

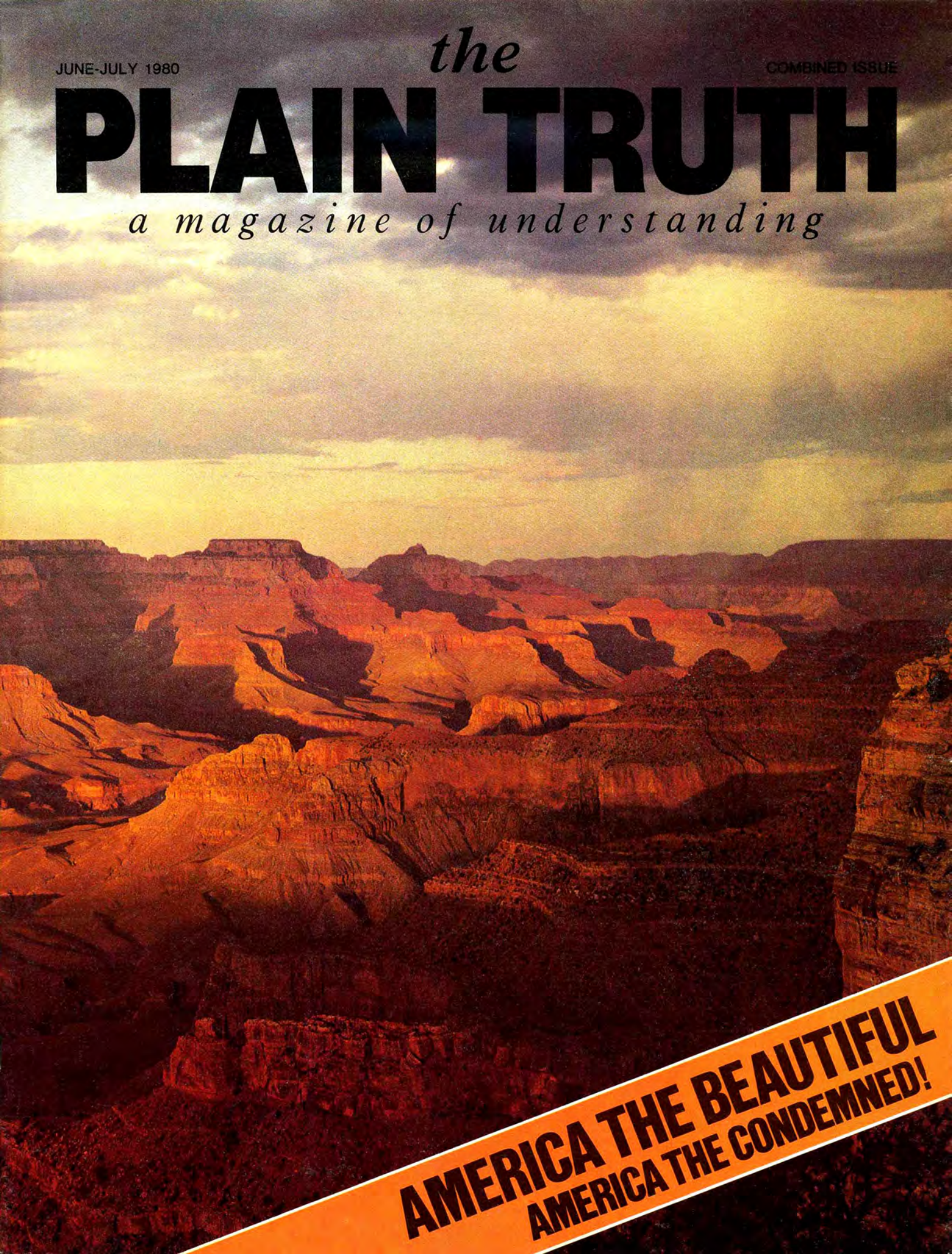
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Personal from...

A longtime reader of The Plain Truth recently wrote our editorial staff: "Every article in your most recent issue posed significant problems and gave needed answers. I have read several scientific articles, but none so clear as yours in the April issue." Let me explain why to our readers.

I HAD BEEN CONNECTED with magazines and newspapers from 18 years of age.

Beginning six months before conversion, I was discovering amazing new truths, vastly more interesting and important than anything I had ever known before. Having been a magazine writer, I began writing in article form some of these TRUTHS I was discovering in the Bible.

It was only natural that God led me, in that year of 1927, to conceive of a new magazine making PLAIN these marvelous TRUTHS I had been discovering in the Bible. I wanted to get across to a biblically illiterate public an UNDERSTANDING of God's Word.

I felt then—and I know, now—that God was leading me in this. My reading audience would be the general public—not those who considered themselves Bible students.

Most of my years in magazines and newspapers were devoted to writing advertising copy. And I learned there a basic principle that applies also to writing articles. It is necessary to know how *the reader* thinks about a subject. You must approach the reader from *his* point of view.

In my advertising years I made numerous surveys to sample and determine consumer attitude toward the product, service or whatever was being advertised.

I knew that the reading public generally was not interested in the things of God. The world does not think spiritually, but carnally. The worldly mind fills itself with physical and material interests. The reading public is interested in games, sports, entertainment. The television program managers know this well. They fill a major amount of their time in these categories. They also know the public is interested in world happenings. So news is allotted important time slots on television.

But WHY did I want to publish a magazine called *The Plain Truth*? What was to be its PURPOSE?

I had come to understand, revealed in the Bible, the source and cause of today's world evils, the knowledge of the true values (whereas the world seeks the false), the PURPOSE of human life, and the WAY of life that brings peace, happiness, abundant well-being. The world—even in its higher education—knows none of these. I wanted a magazine that would deal with these things—discuss to some extent the way man *IS*, the way society is, the world evils, humanity's problems, *WHY* things in the world and in human life are as they are. I wanted to view these things from the viewpoint of GOD—see them as HE sees them—and give the reader UNDERSTANDING of the better and the TRUE way.

In other words, *The Plain Truth* was envisioned, and still is today, as a magazine dealing with human interests, human ways, the ways of society, world conditions and world events as they occur, family life, human and personal problems—all seen from GOD's viewpoint—and giving readers UNDERSTANDING of the BETTER way of life which is GOD's WAY—based on the principle of GOD's LAW!

There was no such magazine on earth. There is none other today. Those magazines which deal with the same or similar subjects and conditions deal with them from the HUMAN point of view. They offer nothing but HUMAN thinking, human reasoning, and human, false ideas of solutions.

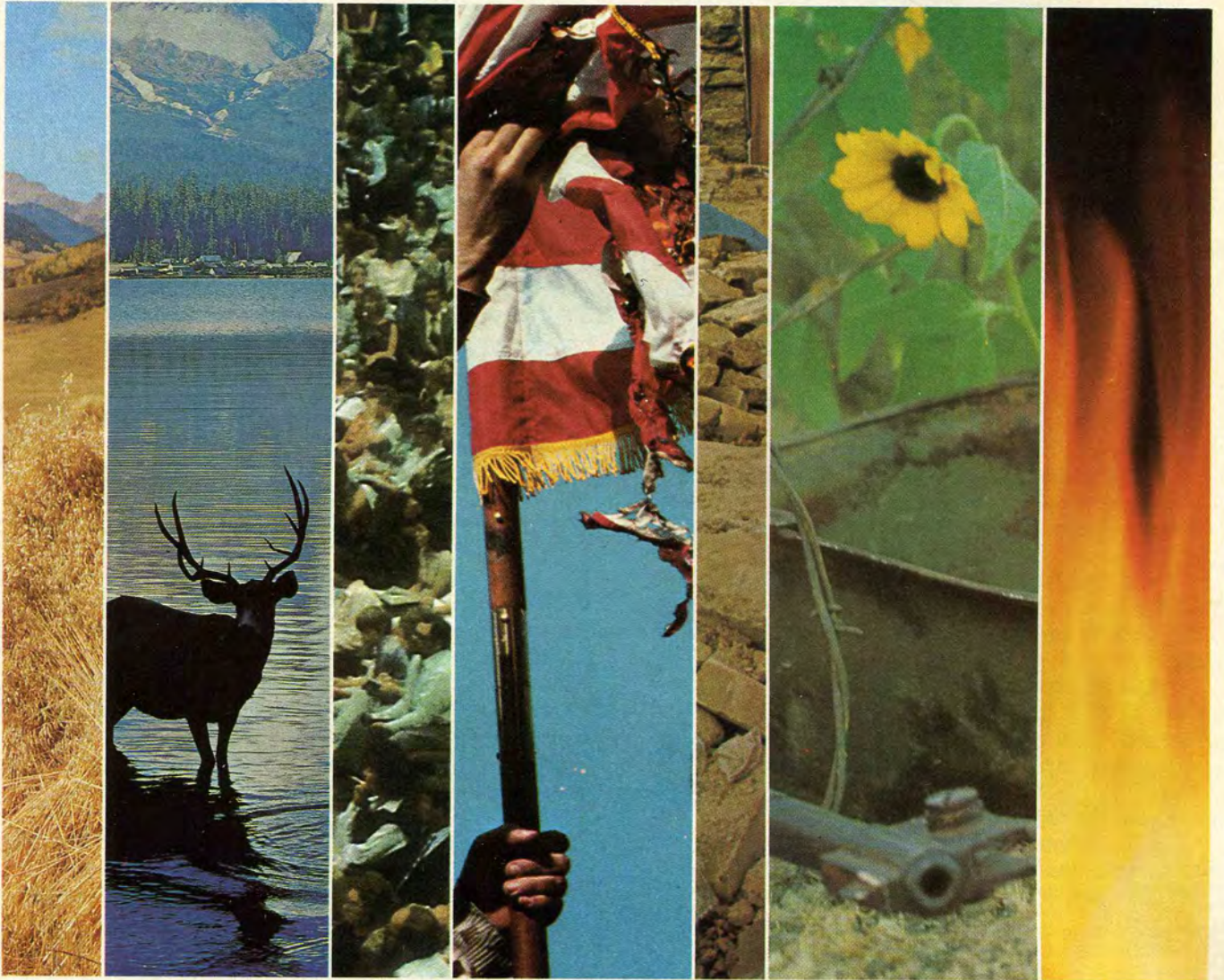
The Plain Truth was founded to teach GOD'S WAY OF LIFE!

But the PURPOSE of *The Plain Truth* is *NOT* to talk readers into being spiritually converted. This is *NOT* the time when God is calling all to Him and to repentance and to faith in Christ.

Remember, Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father draw him." Only those God chooses to CALL *can* be converted NOW! Nevertheless, God wants the Gospel of the Kingdom of God proclaimed to them!

So, since none but the (Continued on page 43)

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL



AMERICA THE CONDEMNED

WHAT A PARADOX! No nations ever so rich! None ever so blessed by Almighty God! Now we stand condemned to total disaster!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THIS is the most seriously-in-earnest article I have ever written for *The Plain Truth*. Our beloved country—yours and mine—now faces **TOTAL DESTRUCTION!**

It will come soon! Not this year. Probably not next—but much sooner than anyone thinks! We ourselves already have **CAUSED IT!**

Today, nations are interrelated. What happens in one nation affects another. Events now are moving with fast and increasing momentum! This nation is now heading rapidly into the most terrifying havoc the mind of man could contemplate.

LISTEN! This is no pipe dream! It is the **TRUTH** from the God of all creation!

I will give it to you straight first—then I will give you the **CAUSES** and the **AUTHORITY** by which I speak. Take time to read it all! It's a serious matter of life and death—and eternity—for us all!

a — A third of our people—white English-speaking people and minorities with us—will die in a disease epidemic such as the world never experienced—resulting from imminent **FAMINE!** I do not know whether in two or three years—or in another decade or more—but sooner than people think!

Our cities will be destroyed, and with them another third of all our beloved peoples! This was all prophesied—as I shall show you—more than 500 years before Christ.

But the world—its theologians and religionists—have been blind to these words of God for nearly 2,500 years! This military destruction, of course, means **NUCLEAR** destruction—hydrogen bombs!

The third of our peoples left alive will be taken away from our

country as slaves to enemy lands overseas!

Politicians, Theologians Won't Tell!

Candidates for President **KNOW** many of the **CAUSES** drawing us now rapidly into the vortex of utter disaster! Why are they afraid to tell you the **REAL TRUTH** about inflation, balance of payments problems with other nations, dollar devaluation—many other evil **CAUSES** which they knowingly perpetuate?

Why do not theologians, doctors of divinity and of theology, evangelists, religious leaders shout this warning to you? **THEY SIMPLY DO NOT UNDERSTAND** God's prophecies! They do not preach what God's Word says—they take a piece of a sentence or a paragraph here or there out of context—yet leave about 98 percent of the Bible unread and unpreached!

WAKE UP! Readers of *The Plain Truth!* If they have not the courage to tell you, I **HAVE!**

First let me tell you **WHY** I am now sounding this warning! It is not of my own will! Most of you readers will not believe it. **BUT LET ME TELL YOU WHY I MUST GIVE YOU THIS WARNING ANYWAY!**

One of the major prophets of God, prior to the time of Christ, was the prophet Ezekiel. Please read carefully. Please bear with me. After all it's *your* life we're concerned about. I want every one of you to know what's going to happen to you, your town or city.

Ezekiel, under the Old Testament priesthood, had been a priest. But he had been taken a captive by Babylon with other Jews in the captivity of King Jehoiachin of Judah. He was a prisoner, by the river Chebar in Babylon.

In a vision it seemed to him the heavens opened. He recorded what he saw.

The first chapter of the book of Ezekiel records a very mysterious sight he saw in the heavens in this vision. While this is different to, and centuries before the apostle John saw the heavenly throne of God in *his* vision, the similarities indicate strongly that Ezekiel was seeing the heavenly throne of God in his. He was to write a **MOST IMPORTANT PROPHETIC WARNING FOR YOU AND ME IN THIS LATTER PART OF THE 20TH CENTURY!**

The voice of God said to Ezekiel: "I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers hath transgressed against me *even unto this very day*" (Ezekiel 2:3). The "children of Israel" could, and here did, include all 12 tribes.

However, Ezekiel was *sent* especially to "the **HOUSE OF ISRAEL**"—a term which refers **ONLY** to the people of the northern 10-tribed kingdom, often referred to as the "Lost Ten Tribes." They were never called Jews.

The first place in the Bible where the name *Jews* is used is II Kings 16:6, where Israel, allied with Syria, is at war **AGAINST THE JEWS!** The southern kingdom had retained Jerusalem as its capital, but had seceded from Israel. They were led by the tribe of Judah and were called Jews. But none of the northern 10 tribes, with the capital at Samaria, were ever called Jews. The term "house of Israel" in the Old Testament *always* refers to those of these 10 tribes. The term "children of Israel" quoted above, refers to all 12 tribes—both nations, the house of Israel, and the house of Judah.

The more specific commission

of Ezekiel is mentioned in chapter 3 verse 1 where God said, "Go, speak unto THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL." Again in verse 4: "And He said unto me, Son of man, GO, get thee unto the HOUSE OF ISRAEL."

Ezekiel Never Allowed to Travel

Now at this point UNDERSTAND THIS: Ezekiel was a captive, a prisoner. His country, Judah, had been invaded, and he was among the prisoners of war in a prison camp beside the river Chebar in the nation of Babylon.

But the HOUSE OF ISRAEL—the nation to which he was sent—had been taken captive more than a hundred years before Judah's captivity. The HOUSE OF ISRAEL had been taken to Assyria on the southern shore of the Caspian Sea as slaves. But before Ezekiel became a war prisoner, the Assyrians themselves had gone into captivity, together with their Israelite slaves. Where they migrated to is revealed in our book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

The prophet Ezekiel was never freed nor allowed to travel from his prison camp in Babylon to the house of Israel. The lamentations and woes of the message to be carried to Israel *never occurred in Ezekiel's time or later. They are to strike America and Britain in our time.* This is borne out by several other prophecies!

So Ezekiel merely received and wrote the warning message. It was a prophecy for the latter part of the 20th century. IT HAD REMAINED FOR A MODERN 20TH CENTURY "Ezekiel" to understand and deliver the message! YOU ARE READING THAT MESSAGE NOW!

God said to Ezekiel—and his 20th-century counterpart who was ultimately to deliver the message—"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the HOUSE OF ISRAEL" (Ezekiel 3:17). In other words, one who is to watch events as they fulfill prophecies leading up to what Ezekiel is to WARN the "lost" 10-tribed ISRAEL about.

Later, God puts this another way. Beginning chapter 33, verse 2, God says, "Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword [military invasion] upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman; if when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. . . . But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

"But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword [military or atomic invasion] come, and take any person from among them . . . his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the HOUSE OF ISRAEL [U.S. and British peoples] . . ." (Ezekiel 33:2-7).

A Modern Ezekiel Carries the Message

—There is duality here. First, God sets a modern "Ezekiel" as a watchman. Then the PEOPLE set him as their watchman.

UNDERSTAND THIS! In Ezekiel's day he was a P.O.W.—a prisoner of war, taken from his own country into Babylon. The people of Judah never set him as their watchman. But Christ's Apostle for our day *has been set*—first by Christ, then by the people of God—as their watchman. That is, one to watch events as they fulfill prophecy, to perceive and warn the people of the 20th-century house of Israel when such military invasion is reasonably imminent. He would have to be one with facilities available for warning the whole nations of America and the British peoples.

WHO ELSE, in our time, knows who are the modern Lost Ten Tribes—the HOUSE OF ISRAEL? No other church or leader has this knowledge.

Now what is the very crux of Ezekiel's WARNING? It is found in chapters 5 and 6. God says to 20th-century British and Americans (5:8-9), "Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold I, even I, am against thee and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations. And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations!" (Emphasis mine.) Compare with Matthew 24:21; Daniel 12:1-2; Jeremiah 30:3-7.) There can be only *one* time of trouble more severe than any before or since. These four prophecies all speak of THE GREAT TRIBULATION. Jeremiah shows it will be primarily that of the British and Americans. Ezekiel shows, as quoted below, the nature and extent of that trouble.

Ezekiel's prophecy continues, "Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I diminish thee; neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity. A THIRD PART OF THEE SHALL DIE WITH THE PESTILENCE and with famine will they be consumed in the midst of thee: AND A THIRD PART SHALL FALL BY THE SWORD [nuclear destruction of our cities—see later, from chapter 6] . . . and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them. Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause my FURY to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: AND THEY SHALL KNOW THAT I THE LORD HAVE SPOKEN IT IN MY ZEAL, WHEN I HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MY FURY IN THEM" (Ezekiel 5:11-13, emphasis mine).

This is to be the most terrible fate ever to happen to any people! God is going to send it upon peoples who, more than any others, have KNOWN HIS WILL—and have ignored it and rebelled against Him!

God has blessed us as no other
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AMERICA'S DISASTER IN IRAN- WHY IT HAPPENED

Never before in its 204-year history has the United States been so humiliated. Why did a carefully planned rescue operation end in such tragedy?

by Gene H. Hogberg

EARLY ON Friday, April 25, Americans were awakened with startling news. A daring super-secret, risk-laden raid to rescue the 50 American hostages held prisoners in Iran had ended in disaster.

A grim-faced President Carter told his countrymen over radio and television at 7 a.m. that he, as commander in chief, had been forced to abort the long planned and intensively rehearsed mission when three of the eight helicopters assigned to the operation malfunctioned.

A minimum of six craft were considered essential to proceed into the besieged U.S. Embassy compound from a desert rendezvous 250 miles from Tehran. The crews had already flown 500 miles undetected over Iranian airspace from the aircraft carrier *Nimitz* in the Arabian Sea.

Compounding the desert debacle, eight U.S. military personnel were killed in a getaway crash between a helicopter and a C-130 transport plane. In the haste to leave the wreckage, the charred bodies and millions of dollars

worth of operable equipment were abandoned on the Iranian desert floor. The crash was the final episode of the unbelievably tragic string of events. It ended all hopes of keeping the failure of the mission a secret so that it could be tried again.

Had the operation suc-

ROTOR BLADES of burned out helicopter testifies to failure of American commando mission to rescue hostages imprisoned in Iran. In background is helicopter left behind when mission was aborted.

Wide World Photo

ceeded—as had the Israeli commando raid in Entebbe, Uganda, in 1976 and a similar West German operation in Mogadishu, Somalia, a year later—President Carter could have salvaged American honor from the deepening Iranian quagmire. Even if there had been bloodshed, with the loss of life of some of the hostages, the President could have emerged as a hero.

White House and Defense Department chiefs alike had been confident of the mission's success. One factor was definitely in their favor: the element of surprise. Until the time of the operation, the United States had been implementing only diplomatic and economic countermeasures against Iran. Military actions had been hinted at, but only those of an indirect nature such as a naval blockade.

Just "Bad Luck"?

Why, then, did this effort fail? The mission was carefully planned and repeatedly rehearsed without the slightest indication that the two spare helicopters to back up the six did not represent an adequate margin of safety.

A senior U.S. defense official remarked: "When it came to the event, however, we had failures beyond all predictions. . . . We had very bad luck."

A leading congressman also characterized the aborted rescue as "an almost unbelievable . . . chain of bad luck."

But was it just "very bad luck" that a normally reliable type of aircraft should fail three times in a vital operation? Was it only "bad luck" that two of the choppers should run into an unexpectedly fierce desert sandstorm, forcing one craft down and the other to turn back?

