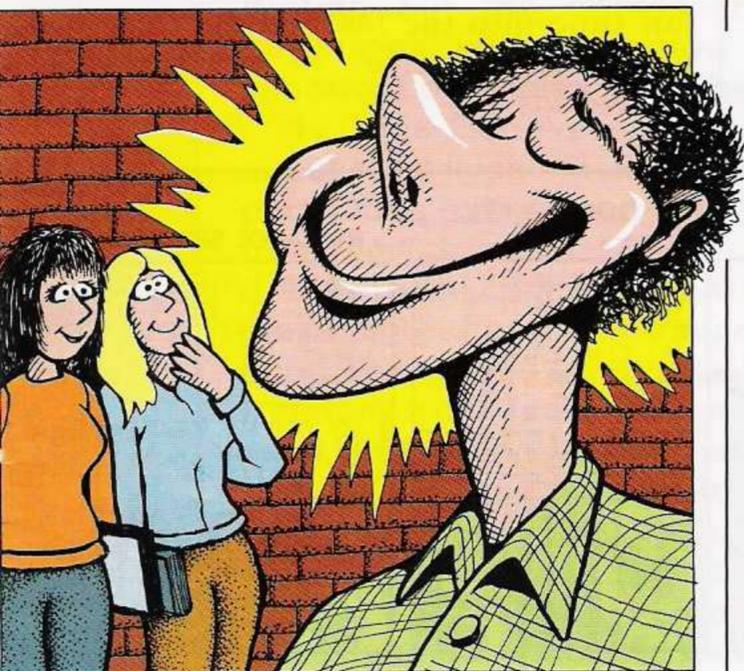
So smiling, it seems, can actually make you feel better.

Have you ever noticed that when you join a group of gloomy people, you often adopt a gloomy attitude yourself? Join a group of happy, smiling, enthusiastic people and watch what happens to your attitude.

Other research has shown that people tend to mimic the expressions they see. If this is true, you can even make others feel better. When you smile, you give something of yourself to others and when you give someone a sincere smile, that person usually will smile back at you, returning that gift.

How else can smiling make you feel better? When you smile, you are putting your own troubles aside and that alone can lighten your load.

So the next time the corners



of your life seem to be turning down, turn the corners of your mouth up and smile — and try sharing that smile with others who look like they just lost their best friends. The results may put a smile on your face! — *By Kerri Miles* □

Proverbs for Today: Take That Pat on the Back

“I realize that few acts in history have been able to match the grandeur of my colossal achievement!” Few of us would actually say a thing like that about ourselves, would we?

But there is a time and way for proper praise to be given and accepted. Let's learn the wisdom behind another of Solomon's proverbs. “Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips” (Proverbs 27:2).

The guidance given here definitely discourages a boastful attitude. When we achieve something worthy of note, we should not be so foolish as to spread our heroics around ourselves.

If we do accomplish something worthwhile in academics, sports, music or in other areas, people will probably take note. When they do, it is fine to let them compliment and congratulate us. When they praise us, we need not stammer, stutter, shuffle or blush. Simply saying thank you is appropriate.

Youth 84 Editor-in-Chief Herbert W. Armstrong receives many tributes and honors from

leaders of nations around the world. He lets others give praise, thanks them for it, then gives God the credit for the achievement.

Our achievements are often the result of God-given abilities, not of our own greatness. Yet we do have a part in developing these gifts. So we can feel both grateful and good about receiving praise from others for our achievements.

So, go ahead. Take that pat on the back! — *By Jim Roberts* □



Take the Friendship Quiz

I just don't understand it, Melissa thought. I thought she was my *friend*. How could she make fun of me like that!

Have you felt like Melissa? Have you wondered if you'll ever have a good, close friend? Have you wondered if there's a secret to making friends? Well, there is.

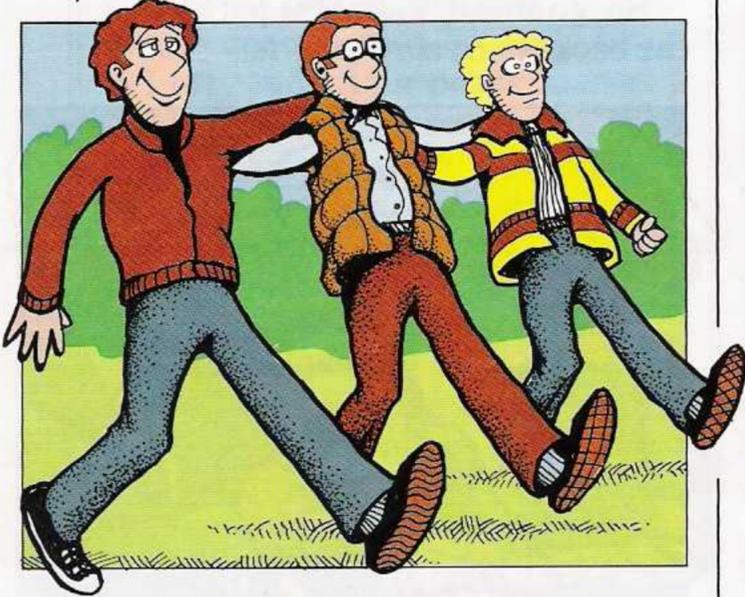
First, though, let's look at just what it is that makes a best friend. Surveys show that, to most people, a friend is above all someone you can trust. A friend

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is also someone who won't be severely critical, a good listener who tries to understand your feelings.

A real pal shares your interests, compliments you when you do something well. A friend doesn't constantly try to outdo you. Friends share anxious moments and problems with an attitude of concern.

By now you're probably saying: "All right, I know all this. But where do I look for



that special friend?"

Here's the secret: The best way to have good friends is to be a good friend. Friendship is a two-way street and that is why it needs to start with you. To have a friend, you need to be one.

Just how good a friend are you? Take this quiz to help you find the answer.

1. Do you primarily look for the good in others?
2. Do you really listen when people talk with you?
3. Do you keep from telling others what was told to you in confidence?
4. Can you be open and honest with a friend?
5. Do you feel good about a friend's successes?
6. Do you keep from giving harsh or constant criticism?
7. Do you empathize with a friend's feelings?

(The more yes answers you have, the better.)

