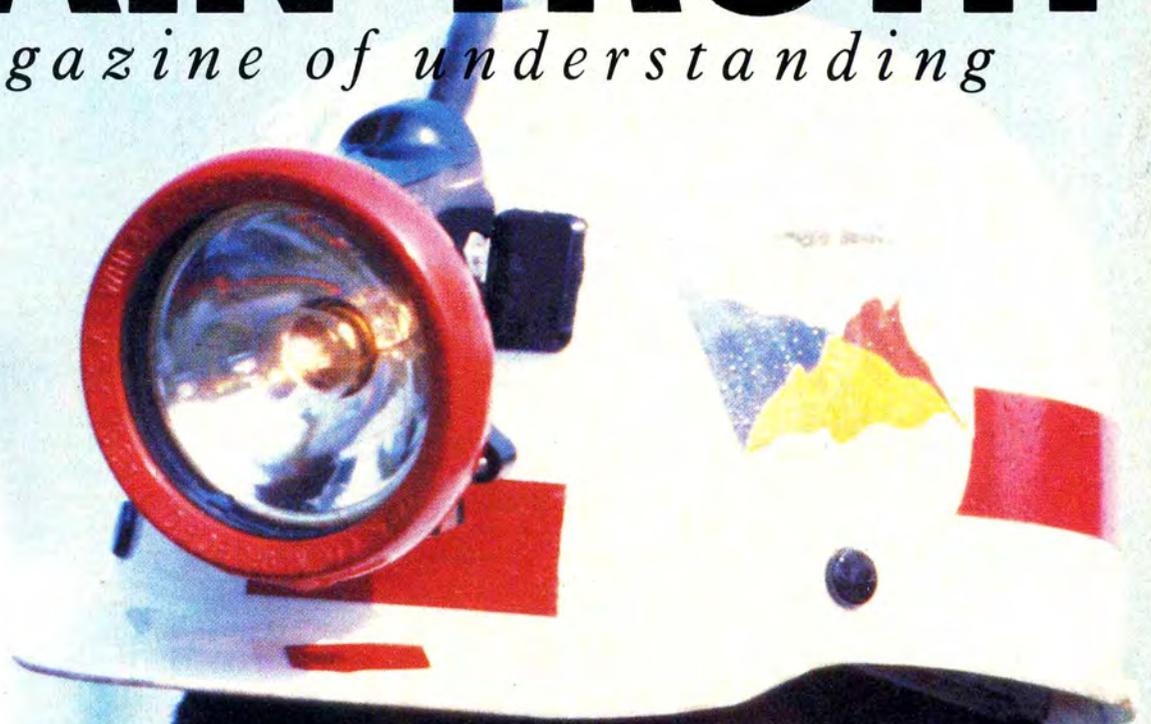


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Personal from...

The campaign for the presidency of the United States. Is anyone qualified for so great an office?

MILLIONS of dollars are being donated to and spent by aspirants for the presidency of the United States. What a spectacle it is! Most who contribute to campaign expenses do so for selfish advantage, hoping to get something out of it. This world has been brainwashed by a subtle and clever devil in the "GET" principle of life.

The winner will have his hand on the greatest throttle of POWER possessed by any man on earth. And that is what the candidates COVET! It makes me think of the 15-year-old boy who can hardly wait another year to get his hand on the POWER that goes with a steering wheel. Usually those who covet power are not competent to wield it. Actually is there any mortal really qualified for the position?

Today, there are no more really "strong" leaders in the world in the government of any nation. But one is now looming on the horizon—Pope John Paul II. We may hear a lot more of him, later.

Whatever happens in the U.S. elections, the country LOSES! If there exists a man in the United States of presidential caliber, he would be big-minded enough to refuse to run for the job.

In any event, the heads of the governments of Europe—and are any of them really of adequate caliber for their great jobs?—have lost confidence in relying on the United States to protect them from communist encroachments. The Soviet Union has now made the move toward their projected WORLD DOMINATION of communism by sending, now, more than 100,000 troops into Afghanistan. They will not retreat. They are in no great hurry (a bear lumbers along slowly most of the time). One more small leap across Pakistan and they can reach for control of the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf—controlling a major portion of the world's oil. Europe now fears them. The Europeans want political and military UNION. No leader in Europe is strong enough to unite them.

BUT, Pope John Paul II is rapidly gaining stature

and public acclaim. He now looms as the world's ONLY STRONG MAN! He can bring about the prophesied resurrection of the "Holy Roman Empire" just prior to the crisis at the close of this age of man. But all this is the final gasp of the governments of this world, under the sway of an invisible Satan and his way of "GET."

Just consider how idiotic—how foolish—it all is!

The GOVERNMENT OF GOD will soon take over. Jesus Christ, in SUPREME POWER AND GLORY, will HEAD the government of the World Tomorrow over all nations. There will be no elections. No \$100-per-plate banquets to raise funds for willful aspirants who covet POWER. No unqualified men running for office. No fear of other nations, nor of nuclear war.

Those Jesus Christ will APPOINT to the chief offices ALREADY have undergone their training in their mortal life on earth. I expect father Abraham to be resurrected to the next office under Christ. King David will rule all the nations developed out of the 12 tribes of ancient Israel. Each of the original apostles will be appointed head of one of those 12 nations. Christ will be Supreme Judge as well as Supreme Executive. The "Congress," "Parliament" or LAW-MAKING BODY will be GOD THE FATHER IN HEAVEN. Those of us—then made immortal—who are given office of rule will rule by GOD'S LAW! All will be JUST. We shall not rule or judge as the world does now—but we shall have power to read men's minds and hearts (Isaiah 11).

NO ELECTIONS! NO MEN inadequately qualified for office spending millions of dollars crying out, "Vote for me—I want to be President." We now do not have long to wait. This present election may be the very LAST political election for the presidency of the United States.

There will soon be a new world with no more coveting, nor lying, nor murders, nor broken homes and families. There shall be PEACE, HAPPINESS, JOY, all living the way of "GIVE," which is outflowing LOVE! □

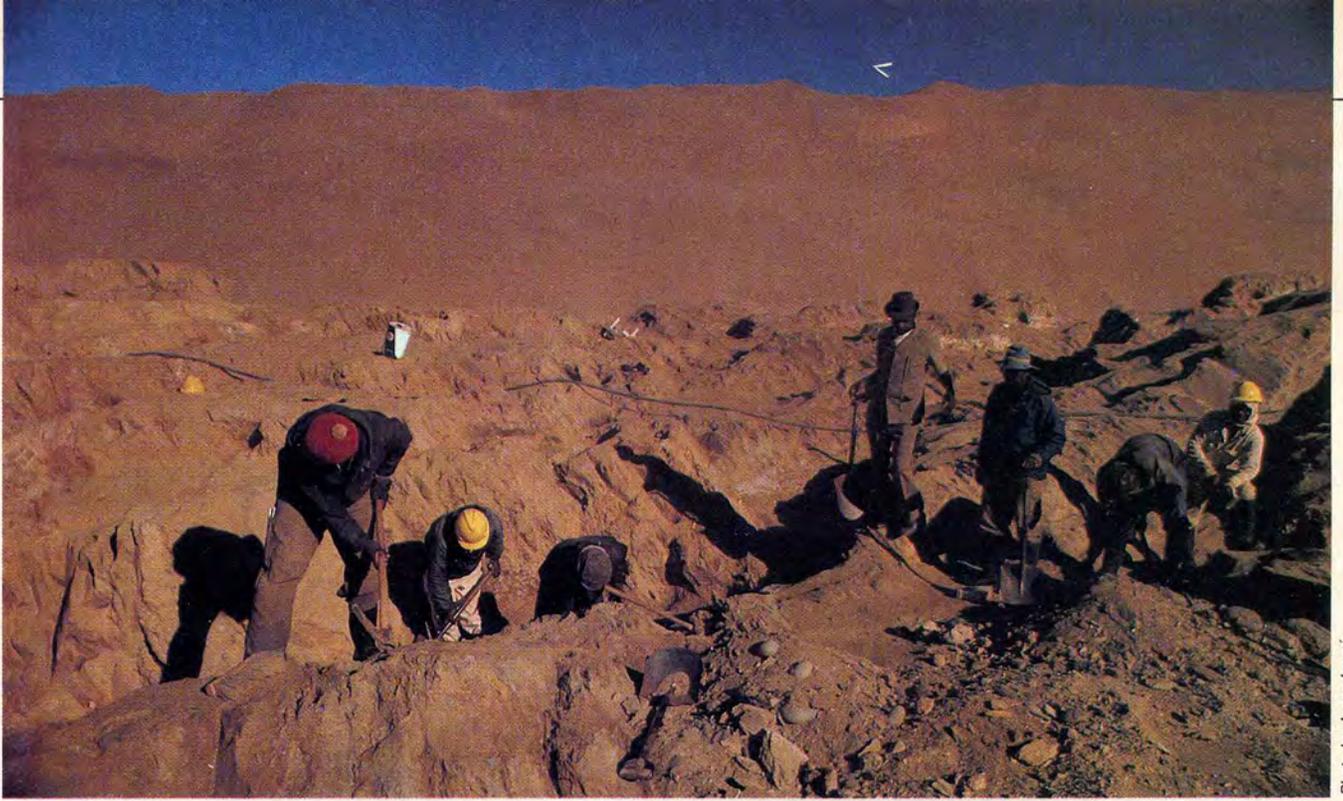


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Just Ahead...

WORLD CRISIS OVER MINERALS

Twice in the 1970s angry motorists experienced what it is like to be deprived of an essential element of modern life — petroleum. But this was a mere inconvenience compared to the economic calamity that would result from a cutoff of nonfuel minerals absolutely essential to modern industry.

by Gene H. Hogberg

No parts of this unstable—and *potentially* unstable—world are more critical than the Middle East and southern Africa. By a quirk of geography, these two regions contain the two most critical resources for the industrial world—oil and minerals.

“Persian Gulf of Minerals”

What the Middle East in general and Saudi Arabia in particular is to petroleum, southern Africa, and specifically the Republic of South Africa, is to nonfuel minerals.

This heavily mineralized region geologists have termed “High Africa.” It stretches from Shaba province in Zaire southward into South Africa’s Transvaal province, with its fabulously rich golden reef.

It is no exaggeration to call this region, reported *Business Week* in its January 19, 1980, issue, “the Persian Gulf of minerals,” with South Africa as its “Saudi Arabia.”

In the case of four strategic minerals—chromite, manganese, vanadium and platinum—the So-

viet Union would become the dominant supplier if South Africa were ever forced out of the world market, either through internal strife, or by the lever of economic sanctions applied against the Pretoria government—a threat often raised in the United Nations. (By another quirk of geography South Africa and the Soviet Union are leading suppliers—in some cases virtually the only suppliers—of several key metals.)

This is precisely why the ring of “Communist liberated” na-

DIAMOND MINE in South-West Africa (Namibia) typifies vast wealth of the strategic "Persian Gulf of Minerals."

tions gradually encircling South Africa bears much foreboding for the future.

"By creating unrest or provoking civil war within the area," reports New York's *Journal of Commerce*, May 27, 1980, "the Soviet Union could bring the Western industrialized world to a total economic collapse." Without access to the region's vast storehouse of mineral wealth, notes this respected business daily, "jet engines, automobiles, oil refineries and nuclear or conventional power stations could not be built. Operations of a train or a computer, a cutting tool, a mine tool, or an electromagnet would be impossible."

Little wonder then that the chief goal of Soviet foreign policy in the region is one of denial—to cut off the region's vast mineral wealth and geographical link to the West. Summarizes one newsletter knowledgeable about the region:

"The Soviet strategy is simple: Conquer key countries along the African coast to deny port facilities to the West, cut the continent in half with an East-West band from the Atlantic to Indian Oceans, isolate the strategic mineral resources in southern Africa from the West, and dominate the Cape shipping lanes by establishing a Marxist government in South Africa."

Why can't the United States see what is really happening?

Strategic Cape Route

The strategic intertie between the Middle East and southern Africa is unique.

While the North Atlantic and Pacific Oceans were the primary strategic theaters in the first three quarters of this century, emphasis in the present quarter has switched to the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans. This is due primarily to the growing importance of the flow of Middle East

oil around the Cape of Good Hope to Europe and North America.

Over the past two decades, with the explosive growth both of the volume of oil traffic and the size of oil tankers, the Cape Route has almost overtaken the Suez Canal as the waterborne "pipeline" to the West.

An estimated 90 percent of the European NATO nations' oil consumption, and 70 percent of their strategic raw materials pass within a few miles of Cape Town. More than 20 percent of America's oil imports also round the Cape aboard the 55 ships—mostly oil tankers—that pass by daily.

Moreover, the Cape Route is the only year-round all-weather passage linking the Americas and Europe with Asia.

The ship supply and refueling stations, emergency dry dock facilities and sea-and-air-rescue operations offered by South African ports are indispensable today, especially with the closure to the Western world of port facilities in nearby coastal African countries that have already gone communist. Up to 1,000 ships call at South African ports each month.

"Should control of South Africa ever fall into hostile hands as a result of internal or external forces," notes George F. Palmer, the editor of *World Business Weekly*, "it would be a disaster second only to the loss of access to the [Mideast] oil fields themselves."

The encroachment of the Soviet Union throughout Africa—and in the Indian Ocean with its powerful new navy—caused West Germany's Franz Josef Strauss recently to proclaim that "the power whose hand is on these energy supplies, raw materials and seaways is the real master in central Europe."

Foreign Dependence Alarming

How dependent is the United States and the rest of the Western world upon foreign sources of mineral supplies—especially from volatile southern Africa? And

how important are these materials? The answers to both questions should shock most people out of complacency quickly.

"The United States is a have-not nation when it comes to certain critical metals" says Harry J. Gray, chairman of United Technologies Corporation, a major U.S. defense contractor. "From 1950 to the present, our raw materials situation has deteriorated drastically. We have never been self-sufficient and today we are frighteningly vulnerable to overseas producers."

The United States is today self-sufficient in only five of the 27 minerals considered most essential to modern industry. In stark contrast, the Soviet Union is self-sufficient in 21 of the same 27 most strategic minerals, and in none are Soviets more than 50 percent dependent.

The United States currently imports seven of its most essential minerals from South Africa alone. And South Africa supplies 55 percent of Western Europe's mineral needs.

What are some of these minerals—and how critical are they?

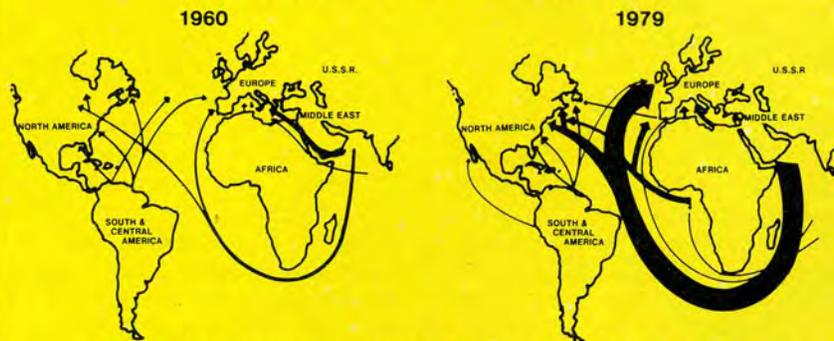
Chrome. Chrome is the single most important strategic mineral to modern civilization. It has also been called the "most unsubstitutable metal in the world."

There is no replacement for chrome in the manufacture of corrosion-resistant steel. "Without chrome we can't build an automobile," says B.F. Andrews, president of Allegheny-Ludlum Steel Corporation, "and I'm not talking about the trim; we can't make jet airplane engines, we can't drill an oil well, we can't dig a mine. There are no good substitutes for stainless steel used in surgical equipment and other things."

From small items to large, chrome is indispensable. Without chrome, we couldn't process food, since "tin" cans can't be made without it. On the other end of the scale, tanks need chrome in the armor for strength.

Yet, here is "the cruncher": Of

COMPARATIVE OIL TRAFFIC



As the maps illustrate graphically, the import of foreign oil by Western countries has made South Africa's geographic location at the southern tip of Africa a strategic keystone for the Free World. In 1978, it is estimated some 936 million tons of crude oil were transported around the Cape of Good Hope sea route.

SOUTH AFRICA'S VITAL ROLE IN WORLD MINERAL RESERVES

Calculated as percentage of the West and/or World Reserves

RAW MATERIAL	WESTERN WORLD POSITION		WORLD RESERVES POSITION	
		%		%
Vanadium	1	90	1	49
Platinum Group	1	89	1	75
Chrome Ore	1	84	1	81
Manganese Ore	1	93	1	78
Gold	1	64	1	51
Fluorspar	1	46	1	35
Aluminum, Silicate, Fire-resistant materials, (Andalusite, Cyanite)	1	45	1	34
Diamonds	2	23	2	21
Vermiculite	2	30	2	29
Antimony	2	18	3	5
Uranium	2	18	NA	NA
Asbestos	2	8	4	5
Zinc	4	10	5	8
Lead	4	5	5	4
Nickel	5	8	7	6
Titanium	5	8	6	7
Silver	5	6	6	4
Coal	4	10	6	6
Iron Ore	6	6	7	3
Copper	11	2	13	2

the 3.7000 million tons of known chrome reserves in the world, 3.6000 million tons are in Rhodesia and South Africa. More critical yet, geologists feel that in 20 years, *all* remaining chrome reserves will be in the same two countries.

Chrome is considered so vital that for years, the United States specifically exempted chrome from the list of embargoed imports from Rhodesia.

Chrome is so indispensable that, according to Mr. Andrews, "we would have to revert 40 to 50 years in our standard of living and our technology in order to do away with chrome completely." Chrome is more than any other metal, the Achilles heel of the U.S. economy. Without it, America would be brought quickly to its knees.

Manganese. This metal is essential to the production of steel. Without its qualities to capture impurities, steel would tear, crack and break. "When we can do without steel, we can do without manganese," reports the U.S. Department of Interior. "We don't know how to make steel without manganese," adds Allegheny-Ludlum's Andrews. "It has no substitute."

The United States has no recoverable manganese deposits. Statistics vary considerably about the primary deposits and reserves of manganese (as they do concerning most metals) but according to one source, 50 percent of the world's known recoverable reserves of manganese lie in South Africa—with the other 50 percent inside the Soviet Union. South Africa presently supplies 78 percent of world production.

Representative James Santini of Nevada, a congressional expert in strategic minerals, believes

that in manganese alone, the industrialized West could not survive without South Africa for more than six months.

Cobalt. This space-age metal is necessary for the superhard alloys used in the aerospace industry. Every jet engine requires 200 pounds of the metal. Cobalt is also essential in the manufacture of integrated circuits.

The United States, the world's aerospace leader, must import 97 percent of its cobalt supply, most of it from Shaba province in Zaire, which produces two thirds of the entire Free World supply.

Zaire twice, in 1977 and 1978, almost fell to invading Communist-backed forces striking out from Angola. Rumors abound that a third try will soon occur.

Alumina and Bauxite. The United States, despite being a major world producer of aluminum metal, relies 93 percent on imports for both of these two raw materials for aluminum. The major suppliers are Guinea and Jamaica, both facing unstable political futures.

Without low-weight, high-strength aluminum, the aerospace industry simply cannot exist.

Platinum. This high-priced metal, usually considered in the precious metal category, is an essential ingredient in the manufacture of catalytic converters that reduce automobile pollutants. South Africa again leads the world in the production of the platinum group of metals.

Gold. South Africa dominates the world gold scene. Its yearly output of more than 700 tons contributes 51 percent of world production. The Soviet Union is second with about 30 percent. All other producers are pygmies by comparison. The United States, for example, contributes only 2.2 percent, Canada, 3.8 percent.

One cannot overexaggerate the impact upon the world monetary scene if South Africa's gold production were to be withheld from the market. The price of gold in circulation would zoom to dizzy-

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Part Six:

A Voice Cries Out Amid Religious Confusion

How could the world have become so mixed up? Out of this spiritual wilderness, a voice cries out in clarity and power, with the reassuring truth of the world's only and sure hope!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Editor's note: We are printing here, serially, the new book by Herbert W. Armstrong with the same title as this article. The book will appear in U.S. bookstores later this year.

Chapter 5

WHY THE NATION ISRAEL?

DID IT EVER STRIKE you as most unusual that the great God should have raised up the ancient nation Israel to be His *chosen* people?

Consider these seemingly paradoxical facts:

God says He is not a respecter of persons. Is He, then, a respecter of nations? Does He have a *favorite*?

Did you ever realize that God denied His chosen people salvation—save only their prophets?

That the chosen nation was given only material and national promises—that God's Holy Spirit was inaccessible to them?

Did it ever occur to you that the Holy Bible is the Book of and concerning only that one people Israel? And that other nations are mentioned only if and as they came into contact with Israel?