No, there's much more to it than mere "bad luck." The true answer might come as a surprise to Americans living in today's secularized society: It is that Almighty God, who wrought tremendous miracles on behalf of the English-speaking peoples in

World War II and other earlier conflicts, is *no longer fighting on America's side!*

Iranians saw the failure of the mission as a miraculous delivery. The Iranian joint chiefs of staff—who were caught napping by the surprise move—said that "God, helper of the deprived, helps the nation of Iran."

By why doesn't God help America any longer?

Unwilling to Use Force

There is yet another equally important reason as to why the rescue operation failed so ignominiously. It has to do with President Carter's basic unwillingness to use force in the conduct of foreign affairs. He considers himself first and foremost a "humanitarian." As a result of his outlook the strategy of the raid finally decided upon simply wasn't bold enough.

When the operation was first conceived, the plans called for a much larger strike force—one of 350 men, conveyed by many helicopters, backed up by carrier-based fighter-bombers.

Mr. Carter, wanting to exert the minimum of military power, with as little violence and potential loss of life as possible, scaled the project down to 90 men, as well as straining the mechanical limits of the aircraft chosen. By convincing himself of the "humanitarian" nature of the operation, noted columnist William Safire, "the President narrowed the danger of casualties, but lowered the chance of success. This was surely humanitarian, but tragically ineffective; beware the daring of a cautious man."

Too much emphasis was placed on "abort" or "turn-back" points—instead of assuring enough power to guarantee success. Military strategist Edward Luttwak calls such planning "deciding to get married and concentrating on divorce arrangements." Thus the predetermined decision: "no sixth helicopter, no mission."

The mission could have pro-

ceeded even with the five remaining helicopters. But the commander in charge on the ground knew that if real trouble developed at the heart of the operation at the embassy, no further air support would be forthcoming—just as happened during the unsuccessful Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba in 1961.

It seems that American leadership refuses to learn the real lesson of Vietnam: if you go to battle, be prepared to apply enough force to get the job done! Scripture too counsels that leaders count the cost of an impending battle before committing forces (Luke 14:31-32).

Columnist Safire says the rescue operation contained an "institutionally built-in denial of nerve." But why is America afraid to *act* the part of the superpower it is. Why does it "flee when none pursueth you?" (Leviticus 26:17). The answer, in verse 19, is that timorous America—which used to be the "home of the brave"—has lost the pride of its power!

Grave Repercussions

America's fiasco in the Iranian desert—following nearly six months of indecisiveness—is bound to have grave repercussions.

First of all, Iran is being slowly forced into the Communist orbit. Soviet-bloc countries are ready to help Iran with food, medicine, manufactured goods and a market for oil if Western Europe joins, as expected, the United States in enacting trade sanctions against the government of the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

The Soviet Union has agreed to open three vital trade routes to Iranian traffic in anticipation of a possible U.S. blockade of Iran's ports on the Persian Gulf.

Iran has shown a further eastward tilt by signing an agreement to sell Romania 100,000 barrels of oil a day.

Even more serious than this trend is the growing rift between
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DESPITE INFLATION— You Can Solve Your Financial Worries

Here are facts you probably didn't know about your income.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

FINANCIAL worries seem to plague us all!

In these inflationary times nearly every one of us is engaged in a constant struggle to make ends meet. Financial worries seem constantly to bear us down—rob us of real happiness and joy! Why should this be?

There is a reason! You can be free from financial worry!

What Most People Don't Know

Let me tell you something you probably *don't know* about your income. If there is anything people are jealous of in this period of rising costs, it is the money they earn. They usually work hard for it. And they want full freedom in deciding for themselves what they do with it.

People say: "What I earn is mine—I can do what I please with it!" But is the money you earn really your own? Don't be too sure. Listen to facts about your income you probably haven't known!

What you earn is not yours!

The man who says, "What I do with the money I earn is nobody's

business! I produced it—it belongs to me," is mistaken.

What you earn by work performed, by services rendered, from investments made, *is not yours*—not any of it—that is, not UNTIL—and I will have to explain that "until."

There are two prior claims on your income. One, of course, is taxes.

But the *first* is GOD's claim. Most people have never realized this fact—but it is a fact. God Almighty the living creator-ruler of the universe claims it all—every dollar—every pound—every franc—every mark. Your Maker who gives you the very air you breathe tells you it all belongs to Him, not to you!

But didn't you earn it? Didn't you produce it?

Not exactly! Everything produced—money, and the things that money can buy—comes out of the earth. You didn't produce the earth! God created that! You merely applied certain energy in thinking and in physical action to that which God created and owns. And where did the energy

you expended come from? You didn't create it—you merely utilized what God created and supplied. God created even your thinking processes.

God Almighty created not only matter, but all force and energy. God set them in *motion*, in the laws of physics and chemistry. He created the human mind; He supplies even the energy used in thinking and acting. Yes, all has come from God!

It is God who sustains, preserves in motion, guides and directs, all the forces and energies. God is not merely a creator of the long ago! God is the sustaining, directing, living ruler overall, today! It's a simple fact that, after all, it was God's labor of original thinking and planning and creating, and of continuous sustaining and directing, that really produces all.

Therefore God's claim to ownership of all you have thought you produced or earned is valid. It is prior to yours!

God Almighty says (Psalm 24:1-2): "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world

and those who dwell therein . . . " (Revised Standard Version throughout). These inspired words are repeated in the New Testament in I Corinthians 10:26.

God Almighty owns this earth and everything that exists or lives upon it! "Whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine," claims God in Job 41:11.

Turn to Deuteronomy 10:14: "Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it." And in Exodus 19:5, God says: "All the earth is mine."

"If I were hungry," says God (Psalm 50:12), "I would not tell you: for the world and all that is in it is mine." "For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills" (verse 10).

Yes, even the money—even the gold and silver: "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine says the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8).

Dare any man deny this claim of God? God's claim stands! Admit, then, your income belongs to God! It's His to do with as He wills.

How God's Law Regulates Your Income

But God is a God of love. He knows your need in this time of inflation. God is concerned about you. He has your welfare in mind. Therefore God has made a law respecting that portion of His wealth which your thinking and your labor has extracted and worked upon.

Get this fixed thoroughly in your mind. Your wages, your salary, your profit, your income belongs to God, not to you. Probably you never realized this before. This may seem like a new idea to you. But it is not an idea—it is a fact!

So God, the rightful owner of your income, has made a law respecting its disposal and its use.

God's law respecting what you earn is in fact a deal He has made with you. He allows you to work on His earth, to use a part of the earth, or what is in it, or on

it, to utilize its forces and energies, and to extract from it food, materials, supplies, wood, metals, oils, coal—or to work on or with that which others have extracted from the earth, in manufacturing, distributing, buying, selling, investing—whatever may be your occupation or job or profession. So, whether you have realized it or not you have been working in partnership with God.

The farmer or gardener may plant seed, plow, and expend his labor in raising food. But Who supplied the soil? Who created the living process that makes the seed sprout and grow? Who sends the rain, or provides water for irrigation? Who set the sun in the sky and causes it to shine and warm the earth? Who causes the plant to drink out of the soil the minerals and good elements, and to grow into the vegetable, the grain or the fruit? Did you perform this part of the business of raising the food you eat?

When we really think about it, we shall see that God supplies about nine parts of everything man makes or produces, and man's thinking, planning, and working supplies only about one part. But God does not take nine tenths of the proceeds or the income. He doesn't take even six tenths, or even two tenths. God is generous. God has reserved for His use only *one* little tenth of what is produced out of His earth through His forces and energies!

God takes only *ONE* tenth. And after you have been honest in *PAYING* God's tenth to God's chosen representative, then—*AND NOT UNTIL THEN*—God has decreed that the other nine tenths becomes legally yours!

That's God's law!

Not a penny of what you earn, or a penny's worth of the value of what you produce, is yours—it all belongs to God to do with as He directs. God has legally directed that after you have honestly paid Him the one little tenth He requires for His creative work, then the other nine tenths He gives to you. Then and not until

then, can you rightfully claim ownership over that nine tenths.

When we get our thinking straight—when we get understanding—when we stop to realize how much of what we have was provided by God—then we realize how loving, how generous, how solicitous for our welfare in this time of financial stress God is.

The Curses and Blessings

But that's only part of the story.

What does God want with that first tenth? How does He use it? He requires that small fraction of what is produced out of His earth for the purpose of disseminating to the people His message of the way of life that will free them from fears and worries, give them peace of mind and happiness, give them joy and success and life eternal!

Yes, even this tenth that God withholds for His use is expended for human good! For proclaiming His gospel of peace, and happiness and joy and salvation! For letting people know God will heal them when they are sick—that God will deliver them from every trouble—supply their every need!

Give them eternal life!

This unhappy inflation-ridden world is starving for that knowledge! This world is under a curse because it has robbed God of His money and His wealth, and thereby withheld from itself the knowledge of why it is in economic chaos—why there is no real peace—why it finds life empty and fruitless, full of suffering and unhappiness, frustration and death!

All of God's laws are for man's good!

Obedience to God's laws brings blessings! When we violate His laws, we bring curses upon ourselves!

Even the true Christians—the Spirit-begotten sons of God—need to cry out to God for help, for deliverance. In this world today, even those who turn to the ways of God suffer from the common violations of mankind as a whole. But there is help. There

is deliverance! In Psalm 34:19, in the Revised Standard Version, we read: "Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers him out of them all." And in the 18th verse we read: "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted; and saves the crushed in spirit."

If we want that prayer answered—if we want the blessings of God, and not the curses of transgression—the way is to forsake our ways, and our thoughts and return to God's ways.

How to Have More

Throughout the Scriptures God makes it a law that the first tenth of every individual's income shall be paid to God through His own called and chosen servant—for the purpose of proclaiming His Gospel message!

That law has always been in force and effect. We find Abraham, 400 years before Moses, paying the tithe or the first tenth of his income to God's High Priest. Four hundred years later, when the Levitical priesthood started, we find the tithing law continued. During that period God commanded the people to pay the tithes to God's servants for that dispensation—the Levites.

And in Hebrews 7 in the New Testament, God shows us that, since the priesthood is changed to that of Jesus Christ, there is also made a change in the law respecting tithes—not an abolition of that law, but a change. The tithes are now paid to the New Testament ministry of Jesus Christ for the great commission of proclaiming His Gospel—the very Gospel Christ preached—to the world today! In I Corinthians 9 the apostle Paul is inspired of God to instruct us that God has ordained that the New Testament Gospel ministry of Christ shall be financed as the Levitical priesthood of the old covenant—by the tithes and free-will offerings of the people.

God's own financial system is making possible THIS VERY

WORK OF GOD in proclaiming the Gospel Christ preached to the world on "The World Tomorrow"! Hundreds are writing in asking, how can you send out this powerful broadcast to the world, without publicly asking for money—how can you publish a magazine of worldwide circulation without subscription price? The plain, simple, straightforward answer is, THIS is the Work of God, and it is sponsored and endowed only by God Almighty, through faith—and it is financed and conducted God's way, as God directs in His Word! God has simply laid it on the hearts of enough individuals—many of them belonging to no denomination or religious organization, others belonging perhaps to many churches or denominations—to pay God's tithe and give generous offerings to God through His called and chosen servant whom He uses and through whom He speaks! This is the doing and work of God!

But now I want to show you more of the blessings for obedience and for honesty in money matters with God and the curses for neglect or disobedience.

When you pay tithes you are not giving God anything. They are not yours to give. The tithes belong to God. They never were yours! You pay your tithes—or rather, God's tithes. They belong to Him, and He says you are stealing when you take them.

God says to us through Malachi: "Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How are we robbing thee?'" And God answers, "In your tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me; the whole nation of you" (Malachi 3:8-9).

Understand this: All wealth is produced out of God's earth. It is God who sends the rain and the sunshine. God also has a thousand ways of making what you do pay off bigger!

When you work diligently in this partnership to produce all you can, when you are honest with your Senior Partner—

God—in paying Him His portion of the proceeds, then God works with you, blesses your effort, causes the partnership to produce and earn more. He promises repeatedly in the Bible to prosper the tither. The tither has far more retaining his honest nine tenths more than the man who cheats God and robs himself of God's blessing in this partnership. It's a blessing, or a curse, depending on you!

How You Can Prosper in Inflation

Continuing in Malachi 3, verses 10 and 11: "Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the devourer [crop-destroying pest] for you . . . your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts."

That's God's promise! Why don't you put God to that test? Why don't you prove Him to see if He doesn't increase the value of your income in this period of inflation so that your own nine tenths God gives you will be worth more than your whole income now, that your financial worries will be ended!

"But I can't afford to tithe," complains one man. God's answer is, can you afford to steal from God? Pay God His tenth—and watch God increase the value of both His tenth and your nine tenths. That's the way to get bills paid, to get out of burdensome debt, to be free from financial worries.

A Spiritual Blessing

Tithing is a financial law. Notwithstanding, the biggest blessing of all is the spiritual blessing! Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." That, too, is a law. If your treasure is in this world's amusements and pleasures—if your
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IN BRIEF

LOCKSTEP CONFORMITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

by Stanley R. Rader

THE TREND in modern education has been a dangerous drift into materialism and collectivism. Colleges and universities have grown so large that regimented assemblyline processes have replaced individualized instruction. The student has lost his identity. Development of personality and initiative is largely sacrificed."

Since Editor Herbert W. Armstrong wrote those words in these pages a quarter century ago, things have become even worse. Everywhere, it seems, colleges and universities are becoming more and more alike, teaching in much the same style, based on the same outlook. Today, even more than 1955, colleges and universities are in even greater danger of losing their distinctive, individual character and blending into one, bland, homogenized mass.

It would be a terrible tragedy if higher education loses whatever diversity it has left. It would mean, in one sense, a monopoly on ideas, knowledge and values; only one general philosophy of education would prevail. Religious values in particular would suffer—as higher education has become less diverse, it has become more materialistic and secular. Indeed, the state of higher education throughout the world fits the description of the decadent educators of the ancient world made by the apostle Paul—"they did not like to retain God in their knowledge" (Romans 1:28).

The survival of independent, nonstate-supported, religiously oriented colleges and universities thus takes on vital importance. Such schools generally provide the only alternative to the large, state-supported universities whose academic approach is wholly materialistic and secular.

While the secular government-supported schools often provide ex-

cellent technical or professional education, they cannot address themselves to the most important knowledge of all—the origin, purpose and destiny of man. Indeed, *because such schools use government money, they are in many countries forbidden by law to address such questions* in anything other than a sterile, valueless or purely descriptive context.

Independent colleges, as Kingman Brewster, former president of Yale has pointed out, ensure that government alone will "never become the final arbiter, the principal allocator, the controller of all the society's resources devoted to the advancement of knowledge and its transmission to succeeding generations."

But independent colleges and universities are currently facing the worst-ever threat to their independence. Government regulators are seeking to dictate educational policy. Some prestigious private universities, of course, have long mortgaged their independence to government grant money. Only in the past few years have they discovered that government funding means government control.

Thus no less a figure than Derek C. Bok, president of Harvard, warns that current government regulations—applied to schools such as Harvard, which are heavily dependent on research grants—"threaten to impinge upon the diversity of the system."

On the same lines, political scientist Paul Seabury says, "I fear that the federal government is employing universities as devices for social engineering, which may serve to homogenize what has been a very diverse academic system."

For example, according to a bureaucratic interpretation of a civil rights law, a college cannot use "Christian character" as a criteria in its hiring of teachers if it is not a

directly church-related school. The rule, of course, strikes a blow for materialism and secularism. It means that nonchurch related schools are denied the right to foster religious values.

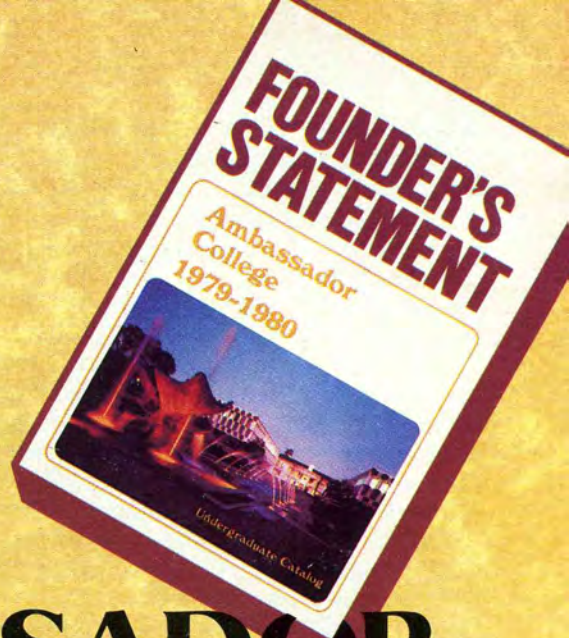
Worse, federal policy makers are now trying to extend their domain to that hardy band of independent colleges which have refused to accept government aid or grant money. Since independent colleges usually must charge steep tuitions, many of their students borrow money from private banks. But if the loan is backed up by the government, the regulators argue that the college is really government supported, an assertion that allows the government to step in and dictate policy.

Yet the fact remains, that to be able to teach the true values, a college must be politically independent. It cannot be subject to every regulatory fad. Educators should be able to set educational policy—not bureaucrats. Schools should be allowed to retain their distinctive character.

In particular, they must be free to foster values, such as "Christian character," which may not be socially or politically fashionable. It would be a dreary world indeed if every college or university was a carbon-copy of U.C. Berkeley.

Herbert W. Armstrong has written on a number of occasions of a discussion he had with the chancellor of higher education in Oregon at the time of the founding of Ambassador College. The chancellor told Mr. Armstrong how much he envied him because Mr. Armstrong, by establishing a private nonstate-supported college, could escape education's "descent into materialism." The chancellor, by contrast, though he was the head of the state university system, was helpless to do anything about the evils of materialism or secularism.

Today, the threat is much worse—for the government would seek to extend materialism to all higher education. Should it succeed it will, as Dallin Oaks, president of Brigham Young University, has said, "destroy cherished originality and diversity" and put in their place "uniformity, mediocrity and compliance."



HOW AMBASSADOR IS UNIQUE

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Here the founder and chancellor of Ambassador College provides a frank, straightforward explanation of its basic policy.

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE is rooted to an educational policy and a philosophic approach which permeates the institution.

Today we live in a different world. Frightening changes have occurred. The world went along on a comparatively even keel from the dawn of history until the 19th and 20th centuries. Suddenly knowledge increased. Nearly all modern inventions have appeared during the past 150 years.

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

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

A Progressive World?

It *appears* to be a progressive world, suddenly newly enlightened and fantastically advanced. It has become a modern world, producing awe-inspiring inventions, labor-saving devices, dazzling luxuries undreamed of a single century ago. Today

there is instantaneous communication, worldwide. We fly around the world in two days, and orbit the earth in minutes. The miracles of radio, television, hi-fi stereo sound reproduction, and cinerama entertain an amusement-hungry world. Assembly-line mass machine production has made available a myriad of exciting new devices, and simultaneously increased incomes and shortened work hours, thus providing both the leisure and the purchasing power for the masses to enjoy all these new luxuries.

A fascinated, entranced world has looked ahead to the magic dream-world push-button Century 21, when human labor would be all but abolished, with idleness, ease and luxury enjoyed by all—seemingly breathtaking **PROGRESS!**

So it seems. But there is the other side of the coin, and it's high time we **AWAKE** from the trance and take a hard look at it.

True progress is not measured by the false yardstick of gadgetry, mechanical devices, and the fatal concept that labor is a curse and idleness is a blessing. Science, industry, and modern education have concentrated on developing the machine while degenerating the man!

Education—and the world of its creation—has lost all knowledge of the **PURPOSE** and true meaning of life. It has lost all sense of true values, while blindly pursuing the false. Education has

failed to teach THE WAY to peace, happiness, and abundant well-being. The actual bitter fruits of this modern materialistic "progress" are increased unhappiness, discontent, boredom, and moral, spiritual and educational DECADENCE! The American and British peoples are travelling the identical road that led to the fall of the "great" nations of the past — Egypt, Babylon, Greece and Rome!

This is a very deceptive world. With all this "progress" it remains a hard, cold fact that *never before* was the world filled with so much discontent, unhappiness, and suffering—never so much ill health, mental disturbance, frustration and suicide, even in the "affluent" nations. Never before so many divorces and broken homes, so much juvenile delinquency, crime and violence. That is, unless, as Jesus remarked, it was "in the days of Noah." And *never before* was it possible to erase human life from the earth by the educational and inventive genius, and the productive capacity of man!

This is a deceived world that doesn't know it is deceived! WHY?

There is a reason. There has to be a *cause* for every effect.

Sir Winston Churchill put his finger on the answer. Speaking before the United States Congress, he said: "... he must indeed have a blind soul who cannot see that some great purpose and design is being worked out here below of which we have the honor to be the faithful servants." This implies a Higher Power, above, doing the working out. This is the *starting point* of a right and true Education. This strikes directly at the FOUNDATION of knowledge—the most important, most needful of all knowledge—the PURPOSE of human life, understanding of the true values, and knowing *the way* to every desired result!

Yet right here, at the basic starting point, is precisely where education jumped the track of its true mission. And this chaotic, mixed-up, unhappy world is the result.

IS there PURPOSE—MEANING—to life? Science can give us no knowledge of purpose beyond trying to enjoy the passing moments. Education does not have the answer, nor teach it. Aristotle, Socrates, Plato all lacked the answer. Augustine sought the answer all his life—in vain! Of this most important of all knowledge, the world is utterly IGNORANT!