Work at being able to answer yes to all of these questions. As you do, you'll find more and more people want to be *your* friend. — *By Ron Grove* □

Listening Around the World

When you're looking for a good radio station, does your search start at AM and end at FM?

And even then, do you sometimes have trouble finding an interesting station?

Well, hold onto your hats because there's a whole world of radio stations out there just waiting to be listened to, stations from Bonn to Brazil, from Cairo to Canada.

Your radio at home probably covers only AM and FM wave bands. But there is another wave band, called shortwave, that is used for long-distance international broadcasting.

When you adjust the dial on a shortwave radio, you might hear communications between ships at sea, airplanes or even amateur radio operators talking to each

other in different parts of the world (see the article, "Talk to the World," on page 16).

But what makes shortwave the most fun is its radio stations. Many nations operate special international radio stations on shortwave. One moment you may be in Japan listening to a talk show. Then you retune your radio and suddenly you're in the Soviet Union attending a concert. The next moment you may be in Britain listening to the world news. Another twist of the dial and suddenly you find yourself listening to music from the land down under.

To listen to shortwave broadcasts, you'll need a special radio. You can spend thousands of dollars on some of the best receivers — *if* you want to. But you can also spend less than \$50 to get in on the excitement.

Ask your parents. You may have a shortwave radio stored away in a closet, or maybe you can find an inexpensive one in a secondhand store. Make sure it works before you buy it though.

Check your library for handbooks that will help you find overseas stations.

Shortwave radio can be the next best thing to actually traveling to interesting countries around the world. So if you're bored with AM and FM, why not tune into the fascinating world of shortwave? — *By Philip P. Stevens* □

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Teen Bible Study

The All-Important Seventh Law of Success

Prepared by Richard A. Sedliacik

Why are only the very few really successful? Is it mere chance — can it be luck? Or are there definite reasons?

In this series of studies expanding on *Youth 84* Editor-in-Chief Herbert W. Armstrong's booklet, *The Seven Laws of Success*, we learned of the existence of seven definite laws that lead to success in life. In order to achieve real success, all seven of these laws must be followed.

Many of those considered successful in this world have applied the first six laws. They set goals, obtained the necessary education and preparation to achieve them, maintained good health, had tremendous drive, were resourceful and had perseverance. But they weren't really happy and did not attain real success. Why?

What they lacked was application of the seventh law of success. This all-important law is having *contact with, and the guidance and continuous help of God*.

Though this law of success was reserved until last in this series of studies, it is far from being least. It is first in vital importance!

In this study, you will learn what the Bible says about this most important law and how to apply it in your life. But before you begin, get a Bible, a pen or pencil and some paper. Writing out the verses that answer the questions will help you remember the important principles you'll be learning.

1. Does God want us to lead happy and successful lives? Ill John 2, John 10:10, last part. Does every good and perfect gift come from Him? James 1:17.

Few have realized that the living God plays a great part in the success of our lives. If we are to enjoy the good things of life — freedom from fears and worries, peace of mind, protection, happiness, abundant well-being — we must come to understand that the source of these is the great God!

God is more than willing to help us attain the No. 1 goal in life — the very purpose for our existence, which we learned about in the

first of this series of studies. God wants us to become members of His universe-ruling Family! He also wants us to attain our other goals. But we must do our part.

2. What must we do to receive God's guidance and direction? Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalms 37:4-5, 119:2, II Chronicles 15:2. Will those who seek God and trust in Him lack any good thing? Psalm 34:8-10.

God promises to guide those who seek Him wholeheartedly and desire to do His will. He will help them to have the energy and motivation to achieve their goals.

3. Is God far from anyone who will earnestly seek Him? Acts 17:27. Can those who seek to get to know God really find Him? Isaiah 55:6-7. Does God want us to make our requests known? Philippians 4:6.

God wants to hear what we have on our minds — He wants to know how we feel and what we think. He wants us to seek Him in sincere, heartfelt prayer — to ask Him for guidance in every phase of our lives.

Think of God as the genuine friend that He is, because He understands your deepest fears, anxieties and frustrations. He really wants to help you succeed. If you trust Him, He will enable you to have courage and motivation to tackle any problem or fear.

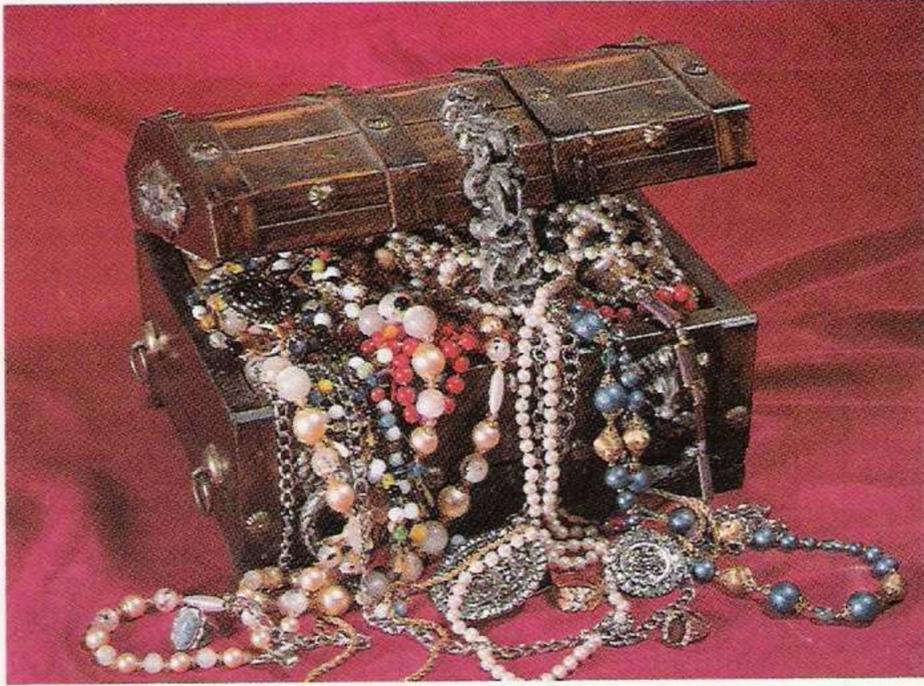
4. Did the apostle Paul say He could do all things — that is, overcome any obstacle — through God's help? Philippians 4:13. Are all things possible with God? Matthew 19:26, Ephesians 3:20.