And here's another shocker!—almost totally unrealized today by Christianity—even by Judaism! The northern Kingdom of Israel was *not Jewish!* The first place in the Bible where the word *Jews* occurs is in II Kings chapter 16 and verse 6, where the nation Israel was at war, in an alliance with Syria, against the Jews!

The truly amazing truth about Israel is totally unrealized by any religion—by Christianity—by even Judaism!

It is indeed true that the nation Israel was God's chosen people. But understand: they were not chosen as "teacher's pet" nor for special favors. They were chosen for a special PURPOSE *preparato-*

ry to the ultimate establishment of the Kingdom of God!

It is an intriguing story! The answer to this chapter title, "WHY the Nation Israel?" has great significance in God's PURPOSE for all peoples! One cannot understand the real purpose and incredible potential of man without this vital knowledge.

Supreme Master Plan

The Creator God (as covered in part 5) is *reproducing Himself* in and through man! God's ultimate transcendent PURPOSE is breathtaking beyond words—to be covered in chapter 10. The establishment of the ancient nation Israel is an integral part of the supreme Master Plan.

So now, to bring into mind the background, we revert briefly. We retrace a phase of the unfolding of the great Master Plan from Adam to the founding of the nation Israel.

God created the first humans, perfect specimens physically and mentally. Yet they were but

unfinished pieces of God's workmanship. Spiritual character was yet to be built into all the world that would spring from Adam and Eve. And in the character-building process humans are required to perform their own vital part.

Physically this perfectly created pair had no chronic ailments or tendencies toward diseases or illnesses. That is testified in part by the fact that Adam lived to be 930 years old. And for nearly 2,000 years the human life span from Adam to Noah averaged close to 900 years.

Think of it! The first man lived nearly one sixth of all the time from human creation until now!

Remember, however—I have stated it before—God creates in DUAL stages. The *physical* phase of God's reproducing of Himself started with the first Adam. The *spiritual* phase began with the second Adam—Jesus Christ!

So understand, at this point, some basic facts unknown by science, untaught by modern education, unrevealed by any religion.

The first man and woman were made wholly of matter. "The Eternal God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man [matter] became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7). Physical matter *became* a soul!

But in man, as covered in the preceding chapter, was something that was 1) *not* matter, but spirit in essence form, and 2) actually no part of the man, but something *in* the man. The *man* was wholly composed of matter. If he swallowed a small stone marble, the marble would be *in* him, but no part of the man himself. So with the "human" spirit.

This spirit, previously explained, empowered the physical brain with intellect, yet the spirit itself could not see, hear, think or reason. It enabled the brain to do these things.

This "human" spirit does not make man immortal. Man is wholly mortal, subject to death. He is limited in knowledge to that which may be transmitted into the brain through the physical

senses of sight, hearing, tasting, smelling and feeling.

THUS MAN IS LIMITED BY NATURAL BIRTH TO KNOWLEDGE OF THE PHYSICAL AND MATERIAL. Man's most serious problems are *spiritual* in nature. But man is naturally confined to thinking solely in terms of the physical and material. He cannot grasp or comprehend spiritual problems or spiritual knowledge.

But man, with his one "human" spirit, was made to *need* another Spirit—the Holy Spirit that emanates directly from the very Person of GOD! Unless or until any person receives God's Spirit, *he is not complete!* Not all there!

As the "human" spirit empowers the physical brain with comprehension of materialistic knowledge, so the divine Spirit makes possible comprehension of the spiritual things of God! The Holy Spirit also is the divine "spiritual sperm" that impregnates with immortal GOD-LIFE! But it is only an impregnation—converting a human into an *heir*—not yet an inheritor! He may thus be *begotten* with God-life, not yet a *born* son of God. Not until the time of the resurrection and Second Coming of Christ.

The Holy Spirit was freely offered the first human, Adam—with Eve his wife. It was made available through the symbolic *tree of life* in the midst of the Edenic garden. But Adam was required to make the choice between Satan's "GET" way of life and God's "GIVE" way of outflowing LOVE. This latter is the way of God's spiritual LAW—the very foundational Constitution of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD!

It was shown in chapter 5 that Adam rejected God's government—rejected God as Revealer of basic spiritual knowledge—as his God and Giver of immortal salvation—except to the infinitesimal few God would choose and individually call into His service.

Bear in mind at this point, that otherwise mankind as a whole was *cut off* from voluntary contact with God.

Man was left to devise his own

fund of knowledge—to form his own concepts of God—to develop his own religions, his own forms of governments, his own society and civilization! And all *cut off* from God, and also all the world swayed, misled and deceived by a wily Satan the devil, the "prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2).

That was the state of the world as it developed from Adam and Eve.

This originally created pair had a number of sons and daughters. But only three sons are listed in the record. The first son, Cain, became a murderer and a liar. His brother was called "righteous Abel" by Jesus Christ. Yet humanity, with a rapidly rising birth-rate and descending moral values, became more and more evil and violent.

From Adam until the time of Noah, some 1,500 years, only one man, Enoch, is recorded as having "walked with God." He had been specially called by God. By the time of Noah a population explosion was engulfing the earth, even as today. Human thought and interests were "only evil continually. . . . The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. . . for all flesh had corrupted his way on the earth" (Genesis 6:5, 11-12).

This universal corruption and violence was inflicting suffering, anguish, frustration upon an evil humanity. It seems humanity never realizes the "GET" way—transgression of God's Law—inflicts increasing suffering on its perpetrators—and on others.

This violence had become so universal that God determined to spare humanity from suffering longer in mounting misery and anguish.

God took away their miserable lives, by the earthwide Flood, *to be resurrected in the next second of their consciousness* in the "Great White Throne" resurrection (Revelation 20:11-12). They will be brought back to life in a time when Christ is ruling the earth in righteousness, peace and happiness. Satan will be gone. Their minds then will be

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attendants for the rest of her life. The man who emptied the gun will be eligible for parole in seven years.

- Charles strangled and mutilated a young woman. Seven years later he was put on parole. Within another two years, he lured another young woman to his New York City apartment and strangled her. In 15 years, he will be eligible for parole again.

- Many of the small shopkeepers in Manhattan, the Bronx and Brooklyn work long hours, with their life savings tied up in their shops. Because they work in high-crime neighborhoods, they cannot adequately insure their shops. Without those shops, many poor people would not be able to buy goods in their neighborhoods at all. In the New York City blackout of 1977, looters smashed, gutted, burned and looted those same shops. Only 3,000 of the looters were arrested. Most got, according to the *New York Daily News*, "short jail terms or none at all."

THEY'RE CHANGING THE MEANING OF JUSTICE

In each case, justice was denied. Violent criminals did not suffer anywhere near the amount of suffering they inflicted on others. They were not punished anywhere near in *proportion* to their monstrous crimes. They did not get the punishment they deserved.

Why?

Justice Made Plain

Justice can be reduced to one simple concept. Justice is what you deserve. It is what you merit. It is what you earn. The Bible makes it plain: "If a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right... he shall surely live, saith the Lord God" (Ezekiel 18:5 and 9).

But "if he [the just man] beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood [etc.]... he [the son] shall surely die, his blood shall be upon him" (Ezekiel 18:10 and 13).

You are in control of your *own* actions. God holds you responsible for them. Since you can't control the actions of someone else, God *won't* hold you responsible for those. "The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son..." (Ezekiel 18:20).

The Bible repeats this basic principle in the New Testament: "Be not deceived; God is not

Everybody talks about "justice." But no one bothers to tell you exactly what is meant.

by Jeff Calkins

Can you tell me what these real life stories have to do with justice?

- Patty Hopkins and her date were approached in a parking lot in Southern California by two men brandishing guns. The men kidnapped and raped Patty, and forced her and her date into the trunk of a car. One of the men then emptied his gun by firing into the trunk. Doctors believe Patty will never walk again. She will need

mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

Does this sound harsh? Does the justice of the Bible seem too rigid? Too unbending? Remember that God is also a God of mercy. But mercy and justice are *not* the same. Before you can understand mercy, you must understand justice.

Equal Justice Under Law

The modern trend is to think that justice is just another word for *equality*. Thus inequality in the "distribution" of any of the good things of life is supposedly unjust.

The Bible reveals however that justice and equality are not the same. But justice does have *something* to do with equality. The very discussion of justice which God dictated to Ezekiel was prompted by the ancient Israelites' argument that "the way of the Lord is not equal" (Ezekiel 18:25). God spent the better part of a chapter demonstrating that His ways really *were* "equal" (verses 25 and 29).

But notice! Even though God's ways are "equal," the various people described in the chapter do not get "identical" rewards. They do not get the *same* reward. They receive different rewards according to what they deserve.

How then, are God's ways "equal"?

Because each is judged by *equal standards!* The equality of God's ways is proportional equality. Each receives in equal proportion to what he deserves.

That is justice!

Now we can understand why "God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34), and why it is a sin for us to be (James 2:1-7). God does not, unlike fallible human judges, take into account *factors which have nothing to do with what you deserve.*

The fact that you're rich does not mean that you should get favors or special treatment. And, the fact that you are poor does not entitle you to any special favors either. Thus God declared, "Neither shalt thou countenance

a poor man in his cause" (Exodus 23:3). If you, as a poor person, rob someone, you deserve to suffer punishment just the same as if you were rich. If you break a promise, you should suffer the same penalties as a rich man who breaks a promise. The fact that you are poor or rich, or in-between has nothing to do with what you deserve.

Likewise, it is also an abomination to disfavor the poor because he is poor:

"Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause" (Exodus 23:6).

Nor should an arbitrary factor, like who gets to the judge first, determine rewards.

"He that is first in his own cause seemeth just, but his neighbor cometh and searcheth him" (Proverbs 18:17).

Because your adversary got a chance to plead his case first does not mean that you are any less deserving!

Nor should social status, such as whether one is an alien or an orphan affect a reward or a punishment.

"Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, nor of the fatherless . . ." (Deuteronomy 24:17). If a man deserves to be protected from assault, or have promises made to him kept, then it should make *no difference* that he was born in another country or that his parents are dead.

But What Is Deserved?

Clearly, there is nothing unjust with "inequality of result." Different people deserve different things. In Ezekiel 18, one man lives, because he deserves to, another dies, likewise deserving. The results are "unequal," but just, because equal in merit.

But what do you *deserve*?

In human affairs, people deserve what they voluntarily agree to. When human affairs are regulated by voluntary agreements—such as contracts—then there is justice.

The parable of the laborers in the vineyard found in Matthew 20 proves this.

In the early morning the em-

ployer made a contract with some laborers to work in his vineyard. Both sides agreed on a certain wage, and the laborers proceeded to the vineyard to work (verse 2).

Later in the day, the employer made another set of contracts with another group of laborers. The rate at which he agreed to pay these laborers was many times higher than the rate he agreed to pay the workers hired earlier that morning (verse 12), though the ultimate sum was the same.

Of course, this arrangement provoked grumbling among those hired at the lower rate. Did not they deserve more, having "borne the burden and heat of the day" (verse 12)?

No, they did not. They got what they bargained for.

"Friend," Christ has the employer replying to the disgruntled laborer, "I did thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?" (verse 13).

It was the agreement that determined the justice of the matter. The agreement was voluntary. No one forced anyone to do anything.

And just as you deserve what you gain through voluntary agreement, so do you deserve to keep what is yours against force or fraud.

Once again the Bible gives us the key examples:

For force, there is the parable of the ewe lamb by which the prophet Nathan caused King David to realize his own unjust conduct. In the parable, a rich man just goes ahead and takes by force the only possession of a poor man, a little ewe lamb which meant a great deal to the poor man and his family (II Samuel 12:3-4). The story so outraged David—as it would any normal human being—that he said the rich man was worthy of death! (verse 5).

For fraud, there is the apostle James' scathing rebuke against rich landowners who do not honor their promises, even when poor laborers have relied on those promises and worked for them. "Go to now, ye rich men, weep

and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you" (James 5:1).

But what had they done wrong? They had made promises to pay laborers for work, never intending to keep those promises!

"Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud . . ." (James 5:4).

What you deserve is the good that you acquire through voluntary agreement with others, or the evil that you earn by using force or fraud against your fellow man.

Truth, Justice and the Way of God

Because justice is what you deserve, there can be no justice without truth. Do you really deserve something?

God requires that, in voluntary agreements, the standards of the transaction be fixed and accurate ("no thumbs on the scale"), so each party would give and receive exactly what he bargained for:

"Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have . . ." (Leviticus 19:35-36).

The same principle is illustrated in the great wisdom with which King Solomon settled a famous "child custody" case. Two prostitutes claimed to be the mother of one child (I Kings 3:16-22). Solomon said that the child should be cut in half and distributed to each (verse 25). This prompted the true mother to cry out that the child be spared, even if it meant that she lose the custody fight. The pretender, of course, didn't care if the child died.

The great justice in Solomon's response (verse 28) was not that he ordered a child slain, but that, by being creative, he had discovered the truth of who really was deserving (the real mother).

Justice in God's Character

Can you imagine what things would be like if God were not a

God of justice? You could not depend on Him! You could not rely on His promises. The whole universe would be undependable, arbitrary, capricious. Nothing could be done. No one would ever undertake any constructive, up-building effort, because there could be no assurance that any good would come of it. All human work would stop. Life would be squalid, impoverished, futile.

But God is a just God. The Bible plainly says so: "He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment [the term the King James uses for *applied justice*]: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he" (Deuteronomy 32:4).

But God's justice creates a "problem" to be solved. The problem is that by the equal standard of God's Law, no human being deserves to live beyond this life. All have sinned, failing to live according to God's character, which is His law (Romans 3:23). Indeed, by God's standards, "there is not a just man on earth that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Ecclesiastes 7:20).

Yet God would not compromise with this standard of justice! Rather than do so, He sent His son Jesus to bear the just penalty of what each human deserves. Because Jesus Christ's life was worth more than the lives of all other humans who have ever lived combined, His sacrifice could pay a price that had to be paid.

Thus God, rather than change the principle of justice, let His son die an agonizing death. God's mercy is then not *in-justice*—the penalty is still meted out, but God can allow human beings to live beyond this life through mercy.

Moreover, even in the context of God's freely given grace—the fact that human beings *do not earn* salvation—God still promotes the principle of justice as to the rewards of office and position in God's Kingdom. Salvation is a free gift of God (though certain conditions to the gift are attached). But rewards *within* the Kingdom of God are apportioned

by what each individual deserves, according to God's standard of giving and service (I Corinthians 3:8).

In This World Today

God lays on the rulers of this world today, particularly those who descend from the ancient so-called "Lost Ten Tribes" of Israel, which includes the United States and British nations, a duty to see that justice prevails in human affairs:

"Thus saith the Lord God; Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your exactions from my people, saith the Lord God" (Ezekiel 45:9).

Indeed, God tells human rulers that they are to punish evildoers because evildoing *deserves* punishment:

"For he [the human ruler] is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid, for he [the human ruler] beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the *minister of God, a revenger* to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil" (Romans 13:4).

Notice! Revenge is part of justice. When the human government punishes a young punk who knocks down elderly ladies, it should do so because he should receive the same evil he did to another. Criminologists call this the "retributive" theory of punishment. It just happens to be God's principle.

However, God does specify it must be official lawful authority—the human state acting as "the minister of God" which takes revenge. Private individuals might inflict more evil than is proportionate to the offense. As such, they are not to administer vengeance themselves (Romans 12:19: "'Vengeance is mine; I will repay,' saith the Lord").

On the other hand, human rulers have absolutely no authority to harass those who do not deserve punishment. Their legitimate authority stops at punishing *evil* doers. "Also to punish the

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ON WINGS OF SONG

Sex, Drugs, Vulgarity

Far too many of today's songs advocate obscenity, premarital sex, illicit sex, drugs, the occult, even revolution. Most caring parents would be shocked if they knew what their children are being told to do—all to the sound of music!

by Clayton Steep

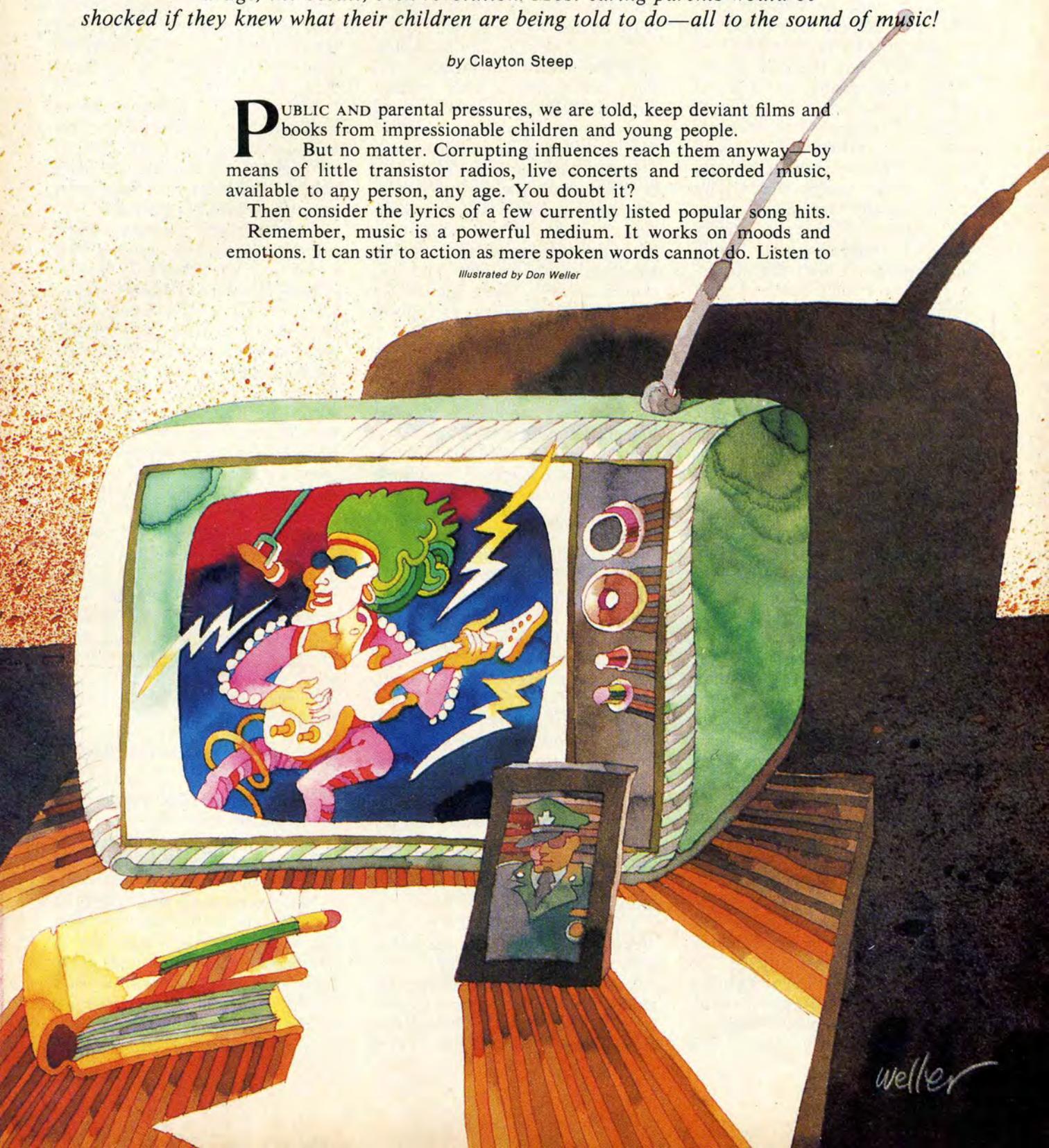
PUBLIC AND parental pressures, we are told, keep deviant films and books from impressionable children and young people.

But no matter. Corrupting influences reach them anyway—by means of little transistor radios, live concerts and recorded music, available to any person, any age. You doubt it?

Then consider the lyrics of a few currently listed popular song hits.

Remember, music is a powerful medium. It works on moods and emotions. It can stir to action as mere spoken words cannot do. Listen to

Illustrated by Don Weller



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these messages pumped into millions of eager young ears in hi-fi sound—and ask yourself if these have anything to do with the rise in crime, the confused morals and consequent venereal diseases of so many young people:

On Wings of Song

• “We don’t need no education/ We don’t need no thought control,” is a defiant musical assertion followed by the demand that the teacher leave the kids alone.

Ask high school teachers if they are having an easy time teaching grammar to students these days, especially minority students. Why should it be easy when many songs the young people identify with make a special attempt to use poor grammar? Thus one piece of “soul” music insists “I ain’t did nothin’ to you/ . . . I ain’t dumb, I ain’t stupid”!

Jesse Jackson, national known U.S. black civil rights leader, has seen the direct connection between certain popular music and how young people develop. He has contended that songs with suggestive lyrics are “one of the forces that stand between blacks and excellence.” “These songs encourage black children to be counterproductive. The songs do have influence. . . . Music is important to the formation of children’s attitudes because it’s such a big part of their culture.”

