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Wide World Photo

France's President Charles de Gaulle scuttled Atlantic Community proposed by President Kennedy. De Gaulle foresees a United Europe—a third force in world politics—with its own nuclear armament.

What our READERS SAY

A Scientist Argues

"I wish to disagree with you on the recent article in *The PLAIN TRUTH* denying the theory of evolution. The article flatly stated that man has only been on the earth about 6000 years. Your writer had no right to set himself up as an authority. The study of anthropology and human evolution is best left to the qualified men of science. Are not these scientists seeking truth, and is not TRUTH compatible with true religion?"

Critical

• The article was based on both scientific and Biblical authority. Science, as a whole, has not sought the truth. To admit the existence of a Creator carries with it the duty to obey the laws of that Creator, which most people refuse to do.

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Searching

Who is Ripping the Bible?

"Your business has had great *worldly* success, but at what a price . . . for you are compelled to tear the Bible to shreds . . . to rip it up, word by word. Your outfit reminds me of the Pyramidologists filing and chipping at one of the stones so that its measurements would fit their system."

Indignant

• Noah's "dry-dock" and shocking message must have drawn many similar appraisals. The fact is we teach the *whole* Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. It is those who refuse to obey God, who do not live by "every word of God," who are tearing the Bible to pieces.

Patience Has Its Reward

"We have just received this month's copy of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I admire the way you reply to the letters of those who criticize your good work. *The PLAIN TRUTH* is a joy to read. We would not like to be without a copy."

Reader from South Wales

Home Preserved

"This may sound hard to believe to some people, but I was becoming a nervous wreck. I screamed at my children and was ill-tempered at my husband. I was ready to call it quits, when one night I listened to your program. I found myself relaxing and feeling like a different person. I enjoy my family very much now and wouldn't depart from them for all the money in the world."

New Listener

A Disturbed Student

"I am a senior in college. I was raised in a Christian home with a good Christian atmosphere. I would like for you to *stand in front of me* and say what you said on your program a few months ago about today's youth. *I dare you* to meet my fiancée and say one word of your hypocritical rubbish. Your

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Personal from the Editor

JUST NOW, as I write, I have been reading a sort of abbreviated editorial-lead article page in one of the mass-circulation weekly magazines. The caption caught my eye instantly. It was about the real PURPOSE for being alive.

This is not only the most important—it also is the *least understood* question in the whole world. Here was the very first page of reading—on the inside front cover—of a magazine with a circulation of many million copies, read by many *million* people. I wondered. Would the author of this short-short article really *know*—would the publishers of this magazine be able to TELL their millions of readers—this great TRUTH that almost NOBODY knows?

What the average mother would want for her child, he assumed, is "to be happy." But the author viewed "happiness" as a myth—or perhaps what he really meant was that the average *concept* of happiness is a myth. He described it as "this idiotic thing, 'fun.'" He sees today's world in frantic pursuit of "fun." He views it as seeking desperate escape from the self. He explained that the word "fun" is derived from the old English word "fon" which meant "fool." Of course all this is a perverted definition of true HAPPINESS.

But this writer saw the world's conception of "happiness" or "fun" as freedom from trials, troubles, uncertainties, pains—as an EASY life. He spoke of the "dignity of occasional depression." He flatly stated that being HAPPY is *not* the purpose of life. He remembered the time when most parents wanted their children to *amount to something*.

"The purpose of life," he then said dogmatically, "is to *matter*, to be productive, to have it make some difference that you lived at all."

Now what's wrong with that?

Simply that this writer did not KNOW the real purpose of life at all! He saw nothing beyond this fleeting wisp of existence. He saw nothing of a CREATOR,

who is working out a PURPOSE here below—and who had PURPOSE in designing and making MAN, and that there is a potential *destiny* for man of which he was in total and abysmal ignorance.

God is the Supreme Personal BEING, of supreme intelligence, wisdom, total knowledge and power—the Almighty, the Creator and Ruler of the entire Universe. God is also perfect, holy, spiritual CHARACTER.

God's PURPOSE is to reproduce Himself—to CREATE in us, with our free choice and effort, His very own righteous character, and ultimately to endow us with His own glory and supreme POWER.

That is why God made man in His own IMAGE, physically, and endowed him with MIND like God's—except limited and fallible.

Righteous spiritual CHARACTER is the ability, in an intelligent separate entity of free moral agency, to come to the knowledge of the true as distinguished from the false, to CHOOSE the right instead of the wrong, to WILL to DO the right, exercising self-discipline, guiding the mind and the self in the RIGHT WAY, so that this person may safely be entrusted with greater and SUPERNATURAL powers.

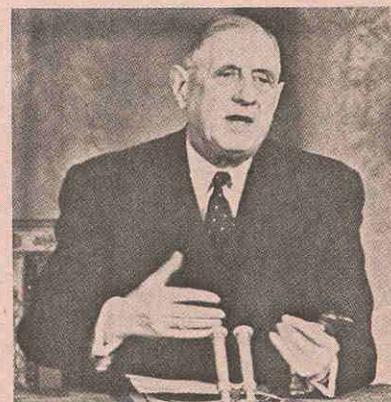
To come to the knowledge of the TRUTH—to come to *know God*—to recognize and yield to HIS PURPOSE—to submit to HIS WILL in the understanding that it is the way that is right and good for us—to overcome our human natures—to GROW spiritually in the knowledge and way of Christ—to develop this righteous spiritual character, or, more properly, to CHOOSE to yield to God's CREATING that character within us, with our own free and right choice, our supreme effort in that direction, and our FAITH and total reliance on God's power to carry us through—all that is the development and creation of right CHARACTER.

And THAT is the PURPOSE of life.

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OUR COVER

President Charles de Gaulle says his country cannot join the Anglo-American agreement of Nassau establishing a multi-national Polaris Missile Force, during his press conference at the Elysée Palace in Paris Jan. 14. He declared that he could foresee many difficulties and complications in using a force with multi-national control, and made it clear that France intended to be its own boss with its own nuclear force.



Wide World Photo

Above, Chancellor Adenauer and President de Gaulle embrace one another following historic signing of new Cooperation Treaty one day before De Gaulle publicly blackballed Britain in its efforts to enter Common Market.

Below, growing German military might parades before Chancellor Adenauer and President de Gaulle of France. Following failure of President Kennedy to uproot Communists from Cuba, Europeans feel need for creating military defences separate from U.S. control. Reliance on U.S. will continue temporarily.

DPA Photo



WHY DeGaulle Blackballed Britain

Fulfillment of Biblical Prophecy is stepping up, at faster and faster pace. These tremendous world events have a meaning not even the political leaders, themselves, understand!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

DO YOU realize the REAL SIGNIFICANCE of these tremendous world events of the past month?

President De Gaulle of France decisively and finally blocked Great Britain's bid to join the European COMMON MARKET. That is in line with Biblical prophecy, as we've been telling you. It's now OFFICIAL—and final.

WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN? Just this: British Prime Minister Macmillan wanted to JOIN the Common Market because he foresees it heading for a POLITICAL UNITED STATES OF EUROPE—just as I have been proclaiming for the past thirty years. Mr. Macmillan felt Britain could wield more influence to prevent it becoming a giant THIRD WORLD POWER—a threat to Britain—by having a voice on the inside, than by being on the outside. Secondly, he saw in this Britain's ONE LAST CHANCE of making Britain a MAJOR power on the continent of Europe. Otherwise, Britain is already a second-rate power.

Kennedy's "Grand Design" Killed

At the same time, President Kennedy was using all his influence to get Britain in. WHY? Mr. Kennedy also sees, now at last—as I have seen for thirty years—that a UNITED EUROPE is being formed as a GIANT THIRD WORLD POWER. Then it will be not only the TWO great powers—Russia and the United States. A UNITED EUROPE, it is prophesied, is to be even more powerful than either the United States or Russia. IT IS TO INVADE AND CONQUER both Britain and America UNLESS OUR NATIONS WILL RETURN TO THEIR GOD AND RELY ON HIM FOR PROTECTION, AND BEGIN TO OBEY HIM.

To try, in his own power and with his own ideas and strategy to prevent that, President Kennedy had fashioned his "Grand Design" for an ATLANTIC

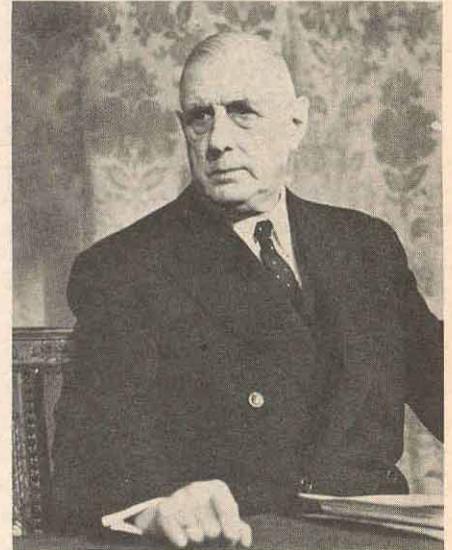
COMMUNITY. This would include the United States, on the west side of the Atlantic Ocean, with Britain and Western Europe on the east side. And of course it was Mr. Kennedy's "Grand Design" that he, himself, would sit in the driver's seat!

Coming Fuehrer of Europe

But over in Europe there is going on, right now, a terrific personal struggle between a number of men. Each is trying to maneuver to be the STRONG MAN that will emerge at the HEAD of the new UNITED STATES OF EUROPE. In Germany, three or four men are using every strategy they can invent to grab the office of Chancellor Adenauer. These men know that a German STRONG MAN is the logical choice to ascend to the helm of the new POLITICAL UNITED EUROPE. One of them will step into Adenauer's seat during this present year! Meanwhile, DeGaulle wants to be Europe's STRONG MAN. He has gotten off to a head start over all others.

DeGaulle puts it this way: He is for a "EUROPE FOR EUROPEANS." That is a fine psychological catch-phrase. It MEANS a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE! DeGaulle knew well Britain's motive for trying to get into the Common Market—to break up this design, and, instead, bring about President Kennedy's idea of an ATLANTIC COMMUNITY. It's all a struggle for POWER.

Will DeGaulle succeed in hurrying up the political union of western Europe, and climbing into the driver's seat before another strong man emerges? That's what he is trying to do. Biblical prophecy does not reveal which MAN will grasp this power—or whether he will be a German, or a Frenchman, or who. So I do not KNOW. But I seriously doubt that it will be DeGaulle. 1) the prophecies indicate it will be a German, though



Wide World Photos

The man who said "Non!" to British membership in the Common Market. Every Briton understood that De Gaulle's "No!" meant France wanted a political union in Europe first.



Numerous French newspapers and magazines interpreted De Gaulle's slap at Britain as a backhand maneuver to force U.S. out of Europe. Here is the bold headline of L'Express.

they do not specifically say this. The Germans are the ancient Assyrians. After the Medes and Chaldeans took political dominance from Assyria, the Assyrian people migrated northwest and settled in what is today Germany and Austria. Some prophecies indicate that the modern 20th century ASSYRIANS will be at the helm, and once again, as they did back in 721-718 B.C., INVADE modern ISRAEL—Britain and America! 2) DeGaulle is getting a little too old. Present movement of events, together with prophecies, strongly indicate that the BIG CRISIS—this threatened invasion—will not come until about 1972 (I said "about"). DeGaulle will be too old by that time. THAT IS ONE REASON HE IS HURRYING.

WHY DeGaulle Hurried

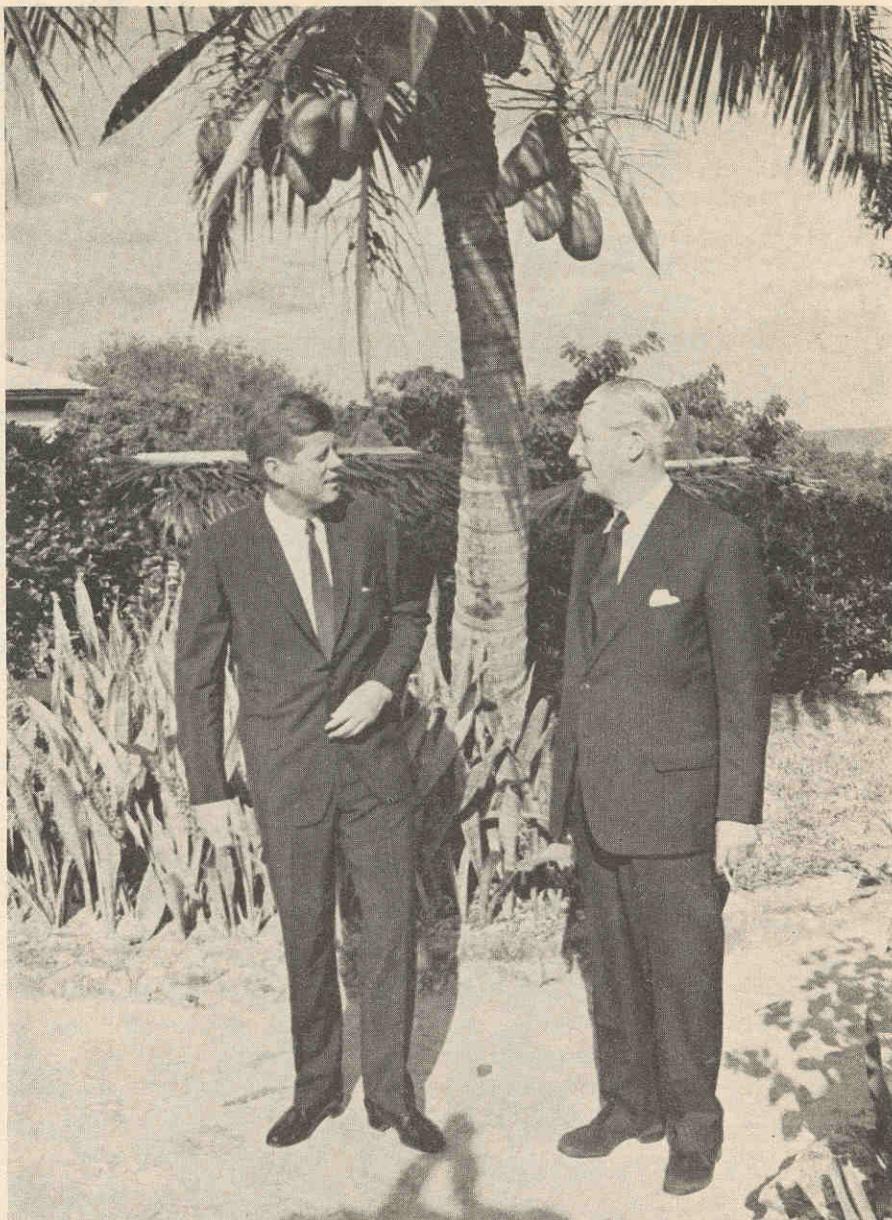
DeGaulle could have DELAYED. It might have been smarter politics to keep Britain dangling—to let negotiations in Brussels indefinitely drag on, until finally Britain herself would be obliged to break them off. But DeGaulle now is IN A HURRY, not only because of his own advancing age, but also he wants to get this POLITICAL UNION perfected BEFORE some strong German arises to take the leadership away from him.

What is most likely is this: DeGaulle will fail to bring about *political and military union* so quickly. He will hit a stalemate. Meanwhile a German strong man will arise—but NOT ONE of these political leaders will be able to put it over. The Germans probably will not accept a Frenchman. The French will not want to accept a German—remembering how TWO German strong men INVADED THEM in two world wars.

Then, in this stalemate, the Pope will offer his good services. The nations of Europe will not be able to trust any POLITICAL leader as a SUPREME AUTHORITY over all these nations. But they *will* accept the Pope as SUPREME AUTHORITY. Then the German leader-to-come will dominate as the political leader, *under the Pope*.

There will not, then, be "THE SIX" as at present in the Common Market. But TEN DICTATORS, receiving power "as Kings"—yet not being kings in the sense of inheriting thrones as contin-

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Wide World
President Kennedy and British Prime Minister Macmillan chat at Lyford Cay, Nassau. Here President Kennedy's Grand Design for an Atlantic Community was agreed upon by both U.S. and Great Britain. One month later plan was wrecked by De Gaulle.



Worst Winter in 100 Years!

Blizzards, rampaging floods, lashing hurricanes whipping up waves the height of seven-story buildings. Something is DRASTICALLY WRONG with the weather! What does it all mean?

by Gene H. Hogberg

SCREAMING headlines are pointing up alarming changes in the weather. "Century's Worst Cold Wave Smashes South," "Blizzards Lash Britain; Rhine River Freezes," "Temperatures Plunge to Sub-zero in Japan," "Midwest Locked in Arctic Nightmare," "Argentina Suffers Worst Drought of the Century."

And all this from the past few weeks, in a winter that is not yet over.

Try to picture in your mind the absolutely mixed-up, crazy-quilt pattern of floods, windstorms, rain, snow, cold. Then heat waves that have been hitting our nation and much of the southern hemisphere recently. On one day alone, February 2, just about every extreme condition possible in the weather wracked the United States. Gales and floods swept through the Northwest; record heat baked the Southwest. Arctic cold and a snow front blanketed the Northeast, and thunderstorms and a hard freeze afflicted the Southeast—ALL ON THE SAME DAY.

Two main factors characterize our present-day weather—EXTREMISM and COMPLETE UNPREDICTABILITY! Drought conditions are broken overnight by torrential rains, producing rampaging floods. Temperatures plummet 50 or 60 degrees in a matter of hours, only to rise from sub-zero depths to above freezing marks, often on the following day.

This winter has been the worst in Great Britain in *nearly 300 years!* Geography Professor Gordon Manley in London reports that not since 1684—and that is almost a century before the independence of the United States—have the British Isles taken such a beating.

Cecil Tibbitt, an amateur forecaster from Terrington, St. Clement, England, who accurately predicted the bitter cold wave last September, says the coming summer months will not provide any relief. He says they will be "*hotter than we've ever seen.*" People will be dying from the heat and it will be anything

from 80 to 100 degrees in the shade." Tibbitt also predicts "water rationing in Britain by June." (United Press International release, February 3, 1963. Emphasis mine throughout article.)

Hot, scorching summers, frigid, death-dealing winters!

You may not have realized it, but never before in recent history has there been such a concentration of cold weather. "The coldness of the present winter throughout the free world," reported the *New York Times* on January 24, 1963, "has been UNPARALLELED, UNEXAMPLED, and UNPRECEDENTED in the memory of veteran observers."

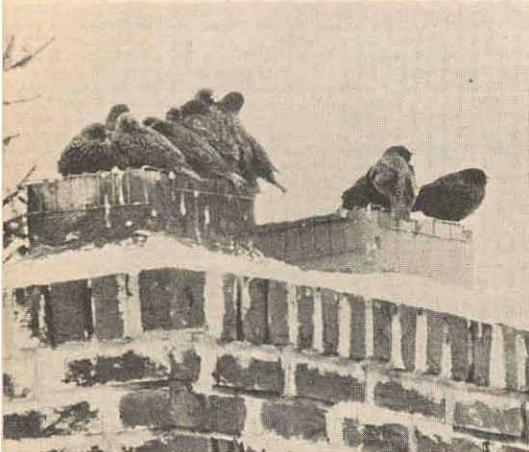
Let's Understand Why

It is time that we *understand* what these totally abnormal conditions mean. Few people will admit that the Bible has anything to do with present-day world problems. Fewer still realize that Jesus Christ said that utterly chaotic weather upsets would be ONE OF THE MAIN SIGNS pointing to His return. His disciples *knew* that He was going to come again, unlike the vast majority today. They asked Him what conditions would prevail before His coming. "What shall be the sign of thy coming," they asked, "and of the end of the world?"—this age, this society of man governed contrary to the laws of God (Mat. 24:3).

Christ replied that first "*many* shall come in my name [not just the "obvious" few], saying I am Christ." These would come claiming to be His representatives, claiming that He is the Christ, but denying the message that He



ICE JAM AT NIAGARA, left. A mammoth ice glut in the lower Niagara River creeps up near the base of the American Falls, leaving little room for the water to flow. The rocks at the foot of the falls are obliterated by the ice, which is solidly massed, in depths as great as 30 feet, for 13 miles between the American and Canadian shores. Wide World Photo



Wide World Photo

With temperature at below zero, these starlings hover around this Kansas City chimney to absorb some of the heat.

brought, the good news of the Kingdom—the reign—of God. Next, verse 6, He said there would come “wars and rumours of wars.” What could more accurately pinpoint our cold-war era, with its constant eruption of “brushfire” wars, fought under the constant overhanging threat of all-out nuclear annihilation?

Now notice verse 7—“and there shall be FAMINES and PESTILENCES and earthquakes in divers places.” Famines and pestilences are the direct results of disasters in the weather, especially droughts, floods—and FREEZING COLD. Few have thought of this latter factor before. Not until the devastating Florida and Gulf Coast freeze this December had people realized what a death-dealing blow a wide-spread freeze can deal to agriculture and to the economy of a nation.

Wiped out almost overnight was 80% of Florida's \$500 million citrus crop. Destroyed were 78 MILLION BOXES OF FRUIT! Think of that fantastic figure! Altogether 78 million boxes! Do you remember the last Florida freeze, in the winter of 1957-1958? That cold spell destroyed well under half this amount!

Throughout other parts of the South, agriculture losses were heavy. Unharvested autumn vegetables in South Texas were declared by Agriculture Department officials as a total loss. Livestock was also hard hit. In Alabama, broiler growers alone suffered damages up to \$3 million dollars. The governor of Alabama urged that his state be declared a disaster area.

The same alarming conditions are pre-

vailing in Europe. *Winter crops in southern France, Italy and usually sunny Sardinia have been almost wiped out.* Farmers in the Marmande region of France reported almost 100 per cent losses in cabbage, cauliflower and carrots.

Hitting Your Pocketbook!

Wherever you happen to live, you have already noticed the effects of the disastrous freeze. Such items as oranges, grapefruits, tangerines, tomatoes, green peppers and cucumbers are selling for nearly twice as much as a year ago in some sections of the United States. Prices on some produce have even tripled.

Not only that, the quality of the fruits and vegetables surviving the freeze has been very poor in many instances. Said one wholesaler concerning his market, “I’ve never seen a worse situation, and I’ve been buying for 30 years. It’s as though the juice was pulled right back into the tree.”

Another vital point to remember is that the effects of a bitterly cold winter such as we are now experiencing do not stop with the first sign of spring, but rather intensify. Heavy snow cover, unable to seep into the frozen soil, melts fast under the first good spring thaw. Result—devastating multi-million dollar run-off floods and a lowering of the underground water table at the same time.

Make no mistake about it. What you

are now witnessing is not only one of the worst winters in history, but also a ground-laying phase of the horrible famines and disease epidemics prophesied to occur in the near future!

Just How Bad Has It Been?