In such a world is it any wonder that the great minds doubt whether there *is* any real Higher Power working out His intelligent PURPOSE? Is it any wonder that some dim-brains are giving the world a fresh shock, with the ridiculous slogan: "God is dead!" To state that God is dead is to confess there really *was* a God—and if God *was*, God still *is*, for unless He is *the Eternal—the Everliving*—He never was GOD!

In the second and third centuries we had Gnosticism—meaning "*we know*." Today most educators, scientists and great minds are AGNOS-

TIC, meaning "*we don't know—we are IGNORANT!*" And this IGNORANCE they glorify in the guise of "KNOWLEDGE!"

TWO Alternatives

As a BASIS for knowledge—as a FOUNDATION for education, we *start* with two alternatives. Right here is the CHOICE between fact and fancy—between true knowledge and ignorance, between TRUTH and error. *Is* there the Higher Power with design working out intelligent PURPOSE, or are we mere accidents of a blind, unintelligent, purposeless force of nature, descended from a single-celled amoeba sparked to life by "spontaneous generation," "electro-chemical action," or some other unknown accidental process?

The only truly scientific method is to PROVE a proposition before accepting it as scientific FACT. But has either science or education PROVED the evolutionary theory? Emphatically they have not! By its very nature it is a theory not subject to proof. Has either science or education PROVED the *non-existence* of a personal supreme God, of supreme intelligence, wisdom, and POWER to create? Emphatically, they have not! WHY, then, do so many great minds who profess knowledge and wisdom doubt or deny God's existence? Simply because of something inherent in human nature—something of which they are ignorant—a spirit of vanity, coupled with hostility and rebellion against their Maker and His authority!

Is it, after all, rational, intellectual, to willfully *assume* fables, unproved and unprovable, to be *fact*, while ridiculing provable Truth, branding *it* folklore?

But what of the other of the two basic ALTERNATIVES as one's approach to knowledge?

There *is* the Higher Power! And at Ambassador College this is not carelessly assumed, but definitely, rationally, scientifically PROVED! And there *is* PURPOSE! Humanity was put here for a PURPOSE of such transcendent magnitude that even the great minds, in their carnality, cannot grasp it! And there *is* A WAY to peace between individuals, groups and nations, but tragically none of this world's leaders were taught it! There *is* A WAY to happiness and abundant well-being. But modern education does not teach it.

So it all boils down to this crux point: There are the *two alternatives* as a starting point—a BASIS—a FOUNDATION for knowledge. This world and its education have adopted the fictional, false FOUNDATION. And this erroneous foundation becomes the *concept* which becomes its approach to knowledge. It got off on a false start. Hence it is axiomatic that this world and its leaders are not being taught the *true* values, but pursue the false—the world is left without knowledge of life's PURPOSE and meaning, devoid of right goals, in utter ignorance of THE WAY to every desired blessing!

What an indictment against a complicated,

highly organized, monumental system of education that has become DECADENT!

This gigantic system is ready to topple! It will soon fall, along with the civilization it has spawned! But a better day is soon coming! The happy WORLD TOMORROW is soon to dawn! It will be a world of PEACE, of PLENTY, of HAPPINESS.

But *how*? I have travelled through a portion of China (Hong Kong), and parts of India. Millions there are starving. In the poorer districts—which are the many—the filth, squalor, wretchedness is simply indescribable. The same degenerate condition of degradation and suffering fills many parts of Central and South America, and of Egypt and other parts of Africa. Two thirds of the people on earth live in such destitution. I thought of the joyous WORLD TOMORROW that is coming, and immediately the question came to mind, *HOW* can abundant well-being be brought to these teeming impoverished millions?

And the answer was obvious. Correct the CAUSE—lack of right education.

On the other hand, I have known many of the world's leading men—industrialists, bankers, scientists, educators. And most of them—the highly educated—were not happy. Some committed suicide. Their minds were of high calibre, their IQ's were high. They had learned much in *material* knowledge—they had learned how to earn a living—but they had *not* learned the true values, nor how to live. It will require a *right* education, available to all, to correct all the world's ills.

Very soon, today's decadent education will be replaced by the educational system of the WORLD TOMORROW. This already has been introduced in Ambassador College. And like the proverbial grain of mustard seed, it is already beginning to spread around the world.

Ambassador College knows and teaches the PURPOSE and true meaning of life—the TRUE VALUES that pay off—and THE WAY to peace, happiness, and abundant well-being. How do we know? We don't guess, or theorize or express unfounded opinions—we have it on AUTHORITY! The Bible is that Authority, and it is PROVED to be the revelation of the Almighty living GOD to humankind. The Bible is the world's biggest seller, but also the Book almost nobody knows. Few even know *what it is*.

When you purchase a gadget or mechanism, you receive an instruction book which the maker sends along with his product. The most complicated mechanism ever produced is the human mind and body. The Bible is our Maker's instruction Book which He sent along with His product. It is the authoritative *revelation* of the *most necessary basic knowledge* otherwise inaccessible to the mind of man—even the great minds! It is the FOUNDATION of all knowledge, and the *approach* to acquirable knowledge.

Here is what modern education doesn't *know*, and fails to teach:

What *is* MAN? WHY is man? What are the TRUE VALUES? What is THE WAY to the *most necessary* objectives—peace, happiness, abundant well-being?

Basic Knowledge Ignored

THIS BASIC KNOWLEDGE cannot be acquired by all the mental, inventive, mechanical, exploratory, observational or philosophical powers of man. This kind of necessary knowledge is received only by *revelation*! It has always been accessible. Yet science and modern education grope hopelessly in the dark, searching, researching, speculating and philosophizing in vain for the acquisition of knowledge that can come only through the very source it rejects! Astonishing? Yes. Intelligent? Well, hardly!

In the WORLD TOMORROW we shall have world PEACE. There shall be universal prosperity. There will be knowledge of the TRUE values, and people will cease chasing the false and suffering the painful consequences. People will learn THE WAY to real happiness and find it. Life will be continuously interesting, comfortable, invigorating.

How will this be brought about? By a universal education that will banish ignorance, and teach these basics utterly omitted from today's education. But I am not naïve enough to suppose that this will blossom forth automatically by the imminent general acceptance of these truths on the part of all who are involved in the existing educational system. The leaders of this world are no more willing to accept truth, confess and change from error, than they have been in the past. The SOLUTION will never come through the hands of man. What has been conclusively demonstrated by educational experience is the utter unwillingness of human leaders to confess truth and the utter inability of MAN to educate and rule over man. The awesome Creator God is now going to intervene in human affairs! He is going to send the living Jesus Christ to earth again—this time in the supreme power and glory of God! He is going to *reveal Himself* in awesome glory to a world that has denied and rejected Him! He is going to set up world government by *divine* rule. By supernatural power He will abolish the present decadent educational system—and replace it with the true system of the WORLD TOMORROW! The change will be made by the enforcement of divine GOVERNMENT of the living Christ, against whose Law and Authority they rebel today.

This basic FOUNDATION of all knowledge and right education has always been accessible. But the great and near-great—the best minds—swayed by vanity, greed, and carnality, have spurned, rejected, and foolishly ridiculed it. Ambassador College is pioneering in the educational system of the WORLD TOMORROW. And a foretaste of that peace, happiness, and abundant well-being is literally radiated by Ambassador students.

Yes, all of this—and *more*! Ambassador stu-

dents learn HOW to live—THE WAY to happiness—but in this most important living, the “how to EARN a living” is *not neglected*. When they find THE WAY to enjoy a monetary competence, however, they enjoy knowing HOW TO LIVE, as well. Their marriages are happy and permanent—their home and family life is peaceful and invigorating. Their children are well-trained. Yes, life CAN be worth living!

Missing Dimension in Education

It is generally recognized by educators that dangerous evils have leavened the educational system. Curricula, generally, have become wholly materialistic. Demands in scientific, technological, industrial, commercial and professional fields have put the emphasis on the purely technical and intellectual, at sacrifice of spiritual, moral, and cultural development; on curriculum rather than on character; on earning a living, at the neglect of learning *how to live*!

Universities have grown so large, students lose their identity, moving along a huge, academic conveyor belt. Personality development is sacrificed. Personal contact between student and instructor becomes almost non-existent.

The *most* essential knowledge is the purpose and meaning of life—the true values as distinguished from the false—and THE WAY to peace, happiness, and abundant well-being. But this basic and most important Dimension in education is entirely missing from traditional curricula.

In a very real sense, this vital Dimension is *DOUBLY* missing—in *two vital spheres*: 1) *The Campus Sphere*: On the campuses the leaders of tomorrow receive whatever intensive education is provided, in course programs of two, four, or five or more years. Yet in the organized system that has devolved to our present, the very foundation of all knowledge is absent from curricula. That BASIC knowledge involves the meaning and purpose of life—life’s true destiny and how to achieve it. To know *what* we are, and *why* we are. It involves also the discernment of the *true* values from the false, and knowledge of THE WAY to achieve them: in other words, to know the way to peace, happiness, prosperity, security, abundant well-being.

Since the HOME and a tightly knit FAMILY STRUCTURE is the foundation of a healthy and lasting society, vital BASIC knowledge includes also true instruction on the sanctity of marriage, instruction in a right and healthy type of dating leading to a right mating and happy marriage; instruction in the laws that make for a happy and enduring marriage; on child rearing, child discipline, and the responsibilities of parenthood and a happy family life.

Just as important in this Missing Dimension is personality development, character building, a right knowledge of spiritual and moral values, and respect for law and authority.

But this Dimension—teaching students not only how to earn a living, but HOW TO LIVE—has been ignored. Education has gone materialistic. Emphasis has been on the intellect alone. Students have been left to form their own moral codes. Permissiveness has resulted in a flouting of authority.

2) *The Home and Family Sphere*: In a healthy and happy society, education must *begin in the home*! It must put major emphasis on the necessity for FAMILY life. Yet in our western world the FAMILY system is breaking down. Few parents have themselves been taught how to *start* education in the home. Few have adequate knowledge or ability to teach their below-school-age children.

This breakdown of our family system is inscribing the handwriting on our national wall! The need of right education in *this* sphere is far more vital to the very question of SURVIVAL than is recognized!

On-campus education prepares *tomorrow’s* leaders. They will be *tomorrow’s* parents. But TOMORROW will be too late! The trend of disintegrating family relationship must be checked and reversed TODAY, if society is to be saved alive.

The concentrated higher education on campus is not enough! The Missing Dimension in education must reach TODAY’s adults and parents IN THE HOME! The Ambassador worldwide EXTENSION PROGRAM is pioneering in this area of education.

Ambassador students are taught the MISSING DIMENSION in education—the underlying PURPOSE and the real meaning of life; the worthwhile values; the basic laws of success, not only in economic fields, but in life as a whole. They are given individual attention in the development of character, poise, culture and personality. They are taught to *think* about what they are doing, *while* they are doing it. Ambassador College is, literally, a character-building institution. It is therefore unique. The Ambassador motto is “Recapture True Values”!

This basic *difference* is the magnet that attracts graduates of other universities to Ambassador. The result is a seemingly incredible fact: Many incoming students are from other colleges and universities—domestic and foreign—and many of them already hold degrees. Students holding Master’s degrees from some of the most famous and distinguished of the world’s universities are among those who have entered Ambassador for undergraduate work. These students come to Ambassador to obtain the all-important knowledge and training unavailable elsewhere.

Educational Philosophy

The striking *difference* in basic educational philosophy at Ambassador should be clearly understood. And also, the reasons!

Higher education is now in the throes of a
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Are Prisons the Biblical Way to Deal With Crime?

by Clayton Steep

Is imprisonment God's way of dealing with the crime problem? Why is the prison system in such chaos and crime so widespread? Where did the idea of keeping people in prison come from in the first place? You may be surprised at the answers.

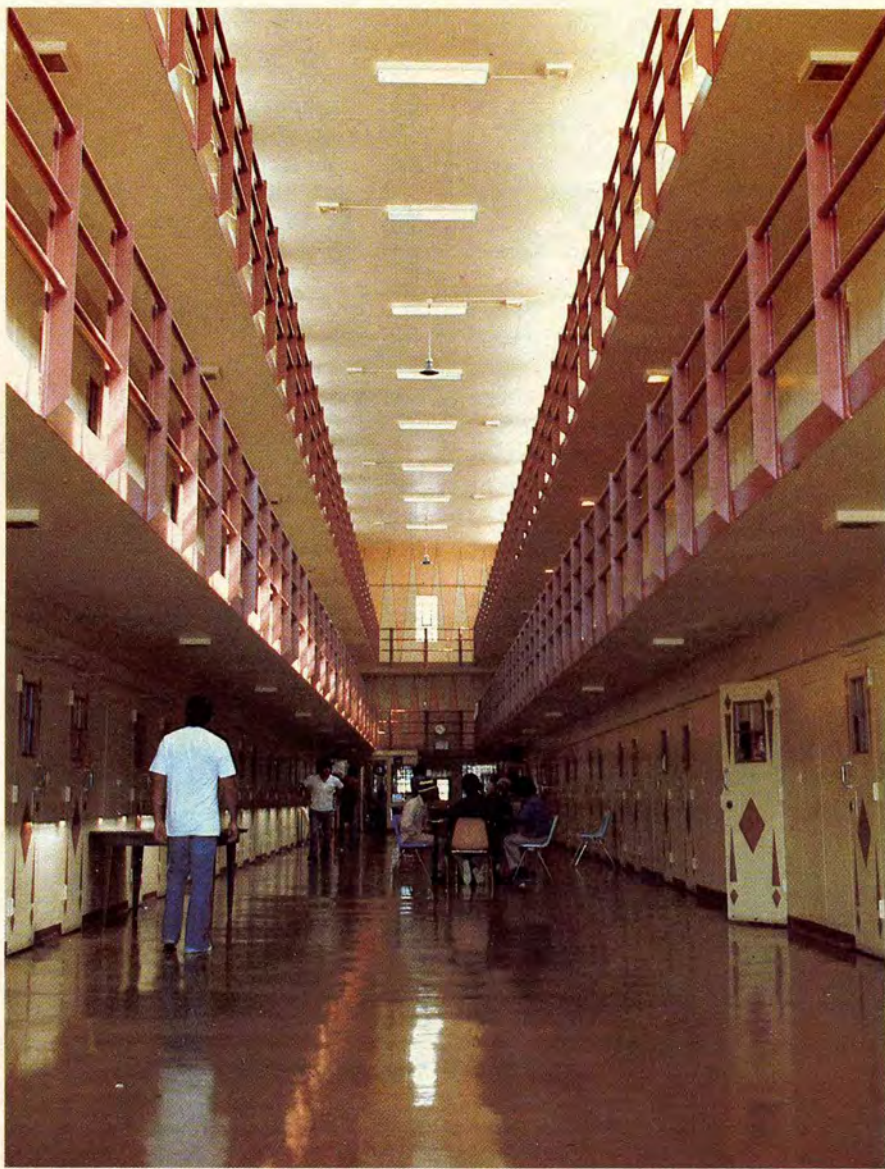
PRISONS—we like to label them correctional institutions—are increasingly hotbeds of racial strife, homosexual rape, drug trafficking and violence. One prison official expressed it this way: “These aren’t ordinary people. . . . There are people in here who like to see blood—they like to hurt people. They practically foam at the mouth when they see blood.”

Persons guilty of less serious offenses are frequently thrown in with hardened criminals, where they themselves become hardened criminals. Penal institutions have become schools for perfecting the “art” of crime. Many consider getting caught as merely an occupational hazard. A prison psychiatrist in France complained: “When I talk with them they tell me: ‘Let’s not kid around. The only thing I know how to do is burglary. I am here because my technique is not what it should be. I am here to improve it.’”

Prisons, in short, are generally anything but correctional institutions. Men have tried to make them work, but have failed.

Shorter sentences have not worked. They have given rise to complaints of a “revolving-door” justice system. And longer sentences often harden the convict and contribute to the problem of overcrowding.

An excerpt from an editorial in



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the London *Times* summarizes the dilemma well. "The state of prisons is becoming more and more depressing, and no end to the misery seems in sight. The apparently inexorable decline of the prison system into near chaos is matched by the inability of the authorities involved to provide any relief. The blunt fact is that prisons can no longer cope."

Where did the idea of keeping people in prison come from anyway?

One thing is certain: God is not its author.

The God-given Penal Code

The Bible contains the civil and penal code given by God to a physical and unconverted nation—the Old Testament nation of Israel. God gave this nation the opportunity of being a showcase, so all the other peoples on earth could see the national benefits of obedience to God's laws.

Israel's God-given legal and penal system would, it was promised, make Israel the envy of all other nations. Notice how Moses explained it to the people:

"Here am I teaching you," Moses declared, "as the Eternal my God ordered me, the rules and regulations for what you are to do . . . keep them, obey them, for that will prove your wisdom and intelligence to the [other] nations; when they hear all these rules they will say, 'This great nation is indeed a wise, intelligent race!' . . . What great nation has rules and regulations as just as all this code that I am putting before you now?" (Deuteronomy 4:5-6, 8 Moffatt translation).

The civil laws that followed in the book of Deuteronomy were for the nation of Israel. They would in fact, though, work for any physical nation that would diligently apply and enforce them. These laws formed the most perfect civil code ever devised for a physical, unconverted people.

There was no provision for prisons in God's civil code. Imprisonment is part of the punishment determined by God for rebellious spirit beings—Satan

Penal institutions have become schools for perfecting the "art" of crime.

and his demons. They are the ones for whom this form of punishment was designed (see I Peter 3:19; Jude 6; Revelation 20:2-3). But Satan, who has deceived this whole world (Revelation 12:9), has succeeded in foisting upon humans the form of punishment reserved for himself and his demons!

Before Israel received its civil code from God, prisons were in use among the gentile nations. Joseph, one of the 12 patriarchs of the nation Israel, had been thrown into the dungeon where Egypt's pharaoh kept his prisoners (Genesis 39:20). But it was not to be so in Israel.

Under the system God gave through Moses, suspects could be put "in ward" on a temporary basis while they awaited swift sentencing (Leviticus 24:12; Numbers 15:34). But the short confinement itself was not the sentence. That is an important difference.

For those judged guilty of criminal activity several forms of punishment were prescribed. Some crimes required restitution to the victim of double the amount lost. If the guilty party didn't have the means to make restitution, he became a bond servant until he worked off his debt. Sometimes a physical punishment such as a lashing was pronounced. For certain crimes the death penalty was mandatory.

But Israel was to be free of jails, prisons and all their attendant problems and shortcomings. Emphasis was upon deterring crime. The principle was simple: State the law; state the punishment; then swiftly and consistently punish any lawbreakers. The rest of the people—any who would be tempted to do wrong—would "*hear and fear*" (Deuteronomy 13:11; 17:13; 19:20).

Some criminologists may claim that such an approach is too simple, that it would not work. But God says it would indeed work.

Nothing else men have tried has worked.

Even the wisdom of this world is beginning to realize it. *Time* magazine, in an essay on crime and punishment, concluded: "To be told the law, to be told the punishment and to be punished if one breaks the law, is a sounder and more reliable system of justice than the confusing and ineffective process now operating. A society can be subverted by a system that appears to be not only inconsistent but almost whimsical in its workings. . . . If the law has meaning, it must carry predictable consequences" (September 18, 1978).

Time magazine's essay was preceded 3,000 years ago by the simple words of Solomon: "Because sentence on a crime is not executed at once, the mind of man is prone to evil practices" (Ecclesiastes 8:11, Moffatt translation). This is why capital punishment as practiced today is so totally ineffective. Long agonizing waits on "death row" and endless stays of execution based on legal technicalities that obscure the main issue render the death sentence a useless deterrent.

Crime needs to be nipped in the bud. Instead of making the punishment fit the criminal, as is the prevalent approach today, under ancient Israel's God-given civil code, punishment fitted the crime. The "eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth" administration may be criticized by some. But it left no doubt in the minds of those inclined to do wrong as to exactly what would happen.

Some of the punishments prescribed in the biblical code may seem severe. But crime is a severe problem. It is especially severe to the victim. It should also be severe to the criminal. Under our present system we have many victims and many lawbreakers, but few punished criminals. Under Israel's civil code there were few victims and few criminals.

The ancient concept of letting people stagnate in cages for years, even for life, is, because of its near total ineffectiveness, cruel and unusual punishment. That any society continues to hold to the concept is an admission that it can come up with no genuine solution for dealing with people who have broken the law.

The "Heart" of the Problem

The legal and penal code given to ancient Israel was the best possible system for an unconverted, physical nation. But it was only a step in the right direction.

The old covenant civil code could not change the human heart. And that is really where the crime problem is centered. As Jesus said, "For *out of the heart* proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (Matthew 15:19).

In order to do away entirely with crime, the human heart must be changed. Jesus taught how such a change is possible. He showed that it can be done through the power of God's Holy Spirit. But ancient Israel was never promised the Holy Spirit—which is why they needed a civil code to punish those bent on crime.

That's what conversion is all about. The human heart must be changed—converted—so that there is no longer even a desire to do wrong. Hatred must be replaced with love. Lust and greed must be replaced with the desire to give and share. Then criminality will be abolished. (Why not write for our free booklet *Just What Do You Mean—Conversion?* It explains what true conversion is.)

The apostle Paul referred to the civil administration under the old covenant as the "ministration of death" (II Corinthians 3:7) and the "ministration of condemnation" (verse 9). In other words, the purpose of that administration was to condemn lawbreakers to appropriate physical punishment, often capital, to stop crime and lawlessness. It was an effective

system designed to serve its objectives well. But it did not lead to a change of heart, to conversion and salvation.