The same comments can be made for young people—or adults—of any race, whether they listen to pop, soul, rock or country.

• “Anarchy in the U.K.,” which appeared a couple of years ago, boasted about being an anarchist. Its dominant theme is “I want to destroy.”

• “Responsibility to me is a tragedy/I’ll get a job some other time,” another song exclaims.

• One piece of music highlights the following activities: being kicked out of nearly every bar, spending time in jail for speeding through town, fighting with guns and knives, “messing ’round” with another person’s wife, throwing one’s boss out of a

window, getting fired, hot-wiring and taking a city truck on a joy ride which ends by turning the truck over on the mayor’s lawn, and beating someone “half to death.”

• In “Lying in Love with You” the boy calls up to say he can’t work today because he’s ill. Actually he feels fine. In a play on words he says he is just lying—lying in bed with a lover.

Today’s morally and financially impoverished educational systems are having a hard enough time instilling incentive and character in young people. Add the fact that most parents don’t properly communicate with their children. And the fact that parents and teachers face the additional obstacle of competing with popular songs that openly advocate wrong values. And you should have a clear picture of what is happening to young pliant minds.

Today’s Pied Pipers

Most conspicuous in the current wave of popular music is its glaring preoccupation with sex.

• “Turn off the lights/Let’s take a shower together,” one song urges, because “there’s something I wanna . . . do to you baby.”

By the way, parents, don’t worry about leaving this issue of *The Plain Truth* where your children might see it. Chances are they and their friends have already heard these songs, perhaps even danced to them numerous times, unthinkingly. In fact, some of the lyrics described here are mild. Words to some popular songs are too obscene to paraphrase in *The Plain Truth*.

• Another emphasizes that “if the price is right you can score.”

• In one hit song a girl dials a hundred telephone numbers because she craves some “hot stuff tonight.”

• On the other hand a modern “Georgey Porgy” kisses many girls and makes them cry.

• Another song of desire includes such phrases as “I can’t resist,” “lust begs,” “willpower disappears,” “feed the feel,”

“a demon living deep inside,” “ecstasy lives but sanity dies.”

• “More Than One Way to Love a Woman” says never to do it the same way twice.

• A few other titles should make it plain where the emphasis is: “I Want You Tonight,” “I Can’t Stand It No More,” “Lovin’, Touchin’, Squeezin’,” “Love You Inside Out,” “Boom, Boom, Out Go the Lights,” “You Feel Good All Over,” “Don’t Stop ’Til You Get Enough,” “Better Love Next Time.”

Not long ago a poll of pregnant U.S. high school students revealed that of the 1,000 unmarried girls questioned, 984 had become pregnant with suggestive pop music as a background.

The magazine *Human Behavior* reported on the growing phenomenon of “porn” music. Among those quoted was Chaytor Mason who, as psychology professor at the University of Southern California, commented: “We have arrived at the plateau of blatant sex.” Parents could restrain the trend, but said Professor Mason, “parents who have been having problems with their own sexuality are glad to hand over the responsibility to a musician.”

Before a record is put on the market the music industry conducts extensive tests to predict which songs will be the most profitable. One involved in testing teenage response to songs volunteered: “It doesn’t hurt to have some sexy words. The little girls and boys really go for sexy words.”

Seems to Me I’ve Heard That Song Before . . .

“You’ll ruin me/Let me go now, baby, please do . . .”

Words from a current hit? No. Words from an erotic song of the 16th century!

Not every song sung today is decadent or objectionable. Neither were all of the songs sung in past ages wholesome and good. Far from it. In 1698 Jeremy Collier observed in *A Short View of the Immorality and Profaneness of the English State*: “Mu-

sic is almost as dangerous as gunpowder; and it may be requires looking after no less than the press, or the mint. 'Tis possible a public regulation might not be amiss."

But there are some important differences between past ages and today. For one thing, we have the all-pervasive electronic media. Hundreds of years ago, the only ones hearing the bawdy song would be those in the immediate presence of the singer while he was singing. Children and young people probably wouldn't be a part of the audience. Even if they did overhear the song, they couldn't hear it again until the singer himself repeated it. That's why in the 18th century William Cowper could remark, "A musician, the most skillful, can only divert himself and a few others."

But that's no longer the case. Now, thanks to recording and broadcasting technology a song can be repeated *ad nauseum*. Not only that, but decadent music from a single musician can be heard by every child and young person in the land. All that is needed is access to radio or record store.

In this article we are discussing only the message of a song—its lyrics—not the beat or volume at which it is performed. Still, any adults inclined to believe that it is only the music with today's rock rhythm that is harmful have perhaps forgotten what songs of the prerock generation or the non-rock genre really say. For example, how many teenagers entered into disastrous marriages to the encouragement of the lilting refrain "They try to tell us we're too young"?

Many songs were suggestive, but subtle enough so that only some young listeners would catch the meaning. What once was "suggestive" has today become explicit.

Music is an influential force. It not only can reflect moods and feelings, it can create them. Its ability to play on emotions and achieve psychological effects has long been employed by movie-makers.

The spoken word by itself can, of course, stir feelings and passions. But when words are combined with music the effect can be profound. For decades radio and TV advertisers sold their products to the tunes of catchy jingles. Everything from deodorants to automobiles had an appropriate ditty that stuck in people's minds, influencing their purchasing decisions.

Music has been used as a vehicle for patriotic or political messages. Nations have been roused to war to the words of stirring songs.

Religious hymns and songs often promulgate false doctrines. Just because music is pleasing and inspiring does not mean the words are necessarily true. Yet people subconsciously accept as fact erroneous concepts about the Bible and Christianity merely because of the music to which the words are attached.

But we are mainly concerned here with the extensive amount of popular music that is sexually—and unashamedly—debasement.

"Sex, of course, is a subject often discussed in popular music. Along with patriotism and religion, it has been a song-writing staple for centuries. Veiled allusions and double entendres were warbled in even the most conservative periods. Our ancestors knew what crooners meant when they sang of lips wet with dew and holding lovers closely. But never before—at least not since the cabaret torch songs of the Weimar Republic—have the lyrics of so many widely disseminated pop tunes been as raw" (*Human Behavior*, July, 1976).

Who Is to Blame?

A Turkish proverb says, "As the music is, so are the people of the country." Who is responsible for the large amount of degenerate music today?

An executive of RCA Records observed: "These singers didn't invent sex. It's part of life. Singers are only expressing what people are doing all around us."

Dr. Rogers of the University of Arkansas has collaborated in

a study of how popular music reflects prevalent attitudes. "People will listen to the messages that contain attitudes and beliefs they agree with," he said recently. He is of the view that popular music has been "consistently reflective and representative of the society which nourishes it and of the changes in that society."

Maybe so. But those in the lucrative recording and broadcasting industry cannot shove all the blame off on the public. After all, they are a part of the "public." A vast army of promoters is hired by the multimillion dollar recording business. Their job is to "sell" hits.

A successful record producer confided, "A certain sound is pushed, and people get used to it and accept it—not because they want it, but because it's there."

It's a cycle that feeds on itself. A song is released. It appeals to human nature and reflects the mixed-up way of life many are living. People buy the music and thus create a demand for more. And more is forthcoming because people in the business love one sound in particular, the jingle of coins and the rustle of bills flowing their way. That is music to *their ears!*

But let's understand more deeply what is behind today's wave of sensual music.

There's Music in the Air . . .

Many chapters in the Bible, especially the Psalms, were songs written to be sung to musical accompaniment.

The ultimate source of *good* music is God Himself. It was He who put in His creatures the ability to produce and enjoy music. The first song there is any record of was joyfully sung by millions of angelic beings when God created the earth, perhaps millions of years ago (Job 38:4, 7).

Some of those very angelic beings who sang in celestial chorus later followed the archangel Lucifer in rebellion against the government of God. They became evil spirits or demons. Lucifer

became Satan, because their nature was now fixed to do evil. Everything they did had become twisted and perverted. They deliberately chose to be evil.

Until the Messiah Jesus comes to replace him, Satan is allowed to rule this world (II Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 12:9). He is called the "prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2) because he "broadcasts" his malicious moods and attitudes into human minds. It is particularly directed to stirring up in people the lusts and desires of the flesh (verse 3). Satan's wicked sway is partly responsible for all that is wrong in the world.

That includes degenerate songs!

There can be no doubt that the current deluge of songs emphasizing self-gratification, promiscuous sex, rebellion and the acceptance of evil not only has Satan's approval, but his active backing. There is no attempt to hide the satanic theme of some music ("Their Satanic Majesties Request," "Sympathy for the Devil," "Dancing with Mr. D.>"). Symbols of the occult and devil worship often appear on album covers.

One famous singer who was making as much as \$40,000 an hour quit in disgust because it was the "devil's work." "I didn't realize I was working for the devil," he stated, claiming that the music he was performing "clouds the senses and hypnotizes the brain."

Another well-known singer who died of a drug overdose said music hypnotizes people, "and when you get people at that weakest point you can preach into the subconscious what we want to say."

Still another performer admitted, "Our music is intended to broaden the generation gap, to alienate children from their parents and to prepare people for the revolution."

Setting Things Right

Someone is sure to ask: "Isn't the biblical Song of Solomon an erotic song?" The question brings

up an interesting principle.

Some of the objectionable songs young people are exposed to today would not be objectionable in a different context. Even well-written lyrics concerning man-woman relations may be acceptable within a stable marriage situation, and yet be totally inappropriate when directed toward young people inclined to interpret the lyrics as encouraging premarital sex. The biblical Song of Solomon is one case in point, though there are current examples. The Song of Solomon could be considered objectionably erotic if presented to young people *without* the explanation that its theme is the relation between a bridegroom and his bride—not relations between adolescents or unmarried persons. An additional observation is that the Song of Solomon does not contain degenerate language.

The whole subject of what message music is carrying boils down to a question of responsible monitoring and guidance.

In the World Tomorrow there will be music and singing. Lots of it. But it will all be edifying and uplifting. Language—spoken, written *and sung*—will be purified (Zephaniah 3:9).

If it's a shame to do something, it's also a shame to accommodate it by talking—or singing!—about it (Ephesians 5:11-12). Depressing, immoral, corrupt songs reflecting a decadent society will not be sung in tomorrow's world. Joyful songs instead will be heard celebrating God's creation, happy marriages, clean boy-girl relations and everything good and worthwhile in life.

Singing will be so much a part of the harmonious and peaceful World Tomorrow that the Bible paints the picture of the deserts and waste places (Isaiah 35:2), the mountains and hills (55:12), and the heavens also (44:23) breaking forth with songs of gladness. "And the ransomed of the Lord shall . . . come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy" (35:10). □

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IS THERE A PERFECT GOVERNMENT?

If 6,000 years of human experience have shown one thing, it is this: No human government has been able to achieve lasting peace or prosperity! Why?

by Keith W. Stump

WHY HAVE human governments failed so miserably throughout history? Why have they been so unsuccessful in achieving the two chief goals they set for themselves: peace and prosperity?

The answer to this enigma was formally addressed by *Plain Truth* Editor-in-Chief Herbert W. Armstrong at a unique conference in March, 1977.

A Conference Unique in History

The conference was held in Windhoek, the administrative center of South-West Africa, also known as Namibia.

Eleven delegations from the 11 population groups that make up the 900,000 inhabitants of South-West Africa were gathered in the historic Turnhalle assembly building in Windhoek. Their objective: to forge a just constitution for their country.

A former German colony, South-West Africa has been governed by the nation of South Africa since 1920. It was scheduled to receive its independence at the end of 1977.

The "Turnhalle conference" was first convened in September, 1975. It had been compared by many to the convention that wrote the United States Constitution nearly two centuries earlier.

Mr. Armstrong was the first foreigner and religious leader invited to speak to the assemblage. More than 40 delegates and other high-ranking officials gathered for his address.

Mr. Armstrong began by reviewing before the delegates the

entire span of human history. He explained from the Bible how the great archangel we know as Lucifer (who became Satan) *rejected* the government and the law of God. And how, later, the first man, Adam, rejected the way of God and chose to follow the way of Satan.

He related also how Adam's descendants, cut off from contact with God, have chosen instead to pursue their own way—the self-centered, competitive way of "GET"—rather than the God-centered, outgoing way of "LOVE" or "GIVE."

"This is the background that has led up to today and all of its evils," Mr. Armstrong summarized.

He observed that God, in effect, *sentenced* Adam and his descendants to form their own governments, based on the "GET" principle. Throughout history the human, civil governments, he said, have become a punishment for rejecting God's divine government!

Mr. Armstrong then told the assembled delegates they had the unique opportunity to form a human government more nearly based on God's way of life—the way of outgoing concern for each of their 11 population groups, of serving, cooperating and sharing for the good and welfare of others.

"God help you to do the best job that can be done and to form the finest government that has ever been formed in the history of mankind on this earth," Mr. Armstrong exhorted the conference. This should be a govern-

ment, he added, that would be fair and just for every person, without regard for race or other considerations.

Record of History

Events in the aftermath of the Turnhalle conference did not proceed in the way its delegates had hoped. Interference by outside powers delayed South-West Africa's independence. Guerrilla warfare escalated. Current talks on the future of the diamond-and uranium-rich territory are now stalled. South-West Africa remains in a state of political and social ferment.

Unfortunately, this scenario fits well into the sorry, 6,000-year record of man's history. In recent times, as in ages past, man's attempts to come to grips with the problem of government have been thwarted by problems beyond human capacity to control.

For millennia, leaders of honesty and integrity have tried to grapple with the immense problems of government. These men have tried to find responsible solutions, have tried to make the world better. But forces seemingly beyond their control have frustrated their efforts at every turn.

Regardless of their methods of achieving them, governments claim to have the same basic goals. The primary aims of human government are peace and prosperity, often collectively referred to as the "common good." Through history, governments have set about achieving these objectives in many different ways.

But no government in history

has ever achieved these dual aims fully, or permanently. None has achieved lasting peace and prosperity.

All human governments have, at some point, failed!

Instead of peace, mankind has known in almost every generation war and violence. War has been the way of history. There have been well over 15,000 wars throughout recorded history. Some 100 million people have died in wars *in this 20th century alone!*

Instead of prosperity, the vast majority of human beings have known nothing more than slavery or wretchedness and squalor. Prosperity for the few, poverty for the many has been the age-old rule.

The world's problems—today and throughout history—are a stinging indictment of the world's systems of government! In fact, governments, more often than not, have created more problems than they have solved!

Man has proven his utter incapability of ruling himself!

Why should this most gifted of God's physical creatures have failed so miserably?

The Human Factor

There is a definite cause—a clear-cut reason why governments have fallen so short of the mark.

Governments have failed simply because they don't know how to succeed! Mankind has rejected the only knowledge that would allow its governments to succeed—the knowledge of God and His way!

Mankind simply does not know the way to peace and prosperity (see Isaiah 59:8). Man, separated from God, is incapable of understanding the requirements for peace!

Understand this: The world's problems are essentially *spiritual* in nature. They have a deep-rooted spiritual basis. They cannot be solved through the use of mere physical knowledge alone.

In rejecting the knowledge of God, man has had to rely on his

own philosophers—on humanly devised approaches that appear right to him. He has failed to heed a vitally important biblical admonition.

Read it for yourself in Proverbs 14:12: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death!"

Man has chosen to pursue his own way, the way that seems right to him. He has rejected God as his ruler. Even God's own chosen people cut themselves off from Him by *sin*.

Nations today are not imbued with the gift of God's Holy Spirit, which would open their minds to comprehend spiritual knowledge and give them the power to restrain human nature.

It is man's own Satan-seduced nature—of vanity, jealousy, lust and greed—that prevents him from achieving a world of lasting peace and prosperity. Mankind has utterly failed to bring that nature into rein.

The human factor is the unrecognized seed of destruction within every form of earthly government. Man's governments are inherently imperfect because *man* is imperfect.

An additional factor compounds the problem even further. Not only does unrestrained human nature disqualify man from ruling—human nature doesn't want to be ruled! Satan's attitude of defiance and rebellion permeates this world. In recent years, the world's governments have been toppling at the rate of one each month!

In this world, the only check on human nature is human nature itself. One man's lust for power is checked only by another man's greed to keep it. The result: civil strife, chaos, struggles for political power, war.

Man's attempts to do it his own way, apart from God, have proved utterly disastrous!

This Is Satan's World

Unrealized by many, the Almighty God of the Bible is *not* the

"god of this world"! Throughout history, the Creator God has generally kept hands off—with the exception of those occasions when divine intervention has been necessary for accomplishing His purposes.

God is permitting the world to go its own way, to learn for itself that Satan's way of rejecting the law and government of God can in the end bring nothing but disaster. That bitter lesson has been written in blood, suffering, unhappiness and death!

The record of history makes abundantly clear that this is Satan's world! The "god of this world," your Bible reveals, is Satan (see II Corinthians 4:4). This world is under Satan's rule, not God's government.

Jesus Christ has qualified to unseat Satan as ruler over the earth (Matthew 4:1-11), but He has not yet returned to earth to assume the throne and establish God's kingdom over all nations.

In the meantime, God is allowing human governments to function (Romans 13), for the primary purpose of maintaining law and order (see verse 4). God will not allow anarchy. But God also places definite limits on these human governments. This world's governments do not have unlimited authority!

When governing authorities abuse their power and overstep their bounds, coming into conflict with God's laws and prerogatives, God's laws must clearly take precedence. "We ought to obey God rather than man," the early Apostles declared (Acts 5:29).

The Bible teaching is clear: As individuals, we must be *subject* to the humanly devised laws of the land—and when human laws are contrary to God, we must obey God and suffer whatever penalty men impose.

Satan has continually used civil governments to oppose God's way and God's purposes. But Satan's
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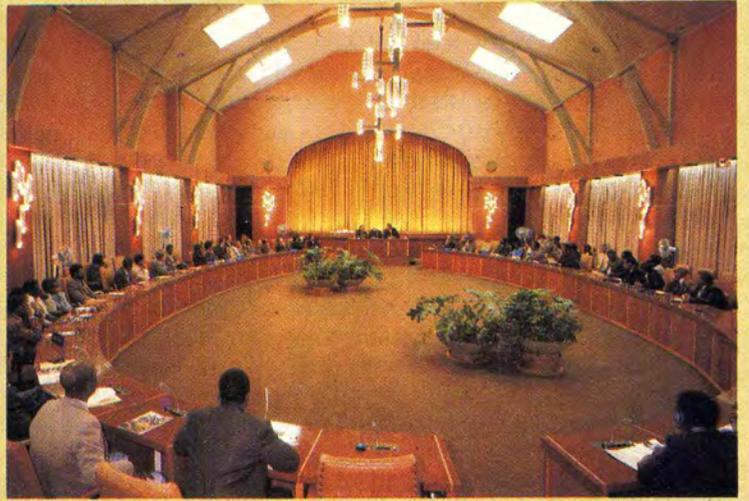
HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG SPREADS NEWS OF COMING WORLD GOVERNMENT

Over the past dozen years, Herbert W. Armstrong has personally announced the good news of the World Tomorrow to the kings, prime ministers, presidents and leading officials of many nations around the globe. He is pictured here (counter-clockwise from top) with King Hussein of Jordan, President Marcos of the Philippines, Prime Minister Begin of Israel and Prime Minister Gandhi of India. Also pictured is his 1977 address to South-West Africa's Turnhalle Conference (see article).

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THE HOLY BIBLE— Is It Reliable?

The Bible's accuracy is the center of a new controversial battle.

by Robert C. Boraker

A BATTLE is now raging among religious circles, especially in the United States. It is a battle about the Bible. To the evangelical or fundamentalist, it is *The Battle for the Bible*. That is the title of the book by Harold Lindsell, former editor of *Christianity Today*.

The battle centers around the question of whether or not *all* the Bible is inspired of God and infallible in all parts. Is the Bible errant or inerrant? In other words, does it contain errors or is it infallibly free from errors and mistakes—even in areas concerning science and history?

Harold Lindsell wrote in his book, "Biblical inerrancy is the most important theological topic of this age." The Bible, of course, purports to be the source of true spiritual or divine knowledge. Its critics say it is untrustworthy.

Could you explain which view is right—and why?

Recent Events

Between 1900 and 1930, a trend toward doctrinal liberalism gained the day. Now there are not only individual theologians, but seminaries and entire denominations that claim the Bible contains some spiritual truth along with some error. They no longer consider the Bible to be completely trustworthy, especially in the fields of science and history. Evangelicals challenge this modern claim. They say that once anyone assumes error in some part of the Bible, they soon reject basic doctrine. Such people, they claim, begin to question certain areas of the Bible they don't like. For example, Paul's teaching about women submitting to their husbands (I Corinthians 11:3 and Ephesians 5:22-33). It is considered to be Paul's *opinion* about the matter and thus open for question and rejection.