Let's take a quick review of just what has happened so far in this violent winter of 1962-1963. Not in living memory has the weather map presented such an incredible picture of nation-wide record low temperatures. Fantastic 50 below zero readings were recorded in Wisconsin and parts of the Mountain States; an almost incomprehensible 40 below at Cresco, Iowa—with two other Iowa towns, Decorah and Elkader, not far behind with respective marks of 38 below and 34 below. *Des Moines residents suffered through 17 straight days of sub-zero readings, matching a 51-year-old record.*

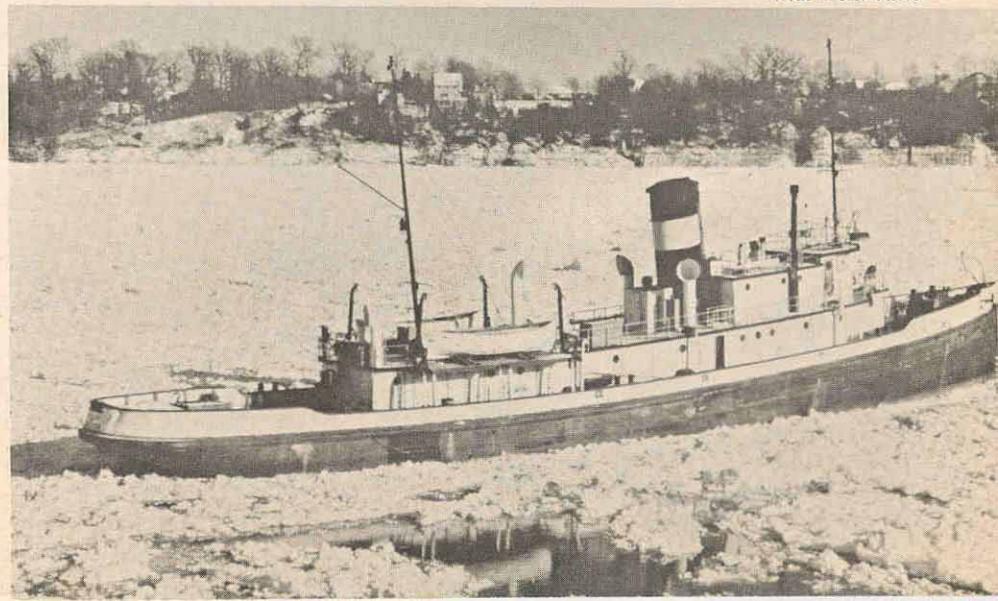
America's Southwest has rarely if ever seen such a winter. A marrow-freezing 39 below stunned *Las Vegas, New Mexico*. Maverick, Arizona recorded the lowest temperature in the history of that state, with a -37° .

In the South the chilling statistics become almost unbelievable. Somerset, Kentucky, registered a 28 below reading, while Kingston Springs, Tennessee recorded an unofficial minus 30.

Still further south, a record low for this century was set in Atlanta, where residents of the Georgia metropolis shivered in -3 degree weather. Tupelo,

A 170-foot, \$100,000 tug trapped and temporarily abandoned in the ice on the Lower Nigara River. Tug was ripped away from its moorings.

Wide World Photo



Mississippi, with 2 below, couldn't escape the sub-zero blast either. Even down to the Texas Gulf area, temperatures plunged into the teens.

Accompanying the bitter cold in several places have been record snowfalls. "One of the worst blizzards of modern times," as the UPI expressed it—piling snow up to 20 feet high, and pushed along by 75-mile-an-hour-winds—buried sections of northern Maine and New Hampshire in late December. The "Bangor Daily News" was forced to temporarily suspend publication—the first time that had happened in its entire 125-year history.

"Heat-Wave" In Alaska

While the bulk of the United States was a veritable icebox, Juneau, Alaska recorded a "balmy" 33 above, and Anchorage had a plus 32.

And California—for a while, at least—wished it had some of New York State's snow for its barren Sierra Nevada peaks, as it suffered through *the driest year of its history*. An outdoor tennis tournament instead of the normal winter sport life was staged at Squaw Valley, site of the 1960 Olympics. The desire for precipitation wasn't long in being fulfilled, OVERful-filled, that is, as torrential rains soon shattered the drought in the northern half of the state and neighboring Nevada. The rampaging waters of the Truckee River surged through the streets of Reno. Homes had to be evacuated in the famous wine town of Napa, California, and other localities of the Bay Area.

As the massive front moved inward to drench the whole western third of the nation, disaster signals went up from communities in Utah and southern Idaho as well.

Yes, there is no balance whatsoever in our present weather patterns. We suffer through drought, only to be greeted with near-monsoon rains.

And World-Wide

Europe has been suffering through weather equalling, and some areas surpassing, that experienced in North America. Let's see just a few of the outstanding news releases just as they were received here in the Ambassador College News Bureau over the wires of



Wide World Photo
Huge chunks of ice drifting in the Baltic form a cold barrier for these two freighters, side-by-side, moving slowly off Kiel, Germany. Shipping has been hampered in the Baltic by the ice from the bitter cold wave in Europe.

United Press International. "Critical fuel shortages were reported today all over Western Europe, refrigerated since Christmas by a cold wave which *in some places was the worst in nearly 300 years*."

"Communist-held Eastern Europe also had its difficulties. Snow-smothered Bulgaria proclaimed a state of emergency. East Germany closed non-essential factories and drafted employees for emergency service as miners, truck drivers and power workers. . . .

"In Rotterdam, where heavy ice had given drinking water a salty tinge, fresh water could be obtained only on a doctor's prescription. Some gondoliers in Venice had to be rescued from ice 6 inches thick."

Another dispatch from London, same date, reported the following:

"Europe's bitter cold wave, one of the worst known, darkened Buckingham Palace Wednesday and *cracked water pipes in the once balmy cities of Rome and Naples*. . . . Twenty dead were counted in Italy, some in unheated homes and others who tried to stay with their outdoor jobs. *Sicily's palm trees stood in 18 in. of snow*. Schools were closed in hundreds of Italian villages. . . .

"Britain had zero temperatures in the night and moved into a new record with its 34th day of freezing weather. Truck drivers lit fires under their vehicles to thaw them out. On one highway near London the spectacle was described by

an automobile association patrolman as like a barbecue. . . .

"The sea froze along the British shore in places. At Southampton, fish were caught and frozen in the ice, their heads jutting out. Starving seabirds swooped down to peck at them."

And 75-Foot Waves!

Still another news release, same date:

LONDON, Jan. 24, 1963 (UPI)—"A hurricane swept through the Strait of Gibraltar today at *111 miles an hour*, dealing fresh damage and misery to the European continent suffering from the worst winter of the century. No fatalities were reported from the hurricane, but *75-foot waves* prevented rescuers from reaching the 120 passengers and crewmen aboard the Spanish ship Ciudad de Tarifa which went aground near Gibraltar."

And from Eastern Europe:

LONDON, Jan. 23, 1963 (UPI)—"A state of emergency has been declared in Bulgaria because of *devastating snowfalls* which have blocked all main roads and thoroughfares, Radio Sofia said today. The radio said committees are being formed all over Bulgaria to clear roads and highways to prevent ground transportation from coming to a complete halt."

Rivers, Canals Freeze in Europe

The European cold spell has been so severe that the German section of the



Wide World Photo

London snow scene. Statue of Gen. Jan Smuts, late South African president, and bushes are snow-covered in London's Parliament Square, after blizzard swept London and southern England. In background are Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament.

Danube River froze over for 150 miles, a phenomenon never before observed in this century. Another 150-mile stretch of the Danube from Budapest, Hungary down to the Yugoslav frontier also froze.

Nine hundred ships and barges were stuck in Europe's largest inland harbor at Duisburg, West Germany.

Throughout the battered continent, food and fuel supplies have diminished. The frozen rivers and canals have prevented the transport of coal and fuel oil needed to heat homes and power industry. By January 30, public housing coal reserves in France had shrunk to a seven-day supply. Special coal trains were rushed to towns in southwestern France, but several became snowbound. On one particular day, only half the normal supply of fruits and vegetables arrived in Paris, with much of it being damaged by the freezing cold.

In The Netherlands, planes of the Royal Dutch Air Force dropped food, fuel and medical supplies to villages isolated by snow in the northern provinces.

Throughout Communist East Europe, non-essential factories were shut down to conserve limited fuel supplies. Even in London's famed Piccadilly Circus, the bright neon signs were blacked out one night to help stave off an impending coal shortage.

Frenzied Wild Animals

Wild animals, too, are feeling the effects of the unprecedented cold spell. Reported the United Press International on January 30: "Starved and half-frozen wolves hung about the town of Miano, Italy and have become a common sight in populated areas southeast of Rome.

The animals killed more than 100 sheep in Hungary on the plains near the Theiss River. Budapest Radio said the wolves were driven by the extreme cold and snow from their native Carpathian Mountains in Poland."

Another UPI dispatch, this one dated February 3, said: "Half-starved wolves roamed down from the hills to lurk around built-up areas in Italy, France, Hungary and Yugoslavia, and yesterday attacked wild bears in a spectacular battle over food near Accettura, Italy."

The winter has been so severe in the Austrian highlands that officials claim that 15 per cent of the wildlife in the Austrian Alps has perished so far. The province of Carinthia alone has counted 15,000 deer frozen to death.

Just as this is being written a new cold wave is sweeping across Britain and the Continent. Even the normally snowless Spanish capital of Madrid has been virtually paralyzed by heavy snows which have severely disrupted telephone communications. So far Europe's worst cold wave of the century has been responsible for the deaths of more than 1,500 persons.

In the Orient, Too

The cold is by no means limited to the Western Hemisphere and Europe. Blizzards, avalanches and tidal waves



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ICY SCENE IN BRITAIN: Wild horses, in search of food and shelter, gather outside the Warren House Inn at Dartmoor, Devon, England. The inn had been cut off for six days by Great Britain's worst weather in years.

have wrought winter havoc in Japan. Temperatures as low as 31 below zero have been reported in that shivering country. Residents of the fishing port of Yaizu, southeast of Tokyo, were astonished to see their harbor freeze over—the first time in living memory that had happened.

The severe Siberian cold, complicated by high winds, has created dangerous fire hazards in the many "paper cities" of Japan. In Tokyo alone, reported the UPI, a record 1,000 fires have occurred. Eighty-seven persons have died so far from weather-caused factors in the Asian nation.

But, In the Southern Hemisphere

In Australia, by contrast, ranchers in Northern Queensland have been having their hands full battling a continuous drought. "The fierce heat, on top of years of drought in the worst hit areas, is forcing graziers into a desperate battle to keep stock alive." . . . At Quilpie, local United Grazier's Association branch president Mr. Murray Pegler said: "Such hot conditions for November, together with an absence of feed, have never occurred previously to my knowledge" (The Brisbane Sunday Mail, November 18, 1962).

In southernmost South America the story is the same. "Reports from Argentina were of the worst drought of the century" (UPI, January 27, 1963).

There is no need to go further listing tragedy after tragedy. By the time you read this, more will have happened. What we need to realize is that all these worsening, chaotic conditions—as bad as they are now—are still *only the beginning* of yet future imagination-defying catastrophic upheavals in nature. After Christ gave His warning signs in Matthew 24 He added "All these are the beginning of sorrows."

The worst is yet to come!

U.S., Britain Especially Affected

Bible prophecy speaks not only of this time of worsening world-wide weather chaos affecting all nations, but it specifically singles out the peoples of the United States, Great Britain and other areas of the English-speaking world, plus the lands of Northwestern Europe. We are to bear the fullest brunt



UP TO THE ROOF: Villagers of Volendam, the Netherlands, begin digging out their homes, which are almost completely buried by a ten-foot wall of snow. Wide World Photo

of these natural calamities. (To see the clear, unmistakable proof of our national identity—where our people are mentioned in Bible prophecy—write for our free booklet, "The United States and The British Commonwealth in Prophecy.")

God, through the pen of the prophet Ezekiel, forewarned that fully *one-third* of our people were to perish by catastrophic weather calamities and disease. Notice the startling words of Ezekiel: "A *third part of thee* shall die with the pestilence, and with FAMINE shall they be consumed in the midst of thee; and a third part shall die of the sword round about thee [warfare] and I will scatter a third part into the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them [captivity and slavery]" (Ezek. 5:12).

Ezekiel never reached the peoples of ancient Israel with this prophecy. They had gone into captivity well over 100 years before this time. This prophecy is for our peoples, the descendants of the House of Israel, today!

Why is this complete national destruction, starting with the hammering blows of violent weather, to come upon our lands? "Because you have not lived by *my laws* nor followed *my orders*, but have followed the practices of the na-

tions around you, therefore—*it is the sentence of the Lord the Eternal*—I am against you, I am; I will inflict punishment upon you before the eyes of the nations [complete ignominy that all of our enemies and hired "allies" will view in abhorrence] and do to you what I have never done before, a thing that I will never do again, owing to all your detestable misdeeds" (Ezek. 5:7-9, Moffatt Translation).

God, who controls the weather, and would intervene on our behalf if we as a nation turned in utter repentance to Him, is going to allow weather disasters to hit us so hard that we learn once and for all that it just doesn't pay to transgress the commandments and laws He gives us for our good.

Fulfilled Once Before

With the weather God blesses or curses a nation (see Job 37:1-13, and Nahum 1:3-4). He told our forefathers after He had rescued them from the slavery of Egypt that if we were obedient to His laws, He would be with us in our national development—and the weather would be one of our greatest blessings. Disobedience on the other hand would bring nothing but drought, misery, hunger and every frightful curse under



Wide World Photo

This is a section of highway between Volendam and Edam, north of Amsterdam, in the Netherlands. Plows managed to open a single lane in the feet-deep drifts.

the sky. Read this for yourself in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28.

Most Bible prophecy is dual. The horrible penalties of disobedience listed in these two chapters, and also the first chapter of Joel, not only are prophetic for the near future (compare Lev. 26:23 and Deut. 28:64 with the latter part of Ezek. 5:12—practically the same wording), but they were inflicted upon ancient Israel exactly as predicted when they rebelled against God.

One amazing account of ancient Israel's destruction has been preserved for us by the Greek historian Dionysius, a native of Halicarnassus. Born around 54 B.C., Dionysius went to Rome about 30 B.C. He specialized in the study of the early peoples who dwelt on the shores of, and controlled the sea routes of, the Mediterranean. Among his many writings, Dionysius commented on events surrounding the time of the fall of the House of Israel.

Our ancestors anciently controlled the sea—just as they do today. For that reason Dionysius called the ancient Israelites who settled on the shores of the Mediterranean "Sea Peoples"—*Pelasgians* in Greek.

Note what Dionysius says about these people:

"The *Pelasgians*"—the ancient Greek name for the House of Israel—"after conquering a large and fertile region, taking over many towns and building others, made great and rapid progress, becoming populous, rich and in every way prosperous. Nevertheless, they did not long enjoy their prosperity, but at

the moment when they seemed to all the world to be in the most flourishing condition [exactly the position of post-war United States] *they were visited by divine wrath*, and some of them were destroyed by calamities inflicted by the hand of Heaven, others by their barbarian neighbors. . . .

"The first cause of the desolation of their cities seemed to be a drought which laid waste the land [Lev. 26:19, 26; Deut. 28:24; Joel 1:12], when neither any fruit remained on the trees till it was ripe, but dropped while still green [Deut. 28:40—exactly as has happened in OUR winter fruit areas in America and Europe], nor did such of the seed corn as sent up shoots and flowered stand for the usual period till the ear was ripe, nor did sufficient grass grow for the cattle [Joel 1:18]; and of the waters some were no longer fit to drink, others shrank during the summer, and others were totally dried up [Joel 1:20]. And like misfortunes attended the offspring both of cattle and of women [Deut. 28:18]. For they were either abortive or died at birth, some by their death destroying also those that bore them; and if any got safely past the danger of their delivery, they were either maimed or defective or, being injured by some other accident, were not fit to be reared.

"The rest of the people also, particularly those in the prime of life, were afflicted with many unusual diseases and

uncommon deaths [Deut. 28:35, 60, 61; how descriptive of our society today]. But when they asked the oracle what god or divinity they had offended to be thus afflicted and by what means they might hope for relief, the god answered that, although they had obtained what they desired, they had neglected to pay what they had promised, and that the things of greatest value were still due from them."

Dionysius then elaborated on how the Israelites—*Pelasgians* in Greek—had not been faithful in rendering their full financial responsibilities to their God. Our almost total neglect of this same responsibility to God is one of the major reasons for our impending doom. Notice what God says in Malachi 3:8-9: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. *Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.*"

Paying God's tithe, giving to Him the one-tenth of your income that is rightfully His, not yours, is *one sure way* to receive His blessing even in the terrible times ahead. (Write for the free booklet, "Ending Your Financial Worries.")

To continue Dionysius' account:

"And there began to be disorderly emigrations, such as might well be expected from a people driven forth by a frenzy and madness inflicted by the Hand of heaven [Deut. 28:28]. . . .

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A lone ship crunches its way past a castle on the normally-bustling Rhine River near Taub, Germany, as floating ice slows marine traffic to a crawl. Shivery weather and arctic blasts from the north have been plaguing Europe as far south as the Mediterranean.

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Are You "Under the LAW," or "Under GRACE"?

Millions have been asked this question—never realizing that the question itself can be totally MISLEADING! Did you know that millions who think they are "under grace" are actually "under the law"—and don't know it!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

"FOR by GRACE are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; NOT OF WORKS, lest any man should boast . . ."! (Eph. 2:8-9.)

How many times have you seen or heard these words quoted? Perhaps dozens, or even hundreds! But are you sure you really UNDERSTAND these inspired words of the Apostle Paul?

First, what do WE believe? Perhaps some few have thought we of the WORLD TOMORROW program, and of the staff of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, believe in salvation BY WORKS! So, at least, it has been said of us!

But we DON'T! WE BELIEVE, THOROUGHLY, EVERY LETTER of that scripture you just read!

What's more we DO NOT believe any individual can EVER be saved by keeping any law—whether Ten Commandments, or ANY OTHER law!

What Do YOU Believe?

But what about YOU? And how can you be sure? How can you come to really KNOW the answer to this vitally important question—one that has aroused almost endless controversy among professing Christians!

There is only ONE SOURCE to which you can go! There is only ONE way you can really be sure! That way is to check up—YOURSELF—in YOUR OWN BIBLE!

So right now, at the outset of this article, make up your mind to DO JUST THAT! Perhaps you don't really bother to "check up" on most of what you read—either in *The PLAIN TRUTH* or anywhere else! But just this once—for your OWN satisfaction—CHECK UP!

The Apostle Paul urges, "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good!" (I Thes. 5:21). "To the LAW, and to the testimony," orders God through Isaiah,

"if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

Be sure you READ each scripture you see quoted in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, and, for that matter, ANY publication! That way you'll know your belief and your faith does not rest in men, but in the Holy Word of God!

Just What IS Grace?

The place to begin is to understand the meaning of the terms with which we are speaking! What IS GRACE?

This is a vitally important question! Important because your Bible plainly foretold there would be a great conspiracy to deliberately change the meaning of this simple word—make it become CONFUSING to most people—UNCLEAR! Today, there is ENDLESS argument among many religionists over the meaning of the term "grace!"

What does it mean to you? Does it imply PERMISSION TO SIN? "Certainly not!" you might answer! Well, then—does it mean you DO NOT HAVE TO KEEP GOD'S LAWS? "OF COURSE!" many would immediately reply!

But wait a minute! What IS sin? "Sin IS," the Bible answers, "THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW" (I John 3:4). Well, then—if that's what sin IS, if sin IS the BREAKING OF GOD'S LAWS! SIN is, then, FAILING TO KEEP GOD'S LAWS!

Well, then—IF THAT IS TRUE—and your Bible SAYS it is—and IF "grace" means you DO NOT HAVE TO OBEY GOD'S LAW—then does not "grace" mean to many of you that you may SIN?

"OF COURSE NOT!" you might answer—but then— isn't it all a little CONFUSING?

It certainly is! Satan and his ministers (II Cor. 11:13) have CONFUSED the meaning of grace in most men's minds!

This whole world, according to your Bible, has been DECEIVED (Rev. 12:9; 20:3).

Just what, then, IS grace?

Grace IS, according to Webster's *New Collegiate Dictionary*, "Favor, kindness, MERCY, etc.," and, the ecclesiastical usage, "DIVINE MERCY OR FORGIVENESS!"

Yes—that's just it! Grace is FORGIVENESS! Grace is MERCY! Grace is PARDON!

But forgiveness from what? Why, what is a Christian, but one who has, through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, obtained MERCY and PARDON from his past sins? It is through the blood of Jesus Christ we must obtain GRACE! Christ died, then, to show GRACE toward us—didn't He?

"Of course," you would answer. Well, if this is true, and the Bible certainly SAYS it is—then may we go on sinning after Christ has shown us GRACE?

Let's let the BIBLE answer—NOT the ideas of men!

Paul was inspired to write, "What then? Shall we SIN [that is, shall we BREAK ANY ONE OF GOD'S TEN COMMANDMENTS] because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid!" (Rom. 6:15). There is the BIBLE answer! Paul plainly reveals that we must not think we may SIN, that we can ignore, or live contrary to God's Ten Commandments, just because God has shown us some of His great MERCY!

WHY did God have to show us His MERCY? Why did we NEED "GRACE?"

God answers, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned!" (Rom. 3:23.)

Yes—every human being has BROKEN God's HOLY LAWS, the Ten Commandments! Remember, it is the breaking of

these laws, as they are applied in principle, and as they are magnified by Christ in His teachings, that IS SIN (I John 3:4).

Every human being has, because of his very nature of basic hostility toward God's laws (Rom. 8:7) been convicted of God's law as guilty of SIN! The penalty of sin is DEATH (Rom. 6:23). Christ DIED in order to ERASE OUR PAST SINS! (Rom. 5:8).

THAT IS WHAT GRACE IS! It is the unlimited mercy of our God—the unearned, unmerited PARDON of our God, when we totally repent, of our past sins!

Notice it! "In whom (Christ) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of HIS GRACE!" (Eph. 1:7).

Grace, then, is God's loving willingness to forgive us of our past sins!

The Modern Deception

Even before the close of the New Testament canon, Almighty God inspired Jude to write, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that you should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 3, 4). The actual HISTORY of what happened from that time to this is now available! Remarkable, almost unbelievable discoveries are rapidly being made which shall amply PROVE that, true to the prophecies of your Bible, certain men DID creep in "unawares"—men who DELIBERATELY, with planned forethought, attempted to undermine the pure truth of God which was once delivered to the saints.

This, remember, was a prophecy of many centuries ago! Jude went on to describe these men as those who had a basic resentment and hostility toward all government, and the symbols of government, those in authority! "Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, DESPISE DOMINION, and speak evil of dignities!" (Jude 8).

What is in the minds of most pro-

fessing Christians concerning their relationship to God today?

Basically, it is simply this: they have become convinced that a person should live a "righteous life!" They have become convinced that they have been a "sinner"—which usually means a person who has lived an "unrighteous life." To most, an "unrighteous life" merely means having various "worldly" habits and interests, perhaps attending motion picture theatres, dancing, drinking, or playing cards. It may even involve the various modes and styles of apparel. There are dozens of different categories in the minds of men as to what actually constitutes SIN! But whether it involves various of these habits, indulgences, or "worldly acts"—most professing Christians would say that conversion, to them, means "living for God." It means living a "good" life, rather than an "evil" life. It means to think "good" thoughts, rather than thinking "evil" thoughts. In a sort of vague, nebulous way, most professing Christians realize there must be a certain change in their lives when they "repent" or receive, or accept Christ.

To most—GRACE is the STATE of a Christian who is "living for God!" GRACE has come to falsely mean, to most professing Christians, a CONDITION of the INDIVIDUAL, rather than a QUALITY of God!

In other words, instead of understanding the true meaning of the word grace as revealed in your Bible, MANY of you have come to feel that GRACE is merely a Biblical term which vaguely means the Christian is in a "saved" condition! It means that God has smiled on the individual, "chosen" him, put him "under grace" and made him a "Christian."

How have YOU thought about it?

Have you ever really been clear on the subject? Have you ever been able to really track down, in your own Bible, your beliefs regarding your present state? Have you ever really proved, in your own Bible, the true meaning—that is, the BIBLE meaning—of SIN?

Let's clear the air! Let's not be confused! Let's come to understand!

What Repentance Is

"REPENT YE therefore, and be converted!" (Acts 3:19), said the Apostle

Peter. To be converted means to be CHANGED!

This change of which the Bible speaks is far from a nebulous or vague sort of change. It is a very definitely described change, a complete and total change, a change that God requires in every facet of your individual lives! Jesus said, "Except you REPENT, ye shall all likewise perish!" (Luke 13:3, 5).

To repent means to be deeply broken up and sorry over having SINNED! Peter continued, as you read in Acts 3:19, ". . . and be converted, that your SINS may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

Surely everyone of you know that Jesus Christ died for the express purpose of taking upon Himself our sins? Surely you all know, as a matter of basic, practical, Biblical FACT, that the SINNER must call upon Almighty God to apply the sacrifice of Jesus Christ in order to FORGIVE his sins?

David, experiencing the real depths of repentance, cried out, "Have mercy upon me, Oh God, according to thy loving kindness, according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies BLOT OUT my transgressions.

"Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!" (Ps. 51:1, 2.)

David was calling for the MERCY of God. He was pleading with God to extend GRACE because of his past sins. Later, David said, "Oh how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day" (Ps. 119:97).

When you REPENT—you repent of having SINNED! And to repent from sin means not only to be totally broken up and sorry over having sinned—it means to come to a deep resolve and determination, with the help of God's Holy Spirit, NOT TO SIN AGAIN!

Never forget—what is sin? "Sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4).

WHEN you have totally repented and been forgiven, then God says "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in the lust thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, but yield yourself unto God . . . for sin shall not have dominion over you, for

you are not under the law but under GRACE" (Rom. 6:12-14).

Do you see? A repentant person is a person who has been SORRY that he has sinned! That means he is totally convicted of having broken God's law, is sorry that he has broken God's law, and has now determined, with God's help, never to break God's law again!

Paul goes on to answer a question which might immediately arise in the minds of some who do not KNOW the meaning of the term "grace." He says, in the scripture *immediately following* the one you just read, "What then? Shall we SIN because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid!" (Rom. 6:15).

Can you now really begin to see?

When your Bible speaks of being "under the law," it means, by its very context, under the "PENALTY OF" the law!—not obedience to the law. To obey the law is to be "within the law." To sin—disobey—is to become "under the law."

How Sinners Are Justified!

Another very important clarification of terms is to come to understand the meaning of the word "justified."

Why is it that many of you have not really KNOWN the *plain truth* about such terms as "grace," "justification," "sanctification," "redemption," "conversion," "dedication," "confirmation," and other such "theological-sounding" terms?

Simply because there has been a GREAT CONSPIRACY to deliberately CONFUSE these terms in the minds of people—keeping the precious truth of Almighty God about the most important subject in your life—that of your personal SALVATION—obscured behind spiritual drunkenness!

To many people, JUSTIFICATION means vaguely the same thing "grace" has meant to so many thousands of deceived persons. It means, to many deceived ones, a "condition" PERMANENTLY attributed to a Christian.

Many people think once a person is "justified" he is "MADE RIGHT" from then on! But this is simply untrue.

Again, let's go to the only SOURCE to understand these all-important points.

"For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the *doers of the law*

SHALL BE justified" (Rom. 2:13).

But how could this be? Simple. It is just as Almighty God says. It is *only* those who not only *hear*, but actually DO and PERFORM the laws of Almighty God, just as Jesus *said they should* in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:19) who *shall be* justified!

I have heard my father, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, say many times "God will not save a single person he cannot GOVERN!" While there is no scripture which says these words directly—there are *many* scriptures which uphold this basic principle by direct inference. The one you have just read is a very good example. Those who have now come to stand in awe and in fear of the holy LAWS of God, and do now realize they have been convicted of sins in the sight of those laws, have now become totally REPENTANT of having *broken* those laws, shall BE—as a result of their *repentance*—justified!

Justification is not a *permanent* "condition" of a Christian. It has to do with the removal and the forgiveness of *past guilt*.

Justified by LAW?

God plainly says that the works of the law, the works and the deeds of the law—*any law*—whether the Ten Commandments or ANY OTHER law, will not *justify anyone!* "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" (Rom. 3:28).

Of course! God did not say in Romans 2:13 that it is *by* the doing of the law that individuals can be justified. He merely said that those who *are willing* to DO His holy laws, are those who are now *eligible* for such justification!

Justification comes as God's free loving gift, through the quality of God which is called "grace."

Notice it "being justified freely BY HIS GRACE through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24).

But neither justification nor grace are a "condition" of a Christian which shall be perpetually attributed to him. The Apostle Paul, foreseeing this confusion and deliberate conspiracy to obliterate the plain truth of this simple doctrine, went on to say "whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteous-

ness for the REMISSION OF SINS THAT ARE PAST through the forbearance [grace] of God" (Rom. 3:25).

Could anything be plainer? GRACE is not a PERMANENT "condition" of a Christian, but is a *quality of Almighty God*, expressed *toward* a repentant sinner who now realizes his guilt before God's law, and now wants, with all his heart, soul and mind, to OBEY God's laws and principles!

Justification is not a *permanent "condition"* of a Christian, but is the *immediate condition* at the exact TIME of his total repentance and surrender to God; that is, justification is the "CONDITION" of the newly repentant sinner which is the RESULT of God's grace!

Neither grace nor justification comes BY the works of God's law. They do not come by obedience to *God's* law, or to *any other* law.

Rather, your Bible *plainly shows*, that God *will extend* His unmerited pardon, His GRACE to those who have been totally REPENTANT because they have DISOBEYED. They have now *resolved* to begin OBEYING! Once they have *made this resolve* in their minds, God says such persons can *BE justified!* Once Almighty God ascertains that basic *attitude* of total surrender toward God, He will now extend His righteous and merciful GRACE toward that sinner, by *forgiving* him of all his past sins!

Now return to the scripture I quoted at the beginning of this article. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."

This is where most theologians always end the quotation. But let's read *all* of it. "*For we are his workmanship*, created in Christ Jesus [the "new man" as a result of God's Holy Spirit] UNTO GOOD WORKS, which God hath before ordained that we should WALK in them!" (Eph. 2:8-10.)

Of course! We are the handiwork of God, created as new creatures, once we have been *converted*, "in Christ Jesus" for the express purpose of LIVING by every word of God! Living by every word of God means living in OBEEDIENCE to God's laws. It means living in humility. It means living a "good" life—but Almighty God is the One who tells

us what a "good" life is!

He tells us by the perfect example of the life of Jesus Christ! Jesus Christ OBEYED, *PERFECTLY*, all His Father's commandments!

Peter says, ". . . because Christ also suffered for us, *leaving us an example*, that ye should follow His steps, who did NO SIN, neither was guile found in His mouth" (1 Pet. 2:21-22).

Did you notice it? Jesus Christ, by doing NO sin, DID obey all of God's Ten Commandments. He set you, and He set me, an example! Are you willing to FOLLOW His example?

God's Law Must Be OBEYED!

Now read these plain scriptures, and come to your own private decision as to what you shall do with them. Jesus said plainly, ". . . but if you will enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS!" (Matt. 19:17). Paul wrote, "Wherefore the law is *holy*, and the commandments *holy and just and good*" (Rom. 7:12). Paul went on to say, "For we know that the law is SPIRITUAL, but I am carnal, sold under sin . . . if then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law, that *it is good*" (verses 14 and 16). "For I delight in *the law of God* after the inward man" (verse 22). "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself SERVE the *law of God*; but with the flesh the law of sin" (verse 25). "If you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself,' ye do well, but if ye have respect to persons ye COMMIT SIN, and are convicted of *the law as transgressors*. For whosoever shall keep the *whole law*, and yet offend in *one point*, he is GUILTY of ALL!" (James 2:8-10).

"And hereby do we know that we know Him, *if we keep His commandments*. He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth *not* His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:3-4).

Finally, read the definite description of the end-time remnant of God's *true Church* at the precise *moment* of their persecution in the wilderness, just immediately prior to the second coming of Christ!

"And the dragon was wroth with the

woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, *WHICH KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, AND HAVE THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST!* (Rev. 12:17).

Can you now come to see? The truly converted Christian is not "under the law OR under grace!" Rather, he is living

WITHIN God's law, and has experienced God's loving GRACE in being granted forgiveness for his past transgressions of God's law.

May God help you to come to *see*, in *your own Bible*, these plain truths. Be *honest with yourself*. What will you DO about it?

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

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

"Is it true that the early Christians practiced Communism? I have heard some make this claim."

There are two passages in the book of Acts which—when taken out of context and isolated—are sometimes thought to condone Communism. The first passage is this: "And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold *their possessions* and goods, and parted them to all men as every man had need" (Acts 2:44-45). The second reads, "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul; neither *said* any of them that ought of the *things which he possessed* was his own, but they had all things common" (Acts 4:32).

Notice these verses carefully. They do not say what some have assumed. The first point is that the people spoken of in the Book of Acts *believed in God*, that they *prayed*, and that they were *filled with the Holy Spirit* (Acts 4:31). This fact *alone* is sufficient to PROVE that these passages *cannot possibly* be referring to Communism as we know it today. Communists hate God, the Bible, and anything having to do with religion.

Let's understand what these passages DO mean. Notice the theme of the first

few chapters of Acts. The account involves the coming of the Holy Spirit on the annual holy day called Pentecost. There were multiple thousands from throughout Asia Minor, Egypt, Rome and elsewhere gathered together at Jerusalem to observe God's festival of Pentecost (Acts 2:5-11). As all these believers who had received the Holy Spirit gathered together, they were united in a bond of Christian love and fellowship perhaps never before known. As many of those who came from a distance stayed on, it became necessary for them—as well as for those who lived in the immediate area—to sell part of their possessions and goods. They had need of cash proceeds, both for themselves and their fellow brethren because many were remaining in Jerusalem longer than they originally intended. As is stated in Acts 4:32, there was such a feeling of unity in dealing with common problems, that no man *said* or reckoned in his own mind that his possessions—which he personally owned—were solely his own. Rather, he used his possessions in such a way that they would fill the needs of the group as well as himself.

A man's property still—*legally*—remained his own, but he did not *say* it (Please continue on page 46)

DATELINE — BONN

Here is a firsthand report on the secret arrests—on charges of treason—of the editors of Germany's leading news magazine. Why did the Adenauer government attempt to suppress the affair?

by Gerhard Otto Marx

I HAVE just returned to our Düsseldorf office. Momentous political developments recently rocked the German government. The government arrest of the editors of *Der Spiegel*, Germany's leading news magazine, almost brought Adenauer's downfall, even shocked the Germans. "Had Hitler's regime already returned—in disguise?"—many have been asking themselves.

What is really important is not the men who were arrested, or the charges brought against them. What is IMPORTANT is WHY the government chose to silence its opposition in the same manner that Hitler crushed his opponents.

Der Spiegel Affair

The eyes of journalists, politicians and the general public were focused once more on Germany, and on Germany's Franz-Josef Strauss. Once again they were asking "What will become of Germany?" Or as the German Press puts it: "*Was wird aus Deutschland?*"

That question was provoked by the recent night raid, the confiscation of material, as well as the arrest of several members of the staff of Germany's influential news magazine, *Der Spiegel*.

The public outcry—heard not only here in Germany, but throughout the world—against such *dictatorial-type* methods employed is only now beginning to simmer down.

Here is what really happened!

Ever since its founding right after the Second World War, *Der Spiegel* had acquired a reputation of being critical of the West German Government. First it was the U.S. occupation troops that came under fire; then Chancellor Adenauer was the target; and lately it had been the German Defense Minister, Franz-Josef Strauss. As the then only news magazine in Germany, it soon gained the respect of its readers. Strong and relentless criticism of the German Government was its platform. Whereas other German news media refused to be critical of the Government—lest they be accused of being pro-communistic—*Der Spiegel* adamantly persisted in its endeavor to fulfil what it thought to be the obligations of the press.

The magazine was especially critical of the great number of former Nazis who were being wooed by Bonn to join the government ranks. The West German Regime defended its policy of per-



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Conrad Ahlers, one of *Der Spiegel* editors, was secretly arrested while on a vacation in Spain and brought back to West Germany.

mitting former *top-ranking* Nazis to become an integral part of the new German Democracy. It claimed that no one except these trained men would be capable of fulfilling the necessary requirements in this important job of establishing and protecting the fledgling German Democracy. *Der Spiegel's* relentless criticism directed against this suspect policy of the government soon forced Chancellor Adenauer to dismiss certain high-ranking former Nazis, who by this time had moved into the top echelons of the West German Regime. The meager number of dismissals, how-

Below, left: Demonstration against the arrest of the editors of *Der Spiegel*. Here five men stand at the entrance of a newspaper published in the town of Remscheid. Right, Frankfurt am Main students demonstrate against the government action in *Der Spiegel* affair. Sign reads: "1962 ends

Democracy"; "They strike at *Der Spiegel* and mean Democracy." Serious Germans, however, questioned whether this kind of demonstration of young people of college age was genuine democracy or only American veneer.

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ever, did not lighten the pressure of criticism from *Der Spiegel*.

Soon after Franz-Josef Strauss became Defense Minister, this magazine's criticism reached its high point. Directed at Herr Strauss personally, it accused him of graft, corruption and military adventure. The Defense Minister, believing his position to be secure after the establishment of a so-called "territorial army"—composed of former Nazis under the guise of reservists—decided to silence his enemy. With the additional aid of his own separate Intelligence Service, he set out to trap Herr Augstein, the publisher and owner of *Der Spiegel*. Augstein and several other editors were secretly arrested and charged with treason. When it was discovered, the public outcry against the action of Strauss forced the government to relieve him of his post.

Chancellor Adenauer is quoted as saying at the time of the *Gestapo-type* raid on *Der Spiegel's* offices in Hamburg that in two weeks time everybody would have forgotten what happened. His forecast was a poor one. In fact, this drastic move by the German Government almost brought about the Chancellor's ignominious downfall.

Reason Behind the Raid

The *real reason* behind this drastic measure entailed the quelling of all opposition. That was and still is the admitted motive of the government. Suppress all criticism! Stamp out all opposition! Crush all resistance!

Der Spiegel was recognized as the only weighty opposition within Germany. It had to go. Not because a certain article was published which revealed army secrets. *Der Spiegel* needed to be put out of circulation because it opposed the policies of the government. With this magazine out of the way, the German Government saw that, under the *guise of democracy*, it would have a free hand in politically educating the public.

But what about the political parties in Germany? Parties with different political platforms and of varied ideological views? Are they not aware of what transpires in Bonn? Can't they serve as effective "opposition parties"?

The tragic answer is NO!

The *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*

and *Die Welt*, German's two top-ranking newspapers, have shown considerable concern about the *lack* of a genuine opposition in the West German Bundestag, where important decisions affecting every German citizen are made. To a great extent, the vacuum had heretofore been filled by *Der Spiegel*.

Just how effective are Germany's political parties in keeping check on one another? How genuine is the opposition coming from these parties?

At the time of the founding of the present German Government in 1949, there existed close to a dozen political parties in West Germany. It took only a short time before the Communist Party was outlawed. Soon, the remaining minor parties were dissolved or else joined the ranks of the remaining larger ones. Today there are only three. And already there is talk of the Free Democrats dissolving as a separate entity, leaving only two.

The consensus is that *no opposition of consequence any longer exists*.

The *Socialist* and *Liberal* Parties, the only active ones in the Bundestag, exert very little political pressure. These parties lean heavily on Chancellor Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party, which is backed by almost all the German industrialists.

Recently, when the Socialist Party—the second largest—attempted to join Adenauer's party in forming a Coalition, the Free Democrats, headed by Erich Mende, were *threatened with extinction*. A few years ago, the Socialists were against German rearmament, Germany's joining NATO, and her receiving atomic weapons. But today all is different. Now the Socialist Party is for, instead of against, the above. This Party has often been accused of *siding* with the Christian Democratic Party when it comes to solving major issues. This they feel they are forced to do in order to be recognized and acknowledged at all. Few observers see any real difference between Germany's top two political parties, except in name.

One Party Only

This dangerous trend, which is resulting in the dissolution of this nation's remaining political parties, is the most potent force in the establishment of *one*

major party. The Christian Democratic Party is run by men who firmly believe that, in Germany, democratic principles will not work. The same industrialists who backed the late German dictator are supporting Dr. Adenauer's Party. Many of the same men who not long ago shouted: *Sieg Heil!* and *Deutschland Über Alles!* to their "glorious Führer" are part of this "democratic" party.

The Christian Democratic Party, on which all other parties depend, is no more democratic than the man on the moon—and he doesn't exist! But its members will tell you differently. Ask them!—the argument goes. Take any person in the government who has been a Nazi during Hitler's time. Ask him whether he has changed his political outlook and every single time you will receive a straightforward answer of: "*Jawohl!*" There are—so they say—no Nazis in Germany—not a single one—they have all been filled with remorse and have repented. Yes, it sounds so silly that even a child would consider such a story nothing but a fairy tale.

One Party, One Leader, One Nation

I have before me *Die Deutsche Zeitung*, a highly respected newspaper from Stuttgart. This paper published a revealing article on page 3, entitled: "THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE AND MORE INDEPENDENT."

This plan is to be brought about, as the article continues, by an inner renewing of the party. The party, it is argued, too often has to go on the defensive in carrying out its policies. This reform—greatly desired and backed by the top leaders of Germany's main political party—is to pave the way for that party to discuss and decide policies among its own members—without any weighty and effective interference from the opposition. The instigators of this reform of Dr. Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party want to call it the "Unionpartei," meaning Union-Party.

When high officials in the West German Government decided to silence *Der Spiegel*, they executed a plan that could have been entirely successful. Had the public outcry not been so great against such an ambitious plan to curb

the freedom of the press, *Der Spiegel* affair would have been forgotten in a matter of days. Except for a voice of protest here and there from within Adenauer's own Party, most of the opposition came from the Socialists and the Free Democrats. This opposition forced the Chancellor to completely reshuffle his Cabinet. It also cost Herr Strauss—at least for the time being—his political life.

That was a setback for the government. It was forced to retreat—to go on the defensive. The Christian Democratic Party—a haven for most of Germany's former Nazis—timed the clamp-down on the freedom of the press too soon. *This embarrassing situation*, it was decided, *must never happen again*. The Christian Democrats realized they needed to become *stronger, more unified, more independent*. Other parties must first become weaker, disunified, and completely dependent on them.

According to German thinking, the nation, strong economically, cannot afford to be hindered by disorganization and disunity from within. Germany must be strong politically. Her rate of economic and political growth must not be curtailed by certain opposing elements within the government.

Even though there are a few genuinely democratic elements within the West German Government, the vast majority welcomes this dangerous trend of Germany's parties dissolving and the establishing of *one sole party* for the good of every German. Just because the name of *Christian and Democratic* is attached to Germany's major party does not mean in the least that its members think democratic. Germans believe in government from the top down—not from the bottom up.

What the German People Say

As a native of Germany, and a news-observer for the last ten years, I constantly come in contact with German thinking. What does the average German really believe about his democratic country? What role does he play as a citizen of that government?

The tragic truth is he plays a very insignificant part as a citizen. The average man-on-the-street is told what to do and he does it. He has absolutely no



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Leading figures of the Social Democratic and Free Democratic parties meet in conference to discuss the question of a coalition. Only two important opposition parties exist in Germany today.

say in deciding how the government should be run. This democracy, which has been imposed on the Germans, is such a dull and uninteresting form of government to the average German, that he takes little or no interest in everyday political developments. A college student from Stuttgart told me that no one seems to take an active—and often not even a passive—interest in the government. "This is unfortunate!" he continued, "since a lack of interest in governmental affairs would allow the wrong men to again bring havoc to Germany and the free world. This attitude of passive interest in the running of this newly imported democracy is extremely poisonous to a democratic country."

"I feel suppressed!" is a statement I have heard from many people of different walks of life. East German refugees, West German citizens, the young, the old, small businessmen, all tell the same story. To them life is a constant struggle. They are unable to make any headway. The common citizen remains a common citizen. The small businessman is forced to sell out or join larger corporations. Just as it always has been, the government rules and the people are ruled. It is not a government of the people, by the people, for the people. Rather it is a government of the government, by the government, and for the government.

Behind the Scenes

As a result of the government's action against *Der Spiegel*, much of the German Press courageously informed the public of the imminent danger of the collapse of democracy in this country. The *Neue Ruhr Zeitung*, from Essen, encouraging its readers to look into past history, asks: "Remember a time like this? at night! by fog! confiscated! imprisoned! hour-long detainments?" The *Rhein-Zeitung* from Koblenz adds: "The man on the street once again talks about Gestapo methods." A reader of *Der Stern*, realizing how close Germany is to a totalitarian form of government, writes: "I was told that after the Roehm massacre Hitler shouted 'In this moment I was Germany's Supreme Judge.' I thought these times were over with . . . It is difficult, dear Fatherland, to feel safe when corruption is rife and police truncheons crunch."

Is it really as serious as that?

The *Frankfurter Rundschau* discusses this question and asks just how long the Germans will be able to stand this freedom. From now on, it continues, whenever we hear the doorbell, we can no longer be assured it is just the milkman—it may be the secret police.

Once again the German people are apprehensive. Many refuse to comment

about political developments—which is not only permissible but even encouraged in a democracy—being afraid the reporter may turn out to be a secret policeman. The common citizen knows deep in his heart what is going to transpire in his country. He knows exactly what happened before and he is also aware of what the future holds.

Foreign Press

Many foreign observers see the steady trend in Germany toward totalitarianism as a real threat to the peace in Europe and the world. So the *Corriere Della Sera*, an Italian paper: "The independent observer gets the impression all is not well." *Le Monde*, Paris, hits the nail right on the head: "The protests against the methods employed against this magazine make it clear that democracy in Germany is nothing more than an Allied-imported myth." The London *Evening Standard*, in a realistic analysis, writes: "A terrible mood has descended over West Germany now that the man on the street, the civil servant and the reporter alike suddenly realize now how thin is the veneer of democratic respectability which covers the same old politically corrupt and ruthlessly authoritarian habits of a lifetime under the Nazis."

How Serious?

As an independent newspaper, the *Dagens Nyheter*, Sweden, has this to say: "For 13 years Germany tried to banish the shadows of the past in trying to create a constitutional state. The last few weeks have proven such an attempt as unsuccessful." *Il Messagero*, an Italian newspaper from Rome, declared in an editorial that the recent action against *Der Spiegel* is reminiscent of Gestapo methods. With such a system, Hitler succeeded in silencing the opposition and eliminating the freedom of the press. It concluded that democracy in West Germany is now seriously in question.

History Repeats Itself

Here is a last quotation from Oslo, Norway. The *Dagbladet*, with a note of sarcasm, sums up the matter: "We don't have any intention of portraying an unhealthy climate in Germany today because of the *Spiegel* affair. Not at all! As a matter of fact, we feel right at home. It's just like the good old days, when police agents used to roam the streets and publications were confiscated. It really strikes us as a fairy tale, but the tragic thing is, it is reality."

Make no mistake about it. The Germans have not changed. Twice during the last fifty years they have plunged the world into large conflagrations, and why should they stop now? Many observers assume falsely that Germans are not interested in political adventures any more. To an extent that is true. Today's German does not mix in politics and, as already mentioned, takes no active part in his government's affairs. But why is this? Is it because the man-on-the-street is overcome with remorse and is deliberately shunning his responsibility of providing the right type of democratic government for his offspring and Germany's future generations?

Here is why Germans refuse to become excited about their new democracy.

To a German, democracy is something he could never get excited about. He finds this sort of government dull, uninteresting and foreign. It is not exciting enough to arouse him to action. To him it is a strange form of government—uninspiring, unwelcomed, unwanted. The average German does not want democracy—it doesn't suit him.

The political, industrious and military leaders of Germany likewise utterly abhor this democratic import from the United States. But they are shrewd. They use this democracy to their advantage. They know that the average German is not interested in this type of government and therefore will take no part in its administration. This is exactly what they want. Their plans of finally establishing one political party—of course *under the guise of a democracy*—which is finally to be headed by one strong Führer, is coming to fruition in a legal and democratic manner. Time is on their side. As long as they use the Christian Democratic Party as a cover-up, they are safe. Further laws can be passed by this "democratic" government in a "democratic" manner to further their final goal of establishing a dictatorship.

Such a plot has never been conceived before in modern history. This diabolical conspiracy is now—at this very moment—approaching its final stages. Soon the world will know. The unbelievable, the impossible—the restoration of Nazi-Fascism in the guise of democracy—will then be stark reality.



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A symbol of the revival of West German power is seen in this array of German M-48 panzers which paraded before assembled French and German leaders.

The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

Seeing Switzerland; and experiences of a "foreigner" visiting Paris for the first time.

WHAT a difference between France and Switzerland! On the French train, no breakfast was served that Sunday morning, March 2, 1947. The reason: the train was running two or three hours late. Our sleeping car had been scheduled to be transferred to a Swiss train at Basel in time for breakfast.