Nothing is too difficult for God. He expects us to ask Him and sincerely do our part the best we can, though. For example, He can help you in developing a more friendly and enthusiastic personality, as well as help you in your schoolwork, your job, sports, music and your social life. Ask Him to help you achieve your goals in all of these areas.

In addition to prayer, there is something else God expects us to do to receive His guidance and direction.

5. Is following God's way of life, as

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God's Word is compared to a treasure chest full of precious things. (Photo by Warren Watson)

defined by His laws, vital to success in life? Joshua 1:7-8, Proverbs 3:1-2, Ecclesiastes 12:13, Matthew 19:16-19.

God is with those who serve Him — who keep His commandments. He intervenes on their behalf. He helps them to prosper and experience real success, both now and ultimately for all eternity as members of His Family.

6. What did David say about those who delight in God's law — will they succeed in whatever they undertake? Psalm 1:1-3. Will they obtain wisdom and understanding — essential for success — by keeping God's commandments? Psalm 119:97-100, 104.

7. Has God promised to give us the wisdom we need to make the weightier decisions of life, if we ask in faith? James 1:5-6, Hebrews 11:6.

Each day we are faced with numerous decisions — such as deciding what time to get up, what to wear, what to eat. Then there are the more important decisions in life, such as choosing an occupation or career, which college to attend, where to live or whom to marry. These are decisions that can affect us for the rest of our lives. We need help, not only from wise advisers, but also from God.

God, who is the supreme source of wisdom, can steer us in the right direction. He promises to guide us if we will ask Him. Therefore ask God, in prayer, for the wisdom you need to make important decisions in your life.

8. Is God's Word like a light that shows us the way to go? Psalm 119:105. What comparison is drawn between the vital

knowledge, guidance and wisdom contained in it and a treasure chest full of precious things? Proverbs 3:13-18.

God's Word is far more valuable than all the gold, silver and precious gems in the world. In it are guidelines dealing with every aspect of human life — health, finances, social relationships — everything pertaining to a truly happy, successful life.

The primary way God guides us — reveals His will for us — is through His inspired Word, the Bible. Search for and meditate on the principles that will give you the insight necessary to make the right decisions.

As you do this, also strive to follow God's way to the best of your ability. If you do, He will take a special interest in you. God will help and inspire you. He will give you additional strength and the desire to do what is right and pleasing to Him. And He will give you the strength to resist the things you know are harmful, and that can seriously hinder your chances for future success.

9. Will God ever leave or forsake those who strive to do His will? Hebrews 13:5-6.

It is important to realize that having God's guidance does not mean you will not have problems and difficulties to overcome. Everyone does. But you can be confident that God will always be on your side and will help, provided you strive to do your best to follow His way as revealed in the Bible.

In this series we learned the seven laws that lead to real and lasting success — the ways that lead to an abundant, happy life both in this physical life and in the glorious life to come.

If you haven't done so already, why not begin to apply the principles outlined in this and the previous studies? It will take effort on your part. But once you have started, don't give up. You'll soon begin to experience the happy, productive and successful life God wants each of us to have.

You'll find that life is really worth living!

(If you haven't already done so, be sure to call or write for Mr. Armstrong's free booklet *The Seven Laws of Success*. Check the inside front cover for the telephone number or address nearest you.) □

Dear Youth 84,

Practical Bible-based answers to the problems of growing up.

Q. I am 14 years old. I live a fairly good life. My problem is, at times some of my friends can be really nice, but other times they make fun of me, or talk about me behind my back.

A. Finding a really faithful friend is a great joy. The problem is, there are many fair-weather friends. They will be your friend as long as it is to their advantage. But when they are with others, they will sometimes side with them against you.

It is human nature to be jealous, so some seeming friends will say spiteful things when you do well or receive an award. What they are really showing is they are not truly your friends at all.

So, take the time to learn who your real, true friends are, and strengthen and build those friendships. Don't seek vengeance or try to get back at those who hurt you. That puts you in the same category as them. Be nice to them, but don't expect to be close friends. And be doubly certain you don't let down your true friends.

Remember what Solomon said, "A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24). When you find such friends, appreciate them.

Q. Most of my friends, as well as myself, see several movies two or three times. The reason is, we like the actors. Is it wrong to keep thinking about movie stars the way many of us do?

A. Movies and television have become a major part of our culture. Along with this has come stardom for actors and actresses. They have even been called "IDOLS."

Of course it is not wrong to

appreciate talent, skill and ability. Obviously many of the stars are beautiful or handsome. To make such statements of fact is fine.

But to idolize and fantasize about well-known movie, television, sports or entertainment personalities is certainly wrong.

In your teens you have many important things to spend your time on. If you work hard at your studies, participate in sports (in addition to watching the stars) and develop your personality and work skills, you simply won't have time to idolize. You'll be too busy becoming successful yourself.

So enjoy a good movie now and then and appreciate the skills of an athlete and the talent of a musician. But don't get carried away.

We receive many letters asking about age differences in dating. Some typical letters:

Q. Is it a bad idea to date someone younger than you? If so, why?

Q. Is it OK for a guy to date a girl two or three years older than he is?

A. The most frequent questions written by our readers concern dating. So, let's once again discuss the subject of teen dating.

Youth 84 advocates dating only when parents and family agree on the proper age and