Or clergymen who accept homosexuality or think women can be ordained when Paul plainly taught that such practices were wrong (I Corinthians 6:10 and 14:34-35). This trend, say evangelicals, arises from the assumption that the writings of the apostle are the opinions of a man rather than the inspired Word of God.

Is *all* of the Bible the inspired Word of God? Is it a reliable foundation for a way of life? Are evangelicals who claim the Bible is infallible any

more sound doctrinally than liberals who claim the Bible is fallible? These are the basic questions we need to examine.

Jesus Trusted the Scriptures?

First of all, what did the Founder of Christianity—Jesus Christ—believe and say about the Scriptures? Would modern liberals agree with Jesus? Talking about the twofold division of the Old Testament Scriptures, He said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished" (Matthew 5:17,18, *New International Version*).

Jesus taught the will and word and law of God as expressed in the Old Testament as being in force and relevant to His followers. He said the Old Testament Scriptures were eternal. "It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out of the Law" (Luke 16:17, NIV). Yet right here we have the astounding paradox. Evangelicals who claim the Bible is infallible and modern liberal theologians who insist it is not, both disagree with Jesus. Neither group keeps the law of God!

Some altogether reject the Old Testament as a rule of faith and practice. Others accept only the epistles Paul wrote while he was in prison. But Jesus Christ trusted and obeyed the Old Testament Scriptures. He constantly referred to them. He treated the Old Testament historical accounts as being factual and truthful. In the mind of Christ there was no room for doubt or the labels of myth and legend.

Christ reminded His audiences that the Scriptures which they searched to find eternal life testified of the coming of the Messiah (John 5:39). Like many people today, Jesus' hearers trusted the words of Moses, but didn't really believe all he wrote. "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?" Christ warned (John 5:46-47, *New King James Bible*). Christ and the Old Testament stand

or fall together. Christ often referred to His fulfillment of the Old Testament Scriptures (Luke 22:37, John 7:42; 17:12; 19:24, 36, 37). They *all* had to be fulfilled because they were all infallible and without errors.

After His resurrection, He admonished the disciples for being slow to believe all that the prophets had spoken about Himself. "And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then He opened their understanding, that they might *understand* the Scriptures" (Luke 24:27, 45, NKJB).

Christ once rebuked the Sadducees by saying, "You do err *not* knowing the Scriptures" (Matthew 22:29). Jesus knew the Old Testament Scriptures. He believed them to be the truth. He used them as His source of authority.

When Christ had His confrontation with Satan, He defended Himself by quoting from the Old Testament three times (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10). When Satan tempted Christ by saying, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread," Christ answered, "It is written [Deuteronomy 8:3], 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by *every word* that proceeds out of the mouth of God' (Matthew 4:3, 4)." Christ said that man is to live by every word of God, and He meant what is recorded in the Old Testament. How many Christians—liberals or evangelicals—today really believe that?

The apostle Paul also supported the Old Testament as being a guide to our way of life. He was talking about the Old Testament when He said, "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope" (Romans 15:4, NKJB). He further admonished that the examples recorded in the Old Testament "were written for our admonition" (I Corinthians 10:11). According to both Jesus and Paul it is not enough to know that the Bible is infallible, you have to believe and do what it says.

All Scripture Is Inspired?

Paul emphatically claimed that ALL of the Old Testament is inspired of God when he wrote to Timothy, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Timothy 3:16). The only Holy Scriptures which Timothy could have known from childhood (verse 15) were those found in the Old Testament.

But what about the New Testament? Can one know that all of it is inspired of God? When Paul said "all Scripture" he meant by inference the Old Testament Scriptures that had already been written and the New Testament Scriptures that had been written thus far—and the others yet to be written in the future.

Paul believed the Gospel accounts were inspired

Scripture. He wrote to Timothy earlier and said, "For the Scripture says, 'You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,' and, 'The laborer is worthy of his wages'" (I Timothy 5:18). The first part is from Deuteronomy 25:4. The second quotation gives the words of Christ found in Luke 10:7. Paul classified both as being "Scripture."

The letters of Paul are considered to be a man's opinions by some today, but not by the apostle Peter. He said Paul's epistles contained "some things hard to understand, which those who are untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also *the rest of the Scriptures*" (II Peter 3:16). Peter placed Paul's epistles in the same category as "the rest of the Scriptures."

The book of Revelation was the last book of the New Testament to be written. The importance of the book is made clear by the apostle John's warning near the end, "For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book. And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Revelation 22:18,19).

Every Scripture in both the Old and New Testaments has stamped in it the inspiration of God. The Bible is "God-breathed." It is that which comes out of God's mouth and therefore is His Word—a product of His creative power working through human instruments. God conveyed to the Bible writers exactly what He wanted us to know. The prophecy of Scripture, for example, did not come about through a man's own thinking and effort, "but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Peter 1:21).

Holy Spirit Guided Bible Writers

The writers of the Bible were motivated by the Holy Spirit. They were guided and carried along by God's Spirit just like a sailing ship is moved by the wind. God directed and influenced the writers to write down the words He wanted recorded.

David described how God inspired him by saying, "The spirit of the Lord spoke by me and His Word was in my tongue" (II Samuel 23:2). Many times God told the Old Testament writers, especially the prophets, exactly what words to say or write. God often spoke to them and said, "Tell the people, 'Thus saith the Lord. . .'" At other times it is evident that the writers had freedom to use their own style and personality to write under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Each book of the Bible is different. Each reflects the style, experiences and personality of the writer. But the Holy Spirit still guided the writer in doing his research, in the arrangement of his ideas and even in the choice of words. More was involved than just (Continued on page 45)

THE NEW SOCIETY

by Stanley R. Rader

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG, the Worldwide Church of God and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF) have enjoyed over the past two decades a special relationship with the Philippines. Mr. Armstrong and I have met with Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his energetic and beautiful wife Imelda on many occasions.

The first congregation of the Worldwide Church of God to be established in a Third World country was in the Philippines. Mr. Armstrong holds his doctorate from a Philippine university. The AICF is now working with the Philippine Ministry of Labor on a manpower institute project to help reduce the country's unemployment. The AICF is also working to help bring some of the world's best talent in the performing arts to the Philippines.

Given this special relationship, we take a special interest in the state of President Marcos' New Society. In fact, in 1977, a member of the Worldwide Church of God in the Philippines wrote a book entitled *How to Win Success Under the New Society*.

The New Society is the name that President Marcos gave to the set of long-term changes he hoped to bring about in Philippine life after declaring martial law in 1972. One feature in particular of the New Society holds special interest. It is the land-reform program. It is perhaps the most promising in the Third World.

Respects Biblical Principles

First, why is land reform important at all? In the Philippines, as in many other societies in the

Third World, the main source of wealth is land and most of the land is owned by a very few people. Naturally this causes much resentment.

The *usual* response elsewhere on the part of poor countries is for the human government to seize the land—basically steal it—and give the land *not* to the individual tenant farmers who were tilling it all along for the great landowner, but to “cooperatives.”

But the tenant farmers have even less incentive then to use efficient farming methods or work hard. Before they could keep at least some of their crops for themselves (usually half), but under cooperatives, they find someone else now owns all the fruit of their labors.

Result? Food production typically falls. A poor and hungry people become poorer and hungrier. But this should not be surprising. The laws of God operate in this present evil world just as much as they will operate in God's World Tomorrow. Human governments cannot violate God's laws against stealing (Deuteronomy 5:19) or against the use of the power of human rulership to confiscate land without paying for it (I Kings 21:1-21) and still hope to create a prosperous society.

What is interesting about the Philippine land-reform program, however, is that it respects these biblical principles. The old landowners are being paid for their land. And instead of being herded onto “collective farms,” the farmers eventually come to own their own land.

This is as it will be under God's law in the World Tomorrow.

Each family will own its own piece of land after God apportions it out to all the families of the earth. These essential principles of God's system of land reform are found in Numbers 33:54: “And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the less inheritance: every man's inheritance shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit.”

A Measure of Dignity

The actual mechanics of the Philippine land-reform program, of course, differ somewhat from what they will be when God redistributes the world's land at the beginning of the World Tomorrow. The Philippine program is limited in scope, covering around a third of the country's agricultural land, basically devoted to rice and corn (maize). Of that third, about half is to be, in effect, “sold” to about 400,000 tenant farmers, the other half acquired by around 500,000 farmers who will hold their land under permanent leasehold arrangements. The leasehold part of the program is to accommodate smaller landlords—those old landowners who held less than a certain amount of land can retain ownership over their land but have to give their tenant farmers firm leases.

The system is distinctive in its respect for the rights of previous landowners. Basically, the government Land Bank pays the old landowners for their land, and gives it to tenant farmers who have, as the plan was originally set up, 15 years to “earn” the land by making payments to the Land Bank.

The land reform program has been a major success. Unlike other programs which have caused food production to decline, the Philippine program has boosted food production—the rice harvest has doubled in the

past decade. Previously, the Philippines had to import rice from abroad; today the Philippines exports rice to its hungry neighbors.

Even Marcos' critics acknowledge the soundness of the program: "Most impartial experts agree that more progress has been made in the past 3½ years than during the past 30," said the *New Yorker* magazine, referring to the program in an otherwise critical article about the Marcos government (May 3, 1976). And *Newsweek* has said the "program has restored a measure of dignity to thousands of farmers who were previously no better off than serfs" (International edition, April 10, 1978).

The program, of course, has also been the focal point for some criticism: It is too slow. It covers too little land. It includes too few tenant farmers. The price the farmer pays for his new land is too high. And a farmer, after making payments for his land for a number of years, builds up no "equity" in his land until he finishes paying for it. If he goes out of business early, he has nothing to show for his efforts.

The lesson to be learned from these criticisms, however, is *not* that the program is "all show, no go," but that the good that can be done in this world by *any* of man's governments is profoundly limited.

The Bible does acknowledge that even in this present evil world, it makes a difference whether a human government adopts good or evil policies. Proverbs 29:2 says, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice." Two other verses in the same chapter also clearly say that when human governors adopt policies in conformity with God's law and principles, it can make a real difference: "The king [ruler] by judgment establisheth the

land" (verse 4), and "the king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established forever" (verse 14).

But human rulers cannot establish the Millennium now. Man cannot bring about a *truly* peaceful, prosperous and healthy world through his own efforts.

Hearts and Minds

President Marcos, who is one of the more intellectual leaders on the world scene, has high hopes. He sees as the most lasting achievement of the New Society, as he told one interviewer, "a change of heart among the people . . . the most lasting



HELPING ESTABLISH NEW AICF PROJECTS—Stanley R. Rader greets Philippines President Ferdinand E. Marcos, First Lady Imelda Marcos and the Minister of Labor.

changes and reforms are in the area of changing the character of our people, their minds, their hearts."

But changing the heart of man is so much easier said than done!

"O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and their children for ever!" (Deuteronomy 5:29). The point of this verse is that human nature—formed by the constant influence of Satan on the individual—is a great deal harder to change than one might think. As long as Satan the devil remains the prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2), human nature will continue to be the

product of his negative influence.

Yet there is coming a New Society that *will* change human nature. In God's New Society, Satan will be banished (Revelation 20:2), and the positive influence of God and His Spirit will be allowed to affect the basic outlook of human beings: "Then [during God's World Tomorrow] will I [God] sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you . . .*" (Ezekiel 36:25-27).

President Marcos is a remarkable leader. How many of his Western critics realize that he is a survivor of the Bataan death march? Or that the Japanese secret service tortured him in Manila's Fort Santiago Prison during World War II, trying to force him to tell the location of Filipino guerrilla groups? (One of the tortures was filling his belly with water and jumping on it. Ferdinand

Marcos still didn't talk.) He also scored the highest grade ever on the Philippine bar exam.

President Marcos, gifted individual that he is, cannot bring the Millennium now. If his land-reform program works, and it seems to be, it can make a positive difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people, largely because it respects principles revealed by God. But the really good news is that an even better program is coming—one that won't be subject to all the limitations that Mr. Marcos' critics charge are part of his program. God's future land-reform program is good news to the farmers in the Philippines—and all peoples everywhere. □



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THE SILENT HOLOCAUST

Worse slaughter than occurred under Hitler's rule is taking place right now. Up to 55 million innocent lives will be snuffed out this year! This article explains what this terrible slaughter is, and what it means.

by Jeff Calkins

ASORROWFUL and tragic prophecy from the Bible has *already* come to pass in our day and age: "... in the last days ... men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous ... disobedient to parents ... without natural affection ... incontinent, fierce ... lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God ..." (II Timothy 3:1-4).

The prophecy describes character traits of modern human beings, especially in the Free World. Perhaps nowhere do these terrible qualities reveal themselves than in the subject of abortion. It is amazing how far we have sunk in just a little more than a decade.

This article is *not* about abortions performed on 14-year-old

have one. These kinds of cases are smokescreens thrown up by supporters of abortion to play on our sympathies, our humanity. The abortion issue today is *not* about such tragic instances. Only 5 percent of abortions done in the United States, for example, are done because of incest, rape, a threat to the mother's life or because the unborn child is deformed. It is the other abortions—the other 95 percent—done largely for *convenience* that reveal just how low our society has sunk.

Revealed Knowledge

Man could have known the truth about abortion by looking into God's Word. The Bible's teaching is clear. Indeed, the very fact that men do not know the truth about abortion shows just how lacking in our society is the precious knowledge of God's glorious Master Plan for human development.

The human begettal, embryo-fetus development and birth compares exactly to the potential begettal, growth, development and final birth of man as a spirit being in God's Kingdom. God does not kill His unborn spiritual children, and if human beings understood God's plan they would know that they should not kill their unborn physical children.

But man has rejected God as a source of revealed knowledge.

Man has gone off to seek his own knowledge, create his own religious and political systems, create his own ethics. As one doctor who runs an abortion mill in downtown Washington, D.C., put it, when asked how he justified his grisly work:

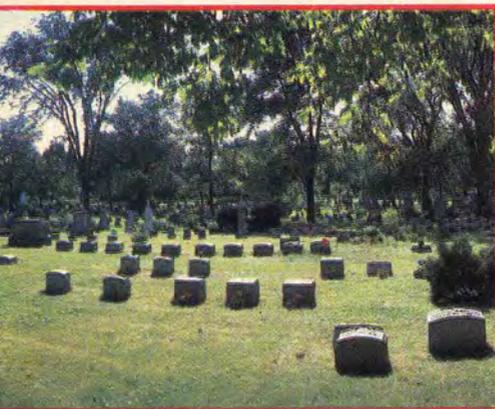
"Man is the measure of all things! We give the value! Anthropos! Man! gives the value."

But even without the revealed Word of God men can know that abortion is wrong! This is why the 40 to 50 million abortions done every year reveal so much about how far man has sunk. Human beings know better! God shows in His Word that men are responsible for certain kinds of right conduct even if they do *not* have God's Holy Law revealed to them by way of the Bible:

"For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do *by nature* the things contained in the law, these, having not the law are a law unto themselves: which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their *conscience also bearing witness*, and their thoughts the meanwhile accusing or else excusing one another" (Romans 2:14-15).

Men can know that abortion is wrong because they know that murder is wrong, regardless of whether they believe the Bible. Listen to this revealing admission from an editorial in the *New Republic*, a liberal magazine that supports abortion:

"Would 'a woman's right to



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girls who are pregnant by incest or rape. It is not about abortions performed on women who are virtually certain to die unless they

control her own body' permit her to kill another adult person who has committed no offense against her? Would we sanction the murder of children who are unwanted and unloved, just as we sanction the destruction of fetus because they might turn out that way?"

Yes, even supporters of abortion know that killing a human being *after birth* is wrong. They just don't want to apply their knowledge to human beings before birth.

Scientific Knowledge

Today, in 1980, more than any time in history, man is without excuse for claiming that an unborn child is not an individual, separate human being. Scientific discoveries over the past decade confirm what man could have known from God's revealed Word all along!

We now have ultrasound to let us see an unborn child moving. We have electronic monitoring of an unborn baby's heart. We can identify the baby's sleep cycles. There are now techniques to sample the baby's urine, blood, and skin and even identify sophisticated chemical reactions between the baby and the mother. These new scientific methods now show that the separate individuality of an unborn child is a scientific fact!

From conception, the 46 chromosomes in the unborn child are unique. They are different from either parent. There is a heartbeat 18 days after conception. Some seven to eight weeks into life the unborn child has its own brain waves. (And brain waves are among the legal criteria used to determine whether a person is dead or not!) The unknown child is sensitive to pain and noise. It recoils from pinpricks. It can distinguish between sounds. At eight weeks an unborn will grasp something placed in his small hand and hold on to it.

A very personal example of just how man can come to know by scientific fact that abortion is wrong is found in Dr. Bernard N. Nathanson.

Dr. Nathanson is one of the

world's most knowledgeable authorities on prenatal medicine. Dr. Nathanson was also once one of the most militant supporters of abortion. He headed the world's largest abortion mill. He helped to found the National Abortion Rights Action League. But in the past decade he changed his mind. Reason? New scientific facts have come to light. Religion has played no role. Says Dr. Nathanson:

"I have no religious views and never have had. All my opinions result from a secular, scientific point of view."

But because the "medical literature" is absolutely replete with examples of the individual personality of the unborn child, Dr. Nathanson now concludes, "It is atrocious for anyone now to maintain that a fetus is simply a lump of meat, or something insignificant or an unprotectable life."

What does the new scientific knowledge mean for Dr. Nathanson?

"I have now concluded that in my work as head of the abortion clinic in New York, I presided over the death of 60,000 innocent human beings and the destruction of a like number of families."

Remember, this was the man who was once one of the world's most powerful proabortionists! He is like the apostle Paul was to the early Christians. Once a ferocious destroyer of unborn life, he now has lent his influence to protecting it.

Common, Simple Humanity

Men could have known the truth about abortion from God's Word. They can still know it from scientific fact. They can also know abortion is wrong from the *inherent cruelty* of the abortion process itself.

When you realize just what a doctor must do to perform abortion, you realize just how much our society, confronted by two alternatives, has "chosen death" (see Deuteronomy 30:19). When you understand just how abortions are being performed today you can understand how calloused and cruel our "civilized" society has become!

There are three ways now used to perform abortions. By far the most preferred way is the suction method. A vacuum tube is inserted into the womb, and the unborn child is literally vacuumed out, and in the process torn limb from limb. Afterwards, someone must go through the "remains" to see if all the parts of the body are accounted for, lest any remain behind in the womb.

This is the "best" method of abortion because the victim remains unseen by all but the lab examiner. But the victim was a human being anyway.

Thomas Gulick, writing in *Human Events*, relates how one nurse, who used to help with these kind of abortions, changed her mind. One day the doctor tried to perform a vacuum abortion on a woman whose child was already too big to fit through the vacuum tube. The nurse got a shock. "I saw a *little foot*—caught in the end of the suction tube." Tears came to her eyes. Before she hadn't had to look at the dismembered child. At that point, the nurse began to have her doubts about abortion ("Even Abortionists Having Second Thoughts," *Human Events*, April 12, 1980).

Because the vacuum method doesn't work after the child grows to a certain point, usually after 12 weeks, two other methods must be used.

For unborn children between 12 to 17 weeks old, there is the D&E (dilation and evacuation) technique. In D&E, a surgeon goes up into the womb with forceps and grabs the unborn child and tears it out. The body of the unborn child must first be ripped apart so that it can pass through the cervix. Sometimes D&Es are performed on unborn children as old as 20 weeks. When they are, their skulls must be crushed as well as their bodies torn apart. One abortionist, Dr. Warren Hern of the Boulder Abortion Clinic in Boulder, Colorado, has said of the D&E:

"The sensations of dismemberment flow through the forceps

like an electric current" (*ibid.*, p. 16).

Another doctor, William Raschbaum, chief of Family Planning Services at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York, has stated during a D&E abortion he has often had the fantasy that the child was hanging onto the walls of the uterus with its tiny fingernails—fighting to stay inside (*ibid.*, p. 16).

Even though the surgeon literally carves up the unborn child in a D&E abortion, there still comes a point at which the child is too big even for this grisly method. After 20 weeks, a "saline" abortion must be used. It is the most physically painful for the mother. The doctor injects a salt solution into the uterus, which causes a stillbirth. The salt solution burns the child an ugly red. There are records of infants who have survived saline abortions and spent the first weeks of their life outside the womb in intensive care.

There is no abortion method widely practiced today which is not extremely cruel to the unborn child.

Such cruelty itself condemns abortion. Even men who are cut off from God, given over to "reprobate minds," can know that "maliciousness" and "murder" are wrong, and come under "the judgment of God" (Romans 1:28-30).

The Moral Toboggan Slide

Just as the movement for abortion on demand was just getting under way in the late 1960s, *Plain Truth* Editor Herbert W. Armstrong pegged it as something "in line with the tobogganslide in morals." Events afterwards have shown, tragically, just how right he was.