General Eisenhower and Channel Invasion

But before proceeding, I should like to go back, for a moment, and fill in two or three side-light experiences I neglected to record of our short stay in London.

On Thursday evening, February 27th, I had written this to our children at home: ". . . Today I tried to purchase a pair of gloves. It is cold, around freezing, and will be colder in mountainous Switzerland. I walked almost the length of Bond Street, stopping in all men's clothing shops on the right side of the street proceeding north, and on the west side of the street returning south back to Piccadilly. Finally, at the last store, I found a pair of dark tan kid gloves. I engaged the shop-keeper in conversation. Why were gloves so scarce, in so cold a winter?

"He explained that a large percent of everything manufactured in Britain is exported. I asked why. 'Because,' the merchant replied, 'England would starve otherwise. We must import nearly all our food, and we can't get a credit exchange to enable us to buy food in foreign countries unless we export to those countries an equal value in manufactured products.' You can buy "made in England" gloves, luggage, leather goods, china, woolens, etc., easier in the United States than here.

"After finally finding a shop that had a pair, I didn't get my gloves after all. After he had removed the price tag, he couldn't let me have them because I

had no ration book.

"This morning we finally spotted some lemons in a fruit and vegetable shop. My liver really needed some citrus juice, after the kind of food we had been getting. Quite a crowd was queued up before the stand. After standing in line ten or fifteen minutes, I asked for a dozen lemons. The woman asked for my ration book. No ration coupons, *no lemons!*—and only ½ pound to a customer, then! I'm starving for fruits, juices, and leafy vegetables. You don't realize what we have to be thankful for, on America's Pacific Coast. We have the best of everything in the world—and yet we *grumble!* What we are seeing here is next best. Every other country (except Switzerland) is worse right now.

"As we were leaving the lobby of the hotel this evening, the hall porter, who looks more like an impressive, important business executive, told us this hotel (The Dorchester) was Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters prior to the Channel Invasion. Marshall, Patton, Bradley, and all our top generals stayed here. They were all well liked. This porter saw a lot of them, talked to them, and arranged many things for them. He said they were quiet, but simply *oozed* with personality, and he rated Eisenhower as the ablest, strongest personality of all, even over Marshall, and thinks he is one of the strongest men in the world. . . .

"Do you know, the Channel Invasion that defeated Germany might have been planned in this very hotel! It could have been even in this very room where I'm writing. When the invasion zero hour came, the porter said Eisenhower and all other top military men came down one morning smiling and gay, and said they were off for a two or three day rest in the country. They were good actors—appeared happy. They said they could throw off all restraint and

heavy responsibility a few days, and get in some needed rest and a vacation in the country. They were not a bit tensed up. No one suspected a thing. They didn't check out of the hotel. They left their things in their rooms. If any Nazi spies were in the hotel, they would have been thrown completely off. Then next morning—BANG! The great Invasion smash was on—and doom for Hitler! No one in this hotel suspected anything was up."

We Arrive in Switzerland

On that Sunday, March 2, 1947, our French train, two or three hours late, finally dragged itself up to the depot at Basel, Switzerland. The minute we crossed from France into Switzerland, everything suddenly seemed refreshingly *different!* France was then in a state of lethargy and discouragement. People in Switzerland appeared more alert, better dressed, cleaner. The French, so soon after the war, seemed whipped, beaten, run down.

Our car was hooked onto the Swiss train at Basel. There was a light, airy, clean Swiss dining car on the train. After Immigration and Customs officers went through the train, we finally made up for the lost breakfast with the best meal since we had left the U.S.

Dr. B. was stopping at the Hotel Storchen in Zurich, and had made reservations at this hotel for us. Arriving in Switzerland's largest city, we took a taxi to this hotel. I did not have any Swiss money, so I asked the taxi driver to come into the lobby with me, where I transferred \$20 into Swiss francs, out of which I paid the taxi fare. Dr. B. happened to be out somewhere with Madame Helene Bieber, who was staying at another hotel. Mme. Bieber, the reader will remember, was the owner of the newest and finest villa in south-eastern Switzerland, Heleneum, on Lake
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 *WBRC—Birmingham, Ala.—960 on dial, 106.9 FM, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 *WKYB—Paducah, Ky.—570 on dial, 93.3 FM, 12 noon daily.
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 *KFIF—Tucson—1550 on dial, 5:00 p.m. daily.
 *KLZ—Denver—560 on dial, 10:45 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:30 a.m. Sat.
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 KIDO—Boise, Idaho—630 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.

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- CJOR—Vancouver, B.C.—600 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- KHQ—Spokane—590 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.
- KVI—Seattle—570 on dial, 8 a.m. Sun.
- KNBX—Seattle—1050 on dial, 12 noon daily.
- KWJJ—Portland—1080 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- KEX—Portland—1190 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun.
- KUGN—Eugene—590 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.
- KUMA—Pendleton, Oregon—1290 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily except 7:30 p.m. Monday.
- KSAY—San Francisco—1010 on dial, 7:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- KFRC—San Francisco—610 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
- *KDB—Santa Barbara, Calif.—1490 on dial, 93.7 FM, 8:00 p.m. daily.
- *KHJ—Los Angeles—930 on dial, 101.1 FM, 7:30 p.m. Sun.
- *KRKD—Los Angeles—1150 on dial, 96.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- KBLA—Burbank—1490 on dial, 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. daily.
- KACE—San Bernardino-Riverside—1570 on dial, 92.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:05 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- KNEZ—Lompoc, Calif.—960 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
- In Spanish—
- KALI—Los Angeles, Calif.—1430 on dial, 4:45 p.m. Sun.

Alaska & Hawaii

- KFQD—Anchorage, Alaska—730 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
- KULA—Honolulu, Hawaii—690 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

Canada (in French)

- CKJL—St. Jerome, Quebec—900 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.

TO EUROPE

In English—

- RADIO LUXEMBOURG — 208 metres (1439 kc.) medium wave and 49 metres (6090 kc.) short wave—6:00 p.m. Mon. and Tues., G.M.T.

In French—

- RADIO LUXEMBOURG—1293 metres—5:40 a.m., Mon.

- *EUROPE NO. ONE—Felsberg en Sarre, Germany — 182 kc. (1647 m.)—6:00 a.m. Sun., 5:45 a.m. Wed.

In German—

- RADIO LUXEMBOURG—49 metres (6090 kc.) shortwave and 208 metres (1439 kc.) medium wave—Sun., 6:05 a.m.; Wed., 7:00 a.m., M.E.T.

TO AFRICA

- RADIO LOURENCO MARQUES, MOZAMBIQUE — 3301 kc. and 4925 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon., Wed., and Sat., 10:30 p.m. Tues., Thur., and Fri.
- RADIO UFAC, ELIZABETHVILLE — OQ2AD—4980 kc. (60 m.) — 10 p.m. Sun., Mon. and Wed.; 9:30 p.m. Tue., Thur. and Fri.
- WNBS—Lagos—602 kc.—8:30 p.m. daily.
- WNBS—Ibadan—656 kc., 3380 kc., 6185 kc. and 9500 kc.—8:30 p.m. daily.

TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

- 2KY—Sydney, NSW—1020 kc.—10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs., 10:45 p.m. Fri. and Sat.
- 2AY—Albury, NSW—1490 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.
- 2GF—Grafton, NSW—1210 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- 2GN—Goulburn, NSW—1380 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- 2HD—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 6:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.
- 2KA—Katoomba, NSW—780 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- 2KM—Kempsey, NSW—980 kc.—10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- 2MW—Murwillumbah, NSW—1440 kc.—10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- 3AW—Melbourne, Vic.—1280 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.
- 3BO—Bendigo, Vic.—960 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.
- 3CV—Maryborough, Vic.—1440 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.
- 3HA—Hamilton, Vic.—1000 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.
- 3KZ—Melbourne, Vic.—1180 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:45 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:15 p.m. Fri.
- 3MA—Mildura, Vic.—1470 kc.—3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 10:00 p.m. Sat.
- 3SH—Swanhill, Vic.—1330 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.
- 3SR—Shepparton, Vic.—1260 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.
- 3UL—Warragul, Vic.—880 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.
- 3YB—Warrnambool, Vic.—1210 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.
- 4AK—Oakey, Qld.—1220 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.
- 4BK—Brisbane, Qld.—1300 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.
- 4CA—Cairns, Qld.—1010 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.
- 4TO—Townsville, Qld.—780 kc.—10 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- 4KQ—Brisbane, Qld.—690 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.
- 4WK—Warwick, Qld.—880 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- 6KG—Kalgoorlie, WA—860 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

- 6PM—Perth, WA—1000 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.
- 6AM—Northam, WA—980 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.
- 7AD—Devonport, Tas.—900 kc.—3:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.
- 7HT—Hobart, Tas.—1080 kc.—7:30 p.m. Sun.; 9:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thur. and Fri.; 10:35 p.m. Tues.
- 7SD—Scottsdale, Tas.—540 kc.—4:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.
- 2XM—Gisborne, New Zealand—1180 kc.—8:30 p.m. Wed.; 9:15 p.m. Thurs.; 10:00 p.m. Sat.

TO ASIA

- RADIO TAIWAN (FORMOSA)
"The 3rd Network, B.C.C."—
BED23 Taichung 1380 kc.;
BED55 Taipei 960 kc.;
BED78 Tainan City 1540 kc.;
BED79 Kaohsiung 1220 kc.;
BED82 Chiayi 1460 kc.—
18:00 T.S.T., Wed. and Fri.
- RADIO OKINAWA—KSBK—880 kc. Sundays: 12:06 noon.
- ALTO BROADCASTING SYSTEM
—PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:
DZAQ, Manila—620 kc.—9:00 p.m. Sun.; 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- DZRI, Dagupan City—1040 kc.;
DZRB, Naga City—1060 kc.;
DXAW, Davao City—640 kc.—
9:00 p.m. Sunday.
- DYCB, Cebu City—570 kc.—9:30 p.m. Friday.
- RADIO GUAM—KUAM—610 kc., 6 p.m. daily.

TO LATIN AMERICA

In English—

- RADIO AMERICA—Lima, Peru—1010 kc.—5:15 p.m. Saturdays.
- HOC21, Panama City—1115 kc.;
HP5A, Panama City—11170 kc.;
HOK, Colon, Panama—640 kc.;
HP5K, Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—
7:00 p.m., Sundays.

In Spanish—

- RADIO LA CRONICA—Lima, Peru—1320 kc.—7:00 p.m. Sun.
- RADIO COMUNEROS—Asuncion, Paraguay—970 kc.—8:30 p.m. Thursdays.
- RADIO SPORT—CXA19—Montevideo, Uruguay—11835 kc.—4:00 p.m., Sundays.
- RADIO CARVE—CX16, 850 kc., and CXA13, 6156 kc.—Montevideo, Uruguay—3:30 p.m., Saturdays.

In French—

- 4VBM—Port au Prince, Haiti—1430 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.
- 4VCM—Port au Prince, Haiti—6165 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.
- RADIO CARAIBES—St. Lucia, West Indies—840 kc.—6:45 p.m., Mon. and Tues.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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Lugano, in Lugano-Castagnola.

Switzerland, by the way, was at that time so much more prosperous than France because Switzerland was not involved in the war. Switzerland had profited from both sides. The Marshall Plan, and United States' billions of gift dollars had not yet put France in her present state of Common Market prosperity so that DeGaulle could use this prosperity to insult America and Britain, and become a possible—a potential—enemy.

An hour or so after our arrival at the hotel in Zurich, we located Dr. B. and Mme. Bieber. We joined them at tea in one of our hotel lounge rooms, and were presented to the owner of Heleneum. She was accompanied by her big full-blooded chow dog "Mipom."

Next afternoon we were riding through the Gotthard tunnel through the Gotthard Pass. It and the Brenner Pass are the only two passes for travel between Germany and Italy. During the war, the Swiss managed to remain neutral and hold the Germans off from invading them. They did this by threatening to blow up the Gotthard tunnel, and destroy these two passes if the Germans attacked. That is how this little nation of Switzerland held the powerful Germany at bay.

We found the lofty Alps all that had been claimed for them—*breath-taking*—MAGNIFICENT!

I might explain here that Switzerland has no Swiss language of her own. In northern Switzerland the official language is German. In western and south-western Switzerland it is French. And in southeastern Switzerland the official language is Italian. Also, at Zurich, we noticed that the style of architecture was almost wholly German. But the minute we emerged from the tunnel, on the Italian side, the architectural design was all Italian.

Yet there is really no language barrier between these three sections of Switzerland. Customarily babies and children are taught the official language of their section until age 6. Then Swiss

children are taught a second language beginning at six years of age, and a third language at about age ten or twelve. Most better educated Swiss speak four or more languages.

I Am Not The Boss

At Lugano we inspected what was the object of our whole trip—the site of a possible future Ambassador College in Europe.

Often I have to stop and realize how many proofs we have been given that we have been called to the Work of GOD—that neither I nor any man plans and guides it. It is not our work, but GOD'S and the living Jesus Christ is HEAD of His Church and the real Director of this Work. He has not allowed it to be of my planning.

Christ, through the Holy Spirit during fasting and prayer, said to the prophets and teachers of the Church at Antioch, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Saul's name was then changed to Paul. He and Barnabas were ordained apostles. They were called to GOD'S WORK. They did not choose it as a profession—Christ first struck down Saul with blindness, converted and called him. Christ ordered his ordination for THIS WORK.

But even though the Apostle Paul was put in charge of God's Work to the Gentiles, Paul was not allowed to plan

it or make the real decisions.

In the spring of 50 A.D. Paul and Silas, ". . . after they were come to Mysia (western part of Asia Minor—Turkey today), they assayed to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus suffered them not" (Acts 16:7).

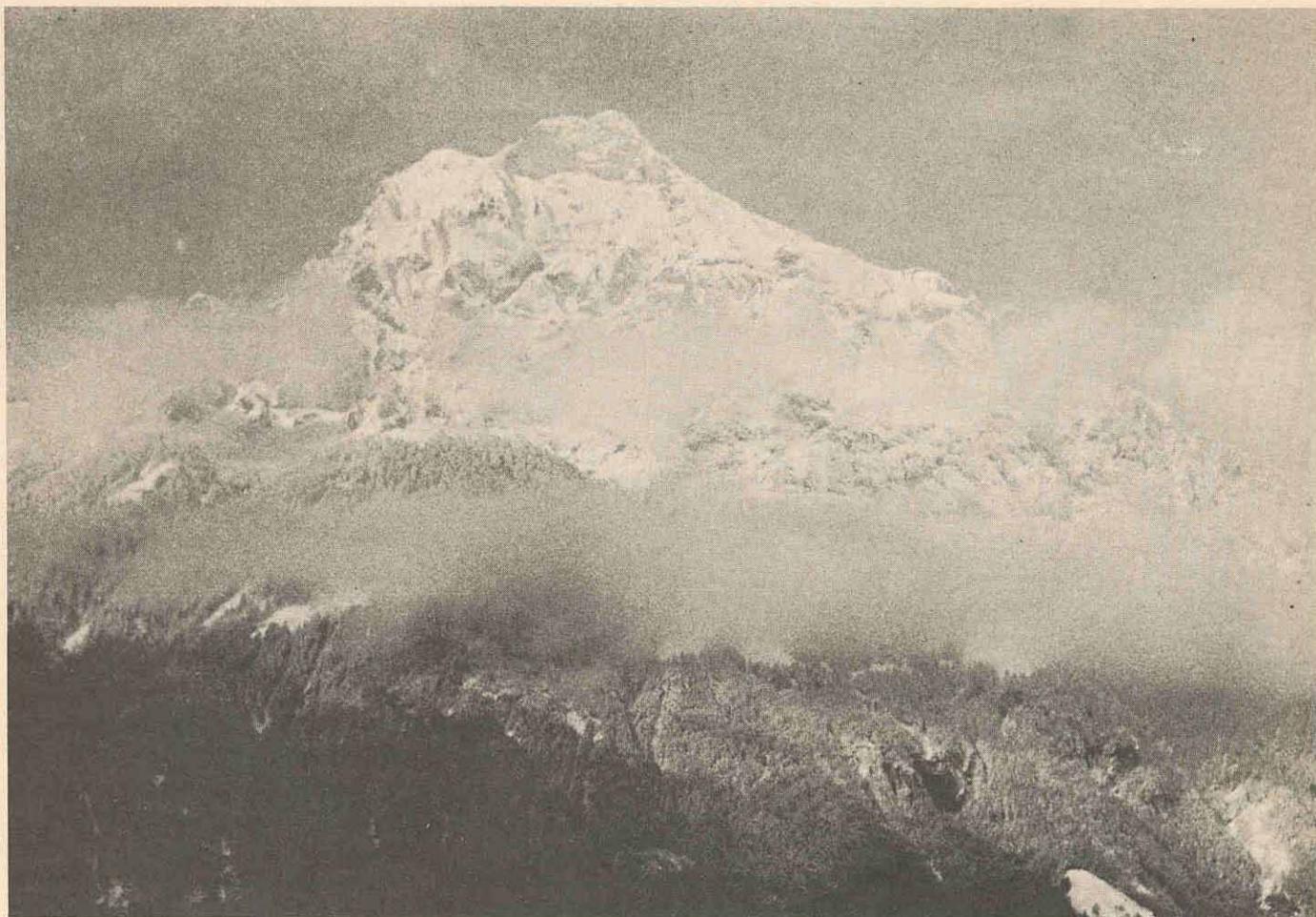
Paul *planned* to go straight EAST, along the north shores of what is Turkey today. But Jesus Christ, HEAD of His Church and God's Work, planned otherwise! By a vision at night, the resurrected living CHRIST showed Paul that they were to go the very OPPOSITE direction, carrying the Gospel for the first time to the continent of EUROPE!

This was a MOST IMPORTANT decision. Christ Himself had planned that His Work should operate in Asia Minor for ONE TIME-CYCLE. A time-cycle is 19 years. God measures time by the revolution of the earth on its axis, by the revolution of the moon around the earth, and by the revolution of the earth around the sun. The earth, sun, and moon come into conjunction only once every 19 years. The New Testament Church of God began on the day of Pentecost, June 18, 31 A.D.

In obedience to orders from Christ, by this vision, Paul and Silas went immediately into Macedonia IN EUROPE, holding their first meeting at Philippi (Acts 16:7-13). And this meeting was held on the very day of Pentecost, 50 A.D.—exactly 19 years after GOD'S

Lake Zurich, from the window of the Storchen Hotel, where Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong stayed.





The Swiss Alps—clouds ring a snow-laden peak.

WORK had *started* through the Church.

In like manner, on this trip to Lugano, I tried to plan to start operation of GOD'S WORK for these last years either immediately, or within three years IN EUROPE—and to establish a branch Ambassador College in Lugano. That was MY planning and intention—just as Paul's was to travel east into Bithynia.

Here is what I wrote to those at home, from Lugano, on March 3, 1947: "I have decided DEFINITELY and FINALLY on the Swiss branch of Ambassador. The idea is right. But the PLACE is still open for investigation."

But I was to learn, later, that CHRIST had decided DEFINITELY and FINALLY otherwise! He had decided that the great DOOR of radio would open for me to preach His Gospel to EUROPE on the first Monday in 1953—*precisely 19 years from the first modern END-TIME beginning of God's Work*, which had been the first week in January, 1934! And His COLLEGE for Europe

was to open later—SEVEN years later, in 1960—and in ENGLAND just outside London, not in Switzerland!

In ways that often seem astounding, CHRIST shows repeatedly that it is *HE* who is guiding and directing this great world-wide work of God!

Inspecting Potential College Site

I was much impressed with Lugano. On Tuesday evening I wrote:

"Dear Family at Home:

"Today we have seen Lugano! Partly. And what a place it is! It's all so different—so strange. It's ITALY with Swiss prosperity. A BEAUTIFUL, prosperous Italy. It's the most intriguing place we ever saw. It's certainly OLD-WORLD. It's the perfect place for the European unit of Ambassador College."

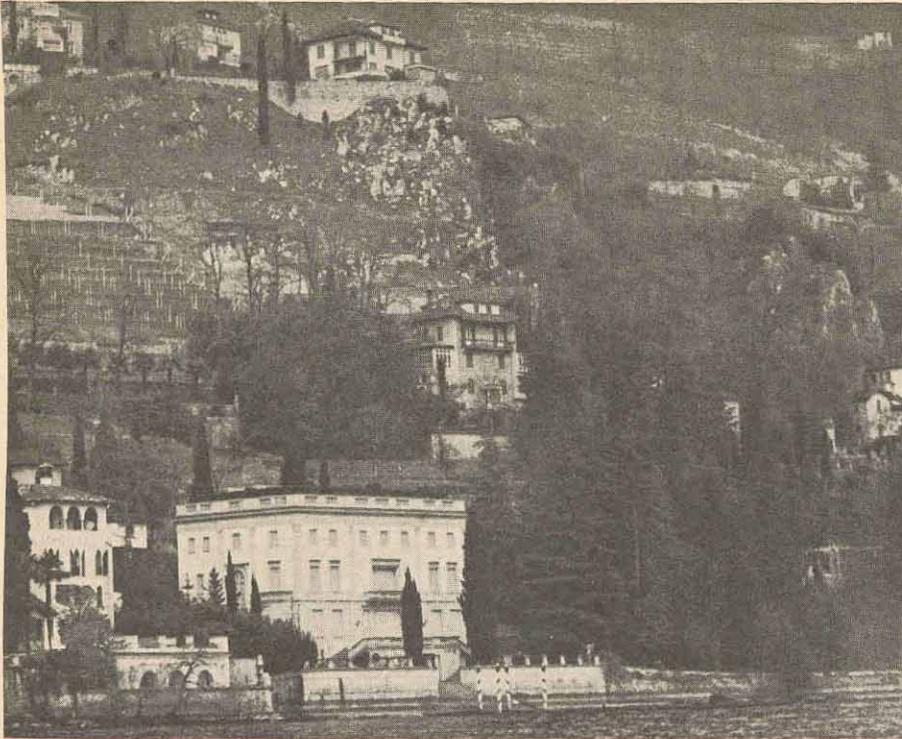
So I thought. But CHRIST thought otherwise!

Mme. Bieber remained in Zürich until Tuesday. We did not have an opportunity to inspect Heleneum until Thursday. That evening I wrote to my

brother-in-law, Walter E. Dillon, who was to be the first President of Ambassador College at Pasadena. This, in part, is what I reported to him:

"We have been here since Monday night. Tuesday we took a boat trip down the lake, east, to the very end of Lake Lugano. About two miles east of here is the Italian border. Most of our boat trip was in Italy. We were within five miles of the place where they shot Mussolini. He was caught trying to get across the frontier into Switzerland, and they say he was heading for Lugano. I talked to a man who was then a Swiss Army captain, in charge of the frontier at that point. He knew Mussolini, talked to him. Mussolini was caught at Dongo.

"The trip on the lake was a life-time experience. The majestic Swiss Alps rise on either side. The Alps really surpass our Cascades, or the Rockies—even the Canadian Rockies. Just now they are snow-covered—look as if they are miles high, in fantastic shapes. Lugano is the Swiss Riviera. It's *different*



"Heleneum"—the large stately edifice at the edge of Lake Lugano—was envisioned in 1947 as a possible future home of a European branch of Ambassador College.

from our mountain or lake scenery. The very atmosphere is different.

"What I started to write tonight is this: This afternoon, for the first time, we saw what we have come 9,000 miles to see—'Heleneum'—the possible future seat in Europe of AMBASSADOR COLLEGE. . . . We were invited to 4 o'clock tea. On arrival, we stepped into the most beautiful and elegant interior we had ever seen. It *far* surpasses what we expected! It is the ideal home for Ambassador College in Europe. It is adequately designed to house forty or

fifty students, besides supplying six classrooms, library, lounge, and dining hall. Its atmosphere would automatically breed culture, poise and refinement into students. Mme. Bieber appears to want us to have it. She thought the kind of deal we have discussed very splendid. She knows little about business, and probably will be guided by her lawyer. But it's the only way she can eat her cake and have it too—that is, sell it, live off the income from the sale, and still live *IN* it for the next three or four years. And it's the only way we can purchase

such a property without the capital for a large down payment. We make it during these three years while she would retain possession. I have made every check. I am now convinced we must have our European branch. Switzerland appears the only place for it."