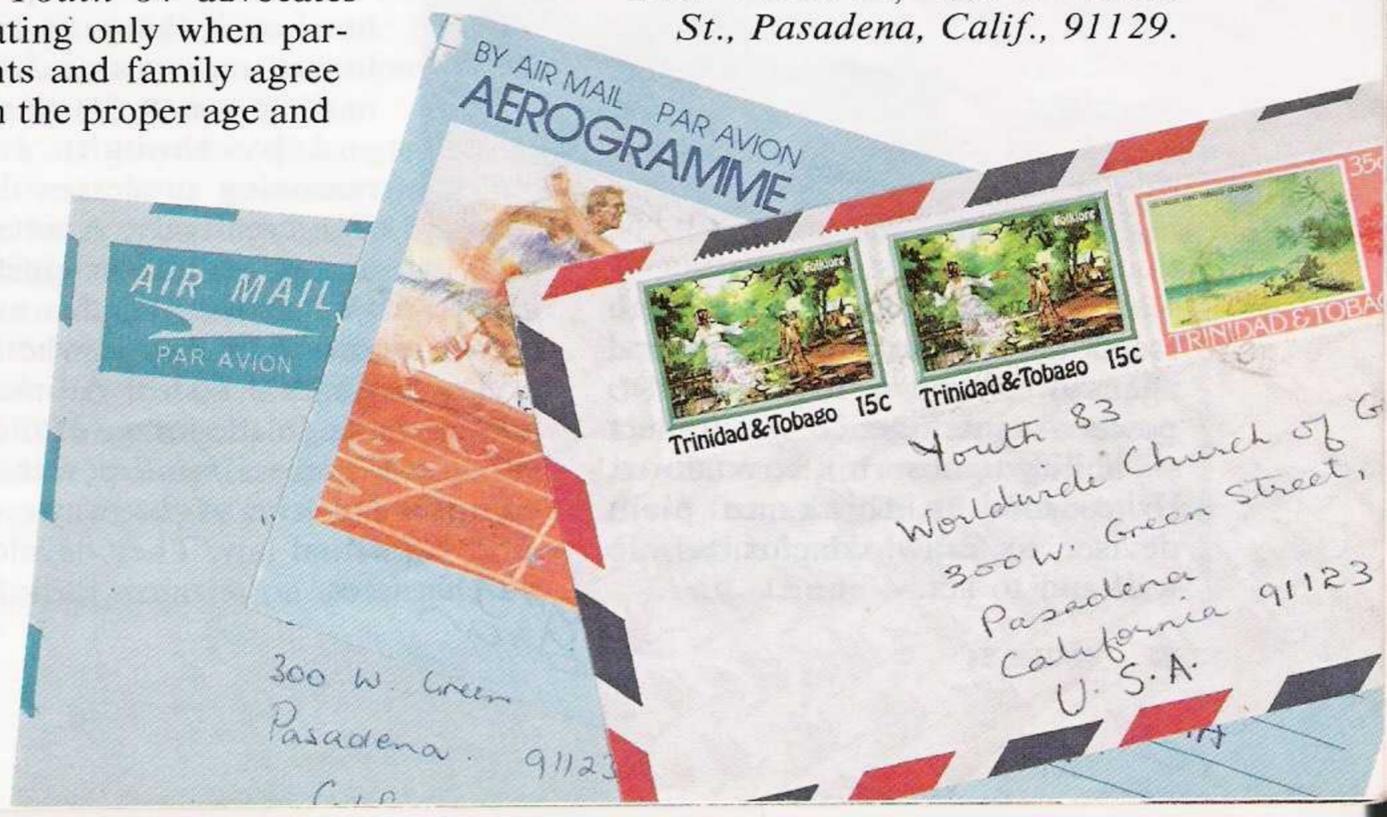
other circumstances. We then advise dating in groups, attending wholesome activities where young people can get acquainted. And we further believe dating in the teen years should not be steady and serious, leading young people to think of marriage before they are mentally, financially, educationally and in every other way ready.

With that in mind we can discuss age difference. There is obviously nothing wrong with spending time with a boy or a girl a few months or a year older or younger than you. But problems develop when a young man about 21 or 22 wants to date a 15- or 16-year-old girl. He naturally wants to start thinking more seriously, while she is not yet ready to assume the responsibilities of marriage and family.

When a person reaches a more mature age of the early 20s, an age difference of a few years doesn't matter much at all. There are many successful marriages where the wife is a few years older than her husband. And certainly many marriages take place where the man is older.

But while you are a teen, keep your dating to those in your own age bracket. You'll be preparing to make a mature decision when you are older. □

We welcome your questions and will excerpt as many as possible. Sorry we can't answer them all. Answers are prepared by Bernard W. Schnippert, a minister of the Worldwide Church of God. Address your questions to "Dear Youth 84," 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.



The Divine Purposes of Sex

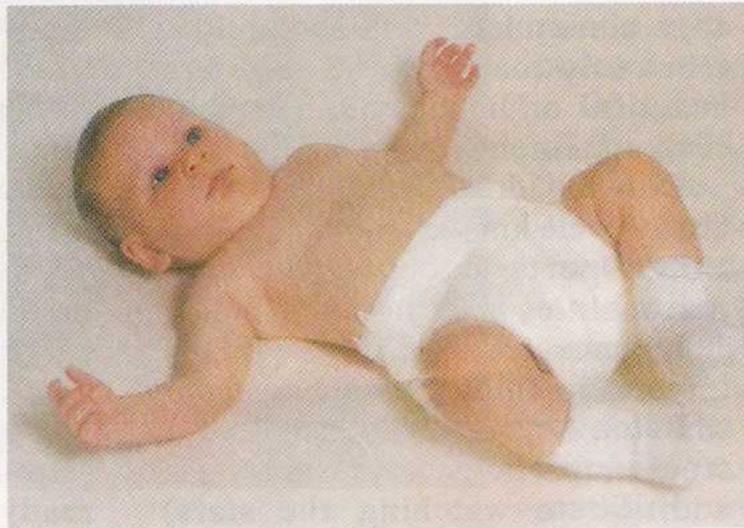
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MIGHTY POWER. But without right CHARACTER, this power would be destructive and dangerous!

What *is* this righteous spiritual character? It is that controlled ability, in a separate independent entity, to come to a *right knowledge* of the TRUE from the false — the RIGHT from the wrong — and, by free choice, to CHOOSE the right and the true, and, further, to use the self-discipline to *will* and to actually DO the right. And how define right? By the spiritual law of God!

This necessitates that each individual human be an independent entity,

Inanimate objects have no mind, make no decisions, have no character. Animals have instinct installed in *brains*. But animals do not possess human-level consciousness of self, do not absorb knowledge from which they reason, make choice and will to act even to enforcing self-discipline.