The reasons for abortion have been liberalized. They now include things like "economic" difficulty or "emotional" distress. "Health" now includes almost anything. And now that parents are able to find out the sex of their children before birth, they are killing their children when they don't get what they want.

During the early stages of the



"Medical journals publish papers where authors acknowledge they have engineered the deaths of babies under their care."

Dr. Everett Koop

abortion controversy, many opponents claimed that abortion would lead to worse horrors—infanticide and the killing of all the weak and helpless. Supporters of abortion scorned the argument. But it has already been proved true!

Do you realize infanticide—the killing of unwanted children after they are born—is now widespread? Dr. C. Everett Koop, the surgeon-in-chief of Children's Hospital in Philadelphia has recently exposed the "gentlemen's agreement" that exists in certain circles of the medical profession to let "defective" newborn infants die.

Dr. Koop writes that since infanticide is still a hush-hush subject, unless "you know someone who talks about his work in an intensive care unit for newborns, there is no way the public would know about this." Yet, Dr. Koop says, "reputable medical journals publish papers where authors ac-

knowledge that they have engineered the deaths of babies under their care" ("Deception on Demand," by C. Everett Koop, *Moody*, May, 1980, p. 26).

Increased child abuse is another domino that has already fallen. Liberal abortion was supposed to decrease child abuse. It hasn't. Statistics are hard to come by because of the sensitive nature of the topic, but we know that in Britain, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children reports "increasing numbers of children are suffering appalling violence" (*Daily Telegraph*, June 3, 1979). In the United States, the Associated Press reports "it looks as if a hundred times as many child-abuse cases may occur annually as the 60,000 estimated less than a decade ago" (April 12, 1979).

Dr. Koop believes that a society that kills at will its unborn children inevitably will see its born children as having lesser value also.

The next target is the elderly, and then later, all who are dependent or handicapped, or those who, in the chilling words of the proabortionists, "lack the capacity for meaningful life." (Mark that phrase "meaningful life." Someday it may be used to justify your killing!)

The point is, once you start killing unborn children, dismembering them, cruelly burning them in solution, you acquire a certain *attitude*. The attitude is that people who are "unwanted" ought to be done away with.

Frightening New World

Widespread abortion is making us a society calloused, hard-hearted and selfish. If there are people around whom we do not want, the modern idea is to just do away with them. If you think this is too extreme a statement, listen to the frightening words of Dr. John Franklin, head of the Philadelphia Obstetrical Society, who was one of the parties in a Supreme Court abortion case, as he was quoted in December, 1979, issue of *Conservative Digest*:

"In our society, one of the

prerequisites for life is that someone wants you to live. If you are not wanted, you don't have the basic prerequisite to live in our society, no matter what the age" (p. 19).

What horrifying words! If you are not "wanted," you do not have the prerequisite to live. What a terrible confirmation of the Bible prophecy that in the last days men would be "fierce," and "without natural affection"!

But Dr. Franklin is not alone. Other influential people are *already* extending the *attitude* of abortion to the rest of us!

Thus Francis Crick, a Nobel Prize winner has been quoted as saying "no newborn infant should be declared human until it has passed certain tests regarding its genetic endowment, and if it fails these tests it forfeits the right to live" ("Whatever Happened to the Human Race?" by Francis A. Schaeffer and C. Everett Hopp, *Catholic Digest*, March, 1989, p. 47).

You aren't even "human" unless you can pass "certain tests regarding genetic endowment"! How like Hitler's Germany! What a monstrous statement!

The abortion attitude is already being extended to *newborn infants*. Pro-abortionists themselves are becoming bolder in admitting the connection. Thus Dr. Robert Crist, testifying before the Louisiana state legislature, said that he was just as comfortable killing a newborn child a week old as a week before birth, and that only lawyers haggle over this point of birth as having any special significance ("A New Conscience of the Pro-Life Movement," *Conservative Digest*, December, 1979, p. 19).

The liberal, pro-abortion *New Republic* reflects the same attitude. The following words were taken from its July 2, 1977, editorial on abortion. The words accurately reflect the magazine's position. They also reflect just where the abortion attitude leads:

"Metaphysical arguments about the beginning of life are fruitless. *But there is clearly no logical or moral distinction be-*

tween a fetus and a young baby; free availability of abortion cannot be reasonably distinguished from euthanasia. *Nevertheless we are for it.* It is too facile to say that human life is always sacred; obviously it is not . . ." (emphasis added).

Here are pro-abortionists who *realize* that there isn't any "logical or moral" difference between unborn children and born children. Yet they still support abortion! We have come to the point in our society where influential people no longer even seem to care about murder!

Logically, if you favor abortion *and* you also realize that an unborn child is no different from a born one, then you also will permit the killing of a newborn child. But newborn children are really no different from other dependent people—elderly or handicapped. What terrible results spring from the underlying premises of the pro-abortionists!

A New Dark Age?

"Regard for human life is considered a test of civilization," writes Andrew Hacker in *Harper's*. Given the attitudes that have accompanied widespread abortion, it would appear that man's civilization now totters. Killing unborn children is now just another form of birth control.

Because many people, Mr. Hacker writes, "are casual about intercourse and seek to avoid its responsibilities," unborn children are slaughtered. About a million and a third unborn children are killed in the United States each year—somewhere between 40 and 55 million worldwide.

Doctors are now concerned with a growing incidence of "repeat abortions." It seems that we have now come to the point where promiscuous people aren't even willing to take any birth control precautions—lest their precious lustful "spontaneity" be interrupted. It is easier to kill their unborn children.

One of the fascinating aspects to the abortion issue is that it has at long last provoked the last vestiges of humanity in our sick

society. More than 10 years ago, Editor Herbert W. Armstrong noticed that there weren't many "indignant, emotionally aroused well-organized protests" over new liberal abortion laws. Today, there are. There is a whole "pro-life" movement going. It is one of the few hopeful signs in a society rapidly careening down the moral tobogganslide. As the *New Republic* put it: "These misguided people represent the only major pressure group on the political scene whose cause is not essentially self-interest."

But as a matter of probabilities, the pro-lifers seem bound to lose. One of the most perverse facts of American law is that the right to kill your unborn child is more jealously protected than freedom of speech! In technical legal theory, the American Supreme Court is *tougher* on state laws that in some way restrict your right to kill your unborn child than it is on laws that restrict your right to express your ideas. The Supreme Court says your right to kill your unborn child is "fundamental"—the most sacrosanct a right can be in American jurisprudence.

So the pro-lifers, to end the slaughter, seek to get around the Supreme Court by amending the Constitution. But it takes two thirds of both houses of Congress to amend the Constitution, and any good political scientist will tell you that at least a third of both houses will remain very much pro-abortion for years to come.

Is there no hope? When the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its decision on abortion (*Roe v. Wade*), Editor Herbert W. Armstrong described it as the "most sweeping and sensational decision of the Nixon Court." Mr. Armstrong has also pointed out, that about the hardest thing in the world for a man to do is admit he is wrong after he has become set in his way. The principle applies to the Supreme Court also. Rather than admit any error in its prior decision the Court has seized every opportunity to extend the right to kill your

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AN IS DIFFERENT.

He imagines; then he goes on to create in words, in music, in gold and silver, in concrete and steel, the images of his mind. Geologist Kenneth Crandall expressed it in *Chevron World*, 1979, Spring issue "Creativity [is]... a human resource—no other living thing has such an ability to create new things, to construct an image in their mind of something they have never seen." Man seeks a solution, fails time after time, then it is "back to the drawing board... to dream some more with a new set of observations and criteria, hopeful to create a new concept to explain and solve our problems."

From where does man's creativity come? It does not originate in our schools, our educational systems, where the main emphasis is on memorization and adjustment to society's changing norms. True, an occasional course will emphasize the use of one's *inborn* creativity; and true, talented students might be offered a course in creative writing and thinking.

Diligent scholars might even daydream of some day having their chance at solving the nation's or world's problems by participation in a "think tank" where a selection of the best informed, most innovative thinkers are put to work seeking solutions to the unsolvable.

Man's Imagination

Man admittedly has an imagination, seemingly a boundless one. He among all earthly creatures meditates his origin and his destiny. Where did man come from? Rejecting the revealed account, man has turned instead to endless speculation. Quoting Joseph Krutch in his book *The Great Chain of Life*, "If it really is true that [man] is merely the inevitable culmination of an improbable chemical reaction... then the fact that he has been able... to trace himself back to it is remarkable... That chemicals which are 'merely material' should come to understand their own nature is

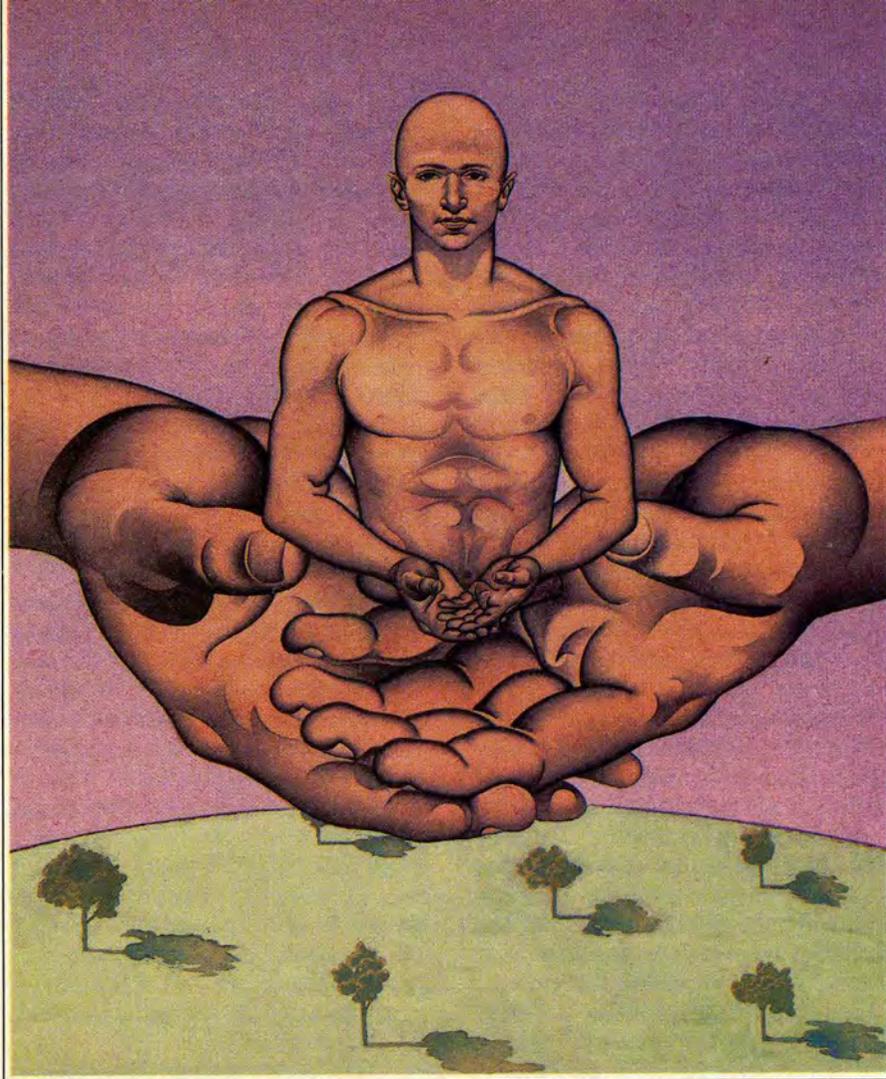


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THE ORIGIN OF HUMAN CREATIVITY

by Kenneth C. Herrmann

Inherited traits go back to our most ancient forebears. Artistic and musical ability, poetry, prose, even language itself, all reflect a peculiarly human attribute called creativity.

Philosophy, imagination, speculation, and the theory of evolution too—these betray man's true origin as a carbon (dust and ashes) copy of his Creator!

a staggering supposition. It is also a preposterous one." (From an editorial in *Life*, January 28, 1957, commenting on the crisis in science at the time of the International Geophysical Year.)

Could chemicals of themselves, with the help of just the right bolt of lightning at just the proper moment, evolve to become men and then turn and look back reflecting on their lowly beginning as chemical soup?

It takes a fantastic imagination to produce fiction like that! The Source of this creative nature that man alone of all physical creation seems to possess has yet to be acknowledged.

What is man that on the one hand he should produce the music of Handel and the beauty of the Taj Mahal, the technology of radio, television and the navigational aids of our air and space craft, while on the other hand we see him produce and stockpile instruments of death and destruction. These latter are also the product of man's creativity. National honor seems to demand an arsenal of death pointed at imagined enemies without number.

The Source of Trouble

Man's imagination has often led him into trouble—even in Noah's day, for "the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and . . . every *imagination* of the thoughts of [man's] heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5). Later, at the Tower of Babel, trouble had once again reared its head: ". . . this they began to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have *imagined* to do . . . let us . . . confound their language . . . So the Lord scattered them abroad . . . upon the face of all the earth" (Genesis 11:6-8). That separation of nations is bitterly resented by a portion of mankind even to this very day.

Today a United Nations organization attempts once again to bring man back into a single political unit; effective translation of languages is a critical item. Yet even where men have spoken a common language from child-

hood, they are not of one mind. Though attempts to insure peace and cooperation among men of divergent philosophies, religions, ideologies and cultures may succeed in part, the overall trend since World War II has been a step-by-step slide in the direction of another holocaust.

It is vital for man to understand himself and the origin of his differences, to understand his capacity for creating different ideas, different cultures, different art and music.

Creative Creatures?

Surely man is not alone in this creative talent; or is he? Take a glance at the nest of an unknown bird and immediately the builder's identity becomes apparent. And this is true whether the nest has been recently built, or whether it is centuries old. The blueprint for that nest was somehow contained in the egg from which its builder hatched. As that young bird grew and matured, it *instinctively* searched out the proper materials and designed a nest identical to the ones built by its ancestors.

Visualize a *beehive* or a *wasp* nest. By definition we have already admitted that at a glance the structure positively identifies the builder. These insects *do not* think creatively, they *do not* imagine (as you did when you visualized their work). They build according to a *law* of nature designed into them.

Free Moral Agency

Man has the capacity for participation in both good and evil. It is this imagination of his, this creative ability, that allows him to build for the good of himself and his fellowman or to imagine to destroy all mankind. With this creative capacity automatically goes choice, and this choice is something the rest of the biological and physical world lacks.

The world of *minerals* responds day by day to the laws of chemistry and physics. The world of *plants* extracts its food from the mineral world; these plants grow, mature and produce seed

all in line with biological laws. The energy of the sun is stored by the plant for use, not by the plant but by the higher animal world. No plant is given a choice in the matter, nor does it have an imagination to plan out its day.

The *animal* world by nature (it is born that way) selects its food by instinct, seeks out a partner by chemical scent during mating season, cares for its young, once more by instinct. And an animal dies without wondering why it was born.

Unusual Traits

While in a specific animal, one might see this or that "human" trait, these are the singular exception in its makeup.

Do only humans discipline their offspring by spanking? There is an exception. Australia's marsupial the koala (the pattern for children's "teddy bears") watches over the conduct of its young, and "when they are really naughty the mother turns them over her knee and spansks them on their bottoms for minutes on end with the flat of her hand, during which time their screams are soul-rending" (*Living Mammals of the World*, by Ivan T. Sanderson, p. 27, a Doubleday publication).

Do animals genuinely trade ideas with each other? That would be quite a different thing from the obvious communication that goes on among birds, coyotes, wolves, horses and an endless list. But to communicate ideas, and with speech; that is quite another question.

Is the speech of man understood by animals? Almost not at all, though with one notable exception, the elephant. "Some [elephants] . . . actually learn to understand human speech . . . not . . . the automatic response of a dog or chimpanzee to certain sounds [but] . . . if acquainted with the language to which the animal is accustomed . . . [you, a stranger properly introduced to the elephant by its owner] can stand perfectly still and talk the great beast into performing a wide variety of actions . . . even if

you use different terminology from that to which it has become accustomed" (*ibid.* p. 292).

While we see these exceptional traits occasionally in the lower creatures, yet there is a difference. "The animal has no such reserve of unused powers and unlimited capacity of development, in a thousand ways, as are seen in man" (*The Mississippi Valley and Prehistoric Events*, by C.B. Walker, p. 71).

Man's Predicament

Man dreams, he innovates, he creates a variety of images in his mind, and then he has the option to choose whether to act on any one or more of them. The rest of the physical world, whether living or mineral, simply acts according to *law*. "In the natural order there is no effect without a cause; no motion without a purpose. Only the spirit of man lives outside this encompassing law. And because it does, man is the only one of the earth's creatures with the power to shape his own environment" (*Official Souvenir Program* of the 1962 Seattle World's Fair). And shape it he does, for good and for evil.

Here then is the answer to man's predicament. Only man has that freedom of choice, only man has that capacity for imagination for good or evil, and only man needs that instruction in "law" to help him make choices that are in both his and his neighbor's best interests. Thus man is truly a unique creature. What is the origin of this innovative, creative bent? It is inseparably linked with man's origin.

Describe man. "In the general features of his bodily structure [man] is closely related to the higher animals" (the mammals and more narrowly the primates), "while in his mental and spiritual powers there is a worldwide difference . . . he has . . . faculties with a compass and power absolutely unparalleled in creation as we know it. . . . Physically . . . the most perfect, the most beautiful and noble . . . he seems to be the significance, the end and purpose of the system of nature as a

whole . . . king in the earth . . . all nature is a book made for his reading and instruction . . . his range of moral powers; of distinguishing between right and wrong; of admiring purity and moral beauty and of practicing virtue . . . of living in the past and the future by a well-trained imagination, render him immeasurably superior" (*The Mississippi Valley*, p. 60).

Again we have met that word *imagination*. It is the ability or tendency to form mental images. Darwin too had a dream, an idea, a view of things. Darwin's evolutionary tree, hypothetical structure that it was, was supposed to become reality once the fossil evidence from the far corners of the unexplored earth came in. As decades passed agnostic evolutionary scientists imagined that proof was close at hand, that man was a chance happening on earth, the "inevitable culmination of an improbable chemical reaction," a blood relative of the apes, a descendant of green scum. "God is dead!" became a slogan of the more outspoken radical theologians in the mid-20th century.

The situation is not at all that conclusive in the mind of any informed evolutionist, theistic or atheistic, today.

The arrangement of supposed blood relatives on this hypothetical evolutionary tree is in a continual state of flux with each new arrangement no more satisfactory than the last.

How can evolutionists do this to us? We thought their imaginations were directed to the business of disseminating truth. However much some defend the doctrine of the evolutionary origin of man and all life forms, the foundational evidence is seen to be but shifting sand.

To Err Is Human . . .

A quote from *Life*, January 22, 1971, expresses a measure of exasperation at the antics of the overly trusted minds of these servants of society. The discussion of the problem of DDT and Rachel Carson's controversial book *Silent Spring* brought forth the

following comment: "One expects the scientists to provide the truth, scientists being dispassionate men who can eliminate prejudice and emotion. . . . But one learns that at the sticking point, science breaks down, and the scientists are sometimes wrong, frequently biased and usually incapable of agreeing among themselves. . . . They are expert in the techniques of persuasion and are just as capable as the rest of us loading arguments, waving red herrings and ignoring conflicting data" (p. 48B).

The pronouncements of scientists in these speculative fields should really be taken a little less seriously. When looked at in an unbiased fashion, man does not at all appear to be the product of an imaginary evolutionary process but rather as a basic plan, a unique "unspecialized" creation with unlimited imagination. All other physical creatures stand out as being highly specialized.

The plain truth about why man is as he is proves to be far simpler than the intricate fiction and the shifting arguments produced in the creative minds of evolutionary geologists and biologists of these past 200 years. Man's ancestry, unlike Darwin's dream, is properly traced back by Luke to Noah, then back another eight steps to Seth, "which was the son of Adam, which was the *son of God*" (Luke 3:23-38). Adam was God's son *by creation*, and the word *God* in Genesis 1 in the Hebrew is *Elohim*, a uniplural word indicating more than one individual in the God realm.

God created this "first Adam" and his wife Eve and said, "Let us make man in *our* image, after *our* likeness: and let them have dominion [over the other creatures] . . ." (Genesis 1:26). God then was the One who put this creative imaginative nature in man and woman, a talent that was to be used in the mastery of the earth and its creatures.

What is the origin of creativity? *Elohim*, who created the heavens and earth and all in them, put *His own creative talent* into

man. God created man as a dust-and-ashes copy of Himself.

Use and Abuse

Adam was assigned a *creative* task almost immediately. "You are going to be in charge. Systematically begin the naming of the animals and birds. Learn about plant life; understand how each bit of the creation can be useful to you and your descendants." For "out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them. . . . And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast . . ." (Genesis 2:19-20). Only an imaginative, truly creative mind could be called upon to invent name after name as this multitude of creatures is brought forward.