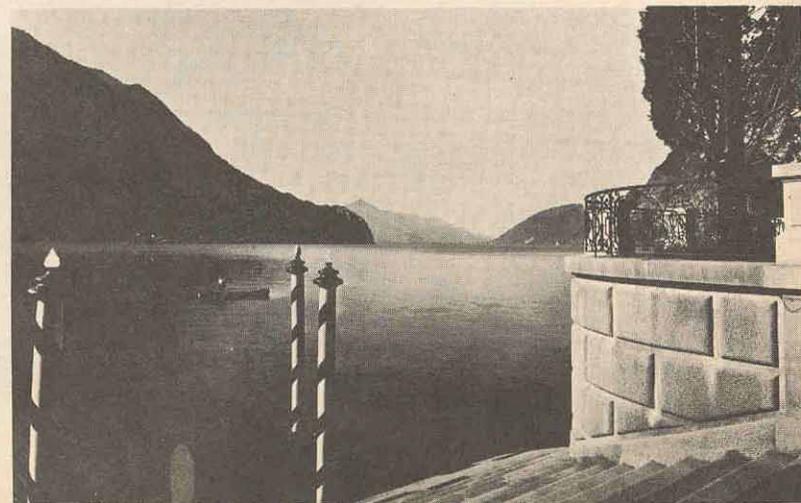
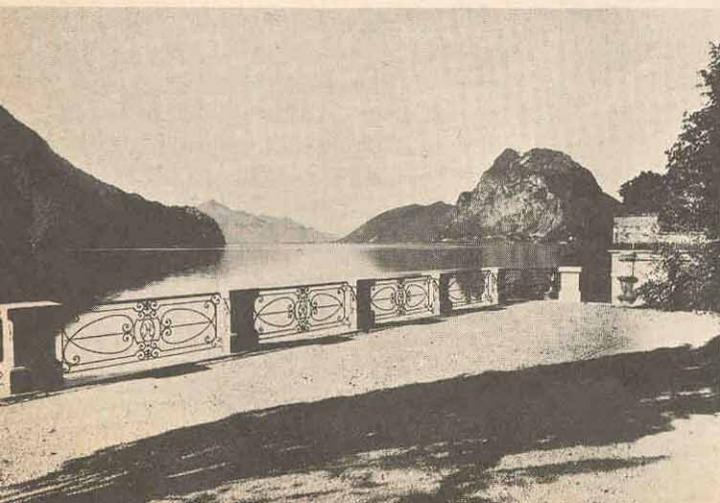
Better Things Opened Later

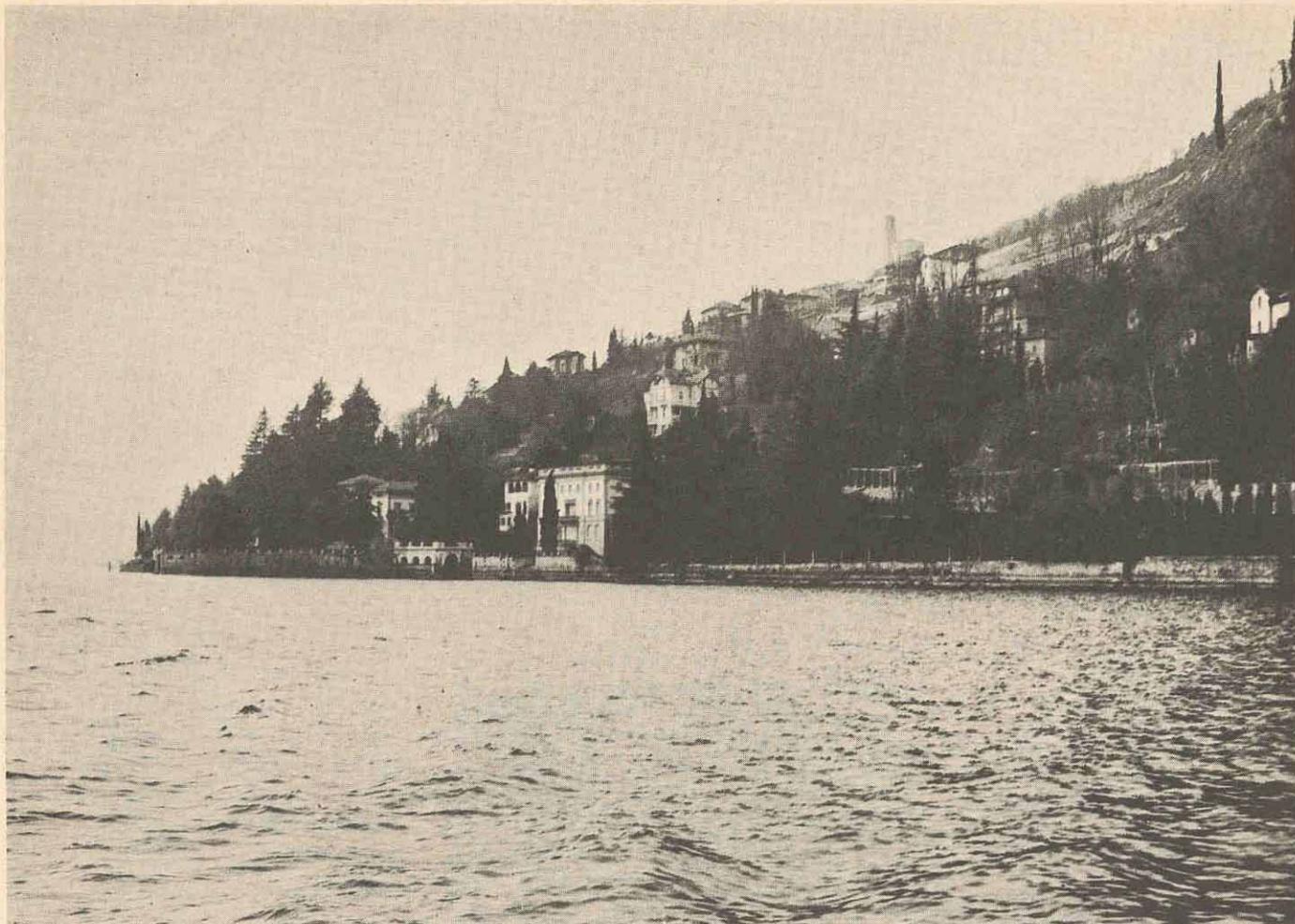
So, you see, I was planning for it—but Jesus Christ was planning otherwise—and HE, not I, guides and directs GOD'S WORK. In HIS due time, He opened the DOOR (see II Cor. 2:12-13) for His END-TIME Work of *our day* to start in Europe.

And even as I write these lines, in February 1963, a telegram from our Overseas Advertising Agency in New York OPENS WIDER the giant DOOR of Radio Europe Number One—offering an additional period for our French language broadcast, heard over all of France, every week. We now have TWO half-hour periods each week in English reaching all the British Isles, beside TWO periods each week in German language beamed on all Germany and Austria, and one period a week in French beamed on all of France OVER RADIO LUXEMBOURG, world's most powerful station—besides these TWO additional French broadcasts each week over Radio Europe Number One, almost as powerful.

And in HIS due time, the living CHRIST did open miraculously and unexpectedly what we ourselves had never planned—His AMBASSADOR COLLEGE overseas—only He opened in England

Left, below, a corner of the beautiful sand-covered terrace, at "Heleneum," looking out upon Lake Lugano. Right, below, private boat dock at "Heleneum," with small boat in background on placid waters of Lake Lugano.





In the center, "Heleneum," a replica of the Petit Trianon, Versailles Palace.

a place we never dreamed of finding—not merely one building with mere residential-size grounds, but several buildings, with magnificent gardens and landscaping, spacious grounds, and a total of approximately 200 acres! And instead of a maximum 40 or 50 students, we already have, in only its third year, more than 100 students, and expect, within three more years, around 225 or 250 students on that campus.

Surely GOD'S WAYS ARE BEST! How happy and GRATEFUL I am that Christ Jesus does not leave the real master planning of His great Work to me. My ideas would not have been best—but what HE plans is always just right. It is a wonderful thing to KNOW we have the SECURITY of GOD'S GUIDANCE. It's a wonderful feeling of absolute trust, faith, and confidence, with no worries!

Leaving Switzerland

We left Lugano with Heleneum still uncertain, but hoping to close the deal

by mail later.

We travelled by train from Lugano to Geneva on the following Sunday, then back to Bern where we caught the night sleeper train for Paris. In purchasing our tickets, I noticed we had only twenty minutes to make a connection at Bern. Based on American experience, I was a little uneasy.

"Suppose our train is late arriving in Bern tonight," I suggested. "Is twenty minutes sufficient time for that connection?"

"SIR!" came the indignant response from the ticket agent. "A Swiss train is *never late!* You can set your watch by it!"

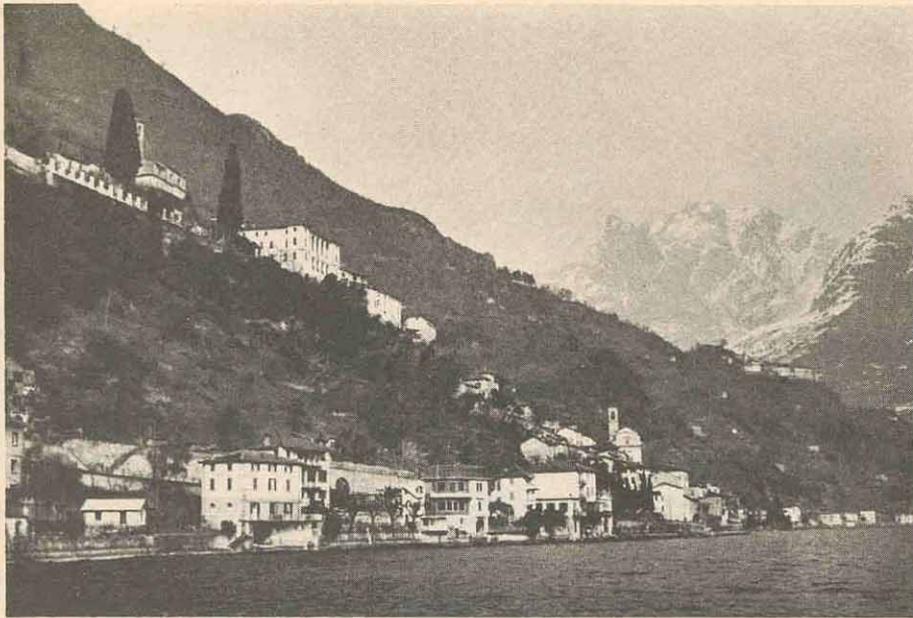
There is another saying Swiss people like to quote: "It's impossible to get a bad meal in Switzerland." We have since eaten in many restaurants and hotels in Switzerland, and have never been served an unsatisfactory meal. There is a third saying in Switzerland: "We raise our children from the bot-

tom up." And they are well-behaved!

En route from Lugano, our electric-driven train retraced our route through the Gotthard tunnel, but turned westward to Bern some distance north of the tunnel. On the train I opened my portable typewriter, and here is part of what I wrote our children at home:

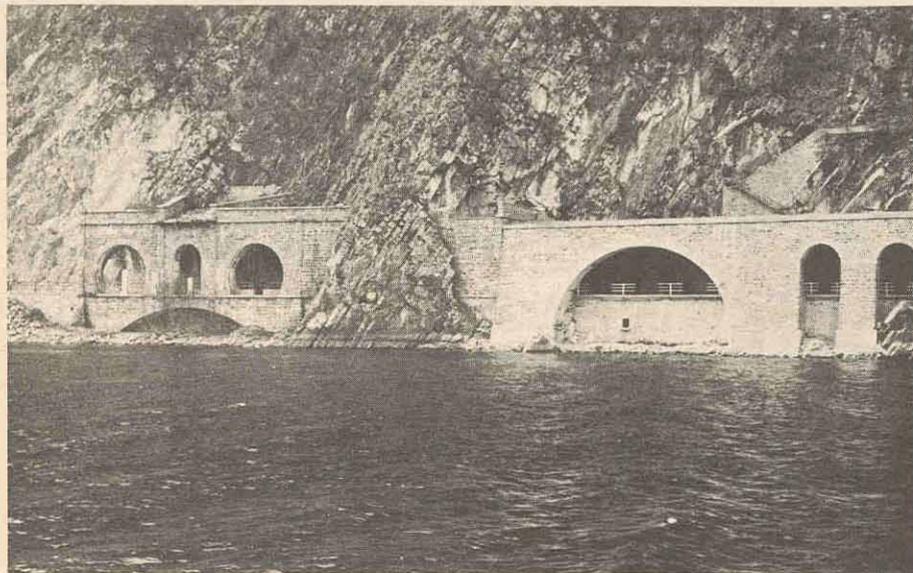
"Here we are again in the world-famous Gotthard tunnel—the pass high in the Alps between Italy and the north of Europe. It's a Sunday morning, 8:07 A.M. For two hours we have been thrilling to the most marvelous scenery! Yet it's only 11:07 Saturday night in Oregon. Seems funny. It's been daylight two hours, here. Yet you may not have gone to bed yet last night!

"Now we are headed back toward home, speeding northward through these awesome, spectacular Alps. An hour and a half ago I got some good color movies (I hope) of the pinkish rising sun shining on the snow-capped peaks of the Alps, still darkish gray of dawn



Above, an Italian village on beautiful Lake Lugano.

Below, Swiss-Italian border on Lake Lugano, in center of picture.



Below, downtown Lugano, Switzerland, along the lake shore.



below—only the sun-drenched peaks illuminated with a yellowish pink.

"Now we have emerged from the tunnel, on the German side. There is much more snow. All limbs of trees covered with snow. It's fantastically beautiful. Mother exclaims that this is the most beautiful scenery in the world. She will hardly let me write. 'O LOOK, Herbert!' she keeps exclaiming. 'You can write some other time. But LOOK, now, LOOK! Those trees on that mountain-side are *green*, underneath, but they're *WHITE*, now! Isn't it *EXCITING*? O, *come over here*, QUICK! Oh, you're so provoking—it's too late, now—we've passed it! etc. etc.' HOW CAN A MAN WRITE? Ha! Ha! In the middle of that sentence I got some marvelous camera shots. (I hope). However, no matter how good they come out the pictures won't show it to you. You have to *be here* and EXPERIENCE it!"

At Bern we changed trains, and continued south from there to Geneva, arriving about noon or somewhat before. I remember we were especially impressed with the baby carriages, or "prams." Thousands of people out walking on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, many pushing these elegant baby carriages.

Also we were impressed with young people on dates. It seems American young people have LOST the art of dating. The automobile has changed everything. But in Switzerland, instead of the degenerating custom of driving out on a lonely and secluded road to "neck" and arouse passions while minds were dulled, or letting their minds drift in a ready-made day-dream in a darkened motion-picture theatre, hundreds of couples were seen sauntering afoot along the two sides of the lake, which in downtown Geneva narrows like a river—with many bridges across at each block.

We saw the League of Nations buildings. We found Geneva a clean, beautiful city. It, too, offered many advantages as a potential seat for a European branch of Ambassador College.

It was late afternoon or evening when we took a train and returned to Bern. I had telephoned long distance to a man in the educational division at the U.S. Embassy in Bern. He met us at the rail-



Above, Geneva on a Sunday afternoon. On the bridge, at the right, Mrs. Armstrong faces toward camera. Below, right, a little Swiss village nestles against the towering Alps. Heavy, snow-laden clouds hover around the towering mountain peaks. Picture was taken from train window.

way station. I spent the twenty minutes layover there discussing educational advantages of a branch college in Switzerland. (Yes, our Swiss train was precisely ON TIME!)

First Visit to Paris

Our sleeping car delivered us in Paris in the early morning. Everybody has heard of the beauty of Paris. We were introduced to it, so it seemed to us, by way of the back door—entering through a dilapidated blighted area. It was a drizzly, dreary morning. The railroad station through which we entered was in an unattractive wholesale district.

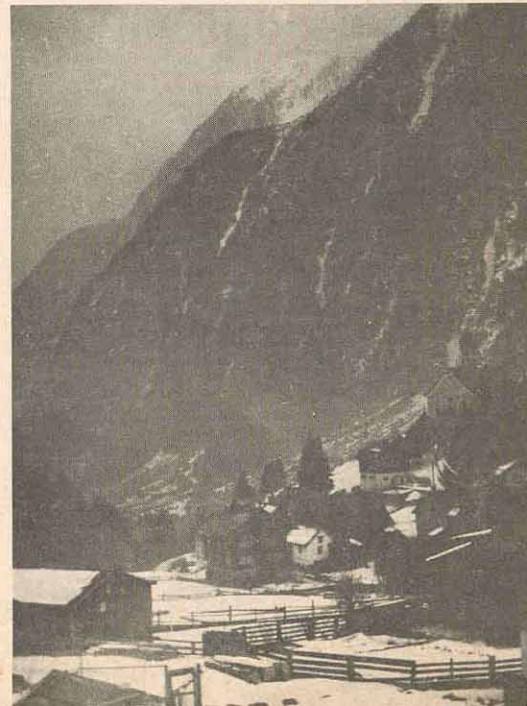
I checked our luggage, expecting to leave it there until boarding the noon train to London. I walked up to the ticket window to purchase tickets to

London, and leave us free to see Paris until noon.

The mademoiselle ticket-agent could not understand a word I said. After some five minutes of trying to speak by gestures, she sent for a man from the other side of the railway station. He could speak English.

"These foreigners can't even speak plain English," I exclaimed to my wife. She reminded me that WE were the foreigners! *That* realization gave a funny feeling.

The English-speaking man explained that the train to London departed from a different station. Paris has several railroad stations. So we were obliged to return straightway to the checkroom and reclaim our bags. Our obliging French friend said he would help us



into a taxicab. He asked Mrs. Armstrong to wait inside and watch our luggage. I found that getting a cab on a rainy morning in Paris in 1947 was not like a big-city American depot, where one finds dozens of cabs lined up and waiting, as rapidly as incoming passengers can be piled into them. In fact, I learned that finding a taxi in Paris on a rainy morning is a superb accomplishment—if one can do it!

Taxi Hunting in Paris

Fifteen long minutes dragged by at the taxi entrance, and not a cab in sight, except those with passengers, and one or two whose drivers shrugged their shoulders, saying "Nothing doing!" in French motions. My French friend asked me to wait there and ran bare-headed out into the street. In five minutes he returned, shaking his head. Another fifteen minutes. Then again he left, saying he'd go over on the boulevard, a block away, in search of a taxi. He explained that the Nazis didn't leave them many cabs in good repair, and besides, depleted the petrol supply. So taxicabs were a scarce commodity at that time. As time slipped by, Mrs. Armstrong and I were becoming more and more hungry. There had been no diner on our train. Finally, at 9 A.M., our friend came back triumphantly in a taxi. We wanted the cab until noon, but this driver was soon due in at his garage. He would have time only to drive us to the George V. hotel for breakfast.

Breakfast took a whole hour. Service came with great flourish, much style, and very leisurely. We ordered orange juice, toast and coffee. The waiter brought four oranges to his service table, and started laboriously squeezing them on a little hand lemon-squeezer. Then he served the two small glasses to a couple of ladies at an adjoining table. Then he walked to the kitchen and returned in no time at all with *our* "orange juice" which was NOT orange juice but some sort of artificial orange crush, with artificial flavor and sugar and water. The toast was cold dry packaged melba toast. The coffee was black, strong and bitter—no milk or cream. The cost was 400 francs—\$4.00.

Foreigners Seeing Paris

After another ten minutes' delay the English-speaking doorman got us a taxi. The driver could not speak a word of our foreign language. I asked the hotel doorman to instruct him that we wanted to see the Eiffel Tower, the Champs Elysees, stop at a shop to purchase an umbrella for Mrs. Armstrong, who had left hers at Lugano, and then to our railway station.

At the Eiffel Tower, even in cloudy rain, I got one good picture with my Plaubel-Makina German camera—only picture I was able to take in Paris. We saw many ornate and beautiful buildings, though they were dark and dirty,

and gloomy in the rain—much gorgeous statuary. The driver drove around and around in the shopping district—but all stores were closed. It was some sort of Catholic holiday. He did find one small shop open. But their ladies' umbrellas were a new style with long handles, and Mrs. Armstrong was afraid one would look freakish in America, so she didn't buy one. (When we returned to New York, we found all stores selling the same style there!)

By now we had to go straight to our railroad station. I tried to instruct the driver, but he couldn't understand. I tried to tell him our train left at noon, by pointing to 12 on my watch. He im-

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Visible through the rain is the Eiffel Tower, Paris. Mrs. Armstrong is in taxi.

This is the LIFE!

—real ABUNDANT living

Do YOU know how to live FULLY—ABUNDANTLY? In this article you will learn how you may taste the joys of real abundant living.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WHY DO religious people often seem to feel that their religious life must be one of giving up all the fun and the enjoyment of living?—that in order to please God, they must endure a life of morbid gloom? They talk depressingly of sin.

Sin to many of these people consists of things that many other people consider to be the most desirable things in life. To them, sin is going contrary to a number of "don'ts." "Don't smoke." "Don't dance." "Don't play cards." "Don't go to the theatre." "Don't ever touch a drop of alcoholic beverage." "Don't do this!" "Don't do that!"

What's Wrong with Religion?

A prominent lawyer's wife once said to me, "I couldn't ever become a Christian. Why, if I had to give up smoking, dancing, card playing, the theatre, and all the pleasures of life, what would there be left to live for anyway?"

A world-famous philosopher, editor, and lecturer whom I knew—and who also had no use for religion—said that he did not desire to be repressed or to live a life of painful penance. "I desire," he said, "to be radiant, cheerful, friendly, and to meet people with a smile."

Apparently *he assumed* that such a happy life could not be a religious life.

But strangely, none of these people KNEW HOW TO LIVE.

Very few have ever found or tasted the true abundant life.

You Were Meant to Be Happy!

Now the Creator who gives you the breath that you breathe does not desire for you to live an empty, depressed, or an unhappy life. You never please the Eternal by giving up happiness or anything that is good for you.

God Almighty has never given you a

single "don't" except those things that are going to harm you, tear you down, bring on unhappiness later. Oh, of course, some of these things give you a thrill, or a little kick out of life temporarily, but there is always a boomerang. They exact a great penalty later, and the price is too high. It isn't good business.

God forbids those things that are bad for us, the things that are going to bring on unhappiness, and bring on a life of emptiness and gloom. But never does God Almighty forbid one single thing that is for your happiness, your welfare, your real well-being.

I'm reminded of an elderly man who was of the "shouting kind" of religion. He rose up one time in a church meeting and he shouted out a question to those assembled. He said, "Brethren, are you enjoying it, or *are you only enduring it?*"

Some people endure a solemn, stiff, and formal church service. And some, emotionally inclined, will go to the kind of church meeting where there is much shouting, and much emotional response, merely to have a good time during the meeting. The rest of the week religion doesn't seem to have a great part of their lives.

Others feel that if they become, as they call it, "saved," that they must forever after live a gloomy life of giving up everything that they formerly enjoyed, and that their solemn, unhappy lives will somehow please their Creator. Of course, *that kind of religion is more or less a superstition!*

Christ Brought ABUNDANT LIVING

Let's get this matter straight. The founder of the Christian religion, Jesus Christ, said that He came to this earth for a purpose.

"I am come," said Jesus, "that they might have LIFE, and *that they might have it more abundantly*" (John 10:10). Jesus Christ came to bring us the "ABUNDANT LIFE." Do you know what that is?

God Almighty intended the real Christian life to be one of joy.