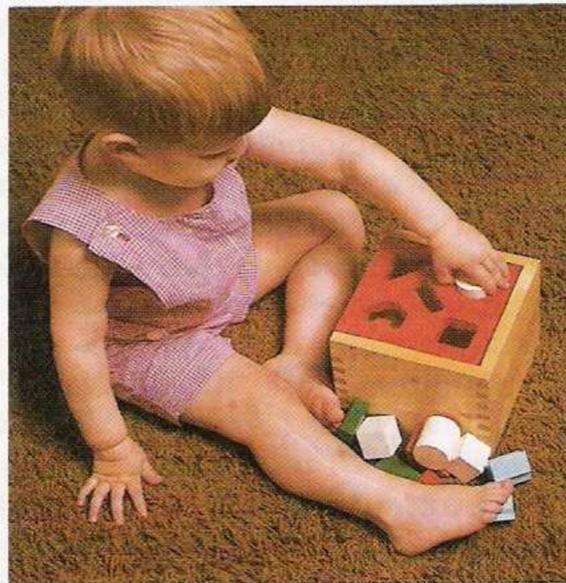


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Humans are born with MINDS. Humans must be taught, or learn. But the human mind can absorb knowledge and reason from it — think creatively, formulate plans, make decisions, render judgments and exercise self-discipline. Man has the POTENTIALITY of developing righteous CHARACTER.

So the human baby is born without knowledge, but with capacity for acquiring it, and of developing righteous CHARACTER. The human has the supreme potential of receiving God's own HOLY SPIRIT, to impart the divine nature, to equip the MIND to comprehend revealed *spiritual* knowledge!

Human babies are born helpless! They need the tender care, the loving instruction, the patient training and discipline and the warm affection and love of a father and a mother. They need the warmth and protection and security of family and of home life. And they are of supreme importance — for they are the potential HEIRS OF GOD!



Loving instruction from parents in a warm and secure family greatly aids the development of children — who are also potential heirs of God!

This righteous CHARACTER is not created instantaneously. It develops through *experience*, and experience requires TIME. Instinct

in animals is automatic, *set* in the animal brain from birth. But divine righteous CHARACTER must be developed over a span of years.

All this is *one reason* for marriage and the FAMILY relationship. But there are more! There are other reasons for marriage — for family — and for HOME!

WHY should humans marry?

Well, most educators today *do not really know!* The scientists do not fully comprehend! They suppose that somewhere along the evolutionary trail, man himself started it merely as a custom. They do not know *when* the marriage institution started, by whom, or for what purpose! Of the tremendous MEANING of this institution they are ignorant!

The real TRUTH about sex and

with a mind of his own — with freedom of choice (free moral agency) — and it requires MIND power — intelligence — intellect — ability to absorb KNOWLEDGE, to reason, to think, to plan, devise, to draw conclusions, to *will* and to act.

knowledge. Animals do not create, question or decide whether to obey moral codes. Animals are not made in the image of God — do not possess *mind* power to comprehend the *right* ways of God's spiritual law. They develop no character.

marriage in humans goes deeper still! Its overwhelming significance and meaning seems to have become lost by man.

We have seen that animals have sex, that animals reproduce; but MARRIAGE is not required for reproduction, and animals do not marry. They do not establish HOME LIFE and the FAMILY RELATIONSHIP.

Now consider angels. The skeptic doesn't believe it, but the Bible reveals that angels do exist. Angels are on a higher level than men. It is written that man was made "a little lower" than the angels — that is, during this mortal, fleshly, human life, *now*.

Yet angels, on a higher plane than physical man, *do not marry* (Matthew 22:30). Each angel was individually and separately *created*, not born. Among angels there is *no marriage — no home life — no family life!*

And NO SEX!

Then what is the function of angels?

Angels are *spirit beings* — composed, not of material flesh, but of spirit — immortal. "And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels *spirits* . . ." (Hebrews 1:7, Psalm 104:4). God is immortal, and composed of SPIRIT. Then are angels on the same level with God? *Not at all!* They are spirit *creations* of God, created to be His servants, messengers, representatives in the administration of God's UNIVERSE-RULING GOVERNMENT.

The heritage of man

Angels, on a plane lower than God, are higher than mortal man, now. But consider man's ultimate heritage — *if he chooses it!*

Speaking of the relative difference between man and angels, in the first two chapters of the book of Hebrews, we read:

"For unto the angels hath he *not* put in subjection the world to come [the WORLD TOMORROW], whereof we speak. But one in a certain place testified [Psalm 8:4-6], saying, *What is man*, that thou art mindful of him?" (Hebrews 2:5-6).

UNDERSTAND THIS! The earth

was once put in subjection to angels, with the archangel Lucifer on that world throne as God's administrator to administer God's government over the angels that then populated the earth. But Lucifer became proud, filled with vanity, and decided to become an aggressor, attempting to dethrone God and place himself on the throne of the UNIVERSE! He was cast back down to earth, his name changed to Satan, meaning Adversary. The angels who joined his mutiny became demons.

Satan and his demons still sway, invisibly, this world. But Jesus Christ conquered Satan, and qualified for WORLD RULE. He is coming again to earth — soon, now as KING of kings to set up and reestablish on earth GOD'S GOVERNMENT.

Now what of MAN? Those truly converted before Christ returns shall RULE the WORLD TOMORROW, under Christ (Revelation 3:21, 2:26-27). Yes, but ultimately even *more* than that!

Notice, now, this passage in Hebrews 2. The statement is made that *angels* will not be ruling the WORLD TOMORROW. But what of MAN? Yes, insignificant flesh-and-blood mortal MAN! Why should the Great GOD consider *him*? And here comes the stupendous answer few humans, blinded by Satan's deceptions, have ever noticed:

"Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou *crownedst him* with GLORY and HONOUR, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: thou hast put ALL THINGS in subjection under his feet. For in that he put ALL in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him" (Hebrews 2:7-8).

You may not quite grasp that at first. It is too overwhelming! To be *crowned* means to be given kingly RULE. To be crowned with GLORY and HONOR is to be given such rule as Christ has, NOW — and that is described in chapter 1 of Hebrews as being the administrative, ruling Executive over the ENTIRE UNIVERSE! Christ is now ruling over "ALL THINGS"! The Moffatt translation renders this,

properly, from the Greek as THE UNIVERSE — that is, *all that God has created — all that EXISTS!*

Christ rules it all now! The FATHER OF THE GOD KINGDOM HAS PLACED THE RESURRECTED, LIVING CHRIST as Chief Executive over the GOVERNMENT OF GOD over the entire, vast limitless UNIVERSE. And converted humans are HEIRS of Christ — JOINT-HEIRS *with Him* to inherit *with Him*, in due time, all that He has now inherited (Romans 8:17).