True Christians are under a new administration. We have the "ministration of the spirit" (verse 8), the "ministration of righteousness" (verse 9). The purpose of this New Testament administration is to eliminate through the inner power of the Holy Spirit the desire to do evil. It involves the building of righteous character. True Christians now, through the power of the Holy Spirit, keep God's laws according to their full meaning and intent. And when we slip and stumble—sin—we can be forgiven through the blood of Jesus Christ who paid the penalty of death for sin. God's government in His Church today administers "the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" (verse 6).

The World Tomorrow

In the world tomorrow there will be no prisons for humans. And there will be no crime problem either. God's supreme law of love—of giving instead of getting—will be enforced worldwide. From Jerusalem, the headquarters of His Government, Jesus will teach all nations His ways, "for the law shall go forth of Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Micah 4:2).

God's Holy Spirit will be made available to everyone so that true conversion can take place. Instead of a climate of dishonesty, crime, and fear of crime as exists today, there will be a universal climate of righteousness, trust and security.

Isaiah foretold that wonderful time soon to come when "the Spirit is poured upon us from high. . . . And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust for ever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places" (Isaiah 32:15, 17-18, Revised Standard Version). What a wonderful world. Wouldn't you like to be there? □



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- C. suddenly becoming "saved"
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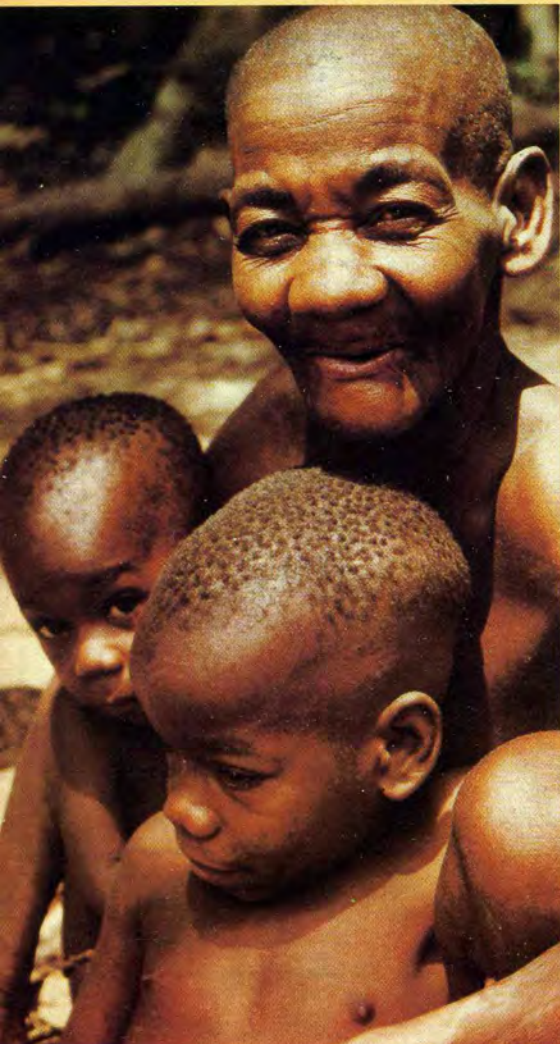
THE PYGMIES ARE BEING SAVED

Article and photos by
Jean-Pierre Hallet

Editor's note: From time to time we update our readers on one of the most heroic human endeavors of this century—the preservation of the Efé Pygmies of the Ituri Forest in the heart of Africa.

THE SURVIVAL of the Pygmies is my lifetime concern. Yet I could never have achieved it without many other caring people, who, for the last five years, faithfully have stood by my work. I am pleased to reveal that the overwhelming majority of those became aware of the plight of the Pygmies as a result of two feature articles in *The Plain Truth*: "To Save A People" (January, 1975) and "Little People, Giant Man, Huge Task" (September, 1978). Without this generous help from *The Plain Truth* editorial staff and the Worldwide Church of God and its members our Pygmy brothers and sisters could have been completely extinct by now!

Now, it seems only fair that I should give readers of *The Plain Truth* some details about what has been done with your precious help.



The potentially tragic extinction of the Efé Pygmies of the Ituri Forest now seems to be halted! The work of The Pygmy Fund, helping them to help themselves, is proving to be successful despite seemingly impossible odds. From 1974 to 1978, to compensate for the "progressive" destruction of the Pygmies' forest home, an intensive self-help program was maintained. The Pygmy Fund provided them with tools, selected seeds, medications and the necessary land to practice simple, well adjusted agriculture. As a result, the Efé Pygmy population, which was dramatically declining every single year for many decades, was finally stabilized.

It was certainly not easy... The Pygmies, who for millennia had been exclusively hunter-gatherers, had had to progres-

sively adjust themselves to a quite different way of life, a more agrarian and much less nomadic mode of survival. Any abrupt transition from their cosy, safe and serene forest home (increasingly and distressingly destroyed by lumber operators, coffee and cotton plantations) to the burning, equatorial open tracks outside of the forest could have been catastrophic. Not only could the Pygmies have succumbed from new village diseases (dysentery, tuberculosis, yaws) and from heat prostration or sun strokes, their all-important cultural identity, moral values, natural dignity, simple wisdom and remarkable family unity (so rarely found even among most "civilized" cultures) could have been destroyed forever.

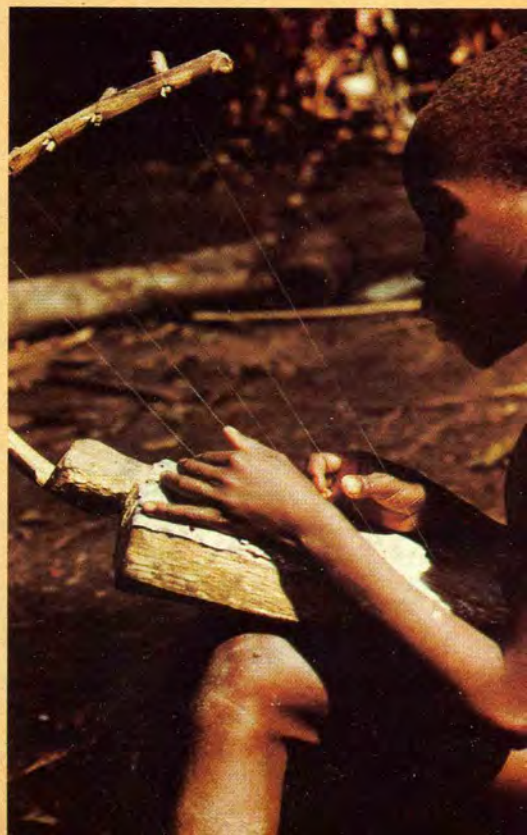
In order to handle efficiently this delicate transition, I started

to slowly initiate the Pygmies to a simple type of agriculture as early as in 1957 (the story is detailed in my book *Congo Kitabu*). For the next 16 years, our diminutive friends became more and more familiar with planting banana trees and cultivating manioc (cassava), beans, peanuts, sweet potatoes and rice. But the "farming" was not offered as the only alternative for survival. Unfortunately, during that period the forest was increasingly destroyed along with the food, shelter, clothing and medications that it provides. In 1974, it became absolutely necessary to really push all the way the practice of agriculture in order to prevent the imminent extinction of the pure-blooded Pygmies.

Although their population dropped about 25 percent in 1972 and 1973, by the end of 1974 it

PYGMY FUND BRINGS HELP

—Ready for distribution, top photos at left, are sacks of selected soybean seeds and hoes. Implements vary in size from beginners' hoes to imported hoes for experienced Pygmies. Machetes are locally made. Shirts are premiums for special efforts—used when visiting a big village. Self-help kits, on ground, include seed, soap and gifts for the children. Author visits his Efé Pygmy friends annually.



was stabilized at about 3,800 souls (10 percent of the 1935 population and perhaps only 1 percent of around 1825). For the following four years the number of surviving Pygmies was rather miraculously kept steady. This was possible through help of many *Plain Truth* readers and other friends which allowed us to achieve the following:

To substantially increase the distribution of tools that have progressively been adapted in shapes and sizes to the Pygmies' needs; to carefully select the seeds and plant cuttings introduced; to improve the relationship with the complex bodies of local administrative, traditional, political and military authorities in Zaïre (formerly the Belgian Congo);

I authorized a careful population census and instituted improvement of sanitation and hygiene (badly needed for their more sedentary encampments). A constant check on the attitudes of the taller Africans toward the Pygmies was required in order to avoid any form of exploitation, oppression or injustice. The preservation, by all possible means, of the little portion of inhabitable forest still available to the Pygmies is a final achievement.

To accomplish all of that, it was necessary for me to stay among the Pygmies for whatever necessary period, every year, for the last 12 years. Each year, I was faced with new problems, new challenges, new setbacks.

Proving the "Wise" Wrong

Ironically, the kind of problems or difficulties ominously predicted by scientists, such as armchair anthropologists and sociologists, proved to be all wrong as I knew it would be. Among those predictions or "projected patterns of behavior" (!) were the following:

1) By leaving the forest life in order to practice agriculture, the Pygmies will almost immediately lose their cultural values and, in particular, their classic morality; 2) as a result of that cultural shock they will be weakened psychologically and physically and

succumb like flies to deadly epidemics; 3) the agricultural program was doomed to complete failure because a) the Pygmies knew nothing about farming, b) even if they start it, they will abandon the whole thing since they are not used to continuous hard labor, c) the tools that will be given to them will be almost immediately sold to the financially more able and taller black population and as a result, d) they will end up "pathetic little drunks" (since the Pygmies will, like many other Africans, spend most of their money to acquire native beer); 4) the Pygmies are strictly an "ecological niche" in their own forest and their only means of survival is to preserve the forest and leave them alone; and, their conclusion was 5) since the forest is doomed, because of encroaching civilization, the Pygmies are also doomed, and there is nothing anybody can do about it.

Well, we certainly did something about it and made a mockery out of all the preceding "scientific" projections. What they simply didn't take into consideration is that the Efé Pygmies, with their innate strength of character and natural morality, needed much more than just a change of environment, of activity, or even the evil of money to ever destroy or even upset their free, stable, strong and uncompromising nature. They simply don't know that the Pygmies, living so close with the beautiful reality of the Creator's nature, are in their childlike, crimeless way of life unburdened by the weight of so-called "human nature," which is so often used as an excuse for all the evil of more "advanced" societies. They simply have the childlike faith that God gave them. What the "experts," who were trying to discourage me from the very beginning, didn't realize is that since I love and respect the Pygmies so much, the only way I could help them is to understand their needs and to handle the "Saving The Pygmies" campaign on the basis of mutual understanding, confidence and lots of faith.

For example, I simply explain to our little friends that their tools will allow them to feed their children and ultimately to survive. They simply trusted me, and I am not aware of *one* single case of a tool that has been sold "to get drunk." The only few missing tools reported were actually stolen by the taller less "primitive" neighbors. The major problems that I encounter are rather unrelated to all the ones "predicted." One of them is the reluctance of the existing farmers to accept competition from the Pygmies; another problem is simply my own survival when I am in Africa.

For example, on my last trip, in July-August, 1979, I was struck by a deadly form of malaria, trapped in the middle of the Pygmy Forest, unable to move, reaching the state of coma. I had little chance to survive since I was more than 100 miles away from any reliable medical help, and being at the end of my mission, I had already dispensed all my medications. (A cassette tape recorded on that particular 10-day ordeal titled "It's Worth It!" is available to contributors, on request.) In spite of that painful interruption, with God's help, I was able to complete the field program of The Pygmy Fund.

And, to give you some most encouraging news, the self-help program that was boosted last year by the mass introduction of soybeans, although not successful everywhere, achieved the tangible results of increasing the population—mostly by keeping the elderly people alive. Since, among the Pygmies, the old folks always want to be the last to eat, they were often the first victims during the difficult previous years. But now, with the additional supplies of food, such as the soya, the older people are living longer. As a result, I am most delighted to inform you that, during the last six months, 32 births and only three deaths were recorded in the area where the soya was at its best; and, among those three deaths only one was an old person! Such a

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THE SPECTER OF POISON GAS WARFARE

by Jeff Calkins

DO YOU REALIZE just how dangerous this world's present state of affairs is? The world is once again face-to-face with a massive buildup of poison gas weapons.

The U.S. Defense Department seeks dramatic million-dollar-level increases in chemical war-making capacity. The Soviet Union may be using chemical weapons in Afghanistan, according to Western news sources. France retains significant stocks of poison gas. All this while chemical warfare disarmament talks bog down in Geneva.

New-style Nerve Gas

The new generation of poison gas is not old-style World War I mustard gas. It is far *more* deadly. It is nerve gas. Just a drop—landing on your skin—will kill.

Nerve gas promises a paralyz-

ing, suffocating death. The new generation of nerve gases—"sarin," "soman," and "VX"—attack the chemicals in your nervous system that transmit messages to and from your brain. This nerve breakdown, in turn, causes, in the words of the *Scientific American*, "intense sweating, filling of the bronchial passages with mucus, bronchial constriction, dimming of vision, uncontrollable vomiting and defecation, convulsions and finally paralysis and respiratory failure. . . . If the dose is only marginally lethal or if it is received through the skin, however, it may take up to several hours for the victim to die."

Ominously, poison gas poses a special deadly threat to civilians. The *Scientific American* estimates that clouds of nerve gas can kill unprotected civilians more than 13 miles downwind. And up to 26

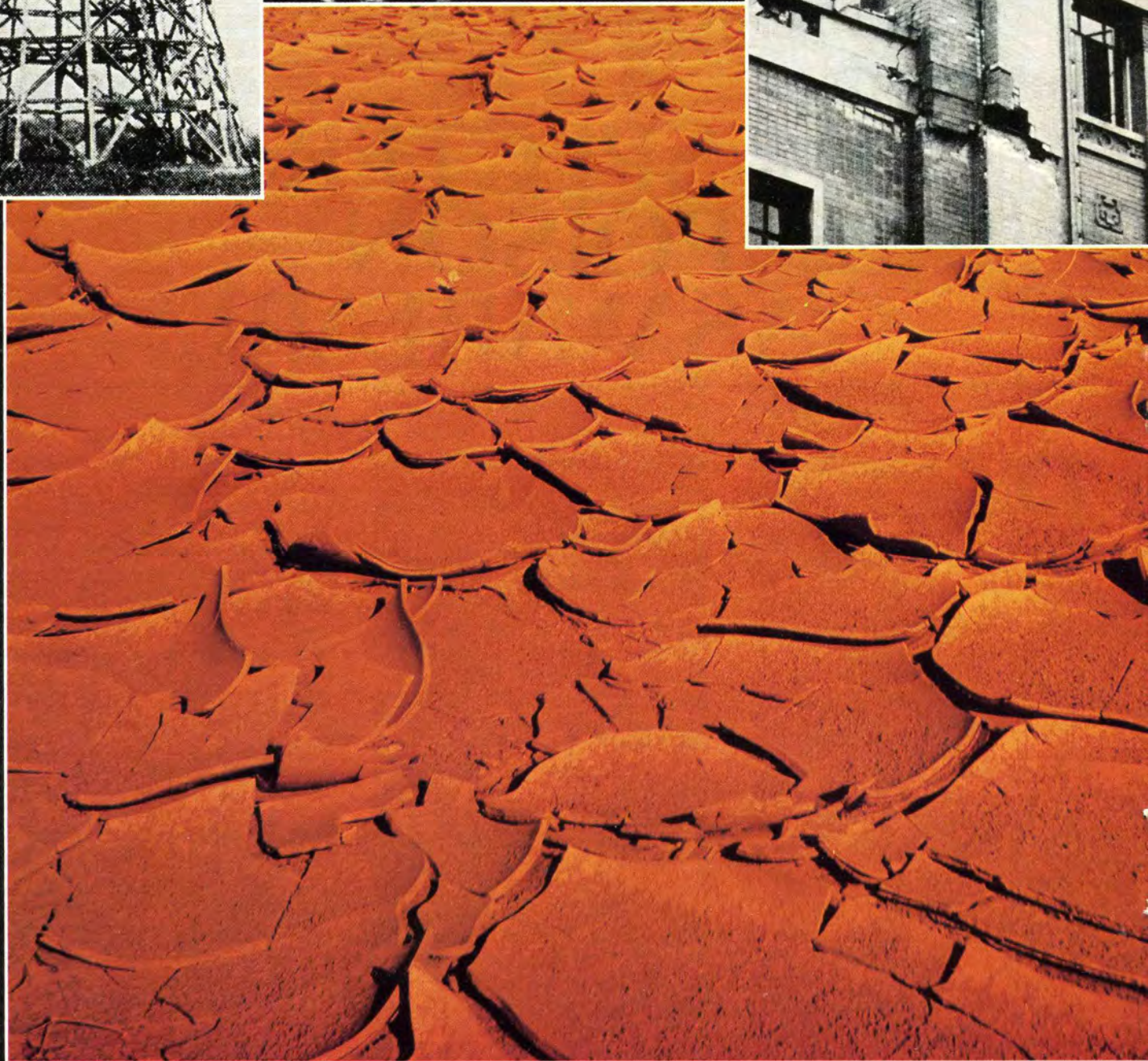
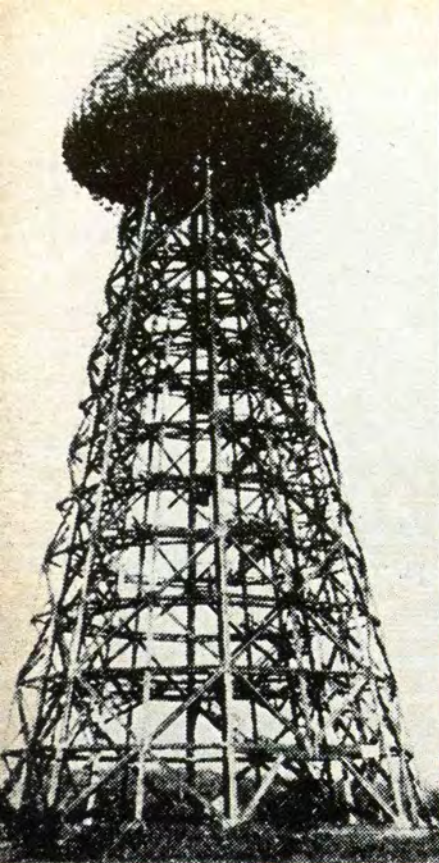
miles downwind people would face terrible nerve damage, though perhaps not death.

Superpower Competition

Each of the world's superpowers maintains awesome stocks of deadly nerve gas. The United States has three million artillery shells of sarin and VX, several thousand bombs of sarin, as well as hundreds of thousands of nerve-gas land mines. When you include the weight of the shells, America has 150,000 *tons* of poison gas—two thirds of it new generation nerve gas.

We do not know for certain how much poison gas the Soviet Union now possesses. Western military officials, believe, however, that they have many times the American stockpile.

Moreover, the crisis in Af-
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The Amazing Story Behind WORLDWIDE WEATHER UPSET

by Jeff Calkins

Why did some of the most bizarre weather conditions in several hundred years all happen about the same time? What caused so many unseasonal droughts, earthquakes, heat waves and blizzards in the same year? What—or who—was behind worldwide crazy weather this past decade?

WHY—in such a short space of time—did so much of the world's weather behave so oddly? For a little more than one year—from about early summer, 1976, to late summer, 1977—world weather went, as the *New York Times* put it, “berserk.”

You probably remember the abnormal weather of that period. But do you understand just how bizarre weather and earthquake conditions were? Try to grasp the sheer magnitude of the rampage:

- After a 15-year lull, when giant earthquakes of more than 8 on the Richter scale averaged only

STRANGE THINGS HAPPENED to world weather in the 1970s. Many areas suffered from worst-ever droughts, such as California (bottom). Tangshan, China, was hit by one of the worst earthquakes of modern times (top, center). A freak lightning storm struck several critical powerlines causing the New York City blackout (top, right). Did such freakish weather have an artificial origin? Nikola Tesla, a turn of the century inventor who learned to transmit electricity without wires (top, left and extreme left), believed electromagnetic waves could alter the weather. Have recent experiments, using Mr. Tesla's theories, done just that?

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one every three or four years, *there were three such quakes in one year!* They were accompanied by another 10 quakes of 7+ on the Richter scale.

- The most devastating earthquake of modern times struck Tangshan, China, on July 28, 1976. Somewhere between 650,000 and 800,000 people died.

- Europe as a whole suffered the "drought of the century." France had its worst drought in 250 years. England had its worst drought in 250 years. Water was rationed in many areas.

- Northern Italy had its worst drought in 30 years. Eastern Europe also suffered.

- Western Canada had its lowest rainfall in a century.

- Mexico suffered severe drought in the states of Sonora and Sinaloa.

- There were further drought areas as widely scattered as Brazil, the Caribbean, Australia, Southeast Asia, China, North Korea, Tanzania and Kenya.

- California was hit by its worst drought in history, and much of the rest of the United States also suffered abnormal dryness.

- East of the Rocky Mountains the United States suffered one of the coldest winters in history. All time low temperatures were registered in many American cities.

- Snow fell in normally sunny Miami, Florida, while Alaska, in the dead of winter, enjoyed comparatively warm temperatures.

- There were freak hot spells in the dead of the Brazilian winter.