Do you know that if you have the real Christian life, if you have the Spirit of God within you, it's going to bring about this result? It's going to, as we say, "produce fruits." Now what kind of fruits will be produced in a real Christian life?—not the morbid, unhappy life. Here is the fruit. Here is what will emanate from a real Christian life. It is found in Galatians 5, beginning with verse 22:

"The fruit of the Spirit"—this is the Spirit of God. This is the Holy Spirit that God imparts *only to those who are truly converted*. "The fruit of the Spirit is LOVE"—first of all is love—and the second is "JOY." Joy is happiness, brimful and running over.

This doesn't sound like an unhappy, empty, morbid life, does it? Here's love that will just flow, spontaneously, out from you!

Life Can Be RADIANT

The first "fruit of the Spirit of God" is LOVE. Love will mean that your face is beaming. It's going to mean that you are really giving out. It's going to mean that you are radiant and happy. Love results in JOY, the second product of the Spirit of God. The third is "PEACE." Instead of going around quarreling, resentful, bitter, unhappy, and arguing—that's not peace, that's a kind of war—you'll be at peace in your mind and with your neighbor, and with your God!

And the next is, in the King James Authorized Version of the Bible, "long-

suffering," which in more modern English is "PATIENCE." Impatience makes more people unhappy than almost anything else! If you can really learn the lesson of patience, you're learning one of the things that will make you happy, and make life worth living.

The next is "gentleness," and then "goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." That is the fruit of the Spirit. It will spontaneously spring forth from you. That you will be emitting from yourself, radiating from yourself, all the time, *if you are a real Christian.*

But Most People Are NOT Christians

You read in Romans 8:9 that unless you have received from *without* you the Holy Spirit of God, you are not any of Christ's! YOU ARE NOT A CHRISTIAN.

There are millions of people that profess Christianity that are not Christians according to God's definition. They're not Christians at all!

Of course, in a Christian life, there are troubles. There are going to be even persecutions. Jesus Christ was persecuted. He said, "If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you." That comes from without. That's something that comes from other people. *That doesn't necessarily need to disturb you inwardly.* And the person who does have this inward peace, the person who has this joy and this love and this patience—and who has this tolerance for other people—isn't going to be too much disturbed because other people don't agree, and perhaps persecute.

Yes, *you're* going to face problems and trials. Those things are good for us. They come upon us for a purpose—to help us develop character. And a real Christian understands. It doesn't make him unhappy.

We All Have Trials

We are going to have troubles and problems, and trials just like everybody else. They come to test us. They come to strengthen, to build our character. And that's the very purpose of our being—to make us like God. We, like Jesus Christ, can be born into the Kingdom of God. Notice I Peter 4:12-13:

"Beloved," this is speaking to real

Christians, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you."

Some people, when some of these trials and these problems come, think nobody else has ever had anything come upon them like that. It's some strange thing that is peculiar to them. That is not true! Every other person on earth is having problems. Everyone is having troubles. They have things to meet and to overcome, solutions to work out, the same as you do. It's not strange. And so here is the teaching of God. He says:

"But REJOICE," yes, rejoice inwardly in these things, "inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings."

Christ suffered, but Christ also said to His apostles, "My joy I leave with you." "I am come," He said, "*that you might have life, and that you may have it more abundantly.*" And He came to give us THE ABUNDANT LIFE. He had that kind of life. He was happy. He was filled with joy, even though at the same time He was a man of sorrows—and why?

Because He LOVED all human beings, and He saw the way they were going. He saw how they were destroying themselves, how they were bringing unhappiness and emptiness, fear and worry, poverty, sickness, disease and sufferings on themselves. He thereby shared their sufferings. He was a man of sorrows. He was sorrowful for them. But He was a man who was happy *inside*. He was always going about doing good. He was setting us an example of the kind of life that we should live. So we read here:

"Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

If you turn to I Peter 1:3-9, you will see why!

Why We Can Always Be Happy INSIDE

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled."

There isn't one person in 10,000 professing Christians who really knows and understands what that incorruptible inheritance really is. It is far greater—filled with far more splendor and glory, and far more happiness—than you probably have ever imagined. That is what is in store for you *if you will surrender your life to God.* It's up to you!

Peter continues, saying that we are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready "to be revealed at the last time." That means a time yet future, ahead of us just now, only a few years future in our time, at the second coming of Christ. Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth once again!

"Wherein," continues this scripture, "ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations" or trials and troubles that come upon us: "that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth"—because this trial of our faith is developing *character that will never perish.* It's more valuable than gold.

When a trouble comes upon you, instead of griping, grumbling, moaning, and being unhappy and miserable about it, realize that something is come upon you to try you, to develop character, to develop something real and genuine in you that you will carry with you for all eternity.

But when troubles come, do you rejoice in them? Do you realize that something is come that is more valuable to you than a great sum of gold? Or do you grumble and complain and wish that such things had never come?

Jesus Christ came so that our lives should be *changed* from what they are. They are to be changed from drifting, going the easy way, acting according to impulse—which builds no character, which is putting nothing into us that we can take with us, nothing that is real, that is lasting and permanent—to the life that finds the true values. He gives us a life that does meet and overcome obstacles and temptations, a life that is just filled with happiness, brimful and running over with joy, the real abundant life. We realize what is being accomplished, where we're going. *You* have a goal if you are Christ's. You

have an objective. You know where you're going; you see the progress you're making. It gives you a thrill of happiness.

MATERIAL Blessings, Too

And, incidentally, if your life is the right kind that God desires, which is for your good, if you seek first the Kingdom of God, which is your objective in life—or should be—and His righteousness, the right ways of life, *He says that all these material things shall be added.*

God, perhaps, may not add material things early in life. He may not add them right away. It may be some little time, but He will give you all the material goods and necessities that you really need, and even a great many of the luxuries, if your life pleases Him. Yes, you can have those things when you know how to possess them and how to use them.

What is an abundant life? What is abundance? Here is the definition: "possessing an overflowing fullness." It means great plenty—great plenty of life and real living. It means exuberance. It means abounding. That's the kind of life that Jesus Christ came to reveal that we could have.

Not very many people understand it. Not very many people understand what real Christianity is. Not very many professing Christians know what a real Christian life is. They're making themselves so unnecessarily unhappy.

The true Christian life, then, possesses an overflowing fullness of the things that are the fruits of the Spirit of God—an overflowing fullness of LOVE (it's *God's* love, it's a genuine, spiritual love), a fullness of JOY, and of PEACE, and of *patience*, of *gentleness*, of *goodness*, and of *faith*, of *meeekness*, of *temperance*. Does YOUR life possess those things? Have those things come into your life to fill you?

I know that you fall a great deal short of all of that. Everybody does. *We all* still fall short. But that's our goal! That is the life that we shall live in the Kingdom of God. That is the life that we should strive for, and with God's help, we can gradually grow more and more into it.

That is the challenging life we grow

into, the life of God's spirit within us—that is the HAPPY life, that is the JOYOUS life, and the ABUNDANT life.

Where Do Our Resources Come From?

The abundant life must be a life that has abundant RESOURCES. If you have these resources, they have to come from somewhere, because *if you look within, you will find that THEY ARE NOT THERE!* We have some resources within, but they fall far, far short from the kind of abundant living that Christ reveals and I'm telling you about. You don't have this kind of resources within and you can't obtain them from the "around."

Look around you. You can't obtain them from other people because they don't possess these things either.

GOD Above Is the Source

We can have abundant resources if we know where to go to obtain those resources. But *material wealth* does not give anyone those resources. It can only add to them.

You don't have them *within*. You can't get them from the *around*. But you *can* receive them—*only from the above*, from God Almighty. God Almighty is the great Giver, not only of life, but of life more abundantly. God is the Giver of the great resources. He is the Almighty.

God Almighty has a great deal of power to give you, to impart into you. You can receive from Him abundant FAITH, the resource of POWER, faith to drive out fear, and worry, faith to drive out discouragement before obstacles, to know that it's going to work out right. That you are going to be given everything you need to work out every problem; *power* where you are now weak, to give you love to cover up and to drive out the bitterness and the resentment when other people do you wrong.

The LOVE of God will cover all of that and drive it out. God will give the resource of WISDOM that you now lack. God has all knowledge and all wisdom. God says if any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally. And if you really believe, it *shall be given*, and *understanding* too! And then *zeal* and *energy*—real living,

driving energy that is needed to do the work that you must accomplish.

It Can Happen to You, Too

I am going to mention something personal. To conduct this work I lead a very busy, driving life, and expend a great deal of energy. A physician friend of mine once asked me: "Mr. Armstrong, I don't see how you do it. Where do you get this energy? How do you keep going so long and under so many hours of strain and stress, and still have that driving energy?"

I told him, "It's one of the resources that I get from above."

Do you know that I have not had to see a doctor or a physician because of ill health in 35 years. Of course, I find it necessary to observe the LAWS of health and practice moderation in all things. It requires self-discipline. And then God gives good health.

You, too, can have these resources that make you happy. These are the things that we all need. These are the resources that can come only from God. And these are the resources that will produce those fruits of love, and joy, and of peace, and of patience.

Most lives today are empty, absolutely empty! They are filled with boredom, with frustrations and fears.

It is as you read in Isaiah 55—

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HOW YOUR PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID

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

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

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

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

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WHY DeGaulle Blackballed Britain

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ous dynasties—will give their military and economic power to this coming Strong-Man political leader, called "the BEAST" in prophecy. You will read of what is soon coming—already starting to emerge—in the 17th chapter of Revelation, starting with verse 8.

It Won't Last

HOW LONG will this new United Europe—the seventh and final resurrection of the "Holy Roman Empire"—last? Only a VERY SHORT TIME. You will find it also described in Daniel 2, symbolized by the "ten toes" of the gigantic metallic image. It is all described in our free booklet "Who Is the Beast?"

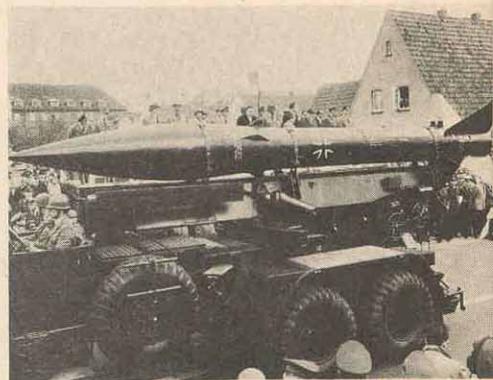
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world governments beginning with Nebuchadnezzar's Chaldean Empire—the original "BABYLON" on down through the Persian, Greco-Macedonian, and Roman Empires, and finally ending with the ten toes, picturing this coming resurrection of the Empire. All former empires are symbolized by solid metals. But the toes are a MIXTURE of iron and clay. It is a mixture of strength and weakness—some nations strong, others weak. As iron and clay will not cleave together, these nations will not cleave together.

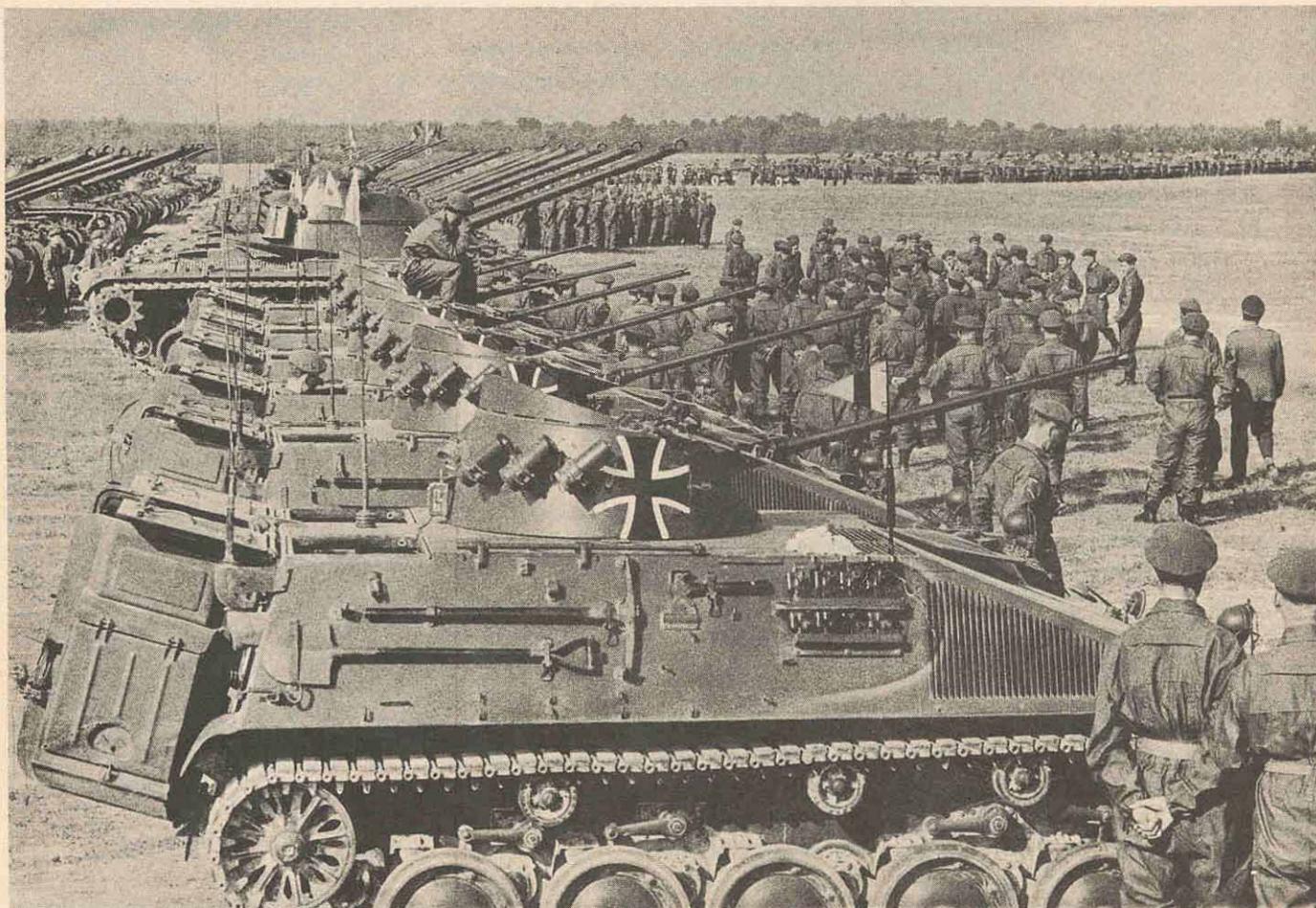
They are shown fighting against CHRIST at His return. Since they will hold together as a great world power only a FEW YEARS, you may KNOW that the second coming of Jesus Christ is

already NEAR! It may take another 8 or 10 years for this POLITICAL-MILITARY union to form. It may last a FEW years, once formed. But it is already in PROCESS of being formed.

IT IS ALREADY LATER THAN YOU THINK!



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The new West German Bundeswehr parades in Oldenburg with "Honest-John" rockets. Note the iron cross—the old symbol of Imperial Germany—painted on the rocket and on the tanks below.



German troops march today for NATO—tomorrow for the new Europe!

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The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER FIFTY-THREE

WALLS OF JERICHO FALL

IT was on the tenth day of the first month (Nisan in the spring—not January in the winter) that Israel crossed the Jordan river and made camp in Canaan at a spot called Gilgal. The west border of the camp wasn't much more than a mile from Jericho, a thick-walled city swarming with enemy soldiers. (Joshua 4:19-24.)

Israel's First Passover in Canaan

It had been just forty years before—minus five days—that Israel had fled from Egypt. (Exodus 12:18, 29-34, 51; Numbers 14:26-35; Deuteronomy 1:3; Joshua 5:6.) The exodus had been started after their observing the Passover. Now again it was almost time to prepare for another Passover, but before it should be observed, God told Joshua that most of the males of Israel should undergo a physical rite that had been required as a sign and seal of the covenant between the Creator and Israel.

After the Passover the people observed the Days of Unleavened Bread by eating no bread with leavening in it. One of their main dishes was roasted corn that had been taken from the fields of their enemies. This was only one item of food that had been acquired since entering the region of the Jordan. In fact, so many edible things had been taken in recent days that Israel's food supply was sufficient to keep them without gathering manna. As a result, manna, which had been the main food for forty years, ceased to appear on the day after the Passover. (Joshua 5:2-12.)

Meanwhile, there was no sign of Canaanite soldiers except those who could be seen in the distance on the walls of Jericho. Nevertheless, enemy spies kept a close watch on Israel. Their reports on the parting of the river spread quickly to every ruler in that

section of the world. These leaders were greatly concerned by this amazing event. They had felt temporarily secure from Israel because they had considered the Jordan practically impossible to cross during its swollen condition.

The king of Jericho was especially worried. Even though his fighting force was composed of many fierce men skilled in battle, the very numbers of Israelites camped so close to his city was enough to make his nights sleepless. (Joshua 5:1.)

To make certain that no more Israelite spies could get into Jericho, he gave orders that the gates of the city should close and remain closed twenty-four hours a day. No one was to be allowed in or out—except, if necessary, a few special spies of his, and they were let down the walls on rope ladders and brought up the same way.

This was a costly precaution, because it meant turning away caravans arriving from other lands with valuables and food. The king reasoned that it was wiser to remain bottled up with what food was on hand rather than take the slightest risk of allowing any Israelites to enter Jericho in disguise. (Joshua 6:1.)

Joshua Meets the Lord

A few days after Israel had arrived in Gilgal, Joshua went alone, despite the protests of some of his officers, toward Jericho. He wished to see for himself what the place was like at closer range. He suddenly found himself face to face with a sturdy man holding a gleaming sword and gazing intently at him. Joshua strode boldly up to him.

"Are you a friend of Israel or an enemy?" Joshua bluntly inquired of the stranger. (Joshua 5:13.)

"I am not an enemy," the man replied in a firm voice. "I am here as the commander of the army of God!"

It required several seconds for Joshua to realize that he was actually gazing at the Lord, the very One who later also came to this world in human form to be known as Jesus Christ, and who also appeared to Abraham as Melchizedek, king of Salem!

This was Joshua's closest contact with God. He fearfully fell forward and placed his forehead on the ground.

"What would you ask of me, my Lord?" Joshua humbly inquired. We know this man was the Lord—a member of the Godhead—because he allowed Joshua to worship Him. Angels never allow God's servants to worship them. (Revelation 22:8-9.)

"Your feet are on holy ground," was the answer. "Remove your shoes and I shall tell you how to take Jericho."

Joshua lost no time in obeying. Then he carefully listened to the instructions from God. (Joshua 5:14-15.)

"Return to your camp and carry out the orders I have given you," he was told. "If you do just as I have told you to do, it won't be necessary for you to storm the walls or gates of Jericho in order to conquer it, even though many fierce fighting men are garrisoned within that fortress."

Inspired and encouraged in what he should do, Joshua returned to camp. Once he turned to gaze back to where he had been encountered, but there was no one there!

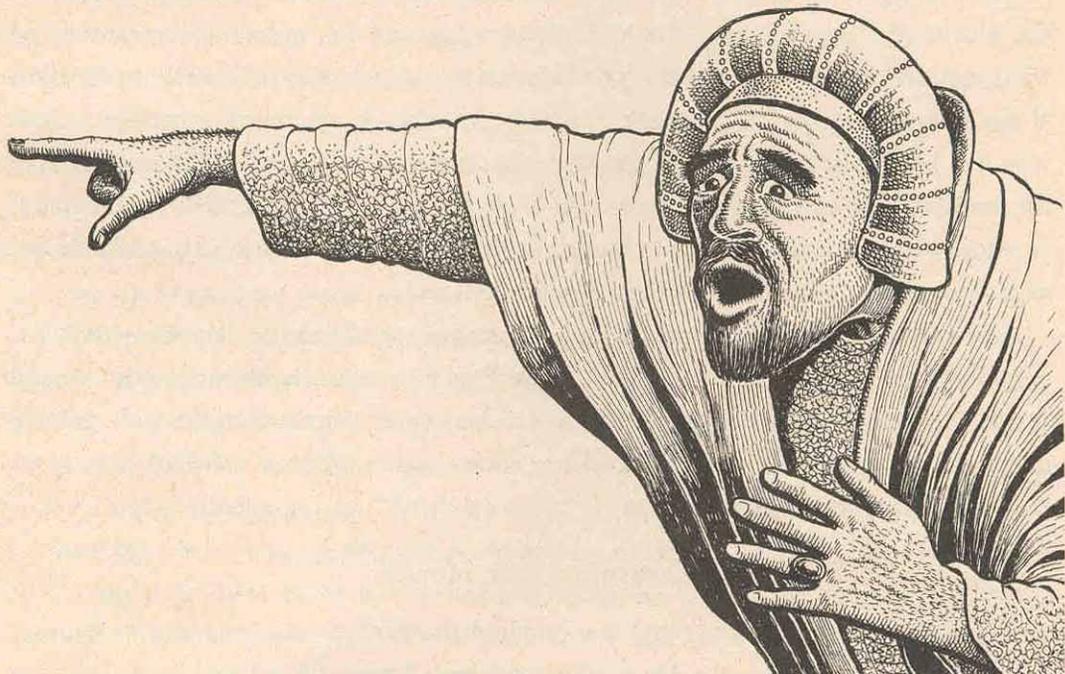
As soon as he arrived back in camp, to the relief of his officers, Joshua told them and the priests of his unusual experience and of God's plan to take Jericho. (Joshua 6:2-7.)

Siege of Jericho Begins

Next day the king of that city was startled by the dreadful news he had been expecting.

"Sentries have just reported seeing many persons on foot approaching from the Israelite camp!" an officer announced.

Surrounded by anxious aides and officers, the king hurried to the east wall. When he saw the growing columns of people marching toward his city, he nervously barked out orders for all soldiers to take their battle stations, and for all civilians to get off



The worried king of Jericho ordered all his soldiers to their battle stations on the walls.

the walls and streets and out of the shops and into their homes or shelters.

As the Canaanites continued watching, they became discouraged, confused and relieved in turns. The foremost of their approaching enemies marched just close enough for discerning that they were soldiers. Then they veered to the left and moved along to the south of the city.

"Why should they give us such a wide berth if they intend to attack?" one officer asked.

"Perhaps they don't intend to attack," another observed. "Possibly they're just moving on to the west."

"That hardly seems possible," the king muttered. "They've taken every city from the Arnon river to Mt. Hermon!"

Rising hope that Israel was moving out and by-passing Jericho was abruptly downed when the foremost Israelite soldiers turned north to parallel the west wall of the city. A little later they turned back eastward to distantly flank Jericho's north wall.

The city was being surrounded by thousands upon thousands of Israelites!

Why they remained at such a distance baffled the Canaanites. Another mystery was the presence of seven long-robed horn blowers marching behind the first large segment of the moving column. As they marched, they held up curved trumpets called shophar, which were made of rams' horns, and emitted shrill blasts that echoed from the hills to the west. Behind the horn blowers marched four more robed men carrying what appeared to be a large box. The Canaanites had no way of knowing that this object was the ark of the covenant, and that the other seven robed men were priests who had been instructed to blow special horns. This was the only sound that came from the Israelites. It was frightfully puzzling to their watchers, because it was the usual habit of soldiers on the march to shout or sing. In this case, the Israelites had been told not to utter a word during the marching around Jericho.

For well over an hour the Canaanites uneasily watched the enemy parade. It required somewhat more than that for any part of the marchers to pass around Jericho and return to the Israelite camp. Jericho's ruler remained on the wall, gravely puzzled as to the meaning of such a weird demonstration. (Joshua 6:8-11.)

"Didn't anyone here think to try counting them?" he impatiently asked.

Canaanites Fear Mounts

"We have estimated that about one hundred thousand passed around the city, sir," an officer spoke out. "As you know, our spies have reported that Israel has at least five or six times that many soldiers."

"Spies are not always right," the king murmured. "This performance today seems to me to be only an effort to display manpower that isn't necessarily there. How do we know that all of them were men? Most of them could have been women and children dressed as soldiers. Why did they parade at such a distance unless they fear our spears, arrows and catapults? If they don't come closer, they can't harm us. Even as besiegers, they would have to hold out many days before our supplies are exhausted, and that isn't the pattern of their operation."