The next step in the story of man is one of misguided imagination. Lacking the direction she should have had, the mother of all mankind "saw that the [forbidden] tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat" (Genesis 3:6). They had heeded the advice of a disqualified teacher (Satan). They speculated, they experimented with their lives at stake, and came to an utterly wrong conclusion.

A series of steps follow that show imagination in action once more. Adam and Eve now looked at life with a guilty conscience for they knew that they had done wrong. Shame took over and "they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made aprons" (verse 7). They were able to visualize clothing and then fashion it; they too were creators!

More imagination follows as they give their Creator a rather biased account of their actions and easily see (visualize) that the other party was to be blamed. Then lest these *creative* individuals gain eternal life as habitual evil doers, they were driven from

the source of Eternal Life. They would have to learn obedience first before that chance to live forever would again be given.

Jesus Claims Adam as a Son

"I am the *root* and offspring of David . . . I am *Alpha* and *Omega*, the *beginning* and the end, the *first* and the last" (Revelation 22:16, 13). Not only was Jesus descended from King David, but He was also David's earliest ancestor in that He had been a member of the Creating Team (*Elohim*) and had participated in the creation of Adam and Eve.

Repeating from Luke 3:23-38, "Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of *God*." In Genesis 1:26 we found *Elohim* as the Creator, "And God [*Elohim*] said, Let *us* make man in *our* image." Nearly 4,000 years later a member of this *Elohim* was *born* to Mary, a *descendant* of King David. Thus He (Jesus) was both "*root and offspring of David*"!

Isaiah repeats this same theme, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a *son* is given . . . his name . . . The mighty God, the everlasting Father. . ." (Isaiah 9:6). Again in Malachi 1:6 we find that the Creator of mankind is termed man's *father*, "if . . . I be a father, where is mine honour? . . . saith the Lord of hosts" and in 2:10, "Have we not all one *father*; hath not one God *created* us? . . ."

In recognizing Jesus' claim to be the ancestor of Adam, we must not forget that *He was not alone* in that creation of man. His existence from the beginning as God *with* the One we now know as the Heavenly Father is attested to in John 1:1,2: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . All things were made by him. . . ." Both individuals, the Ones known as the Father and the Son, participated in creation.

Note the introduction to the book of Hebrews, "God . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son . . . by whom also he made the worlds." Or again in Ephesians 3:9, ". . . God, who created all things by Jesus Christ."

The parentage of the human race is thus clear. It is from the Creator God Family that we have inherited our creativity!

How to Use the Gift of Creativity

Creativity is interesting; creativity is fun. It is an attribute possessed by man alone among all the earthly life forms.

Let geologist Crandall express the joy he experiences in putting that talent to use searching out ways to bring petroleum to the surface from deep in the earth: "Science and art and any creative activity are essentially fun. They are enjoyable to the practitioner. Exploration is like a game—the more difficult, often the more enjoyable and sweeter the success."

Unguided, that same creative talent has brought untold misery to mankind. Properly used in line with God's revealed laws for human behavior, creativity brings untold blessings.

Children must be taught the proper use of their imaginative, innovative minds. Thus God said of the descendants of Abraham: "I know [Abraham], that he will command his children . . . they shall keep the way of the Lord . . . *that* the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him" (Genesis 18:19). Without *that* teaching, Abraham's children would turn their *imagination*s to wicked ways also, and would not be a blessing to the rest of mankind.

Creativity then was a gift of our Creator. It was a free gift, intended to be possessed in conjunction with eternal life. With the opportunity for eternal life made possible for mankind through Jesus Christ and the Spirit from the Father, all mankind once more will have access to the promises made to Adam and Abraham.

Mankind, the sole possessors of this talent of creativity, has yet to be united in a Father-Son relationship, a Husband-Bride relationship and an Older Brother-Younger Brother relationship.

Dust and ashes will be changed to spirit and thus man, born again, will have an opportunity to use this creativity forever. □

What Are Your Children Learning About Sex?

You may be shocked at how, where and how often your children are learning wrong ideas about sex!

by Donald D. Schroeder

IF YOU ARE a parent, your children are getting a sex education nearly every day of their lives. It does not matter your moral convictions, religious persuasion or your personal ideas of morality.

How Sexuality Is Really Taught

The idea that sound and responsible sex education can be taught in a few sex lectures or films in a school, a home or a church is ridiculous.

The most influential sex information and attitudes a child receives does not result from formal, planned sex education courses. Rather it starts at birth and is absorbed constantly throughout life in everyday social relationships. It is influenced, first and most critically, by the actions, attitudes and values of parents. Then from siblings, peers, friends and the cultural environment at large.

Some of the most potent and influential sexual emotions and attitudes begin to form in impressionable young minds after picking up the nonverbal cues, actions and attitudes of those most influencing them.

First Sex Teachers

Parents really have no choice between providing or not providing sex education for their children. They themselves are the first educators in basic human

relationships between the sexes. Their lives as parents emanate attitudes toward sex, sexual values and sexual roles whether they teach them in formal instruction or not.

The only alternative parents have is *how* and *what* their children will learn from their example and teaching; and whether they will meet their responsibility to provide right and wholesome sex education—and do it *first*, before youths pick up damaging or erroneous sex knowledge and attitudes elsewhere.

Sex education begins with an understanding of what one is—male or female. This is established between the ages of one and two. This sexual identity occurs, largely, according to the way a child is looked upon and treated by parents, about how the child is encouraged to look and feel about himself or herself. And especially with whom the child is encouraged to identify. A child learns from his parents and other influential persons what it means to be a male or female; in other words, its gender role.

Fathers and mothers, or parent substitutes, are the first models of what it means to be masculine and feminine, of how to respond to others of the same and opposite sex under various occasions.

Mates who really love each other and fulfill their God-given functions in life, who show

warmth and right affection to each other and their children, are living advertisements of the rewards and value of marriage, the family unit and children.

Now look at the opposite. Parents, homes or close social relationships that wreak constant dissension and strife, that manifest lack of proper respect toward others, that are plagued with infidelity, vulgarity, sex abuse and base moral values, are encouraging perverted and harmful human relationships and sexual attitudes.

Many homes are not this extreme. Still, young children of preschool or early grade-school age can pick up harmful values, feelings of fears regarding their own or the opposite sex in subtle ways as well as from unfortunate sexual experiences.

Parents or other influential persons confused or guilt-ridden about sex, or with wrong attitudes or feelings about their own sex or the opposite sex, communicate such feelings to their children, though they may be unaware they are doing it. A parent may even say one thing that is culturally expected, but their intonation and the way they act, shows they really don't feel that way.

Children exposed to such confusing messages or children subjected to silence about sex—that is, children without positive and wholesome sex-role examples and

instruction—have no way to judge the rightness or wrongness of their own desires or feelings. In the flow of many interacting experiences in life, children or young adults may not even understand how certain feelings or fears about sex originally began or how they were communicated to them.

Spotting Harmful Influences

Humans are sexual beings with developing sexual interests. Silence about sex as well as wrong social relationships can lead children to seek out wrong avenues of gaining sexual knowledge. Children can be forced into learning about sex from the streets and peers. They may seek it through sexual experimentation or pornographic material.

Few of us can totally escape the influence of permissive, and damaging, sex models and values. They bombard society from all directions. The permissive onslaught continues with heavy emphasis on erotic themes in movies, music, magazines, paperbacks and possibly in the loose lifestyles of neighbors or their children. Many homes are torn by divorce and family strife. Teaching right values is then even more difficult.

It is time you took steps to teach your children right knowledge about sex before wrong ideas lead them into harm or tragedy. This is necessary even if your home or life has experienced unfortunate marital or sexual experiences in the past.

Sexual Emancipation?

Many assume that we live in an era of more sexual openness, that parents are more open and willing to talk to their children about sex. That is not true.

A recent study spent three years probing the attitudes of 1,400 parents in one Midwest American city. It found that parents were as reticent in talking about sex as their parents were.

This research study found:

- 85 percent to 95 percent of parents never mentioned any aspect of erotic behavior or its consequences to their offspring.

- Parents who did talk about sex with their children thought that one chat was enough.

- Blacks had almost exactly the same views on sex education as whites, except that they were more likely to bring the subject up with their youngsters.

- Parents seemed confused and uncertain about sexuality. Many parents claimed to be waiting for their offspring to bring questions to them. But when their children did, parents often said their own responses discouraged further discussion.

- Both mothers and fathers were about twice as likely to approve premarital sex for sons as for daughters.

- Parents supported sex education for their children. Eighty percent believed it should be taught in the *schools*.

Concluded the researchers:

“In word and action, the . . . parents generally seem to be repeating a pattern set before them by their parents that includes little, if any, verbal communication about sexuality.”

No wonder so many communities and schools are plagued with soaring teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted disease. No wonder so many marriages and homes continue to be built on wrong foundations. Marriages and friendships are being destroyed and undermined with wrong ideas of proper human and sexual relationships long before they are being formed!

Study after study reveals that many teenagers, college students and adults are nowhere near as sophisticated in their sexual knowledge as they portray to others. Many possess abysmal ignorance about their own body. They are ignorant about the human relationships that make for lasting happiness and satisfaction in life. So many are unaware of the great variety of emotional, health or disease problems that could occur from the careless use of sex.

Here are a few common ideas reported by counselors who frequently deal with youth sexual problems:

“You can’t get pregnant standing up.” “You don’t become pregnant if you don’t love the boy.” “You can’t get pregnant ‘the first time.’” “One of my mother’s pills protects me from pregnancy and disease.” “I’m too young to get pregnant.”

Where did young people get these erroneous ideas? From other equally uninformed peers? Many youths (and plenty of adults too) know that certain sex-related problems exist, but they don’t believe these problems will happen to them. Tragedies can happen to others, but not to them.

Can Schools Succeed Where Homes Failed?

It is such ignorance, coupled with lack of proper sex education in so many homes, that has caused public educators and health officials to demand that sex education courses start in early grades of public schools.

But what kind of sex education courses exist in your school? Do you know? Do you care?

Many parents assume any sex education by so-called “professionals” is better than none. Others are glad the schools are trying to take the responsibility. They believe that relieves them of the responsibility, and some parents feel they can blame someone else if something goes wrong.

The quality of sex education in schools—public or other—may be helpful, informative and well presented. Or it may be erroneous and harmful. Maybe it is a mixture of both. Such classes often provoke much controversy.

You may or may not be able to do something about what is taught in your child’s classes. But the biggest need is for homes and parents to give right examples and teaching first.

Some states in the United States require sex education classes in public schools but most states do not. Yet, because of soaring sex-related problems among youth, many school systems offer some kind of sex instruction. Canada also is in this

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WHY

Warnings to the West Go Unheeded

by John R. Schroeder

NO ONE likes to be criticized. It goes against the grain.

Nations are no different. They don't like a bad press either. And Soviet dissident Alexander Solzhenitsyn has been very hard on the West. He has scored some rather direct hits on the Western way of life.

The Solzhenitsyn Indictment

If only Mr. Solzhenitsyn would confine his comments to the Communist bloc, responsible Westerners sigh, then there would be no problem. The West would love him. But, no, he has made the mistake of zeroing in on some of the major defects of the Atlantic community.

The Western press often has accused him of being arrogant and infuriating. He is castigated for lacking in humor. Some periodicals even refuse to reprint the text of his speeches.

Why such hostility to a man the West once welcomed with open arms?

The answer lies in the inability of the human psyche to receive unadulterated truth. More than 1,900 years ago, people could not find it within themselves to receive Jesus Christ's message. Yes, they believed in Jesus. They loved His personality. But they did *not* believe His message!

But what has Mr. Solzhenitsyn actually said to so arouse the ire of the press? Read these few excerpts from just one of his most

caustic commentaries on our Western way of life: "The Western world has *lost its civil courage*, both as a whole and separately, in each country, each government, each political party . . . political and intellectual bureaucrats show depression, passivity, perplexity in their statements . . . even more so in theoretical reflections to show how realistic and reasonable, as well as intellectually and morally warranted it is, *to base state policies on weakness and cowardice*" (emphasis ours throughout).

The present dearth of bold, statesmanlike leadership in the West has been analyzed and re-analyzed by qualified psychologists. Various theories and explanations have been proffered. Disobedience to God is *not* one of them.

It is the duty of *The Plain Truth* to make plain this missing cause of the decline of the West. Notice the warning of God spoken to His nation by Isaiah the prophet. It could be—as is—a warning to any nation that will heed. "For, behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, *is taking away* from Jerusalem and from Judah . . . the mighty man and the soldier, the judge and the prophet, the diviner and the elder, the captain of fifty and the man of rank . . . And I will make boys [inexperienced and unseasoned rulers] their princes [leaders], and babes [in ability] shall rule over them" (Isaiah 3:1-4, Revised Standard Version).

What a remarkable parallelism with the modern world! The early chapters of Isaiah make it clear that sin—sin is the transgression of God's Law (I John 3:4)—is the real cause of national decline.

The Curse of Covetousness

But lack of leadership is not our only affliction. Mr. Solzhenitsyn continued his indictment: "*The constant desire to have* still more things and a still better life, and the struggle to obtain them, imprints many Western faces with worry and depression, though it is customary to conceal such feelings."

The one word—*covetousness*—seems to sum up the Western affliction. And it certainly does not make people happy. Take a casual walk down your average city street. Do you see joy and contentment in people's faces? Or do you see a people burdened down with fears and worries?

This is the age of anxiety—or "the age of uncertainty" as economist John Kenneth Galbraith put it. External forces constantly threaten people's basic well-being and security. Inflation eats away at income. Medical and surgical bills threaten life savings. Western man and woman are continually pursuing happiness—but never quite catching up to it. All of which leads to coveting.

But the tenth commandment says: "Thou shall not covet." This
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'THE WORLD TOMORROW' RADIO AND TV LOGS

Herbert W. Armstrong analyzes today's news, with the prophecies of 'The World Tomorrow'

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ALABAMA

‡WYDE, Birmingham — 850, 7 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10:30 a.m., Sun.

ALASKA

KINY, Juneau — 800, 10 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
KRXA, Seward — 950, 12:05 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

ARIZONA

KIKX, Tucson — 580, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 9:35 a.m., Sun.

CALIFORNIA

‡KFRE, Fresno — 940, 5 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m., Sun.
KIEV, Glendale — 870, 11 a.m., Mon.-Fri.
KLAC, Los Angeles — 570, 11 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.
KGUY, Palm Desert — 1270, 6:15 a.m., Sun.
‡KFBK, Sacramento — 1530, 11:05 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 p.m., Sun.
‡KNBR, San Francisco — 680, 9 p.m., Sun.
KUNA-FM, San Luis Obispo — 96.1, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WRC, Washington — 980, 8:30 a.m., Sun.

FLORIDA

‡WAPE, Jacksonville — 690, 8:30 a.m., Sun.
‡WINZ, Miami — 940, 12:05 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.
WIOD, Miami — 610, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

GEORGIA

WPLO, Atlanta — 590, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.

ILLINOIS

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

INDIANA

WSBT, 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, 8:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 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., Sun.-Thurs.; 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

WSLR, 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.
*WNBG, Waynesboro — 1400, 10 a.m., Sun.

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

WKKE, 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

BRITISH COLUMBIA

CKQR, Castlegar — 1230 KHZ, 10:30-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CJDC, Dawson Creek — 1350 KHZ, 8:05-8:35 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKGR, Golden — 1400 KHZ, 8:30-9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKGF, Grand Forks — 1340 KHZ, 6:30-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKTK, Kitimat — 1230 KHZ, 10:30-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKMK, Mackenzie — 1240 KHZ, 10:30-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKOO, Oliver/Osoyoos — 1240 KHZ, 9:30-10 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.
CKOK, Penticton — 800 KHZ, 9:30-10 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.
CKCR, Revelstoke — 1340 KHZ, 8:30-9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKXR, Salmon Arm — 580 KHZ, 8:30-9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKSP, Summerland — 1450 KHZ, 9:30-10 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.
CFTK, Terrace — 590 KHZ, 10:30-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKO-FM, Vancouver — 96.1 MHz, 7-7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CJVI, Victoria — 900 KHZ, 9:30-10 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

YUKON

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

ALBERTA

CKO-FM, Calgary — 103.1 MHz 9:00-9:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKO-FM, Edmonton — 105.9 MHz 8-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CJYR, Edson — 970 KHZ, 6:30-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CJOK, FT. McMurray — 1230 KHZ, 9:15-9:45 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKYR, Jasper — 1450 KHZ, 6:30-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKYL, Peace River — 610 KHZ, 7:30-8 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CIOK, St. Paul/Bonnyville — 1310 KHZ, 8:05-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKTA, Taber Lethbridge — 1570 KHZ, 9:30-10 a.m. Sun.
CFOK, Westlock-Edmonton — 1370 KHZ, 8-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

SASKATCHEWAN

CJVR, Melfort — 1420 KHZ, 8-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CJNB, North Battleford — 1050 KHZ, 6:30-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CKBI, Prince Albert — 900 KHZ, 10:15-10:45 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
CFMG-FM, Regina — 92.1 MHz, 10:30-11 a.m. Sun.
CFQC, Saskatoon — 600 KHZ, 8-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

*Denotes time or station change
‡Denotes 50,000-watt wide-area station

MANITOBA

CKJS, Winnipeg — 810 KHZ, 12:05-12:35 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

ONTARIO

CKPC, Brantford — 1380 KHZ, 6:30-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CJSS, Cornwall — 1220 KHZ, 10:30-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CJOY, Guelph — 1460 KHZ, 7:30-8 p.m. Sun.

CFMK-FM, Kingston — 96.3 MHz, 9:30-10 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CKLY, Lindsay — 910 KHZ, 9-9:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CKO-FM, London — 97.5 MHz, 8-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CJTT, New Liskeard — 1230 KHZ, 9:30-10 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CKO-FM, Ottawa — 106.9 MHz, 8-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CHOV, Pembroke — 1350 KHZ, 6:30-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CFMP-FM, Peterborough — 101.5 MHz, 10:30-11 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CFGM, Richmond Hill — 1320 KHZ, 11:30-Midnight Mon.-Fri.

CHAS-FM, Sault Ste. Marie — 100 MHz, 12:30-1 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CJSD-FM, Thunder Bay — 94.3 MHz, 6:30-7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. 8-8:30 a.m. Sun.

CKO-FM, Toronto — 99.1 MHz, 8-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CKLW-FM, Windsor — 93.9 MHz, 6:30-7 a.m. Sun.

QUEBEC

***CKCH, Hull** — 970 KHZ, 7-7:15 a.m. Sun.

***CFMB, Montreal** — 1410 KHZ, 5-5:15 p.m. Sat.-Sun.

CKO, Montreal — 1470 KHZ, 8-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

***CKCV, Quebec City** — 1280 KHZ, 7-7:15 a.m. Sun.

***CJSA, Ste. Agathe** — 1230 KHZ, 8:45-9 a.m. Sun.

***CKLD, Thetford Mines** — 1230 KHZ, 9:30-9:45 a.m. Sun.

***CHLN, Trois Rivieres** — 550 KHZ, 7-7:15 a.m. Sun.

*In French.

ATLANTIC PROVINCES

CFNB, Fredericton — 550 KHZ, 11-11:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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Listed by state are the station's call letters, location, channel number and the time *The World Tomorrow* is aired.

ALABAMA

WVTM, Birmingham — 13, 7 a.m., Sun.

ALASKA

***LANDT, Nikolski** — cable, 6 p.m., Wed., Sun.

ARIZONA

KPNX, Phoenix — 12, 7 a.m., Sun.

***KZAZ, Tucson** — 11, 9 a.m., Sun.

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, 10:30 a.m., 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 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.

OREGON

KPTV, Portland — 12, 11 a.m., Sat.

PENNSYLVANIA

WIC, 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

WVTV, Milwaukee — 18, 10 p.m., Sun.

Canadian Stations**

BRITISH COLUMBIA

CHEK, Alta Lake — Ch. 7, 12 Noon Sun.

CKPG, Barkerville — Ch. 9, 10 a.m. Sat.

CKPG, Endako — Ch. 6, 10 a.m. Sat.

CKPG, Ft. Fraser — Ch. 6, 10 a.m. Sat.

CKPG, Ft. St. James — Ch. 5, 10 a.m. Sat.

CKPG, Fraser Lake — Ch. 6, 10 a.m. Sat.

CKPG, Hixon — Ch. 10, 10 a.m. Sat.

CKPG, MacKenzie — Ch. 6, 10 a.m. Sat.

CHEK, Narrow Inlet — Ch. 10, 12 Noon Sun.

CHEK, Pitt River — Ch. 10, 12 Noon Sun.

CHEK, Pemberton — Ch. 9, 12 Noon Sun.

CHEK, Port Alberni — Ch. 11, 12 Noon Sun.

CKPG, Prince George — Ch. 2, Cbl 3, 10 a.m. Sat.