- There were record heat waves in Northern American cities in the summer of 1977.

- "Natural" heat lightning started an unusually large number of forest fires in the dry forest of the American West and Alaska.

- Heat lightning, striking not once, but several times, struck critical transmitters in New York state and caused the blackout of New York City in July, 1977.

- Lightning pulsed in a perfect pattern—a 360-degree circle—creating a strange aurora borealis effect for more than an

hour in Timmons, Ontario, in March, 1977.

- The Soviet Union enjoyed unusually good winter weather.

What happened? Why so many extremes all at the same time—and worldwide?

Parallels in Bible Prophecy

Bible prophecy reveals that upset weather—particularly earthquakes and droughts—would abound in the period just before the return of Jesus Christ to reestablish the Kingdom of God over this sin-sick, Satan-deceived world.

Listen to this remarkable prophecy, written for our time:

"And also I [God] have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet ye have not returned unto me, saith the Lord" (Amos 4:7-8).

Furthermore, God's revealed Word makes it abundantly clear that such drought is the result of sin! "Yet ye have not returned unto me."

King Solomon, when he prayed at the consecration of God's Temple, said: "When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they [the people of Israel] have sinned against thee; yet if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them; then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and *send rain upon thy land*, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance" (II Chronicles 6:26-27).

And in Leviticus, God Himself made plain the connection between sin and drought:

"But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments . . . I [God] will make your heaven as iron, and

your earth as brass" — unyielding elements, i.e. no rain coming from the skies, hence hard, untillable and non-productive earth — Leviticus 26:14,19.

But *how* does God bring about such punishment? Sometimes, He brings about weather upset directly, through His own supernatural power. Thus God declared through His prophet Elijah that there would be no rain or even dew on the land because of the sins of the house of Israel at that time (I Kings 17:1).

But sin can bring about weather upset in other ways. Greedy, warring man, having rejected God's Way of giving and love, will try, if he has the power, to force the weather to do his bidding! Having rejected God's Way, men are sorely tempted to tamper with the weather—even if it means havoc for others!

Is it possible that man himself—going the way that seems right in his own eyes—was the cause of the terrible period of upset weather in 1976-1977? Is it possible that God allowed sinful man to experiment in dangerous new areas of knowledge that made the weather go berserk? Are new experimental weather superweapons in the making, which will have the power to alter world weather patterns?

New Weather Superweapons

The Plain Truth first broached the possibility of a new kind of superweapon about five years ago—just before the unprecedented world upset weather. In the August 2, 1975, edition of this magazine, Editor Herbert W. Armstrong revealed to his readers:

"Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev recently broke out in five-column frontpage news headlines urging the worldwide ban on creation of new weapons of mass destruction even more terrible than the hydrogen bomb and other nuclear weapons. Modern technology, in his view, now has the power to create new systems of mass destruction not yet covered in any international arms control pact.

"Just what is the real significance of the Brezhnev proposal?"

"Is the Soviet Union working on such a new means of mass destruction? Does [Brezhnev] fear that the United States, China or some other power may be working on something of the kind? Does he have secret information of such activity? Or is he merely seeking headlines to boost his personal prestige as a world leader?"

"In any event it would be foolishness to assume the latter and simply shrug it off."

Mysterious Soviet Transmissions

Just as the world began its period of crazy weather, scattered bursts of radio interference began to jam world airwaves. The interference was caused by signals from the world's most powerful radio stations located in the Soviet Union. These radio signals are at least four times more powerful than any other in the world.

These signals *began on a steady basis* in July, 1976, though there are reports that occasional transmissions were made as far back as 1971.

Since 1976, the signals have wreaked havoc with short wave radio communications. In 1977, both European and American communications authorities complained to the Soviets. The Soviets replied, according to *Time* magazine, that they were conducting "experiments" which, they lamented "could cause interference of short duration to radio facilities."

But these radio experiments may even have altered world weather patterns. An authority on weather-warfare, former U.S. Defense Department think-tank researcher Lowell Ponte, has revealed to *The Plain Truth*:

"The right kind of radio transmissions alter the planet's magnetic field. The giant rivers of wind in the sky, like the jet stream, tend to follow that magnetic field. So when you bend it or when you begin creating giant electrical standing waves in the atmosphere, as our government knows they've [the Soviets] been

doing, you bend those wind currents, and where they go the weather goes."

Indeed, after the Soviets began their radio experiments, meteorologists reported that "blocking" effects—high pressure areas—extending down the West and East coast of North America, and along the Russian-Polish border up to Finland, were stopping the normal circulation of weather. These high pressure areas were in the same place as huge, standing radio waves, more than 1,000 miles long, and at a frequency between 4 and 26 hertz (vibrations per second)—the same frequency range used by the Soviets! (See "The Lost Secret of Tesla," by Edward

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weather to do his
bidding!

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Campbell, *Science Digest*, October, 1978.)

A number of scientists have studied the effect of radio transmissions on the weather. Stanford University's Robert Helliwell has discovered that very low frequency radio energy—such as that transmitted by the Soviets—can cause an "electron rain" in the earth's ionosphere, and this inevitably alters weather patterns below.

Dr. Walter Orr Roberts, who once worked for the U.S. National Center for Atmospheric Research, speculated in 1967 that changes in the ionosphere could cause cloud banks to form, which in turn could change the weather. And in 1973, Dr. Roberts, and another scientist, Roger Olson of the National Oceanic and Atmo-

spheric Administration, announced their discovery that the magnetic storms that cause the Aurora Borealis, also control the weather over the Gulf of Alaska, which in turn controls the weather for much of North America.

Indeed, it is because scientists now know that electromagnetism (radio signals are simply a form of eletromagnetism) affects the weather that many have come to believe that sun spots—which release great amounts of electromagnetic energy—influence weather patterns. (See *The Cooling* by Lowell Ponte, Prentice-Hall, 1976, pp 57 and 169.)

Closing Pandora's Box

Almost at the same time that Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev warned of weapons "more terrible than nuclear," the Soviet Union made a concerted effort at the Geneva Conference of the Committee on Disarmament to ban environmental warfare.

Significantly, the use of radio signals to alter weather patterns was brought up at the Geneva Conference. A working paper circulated by the Canadian government warned of a number of climate modification ideas: "Sea and ocean alterations, tidal wave generation, earthquake stimulation, volcano triggering and the introduction of electromagnetic waves into the atmosphere" (Reuters, August 9, 1975).

Furthermore, the Soviet Union made a statement at the conference which indicated it full well realized the dangers—and potential—for environmental warfare:

"The aggressor can secretly, without declaring war, for many years use [weather modification] methods against its intended victims."

Finally, after about a year of incredible weather, on May 18, 1977, the Soviet Union, the United States, and 29 other countries signed an agreement banning environmental warfare.

Doomsday Terror

One more angle to the Russian radio experiments must be considered. Such experiments may

be part of a whole new approach to physics, which could lead to awesome consequences, e.g. man-made earthquakes, death-rays and artificial electrical storms generated at will any place on earth.

The Soviets take seriously the ideas of the turn-of-the-century inventor, Nikola Tesla. Tesla once worked for Thomas Edison and was a famous inventor in his own right. For example he made AC electrical current commercially possible.

But Tesla's ideas were not confined to such now mundane matters like AC current. Tesla believed that the earth itself was a conductor of electricity, and that it even had its own electromagnetic "frequency." By being "tuned" to the right frequency, you could theoretically draw off an unlimited amount of energy. Moreover, you could shift a tremendous amount of electrical power around the globe at will.

We cannot know for certain at this time whether certain electrical storms—the heat lightning which devastated Alaskan forests or the lightning storm which caused the New York City blackout—were the product of Soviet experiments based on Tesla's theories. But examine some of the evidence which points in that direction:

- The lightning storm which caused the New York City blackout occurred when the Soviet transmissions were going full blast.

- The eerie pulsating lightning which occurred over Timmons, Ontario, also coincided with the Soviet transmissions and have yet to be given any natural explanations.

- A Soviet scientist spent several months in Quebec, interviewing Tesla's last known living assistant, Arthur Matthews. Shortly thereafter, the Soviets began their radio experiments.

- The Tangshan earthquake was immediately preceded by a strange electrical display, and followed by extreme radio interference. Indeed, one of the reasons for the high death toll was

the fact of a *radio blackout* just after the tremors. Consider this bizarre account of the Tangshan quake, as reported by the June 2, 1977, edition of the New York *Times*:

"Just before the first tremor last summer at 3:42 a.m., the sky over Tangshan lit up 'like daylight,' waking thousands who thought their room lights had been turned on. The multihued lights, mainly red and white, were seen up to 200 miles away.

"Half a mile from the fault line, which ran north-northeast and south-southwest, one field of corn the size of an airport was knocked over, in the same direction, as though by some giant wind: Leaves on many nearby trees were burnt to a crisp and growing vegetables were scorched on one side as if by a fireball."

The Tangshan quake occurred in the first month of the Soviet transmissions—perhaps at a time when their scientists did not yet fully realize what could happen when substantial amounts of electromagnetic energy are shifted around the globe.

Role in Prophecy

"Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?" God asked Job (Job 38:35). The point was, puny Job, for all his righteousness, could not custom-make the weather. As God put it, "Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?" (Job 38:34).

Have Soviet scientists succeeded in doing what God told Job he couldn't do? They may very well be able to affect the weather—perhaps more drastically than anything up to now envisioned by man (Nikola Tesla excepted)—but their control may not be good enough to force the weather to do their bidding without any possibility of backfire.

Thus, while the United States suffered three of its coldest winters ever in rapid succession, this last winter saw temperatures return to normal in the United States and in the Soviet Union.

There are also other explana-

tions for the Soviet radio experiments. One U.S. intelligence source believes them to be the results of trying to develop over-the-horizon radar, a necessity for an antimissile system.

The *Ottawa Journal*, on the other hand, speculates that the experiments are part of an effort to keep radio communications going in the event of a nuclear war. And some American devotees of Tesla, in view of the fact that the frequency of the radio waves is almost identical to that of some human brain waves, have suggested the experiments are part of an attempt at worldwide mind control or at least an attempt to influence behavior.

At the moment we cannot say for sure. But we do know that Bible prophecy does say that drought (Amos 4:7-8, Leviticus 26:19-20) and earthquakes (Matthew 24:7) would be direct indicators of the time of the end of human civilization as we know it—immediately before the birth of the World Tomorrow when peace will be brought to earth and the Kingdom of God established. God has used great gentile superpowers in the past as His instruments to punish sinning nations (II Kings 17:5-23). Indeed, God even refers to one gentile superpower as "the rod of mine anger" (Isaiah 10:5). Human radio experiments may very well be a means by which God brings prophecies of upset weather to pass.

Finally, one implication of the radio experiments is very important. *Don't be fooled by a spate of normal weather!* If indeed the technology is now loose in the world whereby man can wreak havoc with the weather, then weather conditions can change very rapidly! Conditions prophesied to happen could develop almost overnight!

Don't "go to sleep" (see Matthew 25:1-12) just because weather may be normal *this* year. Who knows what men with weather-altering technology will do *next* year? Now more than ever you need to be alert to the events of these end times. □



UNDERSTANDING THE CRIMINAL MIND

The Bible exposes the inner workings of the criminal mind. It reveals the causes of criminal behavior!

by Donald D. Schroeder

HOW DO YOU explain the criminal mind? What is the difference between the common person who recognizes he or she "hasn't always done right" and the antisocial lawbreaker or criminal?

Do You Know?

What is the cause of violence, rape, robbery? Of vandalism, dishonesty and aggression in human affairs?

Explain that and you know

the cause of every evil aspect of human nature—hate, resentment, jealousy, vanity, lust, greed, competition, strife, the desire to harm or degrade fellow man.

Sociologists and criminologists admit their bafflement.

No significant genetic, chromosomal or hormonal differences can be shown to exist between criminals and non-criminals. Medical examinations admit that organic defects, at most, account for

only a negligible portion of human aggression.

The popular explanation that poverty intrinsically leads to crime does not explain middle- or upper-class white-collar crime and violence. Nor does it explain why most citizens in poverty areas are not criminals.

Criminals not infrequently come from homes whose environment has produced other siblings who are basically honest, law-abiding citizens.

Why have the sciences of

sociology and criminology failed to discover the root causes of criminal behavior and the *nature* of human nature?

Because they have rejected the Source that reveals it! They are not recognizing or dealing with the important causes of sin and of the criminal impulse.

First, however, you need to understand the vital difference between sin and crime.

Sin, according to your Bible, is the breaking or transgression of God's Law (I John 3:4).

Crime is the violation of man-devised laws, which may or may not include that which God calls sin.

The Origin of Sin and Rebellion

Sin and criminal attitudes and behavior have not always existed. There was a definite beginning of law-breaking. How many today believe the scripture, "He who commits sin is of the devil" (I John 3:8)?

The Bible reveals the originator of the first "get-rich-quick" scheme. It was a great spirit being, an archangel, whose Latin name, *Lucifer*, means *Light-bringer*. He wanted top power and riches, the fast way—by taking it from someone else.

Lucifer was put over the earth to administer the Government of God. His rebellion against God, his Creator, is revealed in Isaiah 14:12-14 and Ezekiel 28:12-19.

Lucifer chose the way of competition, the way of conquest. He wasn't satisfied with rulership over the earth. He saw the whole universe, the unlimited opportunities for power, honor and glory. He coveted that for himself.

Lucifer, his name now changed to Satan, meaning *Adversary*, ascended to God's throne over the universe. He planned to kick God off His throne. "I will make myself like the Most High," he said (Isaiah 14:14, Revised Standard Version). He would decide for himself what was good and evil.

Satan believed getting for himself first was of paramount importance for self-fulfillment and greatness. He believed his "get" ways could produce results quick-

er, faster and on a grander scale—for himself. He rejected God's way to honor, glory and riches by patiently and humbly working, serving, helping and loving others.

He became an aggressor. He was the first to believe in the survival of the fittest. He was the first godfather of an organized criminal syndicate. Satan was able during his rule on earth to draw away one third of God's angels with him in his rebellion (see Revelation 12:4). He did it through the subtle defaming of God's character, purposes and laws.

But Satan's sinning and perverted attitudes clouded his mind. It caused him to misunderstand and miscalculate the awesome power of God. He was instantly cast down to earth. "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven," said Jesus (Luke 10:18).

Jesus said Satan was a murderer from the beginning of his rebellion—and the father of lies (John 8:44). He is the father of deceit, lies, trickery, false accusation, hate, rebellion, lust.

How many today know an invisible fallen spirit being, supported by a host of fallen angels, is broadcasting these wrong attitudes throughout the world to the minds of unsuspecting humanity? A humanity that, in many instances, does not believe a devil exists—or that they have made a god out of him!

How many realize humans in varying degrees have absorbed Satan's attitudes into their minds? Some individuals and cultures absorb more than others. There are reasons why!

Scripture reveals Satan has deceived and influenced the *whole world* with his corrupt attitudes. Read it for yourself in Revelation 12:9. Yet, many today deny the existence of the very source of evil that has worked to sway their minds into wrong ways of reasoning and feeling.

Satan Broadcasts His Attitudes

Notice what the Bible says about Satan's deception in Ephesians 2:2, RSV. Writing to converted Ephesian Christians, the apostle

Paul mentions how they were once spiritually dead because of the sins "in which you once walked."

Why? Because they had been "following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience."

Grasp that! Satan can broadcast his evil nature and attitudes through the air and unsuspecting human minds can pick it up, nourish it and develop it as part of human nature.

"Among these [children of disobedience] we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind, and so were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind," continues verse 3.

But what are the passions of the flesh that come from yielding or following Satan's ways? The Bible clearly tells us.

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness [physical and moral], lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings murders [hatred is the spirit of murder—I John 3:15], drunkenness, revelings and such like" (Galatians 5:19-21).

The Criminal Spectrum

Notice the sinful attitudes and acts just described. They are common to criminals and noncriminals alike. "All have sinned," says scripture (Romans 3:23).

But there are differences in the way individuals on the sinning or criminal spectrum are thinking. There are differences in degrees of such sins in a person's life.

At one end of the spectrum is the person, who, though sinning or rebelling against the perfect laws of God, rarely or only occasionally violates the laws of his society or culture. At the other end of the spectrum is the hard-core, professional or career criminal (he may be violence prone or operate solely by his wits). This person's wakeful life and thinking revolves around contemplating or

committing serious acts regarded as criminal by his society. Some persons, of course, fall in the middle of this spectrum.

At one end of the spectrum is the person who may accept or reject (or be ignorant of or unconcerned with) the laws of God but still feel responsible toward the laws of his man-devised culture to protect its order.

The hardcore criminal does not feel he owes absolute allegiance or submission to either the laws of men or God. He is—though some such criminals would deny it—a total law unto himself.

As one hardcore criminal said: "I don't let society tell me how to think. I decide what is important to me."

From God's point of view the thinking on both ends of the spectrum, or anywhere between them, leads to *spiritual* death if unrepented of.

Sin Leads to Criminal Behavior

In Genesis, chapter 2, it is revealed that Adam was taught essential knowledge by God. He could freely eat of every tree in the Garden of Eden, but—here was a special warning—"the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it"—or else he would spiritually die (verses 16-17).

Adam was given an opportunity to replace Satan as ruler over the earth. But in Genesis, chapter 3, we read how Adam failed the test by yielding and following his wife Eve. She decided to believe Satan's lies that God misrepresented what was good and evil. Satan, appearing as a serpent, injected into her mind the idea that God had not told the truth.

Eve rationalized, like so many do today, that what God said was evil looked good—and on the surface it was attractive. She reasoned, "How could it be bad?" She *reasoned* what God said was wrong.

Adam chose to rebel against God and take what was not his. Together they decided they would determine right and wrong—what was good and evil.

For their hostile, rebellious act God cut them off from Himself. God drove Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden.

God allowed them and their progeny to go their own way and, since that is what they wanted to do, decide for themselves what was good and evil under Satan's sway—and see the results. Man was allowed to develop his own systems of governments, religions, economics and morality based on what he thought was right and good. Men and nations are still deciding for themselves.

Human Devised Government Begins

It did not take humans long—though cut off from God and rebelling or rejecting many of God's laws and ways—to grasp the fact that humans could not live with each other doing anything or everything to another anytime they pleased.

An individual could not murder, rape, steal or even lie at every whim and be allowed to get away with it. The human social order would quickly break down into total anarchy. (The Bible reveals this once happened to ancient Israel—Judges 21:25.) No government of human devising can tolerate such a condition.

So human societies developed their own forms of religions, social customs and governments to teach and enforce their ideas and values of right and wrong in their culture.

Throughout history, the vast majority of citizens in a culture realize they must bear some responsibility for the well being of their neighbors, though they are not in any sense converted. They might succumb to various personal sins that violate God's Law—though they don't know God's Law—and even be tempted at times to break a law of their human-devised culture. But they still recognize and generally submit to higher cultural laws and values.

In every society under the sway of Satan there are, by contrast, those who decide they will rebel and reject even the funda-

mental civilizing laws of their culture. They become criminals in various degrees. Some go so far as to being a total law unto themselves.

Criminal Reasoning

Following the pattern of Adam and Eve, the criminal believes (at least at the time of his criminal act) that he, not society or any other authority, is the total arbiter of what is right and wrong.

The criminal mind reasons that if he wants to do something against the law, established laws are not good nor applicable to him. Such laws or values may be all right for others, but they are stupid to him—except as they protect him and make it possible for him to operate selfishly, which is for him, criminally.

At times the criminally selfish mind will act responsibly on the surface if it is the only way he can get what he wants, if it will provide a cover for his lifestyle or if the risk of detection and punishment is too great. But he will reject responsible ways of living whenever law-breaking ways seem to provide more of what he wants or quicker.

Remarkably, research on the hardcore criminal shows he invariably does not believe he is a bad person or even a criminal—except for fleeting moments of conscience which he quickly extinguishes.

Since *he* determines good and evil for himself, he can look upon himself as "good." He is "good" because he—not society or any divinity—determines what or who is "good" or "bad." If he accepts any culturally or religiously proscribed evil, it is because he determines it is evil.

Of course, what is "good" and "evil" will vary greatly from criminal to criminal (just as it will in more law-abiding, but unconverted, humans). The con artist who robs daily by his mental wits may look down at the violent criminal as evil. The strong-arm robber may feel he's only taking what the more prosperous won't miss. He may feel the child molester or other sex-

ual deviate is evil, not him.

At times, even the hardened criminal will do some "helpful" things for others, give money to charity or attend some "responsible" social function, just to show himself and others that he is "good." (In turn this allows some to feel they can engage in a few more criminal acts. "Good" to them is balancing off good and evil acts.) Jeremiah 17:9 reveals this deceptive tendency in men.

Now learn a critical lesson about sin and criminal behavior. Here are dramatically opposite results of two children raised essentially under the same environment, parentally and culturally.

A Lesson in Criminality

In Genesis, chapter 4, we read that Cain and Abel—Adam and Eve's first children—each brought an offering to God. But we learn from scripture that Abel was "righteous" (Matthew 23:35). Abel had God's Holy Spirit. He disciplined his mind and character because he saw in God's laws and promises precious things he perceived and valued. He submitted to God. Abel resisted the influence of Satan. He saw a redeeming payment for his sins through a coming Savior. He saw what happened to his parents and chose to resist similar evil attitudes and actions.

But Cain let a different attitude, spirit and outlook take root in his mind. To Cain, God's laws and ways were too harsh and unfair. God's promises for living right didn't appeal to him. What was exciting to his mind was to "get" exaltation, wealth and power for himself—now.