These weakly optimistic remarks from the king did little to generate hope or enthusiasm in those about him. The next day, however, brought a little relief to the Canaanites from their fears when dawn showed no evidence of further siege preparations.

Before long, however, it was observed that Israelites were again approaching Jericho. Renewed excitement and fear reigned in the city for awhile. Then, as they had done the day before, the Israelites swerved southward, later continuing westward to march at a distance from the south wall, swinging north around the west wall, going eastward past the north wall and back to their camp. Meanwhile, there was no chant, shout or song from the Israelites. The only sound was that from the seven horns, whose continuous piercing tones carried loudly to the Canaanites in an irritating, suspenseful and nerve-wracking manner.

"This is obviously some kind of enchantment by which Israel is trying to overcome us without attacking us," the king of Jericho proclaimed to his people after the Israelites had finished their second day of marching around the city. "Why should we allow enchantments from these foreigners to bother us? I have heard that they have only one God. We have many gods to protect us."

Next day the Israelites appeared for the third time to march around Jericho in the same manner and at the same distance. As usual there was the strange box-like object and the seven men going before it while blowing their horns.

On the fourth day the same thing happened. By now many of the Canaanites were becoming increasingly fearful because they didn't know just what to expect. Some believed that a great, consuming fire might fall from the sky. Others were afraid of all kinds of calamities. Some, in an effort to hide their growing fears, began to joke about the Israelites.

Next day the Israelites came around again. This time, although the ruler of Jericho wasn't completely in favor of it, the soldiers lining the tops of the walls lifted their voices in loud taunts to the Israelites to come closer. The ruler didn't wish to do anything to rouse the ire of the enemy, but at the same time he felt that his soldiers' morale could be sparked up if they were allowed to deride Israel. The marchers could

plainly hear the challenges, but they remained silent except for the blaring of their seven horns.

For six days the Israelites marched once around the city in the early morning of each day. (Joshua 6:12-14.) On the sixth day the Canaanites shouted even louder at the Israelites as they passed around the city, though they actually believed that if the whole Israelite fighting force should accept their dares and attack, losses by the Canaanites would be much greater than any harm they could inflict upon Israel.

"This is a silly, time-consuming, childish game these people are playing," Jericho's ruler announced to the people and soldiers in an effort to boost morale. "Their intended enchantment failed to work the first time, and now they are merely repeating it again and again in the hope that it will finally take effect. It should be plain by now that these people cannot harm us by such means." The city's king just couldn't understand God's plan of battle.

Israelite Tactics Change

Inasmuch as the Israelites had been encircling Jericho a little after sunrise each day, Canaanite sentries were surprised when they saw the marching column approaching at early dawn on the seventh day. High officers feared that this might indicate some drastic change in Israel's plans, and the king was immediately notified of what was happening outside the wall.

The Israelites went around the city in the same manner as usual, but the more interesting fact was that instead of returning to camp, they began to encircle the city again. In fact, they spent almost the whole day marching around Jericho. By mid-afternoon they had made six rounds and were starting on the seventh. (Joshua 6:15.)

At this point another unusual thing happened. Hundreds of thousands more soldiers had strode out from Israel's camp and now joined the marchers. The bright, palm-studded plains around Jericho gradually grew dark with the growing immensity of armed forces.

The challenging hoots and shouts that had been coming from the Canaanites gradually died away when Israel's military strength was displayed. Many people within the city fell into a state of panic when they realized how many fighting men were confronting them. This fear and panic spread like a contagious disease, only much more rapidly. Even the ruler and his officers were grim-faced and nervously silent. No jeering taunts or attempts to belittle Israel's might could boost the Canaanites' morale now that they were faced by the stark cold fact of Israel's true strength. The people in Jericho felt doomed.

It was late afternoon when the Israelites finally finished marching around the city

for the seventh time. At this juncture the ark and the trumpet blowers were just east of Jericho. There they stopped, and all the other marchers came to a halt.

Greater tension gripped the Canaanites. Jericho's ruler, who had been squirming in anxiety in a chair inside one of the wall towers, came slowly to his feet. He stared unblinkingly out at Israel's silently threatening throng.

At that moment the seven horn blowers, who had not sounded for several minutes, blew an unusually long, high blast. This was followed by a chilling surge of shouts from the people surrounding Jericho, those in Israel's camp and the many who were spread out between, as Joshua had commanded them to do. (Joshua 6:16-19.)

The noise that resulted from the millions of throats was like the thunder and hiss of a tidal wave crashing against a rocky cliff.

Divine Overthrow

Within seconds, however, the vast din of voices was drowned in another noise—an ominous, deep rumble approaching like the growing reverberation of the hoofs of millions of swiftly approaching horses!

Those on the walls felt a sickening sway. Those inside the city were aghast to see widening cracks appear in the cobbled and bricked streets. Screaming people began to pour out of the buildings. Those on the walls began to race down steps and ladders to a firmer footing.

But it was too late to find safety. The walls, as well as the streets, were already cleaving.

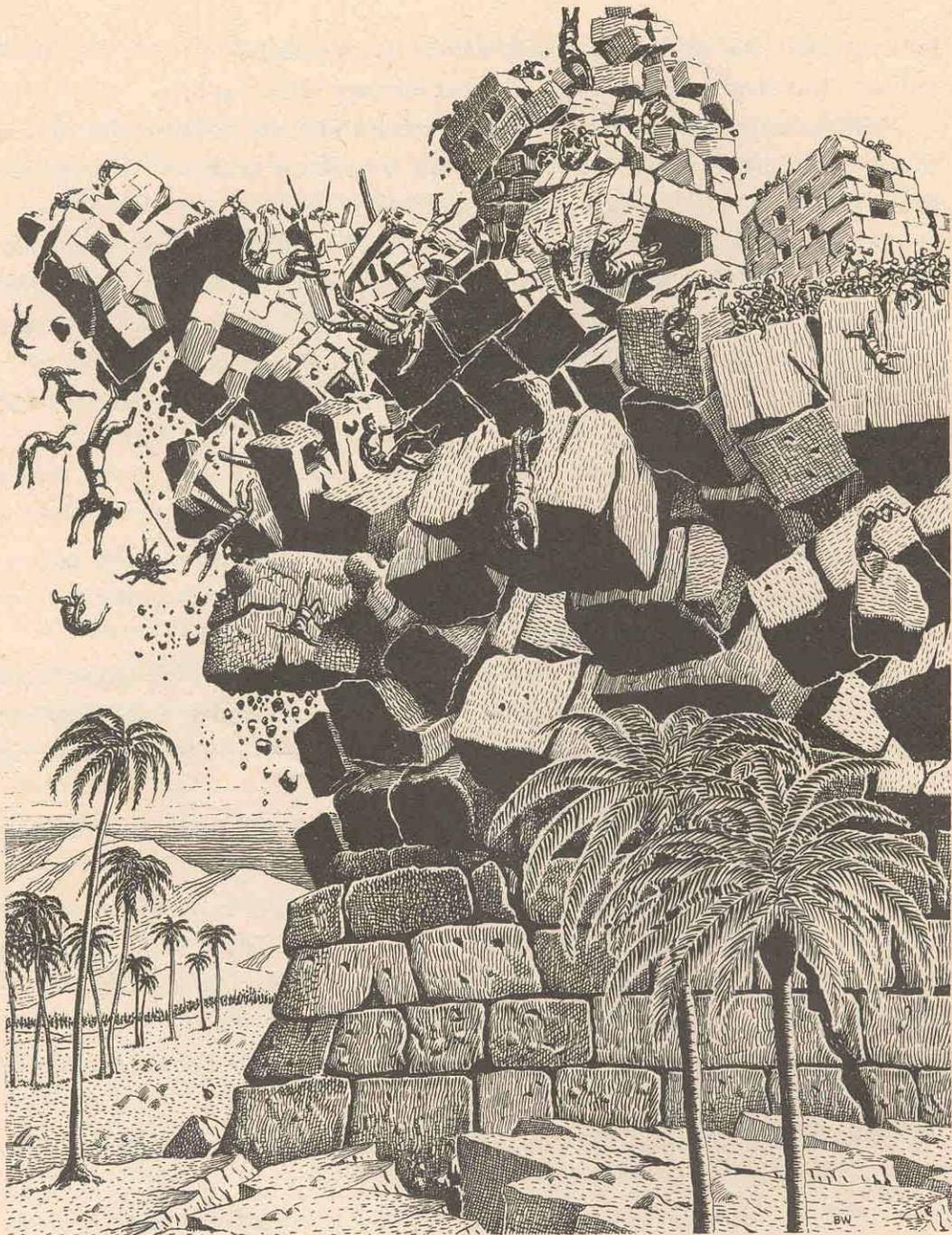
In the midst of the ear-splitting clatter, the king and his officers were among the first to realize, in their last moments of life, that the mighty God of Israel didn't even recognize the puny, powerless gods and idols of this world. (Deuteronomy 4:39; Isaiah 45:5; I Corinthians 8:5-6; Isaiah 2:20-21.)

Then the walls of Jericho reeled violently outward and crashed down with a deafening roar. (Joshua 6:20.)

Skeptics used to ridicule this miracle. But the skeptics were wrong. Jericho's wall did fall down flat.

Archaeologists have found the ruins of Jericho just where God said the city was. And after carefully excavating the site for several years, world-famous archaeologists found that the earth had preserved an amazing record of God's miraculous destruction of Jericho.

The walls of the city that fell in Joshua's day could clearly be seen to have fallen *outward* and *flat*, as the Bible stated in Joshua 6:20. This record has been described in many books dealing with Jericho. In only one place was the wall left standing. That must



The walls of Jericho swayed crazily, then split apart and crashed down with a thundering roar!

have been where Rahab's house was built, because God had promised to protect her and her family because of her faith.

(To be continued next month)

The TRUE CHURCH— Where is it?

How can you KNOW which church Jesus built?—and of
which church He is the LIVING HEAD?

by Roderick C. Meredith

TODAY over four hundred denominations and sects call themselves "Christian." They all claim to be the *true church*—or at least a part of it.

But they are in CONFUSION!

Some denominations practice baptism by immersion—others by "sprinkling" or "pouring." Still others do not practice it at all. Some observe what they call the "Lord's Supper" every Sunday morning, some once a month—others at different times, by *different* fashions and called by *different* names. Except for a sentimental attachment to the *name* of Christ, this CONFUSION permeates almost EVERYTHING in modern "churchianity!"

But didn't Jesus found ONE church of which He is the *active* Head? (Eph. 1:22-23). Doesn't God's Word speak of "ONE Lord, ONE faith, ONE baptism"? (Eph. 4:5).

How can you find the *true faith* and the *true Church* today?

WHEN and HOW the True Church Began

Jesus Christ said: "I will build MY church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). This statement emphasizes the fact that *Jesus* was going to build the *true church*. He called it "MY church"—not Luther's, Calvin's, Wesley's, or that of some other man.

Jesus also said that the gates of "hell"—the Greek word meaning *hades* or the GRAVE—would *never* prevail against His Church. This is *doubly* so. First, because He definitely implied by this statement that His Church would *never cease* to exist. And, secondly, because the hope of all Christ's true followers is the *resurrection from the dead*.

The Church Jesus promised to build is to endure down through the ages. He prophesied it will be doing His work

at His *second coming*.

Jesus began building His Church by calling and training disciples soon after His temptation in the wilderness. "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, *Repent: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand*" (Matt. 4:17). Immediately after this, He called Peter and Andrew to be His disciples, "And He saith unto them, *Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men*" (Verse 19).

Jesus "called" or *specially selected* His disciples and future ministers. They did not just decide to "enter the ministry." And He always taught them the Good News of the Kingdom of Heaven, or *Kingdom of God* as it is rendered by Mark, Luke and John.

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the *gospel of the kingdom*, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people" (Matt. 4:23).

Mark records the beginning of Jesus' ministry: "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the *gospel of the kingdom of God*" (Mark 1:14). Jesus *always* preached about the Kingdom or GOVERNMENT of God. This was the ONLY message He taught His disciples who were to carry on the Church He was *founding!*

The True Church MUST Preach the TRUE Gospel!

After teaching the message of God's *Kingdom* and *government* throughout His earthly ministry, and telling those who would be saved, "If thou wilt enter into life, *keep the commandments*" (Matt. 19:17), Jesus gave His apostles a parting commission of how to carry out His work until He came again. Jesus commanded: "*Go ye* therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name

of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: *teaching them to observe ALL THINGS whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world*" (Matt. 28:19-20).

In Mark's account, notice the importance of *believing the true Gospel*: "And He said unto them, *Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned*" (Mark 16:15-16).

The apostles were commanded to go forth and preach exactly the SAME Gospel that Jesus had proclaimed throughout His earthly ministry—the *Good News of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD*. Men were instructed to *repent* of their ways and BELIEVE that message in order to be saved. DID the apostles and ministers of God's Church preach that same message?

When the Church was scattered because of persecution, Philip preached the truth to the people of Samaria. "But when they *believed* Philip preaching the things concerning the KINGDOM OF GOD, and the *name of Jesus Christ*, they were baptized, both men and women" (Acts 8:12).

In his farewell address to the elders of the *Gentile* church at Ephesus, the Apostle Paul stated: "And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the KINGDOM OF GOD, shall see my face no more" (Acts 20:25).

God's Coming World GOVERNMENT— Man's ONLY Hope!

The last record of Paul's ministry contained in the book of Acts shows that he was still teaching and preaching this SAME message. "And Paul dwelt two

whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, *preaching the KINGDOM OF GOD*, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him" (Acts 28:30-31).

Jesus and His apostles continued preaching the same MESSAGE of God's coming WORLD GOVERNMENT of which the prophet Daniel wrote when he described Jesus Christ as a "Stone" cut out without hands. It smote the "image" of this world's government upon its toes and "the STONE that smote the image became a great mountain, and *filled the whole earth*" (Dan. 2:34-35). Then, after describing, one after another, the great world-ruling empires down to the various revivals of the Roman Empire culminating in *our day*, the prophecy states: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a KINGDOM, *which shall never be destroyed*: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and *it shall stand forever*" (verse 44).

The TRUE GOSPEL was proclaimed in the churches until the death of the apostles. It was the MESSAGE sent from heaven of God's coming KINGDOM or GOVERNMENT and His RULE over the lives of converted Christians now. It included the proclamation of Christ as a *King or Ruler*. Notice how the apostles were accused of preaching these very things by their enemies: "These all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another KING, one Jesus" (Acts 17:7).

How *different* was this message from the sentimental platitudes used by most modern ministers to exalt the *person* of Christ as Saviour, but to DO AWAY with His message of the coming WORLD-RULING GOVERNMENT OF GOD!

After a great APOSTASY caused multitudes to turn aside from true Christianity into a *paganized counterfeit* masquerading under the NAME of Christ, only a small REMNANT of people remained in God's true Church. And this Church ALONE continued to preach the MESSAGE of God's coming world government—the *true Gospel* which Christ COMMANDED His Church to proclaim

to the world as a witness (Matt. 24:14).

The True Church FLEES from Persecution

The Bible itself clearly describes the true Church fleeing into the wilderness in Revelation 12. It depicts the "Church in the Wilderness" (Acts 7:38) which continued down as the *physical* church or congregation of Israel until it brought forth the Christ, who was caught up to God and to His throne. Then, in Rev. 12:6, the story now continues with the description of the *New Testament* Church, *spiritual* Israel, "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."

So, as the story-flow clearly depicts, soon after Christ ascended to God's throne and the apostolic ministry was completed, the true Church FLED into the wilderness for 1,260 years in prophetic fulfillment!

Then, in our day, at the very END of this age Satan again persecutes the true Church (verses 12-13) and it is again taken to a place of safety in a wilderness *on this earth*. This Church is described as the "remnant" of the original true Church "which KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (verse 17).

This is the true Church which OBEYS the Ten Commandments of God and has the *testimony* of Jesus Christ! It is composed of the *true saints* who are described in Revelation 14:12: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS of God, and the faith of Jesus."

The leaders of the great apostasy have BURIED the knowledge and history of this Church as much as they could! They had tried to SUPPRESS the information that there WAS a faithful Church, small and persecuted—continuing down through the Middle Ages until our day—which OBEYED the commandments of God and *took the Bible literally!*

The leaders of this world's denominations—seeking desperately for an historical link with the true Church which Jesus founded—have turned to the apostate church of Rome for that hoped-for link. Since, during the Dark

Ages, the Roman church became BIG and powerful in resources and in numbers, they seize upon her as the continuation of the Church of Jesus Christ and His apostles. Yet, when you understand the real history of what happened, *nothing could be further from the truth!*

The True Church Described

Your Bible describes the true Church as a *small, persecuted, OBEIDENT* Church which had to HIDE OUT from the religious and political leaders of this world's paganized system for 1,260 years in order to escape extinction!

Now, at the end of the age, this Church, small in number, having "little strength," is prophesied to preach God's Message as a final witness to this world through an OPEN DOOR of radio and the printing press which Almighty God has made available (Rev. 3:7-8). In the prophecy just quoted, notice that this is the Church which keeps God's WORD—which *believes* and OBEYS the Bible!

And it has not denied God's NAME. That is very significant, as we will see a little later.

To find the detailed history of these church ages described in Revelation 2 and 3, write in *immediately* for our free booklet entitled: "*A True History of the True Church.*"

Now notice some of the points we have discovered about God's Church. First, it is the Church which *Christ* built and of which He is the Living HEAD. Secondly, it is the Church which preaches the *true Gospel*—the inspired Message of the coming Kingdom or world-ruling GOVERNMENT of God and involving obedience to God's laws as revealed in the Ten Commandments.

Thirdly, it is a small, scattered, persecuted Church which had to FLEE the bounds of the Roman Empire during the Middle Ages to a place of safety. Therefore, it could NOT have been the huge, wealthy, apostate church of Rome! Nor could it have been the Protestant movements which came out of Rome and did not even EXIST until the 16th and 17th Centuries!

Fourthly, we have seen that God's Church is prophesied to have a great DOOR opened to it for preaching the truth to the world at the time of the

end, and it is commissioned by Christ to preach the Message of His Kingdom or government as a last "witness" just before the end of this age (Matt. 24:14). And fifthly, the true Church has not denied God's NAME (Rev. 3:8).

Let us now *understand* this last point, for it is vital!

The NAME of the True Church

The number *twelve* is used by God throughout His Word as the number of *organizational beginnings*. This is *significant*, and is demonstrated in many scriptures.

In the Old Testament, there were the *twelve* patriarchs and the *twelve* tribes of Israel who became the "Church in the Wilderness." In the New Testament, Jesus Christ ordained *twelve* apostles to *start* out and organize the beginning work of God's Church empowered by the Holy Spirit.

In the world to come, the Holy City, New Jerusalem, will have *twelve* gates with *twelve* angels at the gates with the names of the *twelve* tribes of Israel written thereon. And the wall of the city will have *twelve* foundations! (Rev. 21:12-14).

So it is certainly significant that the NAME of the true Church should be stated exactly *twelve* places in the New Testament!

The true Church is not named after any man. Neither is it named after any nation. Nor is it named after any form of church government, or any single doctrine or combination of individual doctrines of belief. It is God's Church—*so it is named after GOD!*

If—as so many claim to do—people would REALLY take the Bible as their "*sole guide to faith*," they would find the inspired NAME of God's Church given in *twelve places* therein! Notice the NAME in Paul's inspired instruction to the true ministers of God in Acts 20:28: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed THE CHURCH OF GOD, which He hath purchased with His own blood."

In his first epistle to the Corinthians, Paul writes: "Unto THE CHURCH OF GOD which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to

be saints . . ." (I Cor. 1:1-2). Here at the beginning of his letter, in the official *salutation*, he gives the official *title* or NAME of God's Church!

Ten More Places

Then, in I Corinthians 10:32, he instructs: "Give none offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to THE CHURCH OF GOD." In I Corinthians 11:16, Paul states under inspiration: "But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither THE CHURCHES OF GOD." And in Verse 22, he challenges the Corinthians: "What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye THE CHURCH OF GOD, and shame them that have not?"

Acknowledging his own human weakness, Paul states in I Corinthians 15:9: "For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted THE CHURCH OF GOD."

Paul also addresses his second letter "unto THE CHURCH OF GOD which is at Corinth . . ." (II Cor. 1:1). In writing the scattered churches and brethren in Galatia, he states: "For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted THE CHURCH OF GOD, and wasted it" (Gal. 1:13).

Commending the Gentile Christians in Thessalonica for following the example of the Mother Church at Jerusalem and the original brethren in Palestine, Paul writes: "For ye, brethren, became followers of THE CHURCHES OF GOD which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus . . ." (I Thess. 2:14). In II Thessalonians 1:4, the Apostle Paul states: "So that we ourselves glory in you in THE CHURCHES OF GOD . . ."

Speaking of the qualifications for elders or ministers, Paul states in I Timothy 3:5: "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of THE CHURCH OF GOD?"

Later in this same chapter, while Timothy was in the midst of the worship of the *dead* idol gods at Ephesus, Paul wrote: "These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is THE

CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, the pillar and ground of the truth" (verses 14-15).

The Evidence Is CONCLUSIVE

Now go back and count the *twelve* places where the inspired NAME of God's Church is given! It is not the Church of any *man*, *organization* or *nation*. It is GOD'S Church—so it is called The Church OF God, *denoting* HIS ownership and control!

In Jesus' final prayer for His disciples while on earth, He asked God: "Holy Father, keep through thine *OWN name* those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are" (John 17:11). Christ's followers—His *Church*—are to be kept in the NAME of GOD!

In Ephesians 3:14-15, the Apostle Paul—after describing the *glory* that will follow the tribulations we now suffer—stated: "For this cause I bow my knees unto the FATHER of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is NAMED . . ." Jesus Christ and the Father are both GOD and so *their* Church, *their* body of believers on earth, is called THE CHURCH OF GOD.

Could anything be more clear?

The SPIRIT of God's Church

Another proof of the identity of God's true Church is the *spirit* motivating this church and its members. For God inspired the Apostle Paul to write: "Now if any man have not the SPIRIT of Christ, he is *none of His*" (Rom. 8:9).

God promises the Holy Spirit only upon obedience to the conditions set forth in Acts 2:38: "REPENT, and be *baptized* every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." One must repent of SIN to receive of God's Spirit and "*sin is the transgression of the LAW*" (I John 3:4). So you must *repent* of *breaking God's law* in order to be forgiven and receive of God's Spirit.

Notice that God's Spirit is described as "the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that OBEY Him" (Acts 5:32).

Jesus said: "Howbeit when he, the *Spirit of truth*, is come, he will guide you INTO all truth: for he shall not

speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you *things to come*" (John 16:13). So the Holy Spirit helps you to grow into NEW truth and to *understand* "things to come"—PROPHECY!

And God inspired Peter to exhort Christians: "But GROW in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18).

This is the SPIRIT or *attitude* and *character* of those in God's Church. Actually, we are not even IN God's Church unless we have received that Spirit—the very *nature of God* placed within us—"For by *one spirit* are we all baptized into *one body*"—the true CHURCH! (I Cor. 12:13).

The True Church Is LED BY God's Spirit

The *true* Church, then, is composed of those who are *filled with* and LED BY the Holy Spirit of God! Since a church is only the sum total of its members, the people in the true Church have these characteristics: They REPENT before becoming members of God's Church! They do not "join" the true Church, but are rather INDUCTED or "baptized" into it *by the Holy Spirit* AFTER real repentance and baptism in water.

They practice Obedience to God's commandments as a *way of life*, and the words of Jesus Christ in Luke 4:4 become a BASIC PRINCIPLE that applies to every phase and facet of life: "It is written, That *man shall not live by bread alone, but by EVERY WORD OF GOD.*"

Finally, these people, and *this Church*—the TRUE CHURCH—prove by the *fruits* that they are willing to GROW in grace and in knowledge as God commands. Each human being must admit his error and change. Since the Church is the sum total of its members, each era of God's Church must constantly be GROWING into new truth and toward the *perfection* of spiritual character which Jesus Christ exemplified.