But continue the passage in Hebrews 2, "But now we see *not yet* all things put under him" (verse 8). Oh, then the rulership over the universe is NOT YET under man — not while he is human — mortal! But what do we already, *now*, see? Continue the passage:

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels [even as we, now] for the suffering of death, CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOUR" (verse 9). And verse 10 shows that Jesus Christ is the captain — the Leader, the Pioneer who goes on before — of our salvation.

Christ already is CROWNED with this HONOR and GLORY. Christ ROSE from the dead! He is ALIVE — and He is DIVINE! He has been GLORIFIED — and in His glorified SPIRIT condition His eyes are like flames of fire, and His face shines as bright as the very SUN — FULL STRENGTH (Revelation 1:14-16).

Are you really comprehending this? *Are you?*

And mortal man, if he repents, surrenders unconditionally to God and God's government, accepts in living FAITH Jesus Christ as personal Savior, can receive God's gift of His HOLY SPIRIT — the very *life*, essence, nature, mind and power of God — BEGETTING him, now, as God's own (yet unborn) son! If he then GROWS spiritually (II Peter 3:18), overcomes and endures, he shall — at Christ's soon coming, be changed (or resurrected if he dies) from mortal to immortal (I Corinthians 15:44-54).

And then — IF the very

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CHARACTER of God has been developed within him — his vile material body will be instantaneously *changed* (converted) into one “like unto his [Christ’s] GLORIOUS body” (Philippians 3:21). But your vile *character* will not then be instantaneously changed — THAT change must take place NOW, in *this* life!

So THAT is the supreme heritage of MAN — *if* he is willing!

But what is a function of angels, NOW? They are “ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation” (Hebrews 1:14).

and man *only*, of all life forms God has created, can be born into THE GOD FAMILY — the KINGDOM OF GOD!

A God-plane relationship!

Animals have never been given FAMILY relationship. Angels have never enjoyed FAMILY status. The family relationship is a GOD-PLANE relationship — not an angel-plane relationship. And God bestowed it on MAN! Because MAN is to be BORN into the GOD FAMILY.

Of all life forms — whether plant, animal or angel — in all God’s creation, *MAN ALONE* was created for MARRIAGE, for HOME and FAMILY LIFE!

Read that again! Try to comprehend it! THINK of the significance! This pivotal truth has been *hidden* from a deceived world!

Man is, now, composed of matter. Yet in man — and in MAN ONLY — is God’s CREATION still going on! Humans, by repentance, surrender to God and acceptance of Christ, may be in mind and attitude *converted* — may receive God’s Holy Spirit. Thus they are actually *begotten* as God’s *children*! They may have direct communion with God, and call Him FATHER! They are brought into a FATHER-AND-SON relationship with GOD!

This is possible for no other creature — not even angels! Angels were not, never can be, begotten and BORN of God! Each angel is a separate creation. *No angel can ever become a part of the DIVINE FAMILY OR KINGDOM OF GOD!*

Notice! Of angels, God says: “For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?” (Hebrews 1:5).

Neither animal, nor angel, nor

any other being, except MAN, can be literally begotten by *spiritual reproductive process*, and then actually BORN into the divine GOD FAMILY!

What a matchless, supreme, awe-inspiring, breathtaking potential!

The function of angels

Angels, higher than man is now, are the *ministering servants* of God in the administration of His universe-ruling government! And, in relation to MAN, angels are “ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation” (Hebrews 1:14). Invisible angels actually minister to, and serve the human children of GOD. Begotten humans are the actual *heirs* of God — and joint-heirs with CHRIST (Romans 8:17).

Notice! “And because ye [converted Christians] are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a SON; and if a son, then an HEIR of God through Christ” (Galatians 4:6-7).

A young son of a wealthy man, while still a child, may be under the care of an adult servant. The servant is older, further advanced in knowledge, on higher status physically and mentally — but far lower *potentially*. For when the son is mature, he will inherit his father’s wealth and power. Therefore the servant, temporarily older and further matured, is *servant*, ministering to the young HEIR! That illustrates the fact of angels ministering to humans!

Humans are, if converted through Christ, the *heirs* of the GOD FAMILY. They are to enter the divine FAMILY. They are, even now, *the begotten children of God*. Therefore God ordained the *family relationship* for human beings. NO OTHER BEINGS — whether angel or animal — HAVE THIS RELATIONSHIP.

But it goes further. The FAMILY relationship demands the HUSBAND-AND-WIFE relationship! And that demands MARRIAGE, and *faithfulness* to that matri-



Happy families are part of God’s plan. The family is a God-plane relationship! (Photo by Hal Finch)

Man, now lower than angels, has a destiny far higher!

So GRASP this colossal TRUTH, if you can! Here is the greatest TRUTH you can ever know! MAN,

monial bond! The CHURCH of God is merely that BODY composed of the begotten *children* of God. And the Church, as a BODY, is the affianced BRIDE OF CHRIST — to MARRY Christ at the time of the resurrection and His Second Coming.

So there is also the divine MARRIAGE relationship.

NOW UNDERSTAND! The *husband-and-wife* relationship, and the *family* relationship, are *God-plane relationships*.

These are NOT animal-plane or angel-plane relationships.

Since humans were put on earth for the very PURPOSE of being begotten, and then BORN into the GOD FAMILY — which is the KINGDOM OF GOD — the ETERNAL has endowed this GOD-PLANE relationship for HUMANS — and for *humans only!* What a WONDERFUL PRIVILEGE to be HUMANS — to be given the MARRIAGE relationship now, but later to marry Christ and become part of the GOD FAMILY!

The affianced Bride

Here is another vital REASON for the institution of MARRIAGE in the human family. It is to teach us — to constantly remind us — of our sacred relationship to Jesus Christ! Here is the vital teaching:

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word . . .” (The Word, if obeyed, washes away error.) “That he might present it to himself a glorious church [GLORIFIED — DEIFIED], not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies . . . For we are members of

his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. *For this cause* shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

“This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church” (Ephesians 5:22-32).

Notice! *For this cause* — because of the coming MARRIAGE (spiritually) between Christ and the Church — because the Church is, now, the affianced Bride, engaged to marry Christ — FOR THIS REASON, God ordained the MARRIAGE institution for humans! But not for animals! Not for angels!