That's why his offering was not accepted by God. He was not living right. He became indignant against God.

Notice what God then said to Cain: "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not well, sin is couching at the door; its desire is for you, but *you must master it!*" (Genesis 4:6, 7, RSV).

Cain was not told by the Creator that his lack of educational surroundings was justification for his evil attitude. He was not told he was in no way responsible for his attitudes. He was told it was *his responsibility* to master and control wrong impulses or evil influences that came into his mind, whatever the source.

Too many today are like Cain. They excuse their failure to live uprightly. They do not resist evil thoughts and practices. They blame others for their failings.

Cain *chose* not to resist the attitudes Satan was pumping at his mind. He soon rose up and murdered his brother, Abel.

This is how crime among men began!

Scripture warns us today to avoid being "like Cain who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous" (I John 3:12, RSV).

Warning for Today

There is strong evidence that a person's temperament under the bombardment of Satan's evil moods and thoughts play a significant role in determining who is more likely to become a hardcore criminal.

One 15-year study of hardcore criminals* found that even as young children these criminals were different from their siblings—more restless, easily bored, desirous of excitement. Their thinking was more rapid, continuous, intense and self-centered. These youths found more disciplined and traditional values and ways of doing things boring, uninteresting, unexciting. Their parents often did not know how to master the situation.

Some personalities let themselves be more responsive to Satan's wavelength. (We are each responsible for guarding the doors of our mind!) Most parents and teachers can readily discern youths whose temperament, energy and mental abilities lead them into more mischief than others. These children are more self-centered, not concerned about

others. They need both a stronger loving and disciplining hand. Many parents do not know how to handle them.

"Train up a child in the way he should go," commands the Bible, "and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). "Discipline your son while there is hope" (Proverbs 19:18, RSV).

Sound childrearing is not merely punishment or dealing with childhood infractions. It is positive, yet firm instruction in right values and attitudes, coupled with much expression of love and affection along with proper discipline. Some youthful personalities and temperaments need more guidance than others.

Individual Ultimately Responsible

It is time to stop creating excuses for criminal and unsocial behavior—whether in children, juveniles or hardened criminals.

Children need to be taught from early ages that God ultimately will hold them responsible for their character (Ecclesiastes 11:9, 12:14). They need to have it impressed on their minds that the ultimate *spiritual* consequences of sin and of criminal behavior, unrepented of, is death—nothingness for all eternity—the "zero" state criminals fear most, yet plunge toward (Romans 6:23, Malachi 4:3).

The good news is that Satan is going to be forcibly thrust from his role of god of this world. Jesus Christ is coming to restore the Government of God over the earth. The criminally minded will either repent or perish.

But in today's world you need spiritual weapons—spiritual help—to counteract the power of Satan. "The weapons of [a true Christian's] warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds [of Satan's attitudes and temptations]" (II Corinthians 10:4).

"Resist the devil and he will flee from you," reveals James 4:7. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (I Peter 5:8). □



TURKEY IN CRISIS!

Turkey—a key defense link in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization—stands on the brink of collapse. Prophecy reveals the future of this nation at the crossroads between Europe and Asia.

by Keith W. Stump

TURKEY TODAY is in deep trouble! This strategically placed country spanning Europe and Asia at the mouth of the Black Sea is caught in the grip of growing economic and political chaos.

Western observers warn that Turkey may explode at any moment—unless immediate action is taken. A military coup in Ankara, Turkey's capital, is a distinct possibility.

Why have events in Turkey gone largely unnoticed by the Western press? Because newsmen do not know where Turkey is found in Bible prophecy! It is time to awake to the importance the Bible attaches to developments in this largely ignored nation.

Military analysts and news

commentators wonder which power Turkey will ultimately side with in the game of big-power politics. Bible prophecy leaves no doubt.

What the Bible Reveals

Students of the Bible have long pointed out that the Ottoman Turks are descended from a branch of the family of the ancient patriarch Esau. One of Esau's grandsons was Teman (Genesis 36:9-11), said to be the ancestor of the Ottoman Turks. Esau was the twin brother of Jacob (Israel) and son of the patriarch Isaac. In the Bible, Esau is also called *Edom* (Genesis 36:1, 8, 19).

One whole book of the Bible is devoted to a prophecy of Edom's future. It is the book of Obadiah,

the shortest book of the Old Testament. The prophecy of Obadiah is advance news of Turkey's immediate future!

Obadiah reveals that the ancient animosity between Esau and his brother Jacob—to whom Esau lost his birthright (Genesis 27)—has persisted to this very day. But who are the descendants of Jacob??

The astounding answer is found in Herbert W. Armstrong's book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. The modern descendants of Jacob are the so-called Ten Lost Tribes—the house of Israel—and the two

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GIANT BOSPORUS BRIDGE, linking Europe and Asia, has made Turkey a major world crossroads. The mile-long span was completed in 1973.

tribes of the house of Judah—the Jews. Jacob's son Joseph had the birthright promise (I Chronicles 5:1)—the promise of national blessing, immense wealth and power (Genesis 49:22-26). Today the modern descendants of Joseph—Isaac's grandson and Esau's nephew—are the Anglo-Saxon nations, the *United States* and *Britain*!

Obadiah's prophecy reveals that Edom (modern Turkey) will turn against his brother Jacob—against America and Britain, and also against the Jews of the modern-day state of Israel in Palestine. Turkey will actively cooperate with Jacob's enemy! That enemy is prophesied as a final short-lived restoration of the ancient Roman Empire as 10 nations or groups of nations in Europe. It will be headed by a dictator called in prophetic language "the Beast" (see Revelation 17:12-14).

Now notice part of Obadiah's prophecy:

"For thy violence against thy brother Jacob... thou shalt be cut off forever. In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his [Jacob's] forces, and foreigners entered his [Jacob's] gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them" (Obadiah 10,11).

Turkey will be "as one of them." Turkey, a Moslem nation, will not be an integral part of the religious-political union comprising the restored Roman Empire, but most probably will be linked with it by a military pact or alliance.

God declares further: "But thou shouldest not have looked on [or gloated over] the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah [the Jews in Palestine today] in the day of their destruction..." (verse 12).

America, Britain and the Jews are to suffer crushing national defeat—and Turkey will rejoice!

That is the plain message of Obadiah!

Now notice an interesting statement in verse 14: "Neither shouldest thou [Edom] have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape;..." The crossway is certainly a reference to Turkey's pivotal crossroads position between Europe and Asia. Or, more specifically, to the giant bridge now spanning the Bosphorus, a literal crossway between European and Asiatic Turkey. This Bosphorus Bridge was completed in 1973.

Prophecy Marches On

When will all these events occur? The time element of Obadiah's prophecy is clearly defined: "For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen..." (verse 15).

These are clearly prophecies for the *end-time*—for the time Jesus Christ called the "Great Tribulation" (Matthew 24:21) and the "Day of the Lord." The "Day of the Lord," the time of God's supernatural intervention in world affairs, culminates in Christ's second coming (compare Matthew 24:29 with Joel 2:31). Those climactic times lie *just ahead*!

Now see how these astounding prophecies will develop to fulfillment.

Turkey's Strategic Position

Turkey is of primary concern to the 15-member NATO alliance today. As the important southeastern anchor of NATO, Turkey is a vital barrier between the Soviet Union and the Middle East. Its future stability is even more critical in the wake of the Soviet move into Afghanistan, and continued turmoil in Iran, which borders Turkey on the east.

Turkey is also the only NATO country in this part of the world directly bordering on the Soviet Union. Turkey's extensive land mass is twice the size of the state of California.

Turkey sits astride one of the world's most strategic sea

gates—the Bosphorus-Dardanelles waterway, the narrow outlet from the Black Sea into the Mediterranean. And the country lies precariously close to the flash points of the volatile Middle East. Little wonder that developments within Turkey's borders are being closely monitored by both East and West. The stakes are high for both sides.

Turks Suspicious

Consider Turkey's uncertain position in the wake of recent upheavals in southwest Asia.

Turkey was stunned by last year's Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. Fears of a Soviet thrust into neighboring Iran make Ankara even more nervous. Many worried Turkish politicians are urging their government to take increased precautions along their 380-mile frontier with the Soviet Union. And with good reason.

Currently, the Soviets have 14 divisions posted on their border with Iran and Turkey in the area between the Black and Caspian Seas. Eleven of those divisions are motorized infantry, two are artillery and one is airborne. They stand poised for action at a moment's notice.

Russia and Turkey share a centuries-long history of confrontation and war. It was not until 1923 that Kemal Atatürk—whose revolt in that year had founded the Turkish Republic on the ashes of the Ottoman Empire—signed a treaty of friendship and nonaggression with Vladimir Lenin.

Following World War II, however, the Kremlin denounced the pact. Stalin demanded territorial concessions in eastern Turkey. More importantly, Moscow insisted on a Soviet base on the Dardanelles, part of the narrow passageway which provides the Soviet navy with its sole exit from the Black Sea into the Mediterranean and the world's oceans.

As a result of Soviet pressures, Turkey inched its way into the Western camp. In 1952, Ankara became a member of the NATO

alliance. Turkey's armed forces came to depend totally on U.S. supplies and know-how.

Ankara has remained suspicious of the Kremlin's ultimate designs on Turkey. Many Turks feel the Soviet Union's primary objective with regard to their country—control over the Bosphorus-Dardanelles waterway—has not changed. Only her tactics for achieving it have shifted.

Shaky U.S.—Turkish Ties

Now look at Turkey's army.

Turkey's military force of 500,000 men—the largest in Western Europe—is unquestionably well-trained. In addition, the country has the capability to mobilize up to four million reservists should war break out.

The problem, however, is that Turkey's army is equipped with largely obsolete weapons. U.S. officials have estimated that nearly 50 percent of Turkey's military equipment is badly in need of repair.

As Ankara sees it, much of the reason for this sorry state of affairs lies in Washington, D.C.

Congress cut off arms aid to Turkey in 1975 after Ankara used American weapons in its intervention in Cyprus. In retaliation, Turkey closed down some 26 U.S. bases in the country, including sensitive listening posts which eavesdropped on the southern Soviet Union.

Despite the continuing stalemate between Greece and Turkey over Cyprus, the arms embargo on Turkey was finally lifted in the summer of 1978. The United States resumed operating many of its installations provisionally, while negotiating for an agreement on their extended use.

But for Turkey's armed forces, nearly four years of embargo had taken a heavy toll. Consequently, Turkey has linked continued American use of the installations with demands for economic aid and military equipment. Ankara is anxious to make up for the lost time in the modernization of its military forces. But the country



has neither the cash nor the credit standing to catch up on its own.

The Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan has put new life into the difficult negotiations to repair damaged U.S.-Turkish relations. Washington is now putting renewed stress on closer ties to its strategic NATO ally. The emphasis is on stronger military ties and the strengthening of Turkey's armed forces.

Direct Attack Unlikely

No one at the moment is predicting an imminent invasion of Turkey by the Soviet Union. An attack on Turkey, a NATO member, would automatically subject Moscow to armed retaliation by other NATO members—in theory, at least.

Moreover, the Turks are a tough, proud and fiercely independent people. If the Soviets were surprised at the resistance they encountered in supporting a tottering procommunist government in Afghanistan, they would surely discover they had an even bigger tiger by the tail were they to confront Turkey militarily.

The real threat to Turkey at the moment is from its own internal crises. Mounting internal pressures, observers feel, might well lead to disintegration of the

country—possibly via a full-scale general rebellion. Ominously, Turkey's giant neighbor to the north would be waiting just next door to pick up the pieces.

There is evidence that this may be just what is being planned. According to Turkish intelligence sources, the Kremlin is already deeply involved in propaganda efforts in support of procommunists within Turkey. Of greatest concern to authorities at the moment is increasing Soviet support of the troublesome Kurdish separatist movement.

"Mountain Turks"

Turkey's 44 million people are relatively homogeneous—with one exception. There are about 5 million Indo-European speaking Kurds who live in eastern Turkey along the border with Iran, Iraq and Syria. The Kurds are officially called "Mountain Turks" by the Ankara government, an obvious attempt to avoid classifying them as a separate ethnic group.

Turkey's Kurds have long sought political unity with fellow Kurds inhabiting the frontier regions of bordering nations. A revival of Kurdish nationalism in eastern Turkey is now being

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‡WMAQ, Chicago — 670, 5 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 6 a.m., 10 p.m., Sun.
WBMD, Peoria — 1470, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Sun.

INDIANA

WBSB, South Bend — 960, 11:15 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 4:30 p.m., Sun.

IOWA

‡KXEL, Waterloo — 1540, 11:45 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 5 a.m., Sun.

KENTUCKY

‡WHAS, Louisville — 840, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

MARYLAND

*WBMD, Baltimore — 750, 4 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

MASSACHUSETTS

*‡WITS, Boston — 1510, 5 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 9 a.m., Sun.

MICHIGAN

WCZY, Detroit — 1500, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.

MINNESOTA

‡KTCR-FM, Minneapolis — 97.1, 6 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

MISSOURI

KMBZ, Kansas City — 980, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10 p.m., Sun.

*KGBX, Springfield — 1260, 11 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 9 a.m., Sun.

NEW MEXICO

KOB, Albuquerque — 770, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

NEW YORK

WBEN, Buffalo — 930, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.
‡WOR, New York — 710, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 6:30 a.m., 11:30 p.m., Sun.
‡WHAM, Rochester — 1180, 11:15 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 11 p.m., Sun.
WSOQ, Syracuse — 1220, 6:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.

NORTH CAROLINA

WSOC, Charlotte — 930, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

OHIO

WLSR, Akron — 1350, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 p.m., Sun.
‡WCKY, Cincinnati — 1530, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 8:15 p.m., Sun.
WBBG, Cleveland — 1260, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 9:30 a.m., Sun.
WMNI, Columbus — 920, 5 a.m., Mon.-Fri.
WCWA, Toledo — 1230, 11 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m., Sun.

OKLAHOMA

‡KVOO, Tulsa — 1170, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10:30 a.m., Sun.

OREGON

‡KWJJ, Portland — 1080, 11 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 9:30 p.m., Sun.

PENNSYLVANIA

WHP, Harrisburg — 580, 7:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Sun.
KQV, Pittsburgh — 1410, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7 a.m., Sun.

RHODE ISLAND

WEAN, Providence — 790, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
WGNG, Providence — 550, 9 a.m., Sun.

TENNESSEE

WREC, Memphis — 600, 11 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

TEXAS

KPRC, Houston — 950, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Sun.

*‡WOAI, San Antonio — 1200, 10:15 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10 a.m., 7 p.m., 11 p.m. Sun.

UTAH

‡KSL, Salt Lake City — 1160, 5:30 a.m., Sun.

VIRGINIA

WCPK, Chesapeake — 1600, 12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Sun.
WNIS, Norfolk — 1300, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

WEST VIRGINIA

WKEE, Huntington — 800, 6 a.m., Mon.-Fri.
‡WWVA, Wheeling — 1170, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10:30 a.m., Sun.

WYOMING

KYCN, Wheatland — 1340, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

Canadian Stations

ALBERTA

CKO-FM, Calgary — 103.1 MHz 8:00-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CFCW, Camrose — 790 KHZ, 11:05-11:35 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKO-FM, Edmonton — 105.9 MHz 8:00-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKYL, Peace River — 610 KHZ, 7:30-8:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CIOK, St. Paul/Bonnyville — 1310 KHZ, 8:05-8:35 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKTA, Taber — 1570 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 a.m. Sun.
CFOK, Westlock-Edmonton — 1370 KHZ, 7:05-7:35 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

CKQR, Castlegar — 1230 KHZ, 10:30-11:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CFCP, Courtenay — 1440 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CJDC, Dawson Creek 1350 KHZ, 8:05-8:35 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKGR, Golden — 1400 KHZ, 8:30-9:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKGF, Grand Forks — 1340 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKTK, Kitimat — 1230 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CJJC, Langley — 800 KHZ, 6:05-6:35 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKMK, Mackenzie — 1240 KHZ, 11:30-Midnight Mon.-Fri.
CHUB, Nanaimo — 1570 KHZ, 10:30-11:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKOO, Oliver/Osoyoos — 1240 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.
CHPQ, Parksville — 1370 KHZ, 10:30-11:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKOK, Penticton — 800 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.
CJAV, Port Alberni — 1240 KHZ, 10:05-10:35 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKPG, Prince George — 550 KHZ, 11:30-Midnight Mon.-Fri.
CHTK, Prince Rupert — 560 KHZ, 6:15-6:45 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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‡Denotes 50,000-watt wide-area station

CKCR, Revelstoke — 1340 KHZ, 8:30-9:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKXR, Salmon Arm — 580 KHZ, 8:30-9:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKSP, Summerland — 1450 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.
CFTK, Terrace — 590 KHZ, 10:30-11:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKO-FM, Vancouver — 96.1 MHz 8:00-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CJVI, Victoria — 900 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

YUKON

CKRW, Whitehorse — 610 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

SASKATCHEWAN

CKSA, Lloydminster — 1080 KHZ, 7:30-8:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CJVR, Melfort — 1420 KHZ, 8:00-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CHAB, Moose Jaw — 800 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Sun.
CJNB, North Battleford — 1050 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKBI, Prince Albert — 900 KHZ, 10:15-10:45 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CJME, Regina — 1300 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 a.m. Sun.
CFQC, Saskatoon — 600 KHZ, 8:00-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

MANITOBA

CFAR, Flin Flon — 590 KHZ, 8:00-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CJAR, The Pas — 1240 KHZ, 8:00-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CHTM, Thompson — 610 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKJS, Winnipeg — 810 KHZ, 12:05-12:35 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

ONTARIO

CKPC, Brantford — 1380 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CING-FM, Burlington — 107.9 MHz, 1:30-2 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CJSS, Cornwall — 1220 KHZ, 10:30-11:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CJKL, Kirkland Lake — 560 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKGL-FM, Kitchener — 96.7 MHz, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKLY, Lindsay — 910 KHZ, 9:00-9:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CFPL, London — 980 KHZ, 7:30-8:00 a.m. Sun.
CKO-FM, London — 97.5 MHz, 8:00-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CJTT, New Liskeard — 1230 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CFCH, North Bay — 600 KHZ, 10:30-11:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKAR, Oshawa — 1350 KHZ, 11:30-Midnight Mon.-Fri.
CKO-FM, Ottawa — 106.9 MHz, 8:00-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CHOV, Pembroke — 1350 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CFGM, Richmond Hill — 1320 KHZ, 11:30-Midnight Mon.-Fri.
CHAS-FM, Sault Ste. Marie — 100 MHz, 12:30-1:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CJQR-FM, St. Catharines — 97.7 MHz, 11:05-11:35 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CJSD-FM, Thunder Bay — 94.3 MHz, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. 8:00-8:30 a.m. Sun.
CKGB, Timmins — 680 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CKO-FM, Toronto — 99.1 MHz, 8:00-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKLW-FM, Windsor — 93.9 MHz, 6:30-7:00 a.m. Sun.

MARITIMES

CKIM, Baie Verte — 1240 KHZ, 6:00-6:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKNB, Campbellton — 950 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKVO, Clarendville — 710 KHZ, 6:00-6:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CFNB, Fredericton — 550 KHZ, 11:00-11:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKGA, Gander — 730 KHZ, 6:00-6:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKCM, Grand Falls — 620 KHZ, 6:00-6:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CHCM, Marystown — 560 KHZ, 6:00-6:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKCW, Moncton — 1220 KHZ, 9:30-10:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKEC, New Glasgow — 1320 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKCL, Truro — 600 KHZ, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
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ARKANSAS

KARK, Little Rock — 4, 10 a.m., Sun.

CALIFORNIA

*KHJ, Los Angeles — 9, 8:30 p.m., Sun.
 KTTV, Los Angeles — 11, 9:30 a.m., Sun.
 KTVU, Oakland — 2, 10:30 a.m., Sat.

CONNECTICUT

WATR, Hartford — 20, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WTTG, Washington — 5, 6:30 a.m., Sun.

FLORIDA

WCIX, Miami — 6, 7 a.m., Sun.

ILLINOIS

WCIU, Chicago — 26, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
 WFLD, Chicago — 32, 7 a.m., Sat.

INDIANA

WKJG, Ft. Wayne — 33, 9:30 a.m., Sun.
 WISH, Indianapolis — 8, 8:30 a.m., Sun.
 WSBT, South Bend — 22, 11 a.m., Sun.

IOWA

KWWL, Waterloo — 7, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

KANSAS

KGLD, Garden City — 11, 12 noon, Sun.
 KARD, Wichita — 3, 12 noon, Sun.

KENTUCKY

WLEX, Lexington — 18, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

LOUISIANA

WAFB, Baton Rouge — 9, 8:30 a.m., Sun.
 WWL, New Orleans — 4, 7 a.m., Sun.

MAINE

WGAN, Portland — 13, 6:30 a.m., Sun.

MARYLAND

WBFF, Baltimore — 45, 12 noon, Sun.

MASSACHUSETTS

WBBG, Springfield — 40, 9 a.m., Sun.

MICHIGAN

WUHQ, Battle Creek — 41, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
 WJRT, Flint — 12, 8 a.m., Sun.
 WILX, Lansing — 10, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

MINNESOTA

WTCN, Minneapolis — 11, 6 a.m., Sun.