All truth was NOT revealed before—especially *many details* of PROPHECY. God told Daniel of his prophecy: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and SEAL the book, even to the TIME OF THE END: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge *shall be increased*" (Dan.

12:4).

The churches of this world have FAILED to grow in the *understanding* of the prophecies and of God's PLAN of salvation and His purpose in dealing with individuals and nations here on earth! *There is only ONE Church on earth* which has shown itself willing to *admit error, change* when necessary, and GROW in grace and in knowledge continuously and consistently!

You readers of *The PLAIN TRUTH* are being FED the truth of God's Word—the *understanding* of the great PURPOSE and LAWS of life and of the tremendous PROPHECIES of the Bible through the instrumentality of that Church which God is now using to do HIS WORK!

Where Is God WORKING?

In Amos 3:7-8, God states: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He REVEALETH His secret unto His servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord God hath spoken, *who can but prophesy?*"

The true God promises to speak THROUGH His true servants or ministers and *warn the people* in EVERY AGE before He intervenes in world affairs! He has PROMISED to do this.

Who are His servants who are laying bare the real MEANING of the prophecies of the Bible in our age?

In a long-range prophecy climaxing in *our time*, NOW, Jesus Christ prophesied of His true ministers in His Church: "Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come" (Matt. 10:23).

Today, very few churches even understand WHO Israel is! But wherever God's true Church is, it KNOWS the identity of the lost ten tribes and is preaching the true MESSAGE of the coming world-ruling GOVERNMENT OF GOD to His people Israel, and warning them of the specific punishments to fall on His chosen people Israel for failing to be the example to the nations of the world which they were commissioned to be. But Israel has *always* rejected God's prophets!

Even Jesus Christ had a very difficult time convincing people that He was THE true servant of God doing THE VERY WORK of God on earth at that

time! But He set forth this challenge: "If I do not the WORKS of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, BELIEVE THE WORKS: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is IN me, and I IN Him" (John 10:37-38).

Carnal-minded men have always liked to argue and "reason" and say, "Here's the way I look at it." They have always disliked the prophets of God who spoke with AUTHORITY—who were DOGMATIC—who didn't say, "I think," but rather, "I KNOW!"

From little boys on up through adulthood, men have always reasoned: "My dad is as good as your dad, *my* school is as good as your school, *my* nation is as good as your nation, *my* religion is as good as your religion!" Especially in the realm of spiritual and ethical values, men have shied away from *absolutes*—from the single, unadorned, incontrovertible TRUTH in each area of thought.

But they won't have much longer to "reason" this way! For the true Christ of your Bible is coming SOON after a *definite, specific* and EXACT order of events prophesied in His Word takes place!

And there is only ONE Church on earth today which *understands* and is PROCLAIMING that *exact order of events*, doing the WORK of God in preaching His message to the world as a last witness, really "feeding" the true flock with stronger and stronger spiritual meat so they may be literally BORN of God by a resurrection from the dead when Christ returns!

HOW God Is Speaking to YOU!

What you are now reading is part of the inspired, God-directed WORK of that Church—the very WORK of God which He first did through Jesus' human body, and is now doing through the instrumentalities in His Church!

As Jesus asked, can you at least *believe* the WORKS of GOD?

You may have noticed that this magazine is published by the CHURCH OF GOD! As legally incorporated and subject to the governments of this world, our *legal* name is "Radio Church of God." This is because we are not merely "The Church of God at Corinth," or,

"The Church of God at Pasadena." Rather, we are using the tremendous DOOR of world-wide radio—plus the printing press and other means God has opened—to proclaim God's MESSAGE as a *last witness* to this world.

Therefore, to distinguish ourselves *legally* from the various denominations and sects which happen to have the *one* doctrine straight as to the true name of the Church, we have incorporated as The *Radio Church of God*. But, among ourselves, and spiritually, we are THE CHURCH OF GOD—so named in *twelve* places in your Bible!

We are preaching the *true Gospel* or Message of God's soon-coming, world-ruling GOVERNMENT on this earth. And we teach and *practice* OBEDIENCE to God's spiritual commandments and the teachings and examples of Jesus Christ as a WAY OF LIFE, as well as living FAITH in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, High Priest, and coming King.

We have consistently shown ourselves willing to GROW in grace and in knowledge. Seldom, if ever, does a year go by without some vital *new truth* of God's Word and purpose being revealed through this Church and the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine! To our members and long-time readers, this is a continually *exciting* and *challenging* and PROVABLE fact!

Finally, there is only ONE SOURCE in all the earth—from Pasadena to Palestine, from Antarctica to the Bering Straits—which is really proclaiming the DEFINITE and SPECIFIC prophecies of God's Word to the nations of Israel and to the entire world as a final witness! This is the ONLY Church which is proclaiming the full MEANING of world events and the great PURPOSE and LAWS of human existence!

This is GOD'S Church—and, as God intended, it is named "The Church OF God!"

In these last days just before the powers of hell unleash the horrors of the *Great Tribulation*, followed by the *Day of the Lord* and the *Seven Last Plagues*, may the God who gives you life and breath help you to *honestly* CONSIDER—with an *open mind*—the TRUTH of what you have just read, and give you the *courage* to ACT upon it! "*He that hath*

ears to hear, let him hear."

Personal from the Editor

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THAT is our only right GOAL, and mission in life. IF we do that, in obedience and in faith, God will change our vile human bodies instantaneously, at Christ's coming, and convert or *change* us from mortal to immortal; from human to divine; from flesh and blood (matter) into SPIRIT.

But this process follows the WAY that leads, through this life, to maximum possible *real* happiness, to joy, to even economic success, to the full, abundant life. It is the way to peace of mind, to security, to a vigorous, busy, active life of ACCOMPLISHMENT.

It is the *only* way in which one's life may have really *mattered*—the *only* kind of *amounting to something* that really counts—or can last on past this life.

It's the only way that PAYS—here and now, through *this* life, as well as for eternity!

Worst Winter in 100 Years

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Many, also, under specious pretences, were being driven away by their enemies through hatred; so that there were many emigrations and the Pelasgian nation was scattered over most of earth" (Deut. 28:64, Lev. 26:33). From Book I, sections XXIII and XXIV.

There you have the amazing, detailed account of what happened to Israel of old. The very same identical punishments are falling on our peoples around the world today.

If the nations as a whole will not repent, *you* as an individual can be spared. Repent of your disobedience to God's laws! Obey Him in every way as Truth is revealed to you. Remember the financial obligations you have to your Creator! Only in this way can you expect God's protection as the mighty forces of nature are unleashed in full fury in the months and years immediately ahead of us.

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mediately smiled knowingly, nodding his head that he understood—and drove us in 15 or 20 minutes to a jewelry store—which, of course, was closed! I tried to make him understand I'd like to buy some film for my camera—and he drove us to a photographer's studio. Somehow, in desperation, I finally got through to him that we wanted to go immediately to the railway station, where he deposited us at 11:30 A.M.

We boarded the famous crack "Golden Arrow" for London.

In the next installment you will read of a hurricane in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, and experiences preparing for opening of Ambassador College.

This is the Life— abundant living

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"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

Everyone is really thirsty for the good things of life, for the happiness, the pleasant things and, to some extent, even exciting and thrilling things in life that we could and should have. But most lives seem empty. The well is dry, and they're thirsty.

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not?"

The Holy Spirit Provides the Power

What do *you* drink in? Jesus said that if you drink of Him, "He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of *living water*"—not stagnant water, but living water, sparkling water. "BUT THIS SPAKE HE OF THE SPIRIT, which they that believe on Him should receive"—the Holy Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit of God is pictured as living water. It comes into you. You go to Christ to receive it. You don't bottle it up and put a cork on it. It flows out from you. The Holy Spirit

flows out in love, peace and joy, radiating from you. There is no other way to find these resources. There is no other way to live a happy life.

The laws of God are a way of life. The Bible in its whole is a way of life. Jesus Christ said that *we must live by every Word of God*. If you live by every Word of God, you will live according to the way of life that God has laid down in this book, the Holy Bible. It is the way of life that is the *abundant* life. It's the way of the happy, the cheerful life that simply *radiates*. It radiates sunshine and happiness, and it's always happiness within. The well is not dry. It's filled!

Now here is what this kind of life will mean. It means that you will be RADIANT. It means that God's Spirit in you will radiate *cheerfulness* and *smiles*, *friendliness* toward others, *love*, *sincerity*, *good health*, *vigor*, *calm courage*, *good-will*, and *interest in others*, instead of being so self-conscious, with so much over-interest in your own self.

If the Spirit of God is *in* you, you will be plain and simple, you will put on no airs. There will be no posing, as most people do in the world. You will be natural, and not pretending. You will be honest and frank and unaffected, clean in mind and in body. You will be humble. There won't be *self-confidence*. There will be *faith in God*, instead.

You will be humble, but you will have THE FAITH and THE POWER OF GOD, whose power is unlimited. You will be strong through this faith of God.

There will be no weakness, but great strength. You will have wisdom, and you will have courage. You will have everything, every resource you need.

You will be ready always to say, "I don't know," if so it be. You will be ready, always, to admit error when it is so proved, to confess wrong and to *change* to what is right, wherever you are wrong. You will be ready to accept correction and reproof, and to act upon it, no matter how humiliating or painful. You will diligently study to learn the right way and to live it, and you will study the Bible to find it. You will face every obstacle that comes along—every difficulty, every problem and trouble—unafraid, in the full faith of God, looking to Him for

wisdom and knowing that He will guide you and deliver you out of it.

The Attitude of a Christian

Here is the kind of attitude you will have. You will wish others to live their lives, too, up to their highest, their fullest, their best. You will be concerned for their welfare.

You'll try to help others every way you can, never to hurt or to injure. You will never meddle. You will never dictate, interfere, or give unwanted advice, or speak ill of, nor give gossip about others. Never will you go around griping, complaining, and murmuring that things make you and others unhappy.

You will always be willing to help others by giving them a chance, and mainly you can help others by helping them to help themselves, by encouragement, by setting a good example, by thus inspiring and uplifting others, *giving advice ONLY WHEN IT'S WELCOMED*, and when they want it and are willing to open their minds and to receive it.

You will *hew to the line* of the one supreme goal of life which should be to inherit the Kingdom of God, to be really born of God into the very family of God. You will be relentlessly pursuing this goal with zeal, with enthusiasm, with drive and with energy fired by godly ambition, with hope, with faith, living by every Word of God. *The Bible will be the authority that you OBEY*, the authority that you look to for everything in your life.

You will be overcoming your own human nature and the world, resisting Satan, drawing nearer to God by constant daily Bible study and by prayer, and by occasional fasting and prayer.

That is the Christian life. It's the happy, the abundant life.

It's yours for the asking. It's yours for the willingness to confess your sins to God and to repent of breaking His laws. It's yours if you're willing to DO what He says. God help you all to understand.

Short Questions

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was his own. Instead he treated his own personal property *as if* it were common property.

That the early Christians did not pool all their resources and goods can

also be proved by other passages. In Acts 5:1-11—the very next chapter—is the story of Ananias and Sapphira who had a piece of property they wished to sell in order to give the proceeds to the Church. They *implied* they were giving ALL of it, but actually they kept back part for themselves. As a punishment for LYING, God punished them. When Peter rebuked them for this deed, in the process he explained the legal relationship existing between these two people and their property. He said, "While it [the property] remained, was it not *thine own*? And after it was sold, was it [the money] not in *thine power*?" (Acts 5:4.) There is no Communism here. These early Christians were capitalists—they owned property!

The property—as well as the money when it was sold—belonged completely and totally to Ananias and Sapphira to do with as they willed. They could spend it, or contribute it. If contributed, it was a voluntary, freewill offering. This is a far cry from Communism as it is practiced today, where each individual's property is *confiscated* and the proceeds are distributed by a single person or a small committee or party.

A final point to remember is that the New Testament makes frequent references to the rich and the poor. For example, the believers at Antioch were instructed to give, each "according to his ability" (Acts 11:29), when a collection was taken for the "poor saints" (Rom. 15:26) who were suffering a drought in Jerusalem. Such distinctions would have been impossible if all property was had in common.

These facts PROVE that the early Christians did NOT practice Communism of ANY kind. The Bible simply does *not* teach Communism!

"Why is Rahab counted among the faithful? Isn't it plain that she committed a sin by lying in order to protect the two spies?"

God condemns lying under ANY condition. Read it yourself in Psalm 119, verses 29 and 163—and in Proverbs 12:22 and Ephesians 4:25. God did NOT count Rahab among the faithful because of a *lie*! But, Rahab is mentioned in Hebrews 11 as being among the faithful. Why? Notice verse 31: "By

faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies *with peace*." Notice! God counts her among the faithful because "*she had received the spies WITH PEACE*." She knew God was working through the children of Israel (see Josh. 2:9-11), and according to the *limited* knowledge she had, *she acted!* She had FAITH that the Eternal God *was* the true God and that she *would* receive mercy if she showed kindness to His people!

This illustrates God's great mercy on His creation. Even though we are not yet perfect, God will have abundant mercy on us IF OUR HEARTS ARE RIGHT and we *act* on the knowledge we have. Because God has mercy on us and knows our weaknesses, that does not mean God condones sin. We still must confess our sins and repent of them.

God did NOT approve the lie Rahab told. She had to repent of that sin. The Almighty God could have protected His spies *without* her lie! But, because she received them with peace and looked to the God of Israel, she is accounted among the faithful and has been forgiven her sin.

"Why did Christ not mention all of the commandments when He told the young man, in Matthew 19:16-20, that obedience is necessary for salvation?"

Christ did not need to enumerate all of the commandments. His hearers knew the commandments and knew they were binding. All He needed to do was mention a representative portion of those commandments to show which set of commandments he was referring to as a supreme rule of conduct—so they would know He was speaking of the Ten Commandments of God, and not the commands of the Sanhedrin.

Notice the commandments Christ *did* mention in this inspired scripture: "Thou shalt do no *murder*, Thou shalt not commit *adultery*, Thou shalt not *steal*, Thou shalt not *bear false witness*, Honour thy father and thy mother: *and*, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." These are the last six—which explain man's duty to man.

Christ's hearer needed to be reminded of the commandments dealing with *his duty to his fellow men*—the commands

that tell a man *how to love his neighbor!* This rich young man's refusal to use his great wealth to help his neighbors (Matt. 19:22) *proved* he did not love his neighbor.

Notice, now the ones He did not mention directly! "Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, nor serve them. Thou shalt not take the name of the Eternal thy God in vain. Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord Thy God." This does NOT mean it is all right to worship other gods, curse, and break the Sabbath! The Jews understood this.

Jesus inspired James to write that we must keep *every point* of the law—not just one or two, or even *half* of them! He that offends in one point is guilty of all! See James 2:10. To break any of the Ten Commandments is to be guilty of sin!

What our READERS SAY

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ravings have frequently *disturbed* me greatly."

Young Man from Iowa

- What ferocious "Christians"!

Amused

"Usually when your program comes on the radio, we hastily change stations, but tonight we endured it for ten whole minutes, and what a laugh! When you mentioned the possibility of Darwin's Origin of Species being used as a comic book in the future, I thought of the extreme unlikelihood of that work ever provoking the ridicule and scorn that one of your harangues arouses in my dormitory room. I sincerely thank the RCA Victor corporation for providing a knob on my radio that tunes you OUT."

Student from Arkansas

- The truth has been ridiculed and scorned ever since Satan set the example and showed how in the garden of Eden. It appears he is still busy today.

Child Training

"I'm a primary grade teacher. During parent conference week, young parents reveal their inadequacy about disciplining their children. They're bewildered, frustrated and at their wits' end to know what they should do to right the wrong behavior and negative attitudes of the six-year-old, and older, offspring. I've told parents there is only one reliable source dealing with childhood training. This source is found in articles written by Garner Ted Armstrong, a young minister and father who practices what he preaches."

Lady from Kansas

- These articles will be sent free upon request.

Historical Knowledge Lauded

"I've been a student of history for many years and am really amazed, as well as very pleased, with the unbelievable knowledge of historical events you and your staff members have."

History Student

Stands Alone

"I am preparing a lecture on the validity of the Biblical account of Creation as opposed to contemporary evolutionary theory. The students are probably not committed to any strong belief in the truth of the Scriptures, hence arguments or proofs based on the Bible will not likely be persuasive. So far as I know, I stand alone among my colleagues in science in my acceptance of the Biblical account of Creation, and my rejection of the orthodox view of evolution. It is rather difficult to find scholarly source material for the case I wish to make. Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated."

Professor of Biology from a
Midwestern University

Wait and See Policy

"I well remember that in 1946 you stated Germany would come into power again under a ruler such as Hitler. I am forced to write you as a fulfillment of a promise I made to myself. I was a soldier in the E.T.O. and helped to give Germany the destruction which they received, and when I heard you

say this, it just didn't make sense. So I took the attitude of 'wait and see.' You were correct and I was the one who was wrong. I have listened these many years to every Broadcast that I could and all these things seem to be falling into place; therefore may I request 'The PLAIN TRUTH magazine' . . ."

Satisfied

In Demand

"About a year ago my daughter was listening to your broadcast on the radio. When it was finished she came to me and asked if she could send for your magazine, *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Being in a flippant mood and not knowing even what it was about I said: 'Of course, if it's free, send for it.' She had several magazines when we decided to find out what sort of thing she was reading. From then on we have read every one of them. Every once in awhile Betty has to remind us that it is her magazine and she would like to read it too."

Interested Mother

Finally Got Around

"After listening to your program for several years, 10 or 15, maybe 20 years, I would like to have *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. I always thought I wanted it. I never got around to doing it."

Faithful Listener

- Don't keep on waiting. Time is swiftly running out.

Cancels Subscription

"I recently received your January PLAIN TRUTH. From it, I learned you have an unorthodox interpretation of the Bible. You conclude that the real danger to the world lies in Germany and your 'Holy Roman Empire.' Europe will declare a nuclear war on the U.S. Rather than get myself worked up over your prophecies and interpretations of the Bible, I'm requesting that you stop sending me your magazine."

Disgruntled

- Some will learn the hard way! And the convincing proof is almost upon us.

No Danger in Sight

"Please discontinue sending me *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazines. I believe God will save this country."

Complacent

- Is this just a hunch, or do you believe

our crime-and-divorce-ridden land deserves to be saved? Isn't it time we learn that God saves us *from*, not *in*, our sins!

Blind Leaders

"Some of my teachers are trying to make us believe in evolution. I do not believe in it and I never want to. I asked our minister what our church's view on this is and to my surprise he said the church tends to go for it. I am confused."

Mixed Up

Pressure Groups

"I know of certain 'pressure' groups that are forming to prove you wrong and I pray that God will protect you and give you strength to preach to many more before he allows it stopped for a time."

Booster

- It is not strange that preaching God's Word should arouse opposition. Christ and the apostles had their opponents.

They Do Not Satisfy

"I've listened to your broadcasts for a long time, and I want to ask you, why don't we hear sermons like yours in our churches? They read out of the Bible, but never explain it. I go home as dumb as I was when I went."

Puzzled

Needs Help

"I am 62 years old and have been in church one time. I think it is time I get on the ball. Please send me all the books you can. Today I bought me a large Bible. I am starting from the first to read it through. I need your help."

Unchurched

- Although you do need help you do not need it as badly as those who have spent a lifetime in false churches learning false doctrines. They have more to unlearn.

Interested Mailman

"Last Friday our mailman was sitting out by our mailbox reading my PLAIN TRUTH magazine. He was interested in it as he had been hearing your broadcasts over the radio."

A Sharing Subscriber

Bonus

"We have listened to your program ever since we were married which isn't quite a year. We listened to it every night of our honeymoon in Denver and now in our home."

Newlywed

- You are on the road to success in marriage and in life.

Gives Magazines to Pastor

"Your books don't stop when they reach here. I give them to my pastor and he waits from one month to another. He told me that the books have given him a lot of thought matter."

Lady from Florida

Entirely Free

"I never started getting *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine until November 1958. The Bible Story started then, and I have every single copy. To the doubting Thomas's of the world, I have not paid, nor have I been asked for one single penny in any way."

Long-time Subscriber

Station Call Letters

"Just heard your message on the radio and would like to have the free booklet you advertised on your program. I don't remember the call letters of the station, but I don't think it is necessary anyway."

Forgetful

- The call letters of the station over which you hear *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast should be listed on every letter you write to us. We need to know which stations are most listened to. Also, not every station carries the same broadcast each day. It is sometimes difficult to know exactly what literature is requested when we don't know what station you have listened to. Listing call letters is *very important*.

Source of Learning

"I can't begin to tell you what *The PLAIN TRUTH* means to me, but I can say this, I've learned more in the 9 months of receiving *The PLAIN TRUTH* and hearing *The WORLD TOMORROW* program than I have learned in 20 years of regular church attendance. The pastors are simply not feeding the flock of God."

Learning

After Death—WHAT THEN?

TO THE average *man-on-the-street*, death is a vague, *unreal* something that happens to someone else—a distant possibility he will worry about *later*.

But every day, thousands of human beings meet the *stark REALITY OF DEATH*, and are laid to rest—or sometimes cremated.

Is the grave really the *END*? What hope is there of life after death? Does something *MORE* lie beyond ignominious decomposition of human flesh—*your flesh*?

Life After Death?

Science hopelessly tells us that as far as it can determine, death *is* the *END*—that there is *no* life after death!

But *how* can you be *SURE*? Science does not have all knowledge. There is only one true source of knowledge—God.

Unless you go to Him, you must confess total ignorance. God has revealed His knowledge in *your Bible*. What does the Bible—the *only* source of God's *KNOWLEDGE*—*REVEAL*?

Here is what God inspired King David to write: "His (man's) breath goeth forth, he *returneth to his earth*; in that very day *HIS THOUGHTS PERISH*" (Psalm 146:4). And Psalm 6:5 declares that *in death* there is not even any *REMEMBRANCE* of God! Read it for yourself in your own Bible! The dead know absolutely nothing! "There is no work, nor device, *nor knowledge, nor wisdom*, in the grave. . ." (Eccles. 9:10).

But this doesn't mean that materialistic science is *right* after all. *There is hope*. God reveals what it is, in the Bible.

The Resurrection—Your Only Hope!

Your Bible emphatically declares that the only *HOPE* for man is the *RESURRECTION from the dead!*

God, who has power to give life, promises, "Thy dead men *shall live* . . . the earth *SHALL CAST OUT THE DEAD* . . . All that are *IN THEIR GRAVES shall hear His [God's] voice AND SHALL COME FORTH* . . . they that have done good, unto the *RESURRECTION of life*"—*there is man's hope!*—"and they that have done evil, unto the *resurrection of damnation*" (Isa. 26:19; John 5:27-28).

Of course there are those who "doubt" God's ability to keep His word and raise the dead. But God authorized, through the pen of the Apostle Paul, this reply: "WHY should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should *raise the dead?*" (Acts 26:8.)

Yes, there will be a resurrection from the dead.

All to See God

In the resurrection from the dead, every man, woman and child who has ever lived will meet his Creator *face to face!*

The *ATHEIST* who says God does not exist will *bow before* his Maker. The *AGNOSTIC* will not "doubt" God's existence any longer. He will then *experience* the *REALITY* of an all-powerful God!

Many *OTHERS* who *knew* God existed, but were "*too busy*" to obey Him, will also be there. They will stand before their Maker *UNPREPARED, embarrassed, ashamed*—wishing they could live their lives *over again* so they could *rearrange* their "busy" schedules to *include* God!

But there is yet another group which will stand before Christ at His return—those who have obeyed Him, who have believed Him, who have been forgiven all their sins, those who *PREPARED* during this present lifetime. They are the ones who took *the time* to become acquainted with God *personally*—*BEFORE* they died. They found the *WAY* to an intimate, friendly, father-and-son relation-

ship with God. And when *they* stand in the resurrection, they will hear *these* words: "Well done, *good and faithful servant* . . . enter thou into the *JOY* of thy Lord" (Matt. 25:23).

Will *YOU be wise*—and *FOLLOW their example?*

Here is *how* you can begin.

Prepare Now!

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