Notice Revelation 19:7 — speaking of the Second Coming of Christ in GLORY, “The MARRIAGE of the Lamb [Christ] is come, and his WIFE hath made herself ready.” ONLY those made ready in righteous CHARACTER will be presented to Him then!

Why home and family

So, in addition to the FAMILY relationship, there is also the divine MARRIAGE relationship.

SO UNDERSTAND! The *husband-and-wife* relationship, and the *family* relationship, are *God-plane relationships!*

These are *not* animal-plane or angel-plane relationships!

Humans are free moral agents. God never forces one to be truly converted — to become His very begotten son. Yet the PURPOSE God is working out here below is to reproduce Himself — to bring, through Christ, “many sons unto GLORY” (Hebrews 2:10) in the divine KINGDOM OF GOD!

And since humans were put on earth *for the very purpose* of being begotten, and then BORN into the GOD FAMILY, the Eternal has endowed this God-plane family status for humans, now — and for humans ONLY.

What a WONDERFUL PRIVILEGE to be given the MARRIAGE and FAMILY relationship — that we may be prepared for the spiritual marriage to CHRIST and the divine Family status, *for eternity*, in THE KINGDOM OF GOD! □

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the family bonds that are in your control — your love for and your relationship with each parent, and with your brothers and sisters.

Youth 84 constantly addresses topics related to the family because of a vital commission God has given to “turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse [utter destruction]” (Malachi 4:6). The family is extremely important to God.

Stabilizing your life

Divorce isn't a pleasant subject to read about. It's a horrible thing to experience. But if you come to terms with your parents' divorce or let someone help you do so, you'll soon find yourself on the road to stabilizing your life.

Remember, your parents divorced each other, not you. Realize that you are not to blame for your parents' failed marriage. Learn to share your problems with a friend, a minister or your parents. Get involved in school or extracurricular activities. Get to know your relatives and draw on their strengths. Don't let your parents' divorce deter you from enjoying a wonderful marriage relationship in the future. And don't be afraid to go out on a limb to develop a warm relationship with both of your parents if you can. You'll find that you — and your parents — will get a great deal of satisfaction from it.

You can survive your parents' divorce. You can learn to love for the right reasons. You can learn what commitment truly is. You can learn to weigh your decisions carefully and seek counsel before taking any big steps.

Remember, your parents' divorce may be a reason why you do things and act the way you do in certain circumstances, but it's not an excuse for your shortcomings. You are ultimately responsible for your life, your actions. The choice is up to you. □

The SECRET

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percent had become an executive.

The beautiful thing about vocabulary is that you can improve it. You can't change your aptitudes. If you aren't born with an aptitude for finger dexterity or an ear for music, you won't be a great pianist. But you can increase your vocabulary.

So how do you expand your vocabulary? Think about how you learned words when you were a child. Between ages 5 and 9 you probably learned about 5,000 words a year.

How did you do it? Did you memorize long lists of words and their definitions? No, you used a much more efficient method. You constantly asked questions. You had an insatiable urge to know and understand. But somewhere along the way most people lose that urge to learn.

One of the best ways to build your vocabulary, and thus unlock your earning potential, is to regain that curiosity. When you're reading and run across a word you're not sure of, let your curiosity lead you to find out. Mark it down or look it up in a dictionary right away.

It's a good feeling to really understand the full implications of what's being said. Reading widely will put you in contact with many new and exciting words and concepts.

How can you use and expand your word stockpile? When you write, look for exactly the right word — not one that only passably presents the idea you want to get across. A thesaurus can be a valuable tool for this.

But remember that communication is what it's all about, so big words that others won't understand aren't really helpful.

Two books that can help are: *Six Weeks to Words of Power* by Wilfred Funk, and *Word Power Made Easy* by Norman Lewis.

So start now — build a useful vocabulary and unlock your full earning potential! □

Honesty

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honest person has a high regard for the rights of others and does not deceive or mislead them.

How can we always discern honesty from dishonesty, right from wrong? If we don't have guidelines or a source of authority to base our decision on, we can become confused and misled.

Many school campuses today have few standards of right and wrong. Most students make their own code of ethics. For many it's: "Everything is OK, as long as I don't get caught and no one gets hurt." There is no way this type of reasoning can be in agreement with God.

God's Word, the Bible, teaches that God is our authority and He sets up standards of right and wrong. Because God is perfect, we can be sure that His values, which He has set for us to live by, are for our own well-being.

Our Creator is awesome and powerful, and because His very nature is one of absolute purity and truth, He commands that we also be honest and truthful.

When God revealed the Ten Commandments, He gave two that deal specifically with honesty. Read them in your Bible: "You shall not steal" and "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor" (Exodus 20:15-16).

Let's be honest, now. What do we accomplish if we get an *A* on a test by cheating? Really, we haven't proved a thing. It would be far better to put forth our best effort and get a *C* — because then it would be an accurate test of our ability. And ability is what really counts in the long term.

Avoid the habit

The Bible says, "Better is a little with righteousness, than vast revenues without justice" (Proverbs 16:8). God wants us to avoid developing habits that will hurt us.

We may excuse cheating once because others are doing it and we haven't taken time to study,

but the next time we find it's easier to cheat. This goes on until we've developed a habit of cheating. Cheating causes feelings of guilt, and we develop a fear of being caught.

Solomon wrote: "An inheritance [or a good grade] gained hastily at the beginning will not be blessed at the end" (Proverbs 20:21). You can lose everything at one fell swoop when your lying, stealing and cheating finally catch up with you.

God's Word explains that there are some awful consequences for dishonesty. It would be wise for all of us to think on them before getting involved: "The integrity [honesty] of the upright will guide them, but the perversity of the unfaithful [dishonest] will destroy them" (Proverbs 11:3).

What can we do if we find ourselves caught in the grip of cheating (or stealing)?