MISSOURI

KMTC, Springfield — 27, 6:30 a.m., Sun.
 KDNL, St. Louis — 30, 11 p.m., Sun.

NEBRASKA

KCNA, Albion — 8, 8 a.m., Sun.
 KWNB, Hayes Center — 6, 8 a.m., Sun.
 KHGI, Kearney — 13, 8 a.m., Sun.
 KSNB, Superior — 4, 8 a.m., Sun.

NEW MEXICO

KGGM, Albuquerque — 13, 6:30 a.m., Sun.

NEW YORK

WTEN, Albany — 10, 8:30 a.m., Sun.
 WUTV, Buffalo — 29, 11:15 p.m., Sun.
 WOR, New York — 9, 9:30 p.m., Sun.

NORTH CAROLINA

WRET, Charlotte — 36, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
 WNCT, Greenville — 9, 12 noon, Sun.

OHIO

WAKR, Akron — 23, 11:30 p.m., Sun.
 WLWT, Cincinnati — 5, 11:30 a.m., Sun.
 WTVG, Toledo — 13, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

OREGON

KPTV, Portland — 12, 11 a.m., Sat.

PENNSYLVANIA

WIIIC, Pittsburgh — 11, 10:30 a.m., Sun.
 WSBA, York — 43, 12 noon, Sun.

RHODE ISLAND

WPRI, Providence — 12, 11:30 a.m., Sun.

TENNESSEE

WKPT, Kingsport — 19, 12 noon, Sun.

TEXAS

KTVV, Austin — 36, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

WASHINGTON

KXLY, Spokane — 4, 11 a.m., Sun.

WISCONSIN

WTVV, Milwaukee — 18, 10 p.m., Sun.

AMBASSADOR

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life-and-death crisis in the Western world. Student revolt has been inflamed into rioting and violence. Prominent educators recognize with alarm the dangerous drift into materialism and collectivism. At the same time they confess their helplessness to change the situation. Major colleges and large universities find themselves in the clutch of an established system which no one chancellor, president, or chairman can alter.

Something is criminally wrong in education today!

Ambassador College came on the world scene free from the shackles of tradition. Ambassador has dared to recapture the *true* values—to blaze new trails, while retaining all that is sound and what has been proved good in educational experience.

Moral bars have toppled. University campus students say bluntly that with the waning of church and parental influence, "we decide for ourselves on codes of morality." A newspaper headline says: "Students in Search of a New Morality."

Stuffing minds with crass materialism, while moral, spiritual, and emotional development is neglected, produces lop-sided, unbalanced education and is criminally dangerous.

The first law of success in life is the choosing of the right goal as the aim of life. Where there is no sense of the true values, there can be no meaning to life, no right purpose, no aiming at the *right* goal. There can be no well-balanced, broadening, and worthwhile education where the true values have become obscured from view, where character building is a lost and discarded art, and minds are filled with dead knowledge and false materialism.

This tragic state of affairs in today's higher education is the natural result of the mass-production machine age with its demands for highly specialized technological, scientific and pro-

fessional training along purely materialistic lines. Emphasis is upon specialized training in preferred fields for financial rewards. The development of the man himself—his character, right sense of values, knowledge of the real purpose of life, and the laws that govern happiness, peace, and abundant well-being—is neglected. Modern education commits the crime of developing the machine while failing to develop the man.

Where is this leading?

Eminent scientists warn publicly that they are frankly frightened by this trend which now threatens to annihilate human life from this planet! This world's education is failing to instill a knowledge of true values and a God-fearing sense of responsibility for the direction of these new and awesome forces into peaceful and productive channels. The question now is whether this new technology is creating the Frankenstein monster that shall destroy its producers and all humanity!

At Ambassador College students find the true values. They learn the real purpose of human life. Life takes on true meaning. Emphasis is upon character building. Students learn not merely how to earn a living, but how to live! Students acquire a well-rounded, broadening, balanced education. There is not only mind development, but also that of personality, true culture, poise and emotional maturity.

To that end, the small student body on campus and the small student-faculty ratio provide a distinct advantage. On campus the relationship between student and faculty is as happy and helpful as it is unusual. The smaller college, adequately staffed and outstandingly equipped for its needs, with high character and cultural surroundings, offers greater opportunity for self-expression and activity in the area of the student's talents. It can give more personal attention to the individual student's problems. It produces an altogether different and more desirable campus atmosphere.

The Ambassador policy is based upon the recognition that true education is not of the intellect alone but of the whole personality—not alone of technologies, sciences and arts, but an understanding of the purpose of life, a knowledge of the spiritual laws which govern our lives, our God-relationship and human relationships; not a memorizing of knowledge alone but a thorough training in self-discipline, self-expression, cultural and character development; not book learning only, but broadening travel and experience; not only hearing and learning, but doing.

In other words, the curricula are planned to give students a broad, cultural background—a foundation for the art of living happily, usefully, successfully, abundantly. Hence the emphasis upon character building and spiritual development is aptly stated in the Ambassador motto: "Recapture True Values." □

INFLATION

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money—pardon me—God's money—is being spent on yourself, and your selfish desires, even including your needs, then your whole heart and interest is in this world and not in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus also said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God," and all these material needs shall be added to you. Seek God and you'll prosper. The vast majority of people do not know these facts. The times of this ignorance God overlooks, but now commands all you who know this truth to repent, and to begin to pay God's tithe regularly.

The way to grow spiritually, and to enjoy the glorious happiness of God's grace is to put God's tithe and your offerings—your treasure—into God's Work. Seek with all your heart the Kingdom of God and financial troubles will soon vanish; your life will become happy, full with assurance of life eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord! □

What Our Readers Say

Olympic Games

Your article, "Why the Political Importance of the Olympic Games," was very well done—and should have much, much wider circulation.

Frankly, I knew the political ramifications as you presented them. However, I do not recall seeing one other article which laid out the facts as they really always have been.

Frank E. Smith
New Port Richey, Fla.

World Affairs

I have been reading this magazine for about two years now. Presently I am on active duty in the Army and attending one of the Army's senior colleges.

It is interesting to note how many of your stories correlated with what we are studying in world affairs. I often use the magazine for a reference, as both the contemporary view and predictions of the past are quite unsettling and accurate.

E. M. Kain
Leavenworth, Kan.

Hurricane

As you may know, the small Caribbean island of Dominica was badly hit by hurricane David just over five months ago. Our library lost its roof together with many other buildings in the school, the church and presbytery.

As you can imagine, the damage and chaos to books was severe. Sorting among the damaged books, trying to dry and salvage some, I came across *The Ten Commandments*, published by Ambassador College.

As I am writing to many libraries and organizations asking for books to restock the shelves, and as the stuck pages of your booklet were so inviting—I could read several pages, although most were completely stuck—I thought I would write you a request for some of your publications together with the one already mentioned. By the way we do get

The Plain Truth, and it is read by many of our 472 students

T. Hicks
Roseau, Dominica

The Newborn

The article in the March issue, "Unmasking A Conspiracy Against the Newborn," is so true, so needed in our society. There is too much ignorance of the importance of *bonding* at birth.

On a personal level, with my first baby, I, having no knowledge of maternal infant bonding and the hospital staff having no knowledge of it either evidently, was not allowed to hold my baby for 24 hours. We never bonded. There is no going back to that precious hour of birth, to hold him in my arms, to look deeply into his innocent blue eyes and have him look intently into mine, for him to smell my individual scent, my loving voice imprinting on his mind. That moment is lost, and much, much more was lost with that moment. We cannot go back, no matter how we try to love, to bond. We love each other, but. . .

Sadly, you could say my family is a personal experiment in the bonding theory. My second child was born while I was awake and aware, but still at the mercy of the tardy, hurried doctor. I still felt as if I were a mere spectator, watching somehow, perhaps overhead, the delivery table, while the doctor had the woman strapped down with her legs put into stirrups, and then the doctor delivered into the world a beautiful baby of the watching woman.

With our third baby the experiment continued. Our baby came into our family one Sunday morning, the sun shining in through our bedroom window and with the sun shining were Mommy and Daddy, brother and sister, grandma and grandpa all shining at our new, living, breathing, wet, squirming gift and miracle from God. We all loved him instantly with emotions no words can describe. I feel so futile, being a writer and not being

able to put my very most important feelings into words.

I once was coordinator of a Family Education Center that taught parenting skills to parents—communication skills, etc. We thought we were teaching prevention of family problems. We were wrong. Any organization that waits until after the baby comes home from the hospital to teach parenting is not teaching prevention of problems. Why? Because they negate the importance of bonding, of nurturing from the very moment of birth and onward. Without this special God-planned bonding between mother, father, older children and the new baby, problems must arise.

I see too many mothers who obviously never experienced this bond at birth. People say that we were brave to take the responsibility of a home birth. I just smile because after reading on the subject of home birth vs. hospital birth for low-risk mothers, I would have needed a lot more courage to go to a hospital.

Mrs. Michel Falardeau
Danville, Ill.

Radio Moscow

I heard a broadcast from *Radio Moscow* in which the announcer asked for help in quitting the cigarette smoking habit. I keep my *Plain Truth* back issues, so I found one and clipped out an article which should have been of help to him.

Also I sent a clipping from *Plain Truth* about the United Nations, and I asked them why they did not let the United Nations help settle the problems in Afghanistan and specifically why they went into Afghanistan with troops, tanks and nerve gas if they intend to follow their announced policy of "noninterference in internal affairs of other countries."

To my surprise, I received a letter from them saying that my questions would be answered on their program *Moscow Mailbag*.

Neal Winningham
Honey Grove, Tex.

TURKEY

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reported. Accounts of armed clashes involving Kurdish secessionists are on the upswing.

Kurdish secessionists are divided into several groups. According to Turkish sources, the best organized and most numerous are the pro-Moscow factions.

Ankara's concern over events in chaotic Iran stems partly from possible ramifications of the Kurdish question. If Iran were to fall apart and Iran's Kurds were to establish an independent or autonomous Kurdistan, Turkey's Kurds would most likely be tempted to follow suit.

Urban Guerrillas

Still another internal threat is posed by underground Marxist militants operating in urban centers. Their number is believed to be in the thousands or tens of thousands.

At least nine groups are known to be operating in Istanbul and Ankara, ranging from the Marxist-Leninist Propaganda Union to the Turkish Revolutionary Communist Union. Officials fear that some of these groups may be actively cooperating with the Moscow-oriented Kurdish groups.

Rightist armed groups are also active in major cities. Extremist groups of both orientations have conducted terrorist attacks against Americans stationed in Turkey and against prominent Turkish figures, including businessmen, newspaper editors and government officials.

Political violence has taken the lives of well over 3,000 people since the beginning of 1979. The death toll from political terrorism grows longer by the day.

Sectarian tension is also a concern. Violent clashes between members of the minority Alewi (Shiite Moslem) sect and majority Sunni Moslems brought martial law to Turkey in February

1979. Martial law presently covers 19 of Turkey's 67 provinces, including all the major cities except Izmir.

Government, Economy in Chaos

All these problems are compounded by a government in turmoil. Widespread popular dissatisfaction with the country's chronic problems has led to frequent changes in government. Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit was overthrown last October after less than two years in office. Shortly afterwards, Suleyman Demirel assumed power. Demirel had been premier when the Turks invaded Cyprus in 1974.

Mr. Demirel's present government does not command a solid majority. It depends on small factions in parliament to stay in power. The result is a weak, ineffective government which lacks resoluteness in dealing with the country's acute problems. Bitter political bickering has become the order of the day. Meantime, the internal situation continues to deteriorate.

There has been increasing talk of late that the armed forces may be planning to seize power in an attempt to forcefully confront the country's political disorder before it is too late.

Turkey's near-desperate economic situation further aggravates the picture. The nation's cost of living is skyrocketing. Inflation is currently running at 80 percent. Unemployment is close to 20 percent. Fully four million Turks are out of work.

Turkey spends more on foreign oil (\$330 million a month) than it earns from all of its exports. Turkey's foreign debt is now running at well over \$12 billion. Prime Minister Demirel has introduced a drastic economic program to rescue his country from impending collapse. But he also urgently needs Western financial assistance if he is to get the faltering economy moving.

In short, Turkey is moving dangerously close to catastrophic economic collapse. Economists

wonder how long the country can continue to muddle through.

West European Links Sought

Turkey hopes to find the solutions to at least some of its problems, within the framework of the European Community (EC). Turkey is currently an associate member of the EC—also known as the Common Market.

Part of Mr. Demirel's new economic program is the pursuit of full membership in the European Community. In view of the present state of Turkey's economy, Turkey's formal application for full membership will undoubtedly be followed by a long period of negotiation.

Nevertheless, Mr. Demirel insists, "We are determined to stay in Europe. . . . We don't want to be separated from Europe. . . . We want to be a full member of the EEC."

This emphasis on Europe is significant when seen in the light of Bible prophecy. The Turks have not forgotten their "betrayal" by Washington in 1975. The U.S. arms embargo severely eroded Turkey's confidence in America's dependability. Turks no longer feel they can be assured of full support from their distant American allies in the event of any future military confrontation with the Soviet Union.

Cultivating stronger military ties with its European NATO allies—as well as stronger economic ties with the EC—is seen by many Turks as their country's most prudent course for the long run.

Ties with West Germany are showing particular promise. Chancellor Schmidt has pledged his country's strong support for Turkey and has promised considerable financial assistance in coming years.

The stage is now being set for closer Turkish economic and military ties to a Europe that will soon see the final short-lived revival of the Roman Empire. Obadiah's ancient prophecies are fast moving towards fulfillment! □

DISASTER

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the United States and its main Free World allies, Japan and the countries of the European Common Market. Under intense pressure from Washington, the Common Market countries had agreed to step up economic sanctions against Iran, with an eye to a full embargo by May 17, unless the hostages were released. They insist, however, that they undertook this policy in order to forestall U.S. military action.

If the U.S. raid had been successful—Washington had not told its allies anything about it beforehand—the Europeans and Japanese would nevertheless have cheered. Now, however, the effectiveness of their economic support is cloudier than ever. They stand to lose, in oil and other trade, far more from an Iranian embargo than the United States does.

Loss of Faith in America

America's uncertainties, hesitations and now military setback in Iran as well as indecisiveness over the Soviet move into Afghanistan, are producing the greatest strains in the 31-year history of the NATO alliance.

During the 1950s and '60s, no one doubted American power. The United States was a nation with a clearly perceived foreign policy, backed up with all the resources necessary to carry it out—diplomatic, military and intelligence gathering.

Now more than ever, Washington's diplomacy is befuddled, its intelligence agency is crippled and its military competence—dramatized by the collapse of Vietnam and the dismal failure in Iran—highly suspect.

"The fiasco in Iran," notes foreign affairs expert William Pfaff, "has simply illuminated in a dreadful instant—a flash of lightning—how grave [America's] condition has become. . . ." The effect is profoundly disturb-

ing, said Mr. Pfaff, "to a world which relies much more than it wants to admit on the United States." America's allies, he added, "feel betrayed, not by American secrecy, but by American foolishness and incompetence."

This feeling of distrust and betrayal is not new. It has been steadily building for some time.

Arthur Schlesinger Jr., aide to the late President John F. Kennedy, recently returned from a 20-day trip around the world. He returned with an "impression so strong," he summarized it in the March 13, *Wall Street Journal* as "a consistent, deep, dispiriting and almost unqualified lack of belief in American foreign policy."

European leaders especially, he said, "do not trust a leadership that swings wildly from credulity to hysteria." Furthermore, Mr. Schlesinger said, the leaders of West Germany, France and elsewhere on the Continent "have no illusion about the Soviet Union, but they have no faith in Mr. Carter's steadfastness or purpose."

In the wake of the world crisis over Afghanistan, Mr. Carter declared, January 23, the Persian Gulf to be of vital interest to the United States and off limits to Moscow. Yet, only six days later, Mr. Carter admitted U.S. impotence, stating that, at the moment at least, the U.S. didn't have "enough military strength" to defend the Gulf by itself. But no allies were consulted beforehand that their help might be needed.

Since this time U.S. diplomats have scurried about, seeking friends in the Gulf and elsewhere in the region to patch together some sort of defensive arrangement to add sinews to the so-called "Carter Doctrine" skeleton. Little has come of it.

"We are going around the Indian Ocean with a begging bowl," reported columnist Irving Kristol, "humbly asking for permission to establish naval and air bases in the area. How pathetic."

Read in your Bible—Ezekiel

16:33—for a very unflattering description of America's foreign policy!

France and the EEC Move In

Little wonder that America's European allies are showing much more willingness to make their own policies independent of Washington's lead. This is especially true of France.

On March 1, French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing set out on a whirlwind tour of five Gulf states (Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia) plus Jordan. Though it had been planned beforehand, President Giscard's trip could not have been better timed.

Mr. Carter had just been embarrassed over renouncing an American vote in the United Nations concerning Israeli settlements in the occupied territories. The French president, reported *The Daily Telegraph* of London, "believes the time is ripe for a strong French push, to catch on the rebound sheiks and emirs whose trust in Washington has been undermined."

President Giscard, in his very first stop in Kuwait, signed a joint communiqué with the Kuwaiti emir, calling for Palestinian right of self-determination—in effect, backing a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) state in the West Bank. The U.S.-engineered Camp David accord between Israel and Egypt is—in the eyes of many Europeans—doomed to failure.

Bonn in the Middle

The French-led Common Market Mideast drive follows on the heels of widespread mistrust in Europe over U.S. demands for strong action against the Soviets in the wake of Afghanistan. The French for their part, have not attempted to hide their dispute with Washington over this crisis.

West Germany, however, is the nation that is caught in the most exposed position of all. Bonn is being torn between Washington and Paris. Chancel-

lor Helmut Schmidt told interviewers on a recent trip to Washington that the United States must remember that Germany is still divided; that the Soviets can turn up the heat on isolated West Berlin at any time. "I can't forget," he said, "that the Warsaw Pact troops are only 30 miles from my own home in Hamburg."

Mr. Schmidt also told interviewers from *The Wall Street Journal* that West Germany imports 97 percent of its oil and gas, some of it from the Soviet Union. "It is not too easy for us to tell them we don't need it any more. We need it. . . . We have to export in order to be able to import. We export about 30 percent of our GNP. Your exports are about 7 percent. We clearly see that sanctions vis-a-vis the Soviet Union—or South Africa—are a sword with two edges."

No More Zigzag

What angers Mr. Schmidt, President Giscard and other European leaders is the hot-and-cold inconsistency and unpredictability—"le zigzag" the French call it—of U.S. foreign policy.

Presently, America's allies are being told to follow a hardline toward Moscow on the Afghanistan and Olympic Games issues. But who knows what tomorrow may bring? Will Europeans be left clinging to an anti-Soviet limb again in the near future, with the White House ready to saw it off in the interest of renewed détente? The Europeans have been burned too often.

Little wonder that the Germans want to, in the words of a West German diplomat, "protect themselves as much as possible against the effect of these Carter fiascoes."

Despite inner frustration and anger, Chancellor Schmidt remains cautious in his remarks about Washington and the Atlantic Alliance. Not so his close friend, President Giscard who, not long ago in a televised interview, talked glowingly of the

"reappearance of Europe as a new center of influence and decision in the world."

Western Alliance at Stake

The Iranian and Afghanistan crises have shaken European confidence in American leadership more than anything since, or possibly even including, the U.S. defeat in Vietnam. This fact was brought out vividly in an article entitled "Germany in a Semi-Gaullist Europe" in the latest (Spring, 1980) issue of *Foreign Affairs*, the prestigious quarterly of current events.

The Western Alliance, reports author Fritz Stern, is unprecedented in modern history. It has

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survived three decades—a long time for a peacetime pact. The alliance reflects a fundamental reality of world politics: the Soviet Union presents a danger to Western Europe which only the United States can successfully deter.

This fact has been the very heart of the alliance, whatever the strains and competing interests within it. "But the fundamental pillar of that postwar order, weakened for over a decade, was visibly shaken by 1979," said Stern, i.e. "the belief in American power, American resolution and American capability."

In absolute terms, Mr. Stern notes, America today is stronger militarily than ever before. Even in relative terms, it has parity and the potential for more. But the perception of total American

strength has changed radically.

The Europeans, he continues, are far from disinterested observers of America's fortunes. "They resent their dependence on the United States for security. . . . The unease about one's own ineffectuality or lack of autonomy grows worse as one has doubts about the strength and will of one's protector."

A Crippled Giant

For the Europeans, the overthrow of the shah, coming as it did on the heels of Soviet-Cuban action in Africa, dramatized America's enfeeblement. The Europeans quickly perceived the shah's fall, said Mr. Stern, "as a political disaster of the first magnitude. . . . If the shah with his immense strategic and economic assets could so easily be washed away, would other friends or allies of the United States fare better?"

Mr. Stern points out European concern over America's economic mismanagement too, how Washington has flooded the world with depreciating dollars: "The United States, once the pillar of postwar economic order, is now viewed as its disrupter, pursuing policies inimical to itself and to its allies."

America, he said, is perceived in Europe not as a power that has temporarily slipped but as one which may now be a "crippled giant, an imperial power with structural flaws that make consistent policy difficult."

Europeans see, far more than Americans themselves can see, serious weaknesses in U.S. society, among them, Stern notes, "racial conflict, economic malfunctioning, criminality and drug addiction—perhaps signs of a profound disability that could weaken American leadership for years to come."