CKPG, Quesnel — Ch. 13, 10 a.m. Sat.

CHEK, River Jordan — Ch. 11, 12 Noon Sun.

CHEK, Sooke — Ch. 13, 12 Noon Sun.

CKPG, Vanderhoof — Ch. 6, 10 a.m. Sat.

CHEK, Victoria — Ch. 6, Cbl 6, 12 Noon Sun.

CHEK, Wakeman Sound — Ch. 7, 12 Noon Sun.

CKPG, Wells — Ch. 9, 10 a.m. Sat.

ALBERTA

CKRD, Banff — Ch. 10, 10 a.m. Sat.

CHAT, Bow Island — Ch. 2, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

CKR, Coronation — Ch. 10, 10 a.m. Sun.

CHAT, Etzicom — Ch. 12, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

CHAT, Medicine Hat — Ch. 6, Cbl 3, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

CHAT, Oyen — Ch. 7, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

CHAT, Pivot — Ch. 4, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

CKRD, Red Deer — Ch. 6, Cbl 9, 10 a.m. Sun.

SASKATCHEWAN

CJFB, Cypress Hills — Ch. 2, 10 a.m. Sun.

CJFB, East End — Ch. 2, 10 a.m. Sun.

CJFB, Elrose — Ch. 7, 10 a.m. Sun.

CKOS, Hudson Bay — Ch. 9, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

CKSA, Lloydminster — Ch. 2, Cbl 5, 9:30 a.m. Sun.

CHAT, Maple Creek — Ch. 10, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

CKOS, Norquay — Ch. 13, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

CFQC, North Battleford — Ch. 6, 10 a.m. Sun.

CJFB, Ponteix — Ch. 3, 10 a.m. Sun.

CKOS, Regina/Estevan/Weyburn — Ch. 3, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

CJFB, Riverhurst — Ch. 10, 10 a.m. Sun.

CFQC, Saskatoon — Ch. 8, 10 a.m. Sun.

CJFB, Shaunavon — Ch. 7, 10 a.m. Sun.

CFQC, Star City/Tisdale/Nipawin — Ch. 2, 10 a.m. Sun.

CFQC, Stranraer — Ch. 3, 10 a.m. Sun.

CJFB, Swift Current — Ch. 5, 10 a.m. Sun.

CJFB, Val Marie — Ch. 2, 10 a.m. Sun.

CKOS, Wynyard — Ch. 6, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

CKOS, Yorkton — Ch. 5, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

MANITOBA

CKX, Birtie-Foxwarren — Ch. 11, 12 Noon Sun.

CKX, Brandon — Ch. 5, 12 Noon Sun.

CKX, Melita — Ch. 9, 12 Noon Sun.

**Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland stations listed in Canadian edition

WARNINGS

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commandment covers *anything* that belongs to your neighbor—and, for that matter, *anything* that belongs to God!

Jesus Himself said, "Beware of covetousness" (Luke 12:15).

Our only security in this world is God Himself. Ultimately, He is the only Being who can secure our material well-being. But He enjoins humanity to seek *first* His Kingdom—and *then* He will make provision for our physical needs.

No Self-restraint?

Alexander Solzhenitsyn has now resided in the West for about five years. He has had time to come to some sound observations and reflections about the Western character. Our preoccupation with legalism and carrying everything to the extreme limit has not escaped his notice. He commented, "One almost never sees voluntary restraint."

Today we want maximum rewards for minimum effort. Almost nobody goes the extra mile anymore. There are very few "profitable servants" in our present evil age.

Another manifestation of this peculiar quirk of human nature is "going just as far as you can without slipping over the edge."

So many want to go just as far in the wrong way as they dare. But as this magazine's editor-in-chief has written: "God's way is to go, sincerely, wholeheartedly and earnestly, just *as far* in the right direction as possible. God's way is to do more than is required of you" (*Personal from the Editor*, January, 1963, *The Plain Truth*, p. 10).

From the onset of his exile Alexander Solzhenitsyn has stressed the view that the major reason for communist inroads around the world is the existence of a religio-moral crisis in the West. The Western world would do well to heed—and *act upon*—his well-chosen words! □

Sex?

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circumstance. Some foreign nations—particularly in Europe—require state-approved sex instruction for children whether parents want it or not.

But what are your children learning? Are you properly instructing them to recognize wrong sexual values and lifestyles if they are presented in such classes, or under any other circumstances?

It Pays to Know

Most teachers of sex education classes in schools know they cannot really make up for the failure of right teaching and values in homes and churches. They may feel hesitant or unqualified for the task. They try, even if reluctant, to do the best they can in an age of diverse and changing sexual values. Many teachers are forced by school or government policy to be nonjudgmental in regards to various sexual acts.

However, the trend pushed by writers and publishers of sex-education materials for public schools is clearly more and more permissive, particularly in recommendations for children entering puberty ages.

An example of this is a recently published sex education guidebook for teachers in California entitled *Education for Human Sexuality*. It recommended:

- Between ages 3 and 9, "sexual intercourse" becomes a key word of instruction, and youngsters might discuss "sexual molestation" at age 6. (Discussion of the latter, tragically, is needed in our age. But parents should be doing it first; the schools can reinforce it.)

- At age 9, pupils may begin to study menstruation, conception and read booklets that say masturbation is acceptable and normal. (Almost no one understands and states the psychological harms of masturbation.)

- At ages 10 and 11, a teacher might encourage discussion of family problems. (Unfortunately

no absolute judgments of right and wrong actions between the sexes are permitted.)

- At ages 12 to 15, teachers may lead students to a local drug store and check the availability of contraceptive products. It is also suggested that students might consider a wide variety of lifestyles, including homosexuality, communes, group marriage and couples living together without marriage.

Fortunately, this book only makes recommendations. Most teachers are careful in their outlook and approach, but a growing number are being influenced by such ideas.

In Britain, a government-funded family planning organization produced a booklet entitled *Learning to Live With Sex* for children ages 13 and upwards. The booklet contained six pages on contraceptive methods, 10 lines on responsibility almost entirely equated with the use of contraceptives and no section on marriage.

Another curriculum guide for seventh and eighth graders in one American city says, "Stress what is right for the individual." In *Intelligent Choice of a Sexual Life Style* the seventh grader is advised to set for himself a purely "personal standard of sexual behavior." No religious views, no community moral standards are to deflect him from his overriding purposes of self-discovery, self-assertion and self-gratification.

Shocked? You should be!

Increasingly this is the trend of ideas that are being encouraged for public sex-education classes. These ideas are based on humanist philosophy, the kind that most educators, sociologists and medical personnel have been trained under.

Such philosophy holds that there are no intrinsic rights or wrongs, only what doesn't "hurt" someone, only what is acceptable behavior to a society at a given time. Thus, "success" in any school sex education course is achieved if some students start using contraceptive devices.

Several years ago, Karl H.

Brenner, Jr., M.D., wrote in response to this trend: "Educators have said for years that all we need to do [in public school sex education] is 1) provide copious amounts of sexual knowledge to children from kindergarten through high school, and 2) remove, altogether, the old 'victorian' teachings of virtue, chastity and individual responsibility under God to obey the Ten Commandments, thus freeing children from guilt feelings concerning sexuality. The educators have failed to see that in freeing children from God-fearing self-control they have enslaved them to the jailor of their own lust."

Your Responsibility

Why have so many parents forsaken their responsibility to set a right and positive example for their children? Why have so many refused to shoulder their responsibility to teach right sexual and moral values? Why are so many homes confused about right sexual standards?

Because they are not living the way God instructs!

Hush-hush sex in homes on one hand and the all-too-common encouragement within society to "do your own thing" on the other are a doubled-barreled curse. The consequences have been untold millions of ruined minds, emotions and bodies. Whole nations as well as individuals and families are under this curse.

It is time to make sure you and your children are living differently than the way the great majority are living their lives.

Proper sex education is more than a study of physiology, anatomy or physical techniques. Human sexuality touches everything we are, feel and do. It affects how we relate with every other person—male and female—on every level in life.

That is why a sex-anatomy lesson or two in a school alone is doomed to failure. It fails to teach proper human relationships—which are most effectively taught in the home environment by right example and teaching. Schools, moreover, are less and less em-

phasizing right character-development. They—and many churches also—fail to unite sexual knowledge with the divine purpose of human life.

Wrong Spiritual Influence

More than just misguided human emotions or misguided human values are behind our present trend in "do-your-own-thing" sexual behavior.

It is time you began to understand that wrong *spiritual* as well as human sources can lead unsuspecting and unaware humans into corrupt sex attitudes and feelings.

The Bible reveals that a great fallen spirit being, a super archangel who rebelled against God

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Mates who really love each other . . . are living advertisements of the rewards and value of marriage, the family unit and children.

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and His laws, and a host of fallen angels with him, are working to implant corrupt values and feelings in human minds (Ephesians 2:1-3). This great fallen spirit, who sways all nations, is now called Satan. The results of yielding to and cultivating satanic-induced emotions are listed in Galatians 5:19-21.

Satan and his demons deceive humans to abuse their sexuality, get them hooked on wrong sexual ideas, feelings, desires and habits. Human beings so seduced are not able to understand, appreciate or fulfill God's laws and purpose of life. Nor are they able to establish sound human and marital relationships.

Satan is undermining the human race—and covering up God's purposes for mankind—through wrong sexual knowledge! He hates the awesome purposes, lessons and blessings that the right use of sex teaches and produces.

Modern sociology and education are utterly unaware of this corrupt influence behind today's Satan-inspired "sexual revolution." They have rejected the Source that reveals it.

Satan and his host have been encouraging wrong sex attitudes ever since man was created. "For we are not contending against flesh and blood," reveals Scripture, "but against . . . rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12, Revised Standard Version).

Rejected Sex Education Course

Why should sex be a source of so much embarrassment and hush-hush? Why should the miracle of life and how it begins be a matter of so much shame and guilt?

God's Word, the Bible—the revelation of essential knowledge to mankind—encourages no such approach or attitudes toward sex.

Do you know that God intends you to use the Bible as a framework to help you teach your children about the right use of human sexuality?

The Bible is a handbook from the Creator about right and wrong human and sexual relationships.

First, to be an effective parent, you must straighten out your own values—bring them into agreement with God's. Then you can use the knowledge and values revealed in the Bible to teach fundamental knowledge about sex. You can answer your children's questions about sex without shame or guilt.

There is much information to assist you in teaching your children accurate and wholesome knowledge about sex. With a correct understanding of God's laws and purposes for sex, you can evaluate and use other sound illustrated and instructive materials to assist you.

An expanded article on such an approach to sex education will appear in a coming issue of this magazine. You won't want to miss it! □

What Our Readers Say

The Family

Jeff Calkins's article, "The Movement to Destroy the Family" was an eye-and-emotional wake-up concerning my family. Now that we know this is happening, I would like to suggest more articles in training our families to believe and trust in God, so we as parents, won't turn off our children.

Other articles were just as good, but I felt this one came close to home!

The "Open Letter" concerning refugees in Thailand helps me to really desire God's Kingdom, so I could be of help in some small way to bring peace, food and fun to these children. They look so innocent, yet so vulnerable, that I would love to see them grow up happy, healthy and God-fearing. Thanks Mr. Sexton for a very warm letter.

Enclosed is a check to help God finish this Work. Wish it could be more.

Mrs. A.C. Bush
Bolingbrook, Illinois

Papal Leadership

It seems certain Pope John Paul II will make quite a name for himself if his reign over the Roman Catholic Church lasts at least five years. Barring his sudden, soon death, he'll be a world figure of some stature. As you state Americans of all faiths were much impressed by him.

Frederick J. Miller
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Disaster in Iran

I particularly enjoyed the June-July articles on Iran and poison gas warfare.

However: re "America's Disaster in Iran—Why It Happened" missed one or more of the really essential points, as follows:

1. No back-up team (or teams)
2. Political controls superseding Military "on the scene" controls.
3. Failure to consider alternatives.
4. Warfare, aggression, or a military action of any type is the result of the failure by government to cope with a situation by political means.

When political means fail, and military action is needed, the military should be left free to plan and accomplish the military mission without political interference. The necessity is obvious—disaster and failure result. Had the military, with its built-in expertise been left to handle the Iran situation, alternatives would have been considered and a sufficient back-up team or teams would have been provided.

George F. Hilger
Chula Vista, California

The Elderly

I just wanted to comment on the article "How Different Societies Treat the Elderly" by Clayton Steep in the May issue of *The Plain Truth*. The article really told it like it is. Every American should read it. Maybe it will open up their eyes and see how this country treats the elderly and to begin to care for our elderly in the right way.

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JUSTICE

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just is not good, nor to strike princes for equity" (Proverbs 17:26).

Yet in today's evil world, where is there justice? It is as God prophesied through the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 59:4, 9 and 14): Human rulers overstep their authority, applying force against those who do no evil, while at the same time are all too often very lax about evildoers.

Judges and legislatures refuse to enforce contracts and let murderers get off with probation or easy parole. Government officials

apportion such benefits as who gets to go to medical school on the basis of race, not merit, while young punks who terrorize poor elderly ladies (remember Nathan's parable of the ewe lamb?) spend a few hours in the county jail. Murderers with money hire good lawyers and get off with less severe sentences than murderers who don't—when each deserves to pay in *proportion to the life of his victim*—death.

But the cruel injustice of today's world will soon end. Christ Jesus will do under God's government what human rulers should have done all along. That is the good news—the Gospel that Jesus brought and taught

His apostles. That is the message we announce.

God's government will dispense justice. One of the very purposes for which God will establish His government is to bring "justice from henceforth even for ever" (Isaiah 9:7). Christ, as Head of that government, "shall execute judgment and justice in the earth" (Jeremiah 23:5).

The cruel unfairness, the disproportionality, the inequity of today's world will be gone. People will receive the fruit of their labor. They will not have to fear losing what they have to war or robbery or fraud. It truly will be a wonderful World Tomorrow. □

Voice Cries Out

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opened to God's TRUTH, and eternal salvation will be opened to them.

But God intended to preserve human life—to give humanity a new and fresh start.

Interracial Marriage

One man only, Noah, was "perfect" in his generations. That is, his heredity, ancestry (Genesis 6:9).

Proof of this lies in the meaning of the Hebrew word translated "perfect." It may refer either to spiritual character (Genesis 17:1) or to *physical characteristics* (Leviticus 22:21). Therefore Genesis 6:9 allows the translation that Noah was either "blameless" or "unblemished." The context (Genesis 6:2) clearly indicates the latter is the intended meaning of "perfect." So a good rendering of Genesis 6:9 is that Noah was the only "just" man (in spiritual character), and also "unblemished" (in his genetic heritage) among his contemporaries.

The subject matter of the chapter is the generations ancestry of Noah. Exceeding wickedness had developed through those generations, by Noah's generation reaching a climactic crisis that *ended* that world.

What was this universal evil and corruption? Jesus described that universal, corrupt evil as "eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage" (Matthew 24:38). Eating food and drinking water is not evil. Marrying is not evil in itself. There had to be *wrong use* and *excess* in eating, drinking and marrying—the evil was *in the manner*, and in *the extent* of eating, drinking and marrying.

It could only be eating improper food, drinking excessively of alcoholic drinks, revellings (Galatians 5:21), rioting, violence. Marrying to be evil had to be, as in Genesis 6:2, when men "took them daughters of all which *they* chose." There was rampant and universal interracial marriage—

so exceedingly universal that *Noah, only*, was unblemished or perfect in his generations—his ancestry. He was of the original pure white strain.

It is amply evident that by the time of Noah there were at least the three primary or major racial strains on earth, the white, yellow and black, although interracial marriage produced many racial mixtures.

God does not reveal in the Bible the precise origin of the different races. It is evident that Adam and Eve were created white. God's chosen nation Israel was white. Jesus was white. But it is a fair conjecture that in mother Eve were created ovaries containing the yellow and black genes, as well as white, so that some of the children of Adam and Eve gave rise to black, yellow, as well as white.

The one man God chose to PRESERVE the human race alive after the Flood was *perfect in his generations*—all his ancestry back to Adam was of the one strain, and undoubtedly that happened to be white—not that white is in any sense superior.

If you are a livestock breeder, planning to enter your prize animals in a livestock show—perhaps at a state or county fair—you will be sure to enter only thoroughbred or pedigreed stock! Mixing the breed tends toward degeneration.

God originally *set the bounds* of national borders, intending nations to be SEPARATED and prevent interracial marriage. Notice, "When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance [speaking of land or geographical boundaries], when He *separated* [notice—He *separated*] the sons of the people, He set the bounds of the people . . ." (Deuteronomy 32:8).

But people wanted to intermarry—until there would be only ONE RACE!

That desire seems still inherent in human nature today!

Noah was of perfect lineage in his generations. His wife and three sons were of that same pure white strain. But Japheth evidently had married a yel-

low woman, and Ham a black.

Soon after the Flood, the world's small population was all of one language and gathered together building the tower of Babel. Their purpose? "Lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth" (Genesis 11:4).

But God said, "The people is one, and they have all one language, and this they *begin* to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do" (verse 6). This expresses how great God made the mind of man.

But, just as God created varieties in many species of flowers and of animals—for example, many varieties and colors of roses—for greater beauty, so God created the three races and colors of human skin. God intended to prevent racial intermarriages. But man has always wanted to violate God's laws, intentions and ways.

So God compelled a scattering by mixing their language. "So the Eternal scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth; and they left off to build the city" (verse 8).

Today the English language is fast becoming the chief international language. Men are entering mixed marriages, and starting to get back to one worldwide language.

Shem, the son of Noah, who had married a white woman, may have continued for some time in the knowledge and perhaps worship of God. But there is no record of any walking with God until Abraham, whom God specially called to have a function preparatory to the Kingdom of God. But the pure white strain probably was retained until Abraham.

Man of Destiny

Abram, as he was originally named, was not seeking God. But God called Abram to leave the land of his father and kindred and go to a land God would show him—the "promised land" of Canaan. Without protest or question, Abram obeyed, and went. And through his obedience and faith in God, Abraham became the "father of the faithful." To him God made the

promises of both the national birthright and the scepter promise of eternal salvation to come through Jesus Christ.

After 430 years, God raised up His nation Israel—descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob whose name God changed to Israel.

To lead these people out of Egyptian slavery and to the Promised Land, God called Moses. Moses was not seeking God. But God had caused Moses to be trained specifically for this commission by having him reared as a prince in the palace of the Egyptian pharaoh.

So now again we come to the question, WHY did God raise up this special Hebrew nation as “the chosen people”? WHY, when God never made accessible to them His Holy Spirit?

One point to notice here. The probability is that these people were all—or nearly all—of the white racial strain, unchanged since creation.

After Jacob and his sons and families had come into Egypt at Joseph’s behest, they were kept in the locale of Goshen—geographically separated from the Egyptians, marrying among themselves.

In this connection, go back momentarily to Abraham. He prevented his son Isaac from intermarrying among the dark Canaanites then in the land. He sent his chief servant to his own family and racial people to find a wife for Isaac. Abraham said, “. . . thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell” (Genesis 24:3).

The next generation, Jacob married Leah and Rachel, daughters of Laban, nephew of Abraham, who lived in the land of Haran, brother of Abraham. The whole community of Haran, where Laban lived, was of the same family ancestry as Abraham.

Jacob had six sons by Leah, two from Rachel—all of the same original racial stock, and two each from the maids of Rachel and Leah—12 in all. Even the maids of Leah and Rachel probably were of pure Hebrew stock.

But God specially prepared from birth and called Moses, with Aaron his brother to assist as his spokesman. (Moses stuttered.)

In the plagues God caused against Egypt, God was turning the Egyptian gods and objects of worship against them to show them that these were *not* gods. Even the plagues were sent in LOVE for the Egyptians.

The final plague occurred on the eve of the 14th day of the first sacred month—starting in the spring. The Israelites went out of Egypt during the night part of the 15th. They reached the Red Sea. But pharaoh had meanwhile changed his mind and, with his army, pursued them.

The children of Israel had reached the Red Sea, and they were stopped as if dead. There was no bridge. It was too far to swim, with their women and children. Behind them the pharaoh’s army was in hot pursuit. There was nothing they could do. They were stopped—HELPLESS! At that point they had to rely on GOD!

In Egypt God had caused their release from slavery by a series of supernatural plagues. Now God caused the waters of the Red Sea to roll back to form a watery WALL on either side, with a wide path on the dry sea floor between.

The Israelites walked on through. On the opposite side they looked and saw the Egyptians entering the sea-floor path. When the Egyptians were all within the seawall passage, God allowed the waters to flow back, drowning the Egyptian army.

Broken Promises

In due time the Israelites pitched tents at the foot of Mt. Sinai.

God did not make them His nation, under His theocratic rule, without their consent.

Through Moses, God put to them His proposition. If they would obey His laws of HIS GOVERNMENT, He would prosper them, and make them the wealthiest and most powerful of nations.