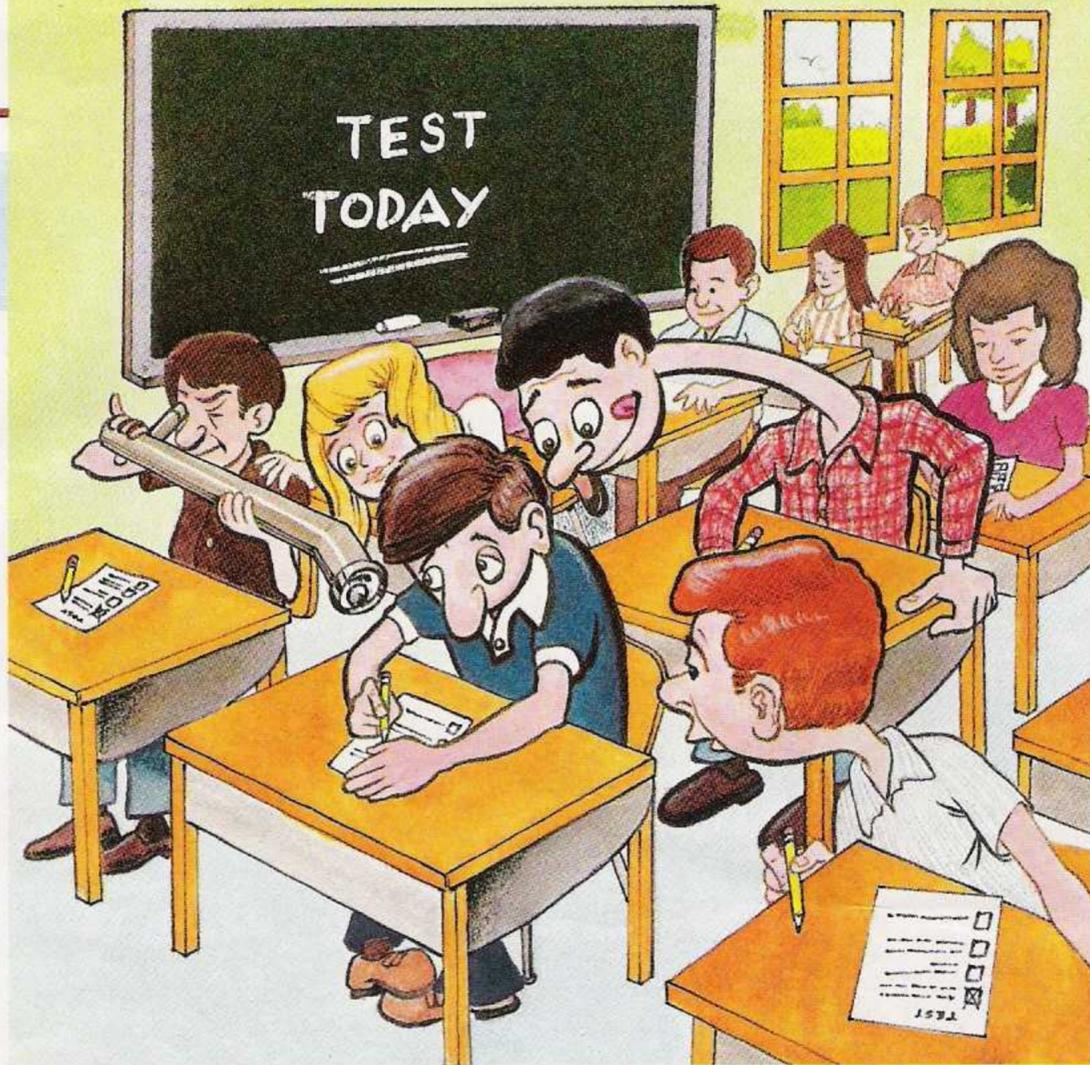
Act now, before it becomes a habit. Share your problem with your parents, your minister, a friend. Find someone you can confide in and ask him or her to help you.

Above all, pray about the problem to God. Ask His help. Ask Him to help you study for your exams so that you will be confident in class without having to cheat.

When we cheat, we show that we are concerned only with ourselves and are willing to use others to get the grades we want or need. God is against this type of self-centeredness, and is willing to give us power to overcome it — if we ask Him. Don't be afraid to be honest with God; you'll never be cheated.

God inspired the apostle Paul to write: "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (I Corinthians 10:13).

Don't let lying, cheating or stealing become a way of life for you. Let honesty be your *only* policy. □



BY THE WAY...

Studies show that *A* and *B* students cheat just as much as (if not more than) those who are struggling to keep their heads above water in the grade department. Furthermore, the studies show that most cheating students don't feel guilty about their behavior. "How can you feel guilty when they pressure you into getting good grades or else?" asked one 17 year old.

In our modern society, great value is placed on achievement. We rate people on the basis of what kind of car they drive, the job they hold, the number of friends they have, the neighborhood they live in. Status, money and a good job are important. We are taught to value these things from earliest childhood. We are told that we must work, earn, accomplish.

There's nothing wrong with achievement. But the time comes when a teen needs to sit down and think about just what he or she is achieving. There is something wrong — something seriously wrong — when we begin to place more value on our status in life, whom we know and what we have, than we place on *what we are*.

If we have come to feel that a good grade is more important than our personal integrity, perhaps it's time to recheck our value systems. When we cheat, we try to obtain an honest goal by dishonest means.

What is honesty?

Honesty is the quality of being fair, truthful and straightforward with our parents, teachers, friends and, most of all, with God. The

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Honesty Is the ~~Best~~ Policy

Only By Dexter H. Faulkner

You are taking a final exam on which you need at least a *B* in order to make a decent grade in this math course. You haven't studied much, and Sue, an *A* student, sits in front of you with her exam paper where you can see it. It would be so easy to copy her answers, and you're pretty sure they're correct. What would you do?

Whether to be honest is a decision we all face constantly. Every day we are confronted with chances to lie, steal or cheat. Deciding to be honest is a difficult decision sometimes.

Many activities fall under the definition of dishonesty: shoplifting, borrowing clothes from someone and not returning them, buying an item that you know was stolen, using

someone else's research paper as your own, accepting praise that belongs to another person, stealing answers (cheating) during a test.

One of the most common forms of dishonesty in schools today is cheating.

If we believe the surveys, cheating is common among students from grade school right through graduate school. If you are an American reading this, the odds are that you have cheated at least once — about 55 percent of American teenagers say they cheat.

For some, cheating is a chance to beat the system. Others give in to temptation in a moment of weakness. For others, it is more an act of desperation — desperation to achieve.



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