Leaders in England, too, are alarmed at the specter of American weakness. The Honourable Eldon Griffiths, a British Member of Parliament told an audience in Los Angeles, California, recently, that from his per-

spective, "the danger of U.S. weakness is that Europe, out of fear and uncertainty, could start to pull away either toward military independence or, more likely, toward neutralism. Either way the Russians gain, for the only proven barrier to the Soviets' drive for world hegemony is the partnership of Europe and America. Replace that partnership with mutual suspicion—and eventually by rivalry—and the only winner is the U.S.S.R. and the only loser is the West."

Sooner or later, continental Europe must cut loose from its unpredictable trans-Atlantic partner. When that happens—when Europe becomes a true rival power—the debacle in Iran will pale into insignificance. Then will be the time of America's greatest peril.

National Power Vanishing

As Editor-in-Chief Herbert W. Armstrong thoroughly explains in his dramatic article beginning on page 2, the people of the United States (along with Britain and many Commonwealth countries) are descended from the ancient "house of Israel." We have been the recipients of vast national power and wealth in this end-time age.

Because our peoples tend to be naive and often act as sheep in a world of predatory wolves, God placed tremendous compensating resources at our disposal. America in particular has possessed in abundance such factors of national power as geography, natural resources, industrial capacity, population and military strength.

But other factors such as national character, national morale and quality of diplomacy and government—equally important but more elusive and subject to change—are sorely lacking today.

Most important of all, our state of national morality—reflected in our shocking crime and divorce statistics, and the intent to condone and give legal rights

to all manner of perversion—has caused the God who blessed us with all wealth and power to turn His back. *This is why God no longer fights America's battles!*

Loss of Purpose and Prestige

America is adrift; it doesn't know where it is going. It has lost its sense of national purpose. This is reflected in its inability to project its power forcibly on the world scene.

In his classic text, *Politics Among Nations*, author Hans J. Morgenthau writes: "Diplomacy, one might say, is the brains of national power, as national morale is its soul."

And God says, in Isaiah 1:5:

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If an otherwise powerful nation is not respected—even feared—it only invites neglect and eventual attack.

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"... the whole head [diplomacy or government] is sick and the whole heart [national morale] faint." Continues Professor Morgenthau:

"If its vision is blurred, its judgment defective, and its determination feeble, all the advantages of geographical location, of self-sufficiency in food, raw materials, and industrial production, of military preparedness, of size and quality of population will in the long run avail a nation little. A nation that can boast of all these advantages, but not of a diplomacy commensurate with them, may achieve temporary successes through the sheer weight of its natural assets. In the long run, it is likely to squander the natural assets by activating them incompletely, haltingly and wastefully for the nation's international objectives. Often in his-

tory the Goliath without brains or soul has been smitten and slain by the David who had both."

Having lost much of its actual power, America is rapidly losing its prestige as well. Without prestige, which can be defined as "reputation for power," the actual balance sheet of political, economic and military power of a nation avails little. If an otherwise powerful nation is not respected—even feared—it only invites neglect and eventual attack.

Before World War II, America's prestige—its reputation for power—was very low. The mood of isolation was strong. The United States, explains Professor Morgenthau, "seemed almost anxious to prove to the world its unwillingness, if not inability, to transform those enormous potentialities into actual instruments of war." Thus the United States invited attack from its enemies.

The result at that time was Pearl Harbor. And how much worse is America's lack of respect among both its allies and enemies today!

Symbolic of Coming National Captivity

Most Americans don't realize it, but the entire American nation is symbolically being held hostage in Iran. And there is more still to the symbolism. It may not be mere coincidence that there have been 50 American citizens languishing in captivity in a U.S. Embassy in a foreign land. They represent, as it were, one captive for each of the 50 states in the union.

The ongoing hostage crisis, therefore, is a grim forecast of the horrendous national captivity prophesied in your Bible to come on the English-speaking world (Psalms 106:40-48). □

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AMERICA

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nations! Not only has He blessed us with material wealth and national greatness unmatched, but He has blessed us with His TRUTH which our nations have spurned. We have made atheistic evolution the very foundation of our educational system, in which we have reared our children. Hundreds upon hundreds of our churches have idols that are adored. We Americans took our land away from the Indians and treated them unfairly. Our sins are monumental!

In chapter 6:6-8, a continuation of the above, "In all your dwelling places [different countries to which they shall have emigrated by the 20th century] THE CITIES SHALL BE LAID WASTE . . . and the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and YE SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD. Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations when ye shall be scattered through the countries."

The phrase "YE SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD" is frequently used by Ezekiel, designating Christ's Second Coming in GLORY and POWER! This great calamity foretold by Ezekiel actually shall begin in the "GREAT TRIBULATION" but will continue through the "DAY OF THE LORD"—the time of God's "FURY" mentioned earlier, and until Christ's coming in SUPREME POWER TO RULE!

Ezekiel definitely pin-points this prophecy to "the HOUSE OF ISRAEL"—which is 20th-century United States and the British nations—later in this 6th chapter:

"And they shall know that I am the LORD, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them. Thus saith the Lord God, smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! For they SHALL FALL BY THE SWORD, BY THE FAMINE, AND BY THE PESTI-

LENCE . . . thus will I accomplish my FURY upon them. Then shall ye know that I am the LORD! . . ." (verses 10-13).

Again I repeat, "they shall know that I am the LORD" is a phrase Ezekiel uses continually to designate the Second Coming of Christ, when they will *KNOW* that He is LORD! Also this removes all doubt that this prophecy pertains to the Lost Ten Tribes of THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL who, today are the United States and British nations!

The identity of WHO is to be involved, and of the TIME of the prophecy, is made doubly sure. It shall begin with the "GREAT TRIBULATION," and carry on through the "DAY OF THE LORD" right up to the time of Christ's Second Coming. Jeremiah 30 makes this even more certain.

A Time of Unparalleled Tribulation

Ezekiel gives a preview of *what* will happen to "lost" 10-tribed Israel. Matthew gives a general description of its enormous severity. Here Jesus Himself is quoted.

Jesus said the sign by which we may know when the end of this present world and the coming of Christ is NEAR, is that "this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and *then* shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14), and then on the heels of that, "there shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved [alive]; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (verses 21-22).

Mark 13 and Luke 21 speak of the same.

Now notice Daniel's prophecy of the same GREAT TRIBULATION: "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a TIME OF TROUBLE, *such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time*

thy people shall be delivered every one that shall be found written in the book; and many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life" . . . (Daniel 12:1-2).

Daniel shows WHEN it shall occur—just before the resurrection and Christ's return.

Now notice Jeremiah's prophecy of the same event. Begin in Jeremiah 30, verse 5: "For thus saith the LORD, We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces turned into paleness? Alas for that day is great *so that none is like it*: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble. . . ." (This tells upon which nations the GREAT TRIBULATION will fall primarily.) The United States and the British are, primarily, 20th-century "Jacob." (See our book, *United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

Now remember Ezekiel shows that our nations—the third remaining alive—shall be scattered—driven away from our own lands. I said we shall become SLAVES in enemy nations. Jeremiah now brings out *this* fact. Continue:

"...yet he [Jacob] shall be saved out of it. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of Hosts, that I will break the yoke [of slavery] from off their neck, and I will burst their bonds, and strangers shall no more make servants of them, But they [remnant of U.S.-British peoples] shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I shall raise up [from the dead] for them" (verses 7-8, Revised Standard Version).

Later, Jeremiah adds, "ALL thy lovers [allies—other allied nations] have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased. . . . Therefore all they that devour thee shall be de-

voured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be for a spoil. . . . For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord. . . . Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwelling places. . . ." (verses 14, 16-18).

In the following chapter 31 Jeremiah shows the NEW COVENANT being made—after Christ's return in POWER and GLORY!

This should be tied up with Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. God promised ancient Israel, under Moses, national wealth and greatness UPON OBEDIENCE. But, if they continually disobeyed, God would remove the birthright promise for 2,520 years. This expired in about A.D. 1800. Britain and America suddenly grew until we possessed more than two thirds of all the cultivated wealth of the entire earth. All other nations combined possessed a little more than one fourth!

But already Britain's sun has set! It is no longer the greatest EMPIRE in world history. It is no longer "Great" Britain. It is now one of the smaller nations. It has lost its tremendous possessions.

Concerning the United States, in Leviticus 26:19, God says, "I will break the pride of thy power." She still has the military power, although Russia is now passing her, but she is afraid to use it—has no pride in it. The United States has been held at bay by little Iran—held up to scorn and ridicule before the world. She is on the way DOWN—and O U T!

In Leviticus 26 God says that, once He has fulfilled His unconditional PROMISE to Abraham in our individual and collective national greatness, if we continue in our sins, He will PUNISH US beyond all natural results of our own folly! I have outlined above what that punishment shall be.

A Remnant Escapes

But right here we need to back-track a little. Above I have

quoted Ezekiel 6:7. Now consider verse 8: "Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have *some that shall escape the sword among the nations. . .*"

This follows the prophecy of a third of our people dying from famine and disease, and a third by destruction of our cities—"by the sword"—and the remaining third taken as captive slaves to enemy lands.

Compare this with Revelation 3:10. It is speaking of the "Philadelphia" era of God's Church, during the latter half of this 20th century, and says, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation [trial, or tribulation] which shall come upon all the world. . . ."

Compare also with Revelation 12:14, speaking of a time now very soon to come, *after* the war in heaven, when Satan and his demons are cast back down to earth:

"And to the woman"—the persecuted true Church of God—"were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time [3½ years] from the face of the serpent."

Now WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?

I suppose the average reader will pass it over totally unheeded. Woe to you who do. No one else is sounding this warning. If I were warning the ancient city of Nineveh, THEY WOULD HEED, and save themselves alive!

We have never yet come to a time when men will clutch at their stomach and loins, in fright and fear and in pain as a woman in childbirth! Such a time is now JUST AROUND THE CORNER! THIS WARNING IS DIRECT FROM THE WORD OF GOD—not my imagination. You can read it yourself in the Bible!

I have not overestimated the SERIOUSNESS of this! The time has now come for this SERIOUS WARNING to go forth in mighty POWER! Millions will see this warning in *The Plain Truth!* □

Personal from...

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Worldwide Church of God proclaims the GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD today, *The Plain Truth* must be utterly *different* from all other publications!

I did not—should not have—never could have started thinking of a magazine, back in 1927, in the following manner: "I want to start a magazine, because I've had magazine experience in writing. What kind of magazine will I ENJOY writing and publishing? What kind of magazine—and what style—is best adapted to my talents and desires? Should it be a weekly NEWS magazine, a picture magazine, a human-interest magazine, or a more literary magazine?" My mind never flowed down that channel.

I had come to have a basic UNDERSTANDING OF THE TRUTH! God's word is TRUTH! I felt the urge—the obligation—to get that TRUTH across to others. I wanted to make it PLAIN. I wanted them to UNDERSTAND it, as God had opened my mind to understand.

That is why it is called *The Plain Truth*—a magazine of understanding. Therefore, it had to be utterly *unlike* any other publication.

I knew, in 1927 when this magazine was first conceived, this world has its troubles, problems and evils, engendering suffering, agony, frustration. I had come to know the Bible reveals the causes and the cures. I knew it promises the world's ONLY HOPE—the WORLD TOMORROW!

I wanted to get the message of that hope over to the public.

I knew, in 1927, that if *The Plain Truth* contained mere biblically-oriented articles, written in religious-sounding King James language, it could not fulfill its goal—might even become a laughingstock. On the other hand, if I made it solely secular in tone and content it could not succeed in its purpose. Hence the editorial policy I have been here outlining. I thank God for guiding me, inspiring me in this mass-circulation effort. □

GAS WARFARE

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ghanistan has brought out many news reports of possible use of chemical weapons. (As of this writing, Western intelligence, though taking these reports seriously, has not been fully able to confirm them.)

Specifically, certain Afghan refugees, including a defector from the Soviet-backed regular Afghan army, have told of several instances of poison gas attacks. The reports describe chemical bombs that burst in midair, creating a vapor that causes blindness, paralysis and death.

Other reports have established that shortly after the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, a unique Soviet vehicle, the TMS-65, made its unmistakable appearance. The TMS is a truck that has a turntable on it. On the turntable is a turbojet aircraft engine. Behind the turntable is a tank of chemicals, which are injected into the jet engine. The TMS-65 is basically a huge washing machine—its purpose is to spray chemical decontaminants on tanks and trucks that have been exposed to chemical warfare.

Responding to the Western reports, Soviet Lt. Gen. Nikolai Chervov said that such units were part of every division in the Soviet army. "If such a division moves to a new place, it takes along the chemical defense unit, which is as much a component of the formation as a kitchen or mobile repair shop."

Western analysts believe that the Soviet forces in Afghanistan would have every military reason to use chemical weapons. Chemical weapons, they point out, are very effective against guerrillas. Particularly in Afghanistan, where guerrillas can hide out in craggy mountains, poison gas is an ideal weapon. Far easier to lay down a cloud of soman gas than to try to kill guerrillas with

assault rifles in hard-to-discover ravines.

The Yellow Rain

But poison gas warfare may not be confined to Afghanistan.

During the Vietnam War, the Meo Hill tribesmen of Laos sided with the Americans. After Laos fell to the North Vietnamese-supported Pathet Lao, the latter began a program to crush all vestiges of Meo resistance. Meo villagers now say that North Vietnamese aircraft have dropped several different kinds of poison gas on Meo villages. A French news agency release in



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1978 reported that the MiGs would drop about four bombs each time they flew over a village. The bombs released a greenish cloud. Villagers would soon become dizzy and get headaches. Then they would begin to vomit blood. They would die shortly thereafter.

More recently the bombs, say refugees, have contained a yellow gas, which the tribesmen call "yellow rain." It would probably be World War II type mustard gas. One Laotian refugee said that when his village, Prybia, was hit with it, the people suffered "heavy bleeding from the nose,

they could not stop their bodies from shaking and died in several hours."

Leo Cherne, who leads the citizens committee on Indochinese Refugees, has conducted many interviews with Laotian survivors now in Thailand. "Not one of the refugees interviewed failed to know at first hand of the yellow and green powders and liquids which had been dropped," he says.

What U.S. Intelligence Believes about Soviet Capabilities

Military planners once thought that poison gas would disperse too rapidly in certain situations to be a good weapon. After World War II, poison gas received little military interest in the West. It was not until 1973—when the Israelis captured some Russian-made chemical warfare equipment—that Western military analysts came to believe that the Soviet Union possessed a formidable chemical warfare ability. The Soviets evidently have solved the key problem of dispersal. They have produced a thicker kind of nerve gas. The "improved" nerve gas can be more readily controlled. Some American analysts even believe that this kind of thick nerve gas can kill more people over a given area than nuclear weapons!

In this light, American intelligence sources have told *The Plain Truth* the following:

- The Soviet-led Warsaw Pact has more than 100,000 troops specifically trained in chemical (and biological) warfare.
- In training runs, Soviet bomber aircraft regularly drop nerve-gas canisters on their targets.
- In practice exercises, Soviet divisions are marched through fields of live nitrogen mustard gas.
- There are more than 100 ranges in Eastern Europe in which chemical and biological warfare tests are made, backed up by another 350 in the Soviet Union proper. On such ranges, Soviet and East European troops are trained

in the techniques of both chemical and nuclear warfare.

- There are 37 factories in the Soviet Union which are employed to produce chemical (and biological) agents.

- There are more than 100 bomb dumps throughout the Warsaw Pact area where canisters of nerve gas in the form of artillery shells are stored.

- All Soviet tanks are sealed, so as to be protected from outside nerve gases.

The same kind of story has also been told by a Soviet naval captain who recently defected from the U.S.S.R.'s Pacific Fleet, whose report appeared in the London *Daily Telegraph*. He said that all categories of Soviet ground units carry chemical warfare equipment. He also stated that all the newer Soviet ships have large poison gas decontamination units—usually pressure hydrants using seawater—and for every nuclear warhead carried by the Soviet navy there is also a nerve-gas warhead.

The Sting of the Scorpion

Few weapons, according to Robert Moss, a London journalist with important links to the Western intelligence community, "are more horrifying in their effects than nerve gas."

"In the moments before death, a man who has absorbed a lethal dose will experience a vice-like tightness in his chest, breathing difficulties, obscured vision, sweating, drooling, violent nausea, cramps, twitching, blinding headaches and convulsions."

Poison-gas weapons are a frightening sign that we are living in the time prophesied by the book of Revelation. The nature of effects of chemical weapons, like a few other *uniquely modern* weapons, is strikingly similar to what the book of Revelation (the Apocalypse) foretells:

"And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

"And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

"And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

"And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them" (Revelation 9:3-6).

Note what is in this prophecy. The apostle John did not have the word *helicopter* in his vocabulary. Yet locusts *do* look like helicopters, and helicopters are potentially ideal chemical-warfare instruments. They can be mounted with jet engines that can spread poison gas vapor. Note also that "the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man" is the torment of *poison*. The vision seems to be one of the helicopters spreading poison!

Moreover, not every poison or nerve gas is lethal. Many are what military people call "incapacitants." They can produce delirium, nausea, internal bleeding—but not necessarily death. The United States has, for example, about 50 tons of BZ (quinclidin-3-1 benzilate), which is enough to keep 40,000 million people in a state of delirium for several days!

Clearly Bible prophecy is advance news of what is about to happen. The Afghan incidents or the "yellow rain" in Laos are early forerunners of events soon to break on the world scene!

But this prophecy in Revelation 9 is only one of many Bible prophecies. You need to understand what other prophecies foretell about our frightening age and the coming wonderful world tomorrow. Write for our free booklet *The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last*. This booklet makes plain the outline of Bible prophecy. □

PYGMIES

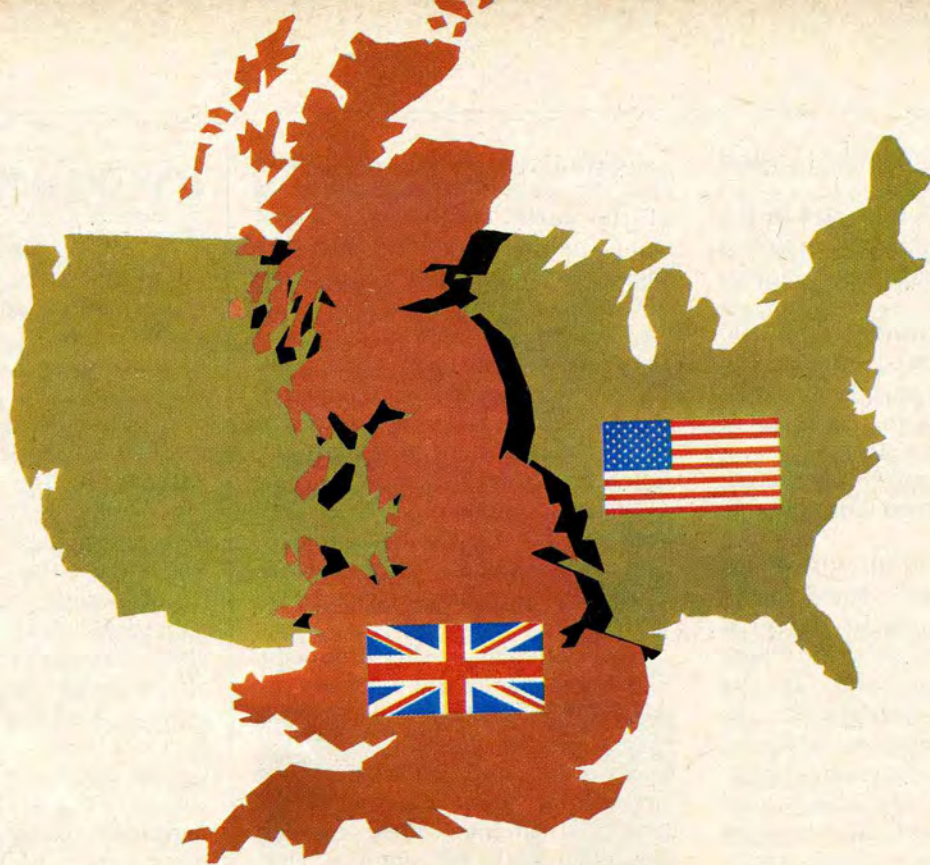
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population improvement has never been recorded before, not only among the Pygmies but, most likely, among any primitive ethnic groups of the world. The overall population of the Efé Pygmies is now slightly (almost 5 percent) on the increase—reaching nearly 4,000—the very first increase of the Pygmy population for at least the last 100 years! It is, of course, too early to cry, "Victory!" But it is now quite clear that our program is not only effective but an unprecedented success. You can be proud to be a part of it!

Not only was I able to fulfill the entire 1979 program, but I managed to reach the most remote camps of Pygmies needing help most desperately. About 500 tools, more than a ton of selected soybean seeds and assorted medications were distributed, and many useful items were given as rewards for hard work. Moreover, some 650 acres were acquired for Pygmy agricultural expansions. All of these were achieved with the tax-deductible moneys raised before my departure for Africa at the end of July, 1979, plus a sum that I had to borrow locally to pay for everything. In order to maintain the confidence and cooperation of the local suppliers of The Pygmy Fund,* it is important that the above-mentioned sum be paid off as soon as possible. Furthermore, we have to complete the budget for this next July, 1980, mission.

The Pygmies and I appreciate your past support greatly... and since you really care (frankly, there are not that many other people who care) I want to express special thanks for your encouragement in helping make sure that we will not only be saving these beautiful souls but also a culture, a wisdom and a unique way of life. □

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