Yet all of God’s PROMISES were of a national and material nature—no spiritual salvation.

The people agreed. Thus they became God’s chosen nation.

BUT WHY?

This we know: God’s purpose for them had a definite relation to *preparing for the ultimate KINGDOM OF GOD*—when the GOVERNMENT OF GOD would be reestablished over all the earth, and spiritual salvation would be offered to ALL!

Undoubtedly, one reason was to preserve the original racial strain. But there was much more.

Nations had developed knowledge. Mankind was limited, after Adam’s rebellion, to the acquisition of physical and material knowledge.

But, like educated men and scientists today, they were saying, “Give us sufficient knowledge, and we will solve all problems and eradicate all evils—we will create utopia!”

Up to that time, mankind had been denied knowledge from God. God now decided to give them knowledge of His Law—His kind of government—*His way of life!* He was going to prove to the world that without His Holy Spirit their minds were incapable of receiving and utilizing such knowledge of the TRUE WAYS OF LIFE. He was going to demonstrate to them that the mind of MAN, with its one spirit, and without the addition of God’s Holy Spirit, could not have spiritual discernment—could not solve human problems, could not cure the evils that were besetting humanity. The nation Israel would be His guinea pig to demonstrate that fact. God had chosen a nation of almost perfect original strain in its generations—its ancestry. Also they had the quality heredity of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel).

So God entered into a covenant with them, making them His NATION. It also represented a MARRIAGE covenant, with Israel the wife, promising obedience to her husband—GOD. It was the physical type of the yet-to-come NEW COVENANT.

And what did it prove?

Here was a people of almost

clear racial strain, and the superior heredity of Abraham, Isaac and Israel. Two requisites make a human whatever he becomes in life: heredity and environment. Heredity involves what has been inherited by birth in such areas as health, intelligence and character tendencies. Environment includes all external influences and self-determined motivations—whether good or evil.

Heredity—if of good and high quality—may start one off at an advantage. And inspiring environment, uplifting influences and right self-motivation may further improvement. Such environment may turn one of inferior heredity into a real success in life.

But a discouraging environment, evil influences and misguided self-motivation may turn one of excellent heredity into failure and an evil nature.

God started His chosen nation off—even though brought out of slavery—with all the natural advantages of a superior heredity. God pulled them out of slavery and gave them a new and fresh start. One might say they had everything God-given going for them.

But now WHY? Why did God so prepare and raise up this nation Israel?

Consider WHY God created mankind in the first place! GOD IS REPRODUCING HIMSELF THROUGH MAN! He is creating in MAN God's own perfect holy and righteous spiritual CHARACTER! And that, in turn, is purposed to *restore* the GOVERNMENT OF GOD over all the earth. And, further, to create BILLIONS OF GOD BEINGS TO FINISH THE CREATION OF THE VAST UNFINISHED UNIVERSE! And, *beyond that?* Ah! God has not as yet revealed what He purposes beyond that!

Everything God has done, since the creation of the first humans, has been another progressive step in God's overall supreme PURPOSE!

The immediate purpose, so far in the history of mankind, is to prepare for THE KINGDOM OF GOD, which will RESTORE the GOVERNMENT OF GOD EARTH WIDE!

The Kingdom of God is the

actual begotten and born FAMILY OF GOD, which will first actually appear by a resurrection and instantaneous translation at Christ's Second Coming! And by begotten and BORN sons of God, emphatically I do NOT mean those deceived into the current "BORN-AGAIN" teaching—that anyone who "receives Christ" is already, in this present human life, "born again." THAT IS A PARAMOUNT DECEPTION by which Satan the devil has DECEIVED those (the many in a so-called "Christianity") who have "accepted" a false conversion. They may be well meaning—but nevertheless DECEIVED! And of course a deceived person does not know he is deceived—he may be wholly sincere!

But now THINK! *HOW* does the Old Testament nation Israel play a part in progressively preparing for the KINGDOM OF GOD?

First, Abraham was a man of very outstanding qualifying abilities. Undoubtedly he, with his sons Isaac and Israel, shall, in the resurrection and Kingdom of God, occupy a position next under Christ Himself. The Kingdom of God will be a spiritual Kingdom including both Church and State—earth wide. These, as a team, probably will be next in line of authority under CHRIST—and over both Church and State.

Of the nation ISRAEL, Moses, whom God raised up as their leader and law giver (though God the Father is the original real Lawgiver) in all probability will be under the Abraham-Isaac-Jacob team, but head over the national governments of the world during the coming Millennium. And probably Joshua, who succeeded Moses, will be Moses' assistant in that office of worldwide national governments.

What of the nation Israel as a whole?

They, despite their favorable heredity, *failed utterly to qualify*. When God put the proposal of their formation as His nation before them, they replied, "All that the Eternal hath spoken we will do" (Exodus 19:8). But they utterly broke their word and rebelled.

They were in a "husband-and-wife" relation with God. But God said later of them, "Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so ye have dealt treacherously with me, O House of Israel, saith the Eternal" (Jeremiah 3:20).

The nation Israel under Moses was ONE RACE—very little interracial marriage had marred their racial nationality.

The Promised Land was then called Canaan. Canaanites, racially dark, had settled in the land. But God had given this land to the racial descendants of Abraham BY PROMISE! It did not belong to the Canaanites or other races settled there.

When God moved His two million-plus Israelites in there, He commanded them through Moses:

"When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan, then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images . . . and ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein; for I have given you the land to possess it. . . . But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell" (Numbers 33:51-53, 55).

It's time we UNDERSTAND THIS!

This nation Israel was GOD'S NATION. But they were a *physical, not a spiritual nation*. Yet God gave them His church, as well as national government and religion. GOD INTENDED TO KEEP THEM PHYSICALLY SEPARATE from other nations—both nationally (racially) and religiously.

For them to intermarry with other races would result in two things: it would interbreed them into other races, and mix them into other idolatrous religions!

The Israelites DID NOT OBEY GOD!

Much later, after the captivities of both Israel and Judah, God sent a colony of Jews from the Judahite

slave population in Babylon back to Jerusalem under Zerubbabel as Governor of the colony, to build the second Temple.

Among this colony were the prophets Ezra and Nehemiah. Against God's command, the people of the colony began to intermarry with Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Jebusites and other races, "so that the holy seed [racially pure, for they had not the Holy Spirit] have mingled themselves with the people of those lands . . ." (Ezra 9:2).

The prophet Ezra was ANGRY! He stood up before the congregation and said: "Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel. Now therefore . . . separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives" (Ezra 10:10-11).

Jesus Christ was born of the tribe of Judah, and it was necessary that HE be of the original pure racial strain, even as Noah was.

BUT—nevertheless, the Old Covenant with Israel at Sinai was a type and forerunner of the NEW COVENANT. It will be made with the New Testament CHURCH, which is the *spiritual* Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 31:31, Hebrews 8:6, 10).

Meanwhile, an individual few in Old Testament Israel did obey God and by becoming God's prophets, they became part of the *very foundation* of the New Testament CHURCH OF GOD. The Church is built on the solid FOUNDATION of the prophets (Old Testament) and apostles (New Testament), Jesus Christ Himself being "the chief cornerstone" (Ephesians 2:20).

Among them, Elijah probably will be head, under Christ and Abraham-Isaac-Israel, over the Church, worldwide. John the Baptist may be under Elijah. There are indications that the prophet Daniel will be head over all gentile nations, and under Moses and Christ.

Fulfilling Their Role Despite Themselves

But in what manner did the ancient nation Israel play a part

in preparation for the KINGDOM OF GOD?

I have already mentioned how the intellectuals and scholarly of this world feel that, given sufficient KNOWLEDGE, human carnal MAN could solve all problems.

God let many generations of ancient Israel and Judah PROVE by hundreds of years of human experience, that the *best* of humanity, without God's Holy Spirit CANNOT SOLVE HUMAN PROBLEMS AND EVILS!

I have spoken, during the past 10 years, to many heads of governments over Europe, Asia, Africa, South America. In China, I believe the Communist heads of government believe that communism, once it gains control of the earth, will solve all problems and evils. But many kings, emperors, presidents and prime ministers I have conferred privately with now realize the problems are *beyond* human ability to solve. And this I said plainly to many leaders of the People's Republic of China.

The problems and evils are of a *spiritual* nature. And a carnal mind without God's Spirit cannot come to grips with spiritual problems.

The many decades and centuries of ancient Israel PROVED THAT! Until Israel, God withheld knowledge of the *right ways* of human living from mankind. To Israel God gave His statutes and judgments, as well as His spiritual law. But these perfect laws did not, without God's Holy Spirit, solve the nation's problems!

God *could* say: "I am GOD. Take my word for it." But God gave PROOF, through Israel, that WITHOUT the Holy Spirit, MAN IS HELPLESS! They even had GOD to appeal to. But they did not have His Spirit within them. Only their prophets had the Holy Spirit!

That lesson once PROVED, God has given those in His Church His Holy Spirit.

There is, of course, a great deal more that could be said about ancient Israel. After King Solomon's death they split up into two

nations. The nation, Israel, rejected Solomon's son as natural heir. They chose Solomon's general manager (as we would call him today), Jeroboam, and later set the throne of Israel in a new city, Samaria, to the north of Jerusalem.

Thereupon, Judah seceded from Israel in order to retain their King Rehoboam and capital city Jerusalem. The tribe of Benjamin seceded with Judah. They took the new name, Kingdom of JUDAH. They came to be called "Jews"—a nickname for their national name, JUDAH.

One of the first things King Jeroboam did was to put the best educated of the nation, the priestly tribe of Levi, out of the priesthood. He put illiterate people in their place as priests. Then the tribe of Levi moved down (or actually up) nearer Jerusalem and became part of the Kingdom of Judah.

One of the strangest mysteries of our time is the actual relationship our American and British Commonwealth peoples have come to have with the people who retained the name "ISRAEL." They lost their identity through the years. My book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* reveals that story—one of the most amazing of our time.

In final conclusion of this chapter, remember, God creates and does what He does by a principle of DUALITY.

God is creating MAN in dual stages. First, was the carnal first man, Adam. But the spiritual creation started with the second Adam, Jesus Christ.

Even so, God is forming the KINGDOM OF GOD in dual stages. First was old covenant Israel. They were carnal minded. Even with the revelation of God's laws and God's truth, they could not comprehend nor follow God's true ways.

Old Testament Israel was the CONGREGATION (Church) of ISRAEL. In the NEW TESTAMENT we are the CHURCH OF GOD.

But the Church of God of the New Testament is offered the SECOND Spirit—the Holy Spirit

of God. The Church as God's body of people is being PREPARED for His Kingdom—and the restoration of His GOVERNMENT.

This DUALITY in God's program is brought out in a clear UNDERSTANDING of the TWO COVENANTS, known as the old, and the new covenant. This will be covered in chapter 8—the Church.

For a more complete understanding of ancient Israel's history even into the 20th century, be sure to read our special book, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. □

MINERALS

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ing heights, creating monetary chaos everywhere.

Other Resources

Space does not permit an examination of other critical minerals such as uranium, tungsten, vanadium, columbium and titanium (another essential aerospace metal.) But regardless of the metal, the picture is nearly always the same—imports make up a distressingly high percentage of the supply.

The European Economic Community (EEC) nations and Japan are even more dependent on material imports than the United States. The EEC and Japan are 97 percent to 100 percent dependent upon imports for six critical metals—chromium, manganese, cobalt, bauxite, copper and nickel.

When West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt recently went to Moscow, he is known to have told President Leonid Brezhnev of his grave concern over Soviet advances in the African subcontinent, given Germany's dependence upon stability in the region.

Problem with Stockpiles, Alternate Sources

After years of neglect, the U.S. government is trying both to stimulate domestic production of minerals where possible, and to

build up a stockpile of critical raw materials. But there are many problems, the most important of which is that no one seems to be in charge at the highest level of minerals management.

Secondly, according to John D. Morgan, Jr., chief staff officer of the U.S. Bureau of Mines, though the United States has vast resources of critical metals, much of it—chromium is a prime example—is of low grade, and expensive and difficult to extract. In addition, environmental pressures have severely restricted access to mineral deposits, especially those on federally owned lands.

Minerals experts generally dismiss the alternate method of seabed mining as being impractical, given today's technology. Seabed modules would require energy-intensive refining techniques. Industry sources speak of needing billion-dollar facilities.

As for stockpiles, *Aviation Week & Space Technology*, in its May 5, 1980, issue reports that "stores of 93 strategic minerals in the national defense stockpile average 48 percent of goals, giving the U.S. an 18-month wartime capability, despite the fact that the stockpile is intended to support a three-year conventional war."

The Pacific Basin and Australia have untapped natural resources, but here, as is the case with stimulating domestic production, the question is *time*. "The problem is transition," reports the *New Yorker*, quoted earlier. "It would take from five to 10 years to adjust to a cutoff of chromium from South Africa." The *Journal of Commerce* adds that unless a more diversified and rational minerals policy is developed, "calamity [is] surely awaiting us."

Deadly Trap Set

From all appearances, the United States and the rest of the Western World is walking straight into a trap, as we near the biblical crisis at the close of the age.

South Africa today is in the midst of rapid, almost tumultuous, social change. Its govern-

ment is pushing reforms it hopes will meet the needs of its diverse peoples. Yet at the same time Communist-supplied radical revolutionaries, opposed to evolutionary change, have stepped up their attacks. The bold assault in June upon South Africa's vital coal-to-petroleum complex was part of their escalated program.

At the same time, Moscow-backed insurgents have been stepping up their violence inside South-West Africa/Namibia, the mineral-rich territory ruled by South Africa now on the verge of independence. Insurgent plans were dealt a severe, albeit temporary setback by a massive four-week raid by South African forces against their bases over the border in Angola. More than 250 tons of Communist-made military equipment was captured.

Pretoria was sharply condemned in the U.N. Security Council for its "attack on the People's Republic of Angola," the guerrilla host country.

Call for Sanctions

Further escalation of violence in southern Africa, prompted and encouraged by communist agents, is certain to result in a showdown someday with the demand in the United Nations for a total trade embargo against South Africa. But note this: The United States and the rest of the mineral-dependent Free World stands to lose far more than South Africa ever would in the process.

Political forces inside Western Europe recognize what is happening and may take measures in the near future to avoid falling into the Moscow-abetted sanctions or disinvestments trap.

The United States, however, elevating its own conception of "human rights" over geopolitics will probably fall into it. It has yet to learn what one of her congressional leaders, Senator Harry Byrd, said some time ago of outside interest in South Africa: "The conflict in southern Africa is not a struggle for national liberation between the forces of good and evil. It is a war for resources and strategic position." □

GOVERNMENT?

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days of seducing the nations are numbered!

New Age Coming

Few understand that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a message about government, not just about the person of Jesus Christ. (Write for our free booklet, *What Is the True Gospel?*)

Jesus' Gospel is His message. Jesus Christ, the Messiah, was a messenger. He brought to mankind the "gospel [meaning 'good news'] of the kingdom of God" (Mark 1:14)—a message about a literal, world-ruling government, soon to be established!

The Gospel is an announcement—a proclamation that the imperfect, humanly devised governments of this world are to pass into history, to be replaced by the world-ruling perfect government of God.

At the climax of man's rebellion against God—in the impending period of global chaos and war, "the God of heaven [shall] set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed... it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms [this world's present governments] and it shall stand for ever" (Daniel 2:44).

This good news is also described in Revelation 11:15—"And the seventh angel sounded: and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

Moreover, Jesus Christ is not going to do this ruling by Himself! He is coming to set up a highly organized WORLD GOVERNMENT, with many positions of authority—positions which will be filled by former humans who have qualified for resurrection to eternal life!

The perfect law of God will become the very cornerstone of the Kingdom of God (Micah 4:1-2). Satan and his demonic cohorts will be bound and imprisoned,

that they "should deceive the nations no more" (Revelation 20:1-3).

Man's very nature will be changed! "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh," God declares (Ezekiel 11:19).

Man will be given God's Holy Spirit—the power to overcome his nature, and the power to comprehend spiritual knowledge. After 6,000 years of human history, the way of 'GIVE' will at last replace the way of "GET."

Sign of the End

Significantly, one of the major signs cited by Christ Himself of the nearness of the end of this present age is that the Gospel announcement would be proclaimed worldwide. Notice Matthew 24:14—"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto

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HOLOCAUST

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unborn children. The tragedy is that it was unnecessary.

If you read *Roe v. Wade*, you realize that the reasoning behind it was both scientifically and legally wrong. It was scientifically wrong because it relied on scientific theories that are now outdated! As Dr. Nathanson puts it:

"That Supreme Court decision is anchored in medical views that now quite frankly, are so anachronistic that we who work in perinatology [prenatal science] would be amused by them if it were not for the continuous slaughter that has resulted from their propagation."

The Court's decision is legally wrong because for hundreds of years the law of England and America recognized the personality of unborn children. Unborn children had rights both in property and personal injury law. Even today you can still give property to your unborn child. Just because the abortion laws of the 1800s were passed primarily for the sake of protecting the health of the mother didn't make their unborn children any less human. Yet it was that fact upon which the Court pounced to justify the slaughter of millions!

The time has come for the Supreme Court to repent. The Supreme Court *can* change its mind. It does not lay down the "law of the Medes and Persians" (see Daniel 6:8), which could not be changed once handed down. Just as the Court once declared that black slaves were "property" and not human beings, and had to repent of that, so it must repent of sanctioning the murder of millions of unborn human beings.

But even if the Supreme Court does not overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the time is coming when it will be overruled, anyway! When Christ returns, the "Supreme Court of Heaven" will overturn *Roe v. Wade* and all laws contrary to God's good and perfect Law. At that time God will pour out His blessings on the whole earth.

There will be no abortion. There will be no *need* for abortion:

"And he [God] will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee; he will also *bless the fruit of thy womb . . .*" (Deuteronomy 7:13).

In the meantime, the slaughter goes on. The Non-Sectarian Committee for Life, a New York "prolife" organization, warns of where abortion is taking our society:

"Western society has abandoned its God and is lost in a void of moral anarchy. The civilization we know is threatened by a new Dark Age. By the turn of the century we will be confronted with abortions-by-demand-of-the-State and the death-by-decree of the sick and elderly. The planned birth, the planned lifespan and the planned death will be upon us. Let us resist this barbarous threat to man's existence, more dangerous than all the nuclear bombs." □

THE BIBLE

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"thought inspiration." Thoughts are expressed by words and God revealed His thoughts in words. Inspiration must therefore extend to the very words the writer recorded.

God said He would put *words* into the mouths of the prophets (Deuteronomy 18:18). Jeremiah said that is exactly what happened to him: "Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth, and said to me, 'Now, I have put my words in your mouth'" (Jeremiah 1:9, NIV).

Every word in the original writings of the Bible is inspired. Every word is important. When Paul wrote to the Galatians, he built up an entire argument around whether one word in the Old Testament was singular or plural (Galatians 3:16).

The words of the Old Testament may have been said by David, Moses or the prophets. But when the New Testament writers quoted them, they considered them to be what Scrip-

ture said, what the Holy Spirit said or what God said. It was all the Word of God to them.

Paul Spoke the Word of God

The Church members at Thessalonica didn't think the words of Paul were the mere opinions of a man. He expressed his gratitude for their converted attitude by saying, "We also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, *the word of God*, which also effectively works in you who believe" (I Thessalonians 2:13). And Paul's instructions to the Corinthians were to be accepted as "the commandments of the Lord" (I Corinthians 14:37).

The Bible in all its parts is the written Word of God to mankind though modern human translators and typesetters are not inspired and made minor mistakes.

In spite of what Bible critics or liberal theologians may claim, the Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God. We accept it as being completely trustworthy and reliable. It is a sure foundation for our faith. But why, the critic and liberal theologian might justly ask, do so many who know the Bible is infallible, not do what the Bible plainly commands them?

That is a very good question!

There is a good reason why some people don't want to accept the Bible as the inspired Word of God and why those who do accept it hide their eyes from its revealed truth. They don't want to obey God and live according to what the Bible says, "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

Are you willing not only to believe in, but to live by every inspired and infallible word of God? □



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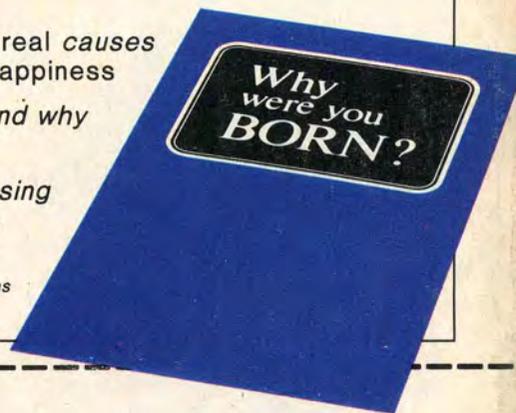
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