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Uniting in Order to Divide

I WISH PARTICULARLY to call attention in this issue to "NOW THEY WANT TO DE-SEX THE BIBLE" by Clayton Steep. There is a tendency today to want to UNITE opposites because of hostility—but usually the result is only to produce more competition and division.

There is a tendency today toward unisex. Frequently you cannot easily tell whether one you happen to see is male or female. Women wear shorter hair and males wear longer hair until they are about equal length. The barber trade once made it mostly on shaves. The safety razor ended that sort of barber income, and the electric razor has perpetuated it. So now the barber shops give men female hairdos at fancy prices and the younger men fall for it—and often older ones too.

Women wear slacks and male pants.

Women filled in men's jobs during World War I while U.S. "doughboys" were fighting "over there." They never went back to the home when "it was over, over there." World War II put the finishing touches on women assuming men's jobs. In the postwar period, women have taken university courses in law, medicine, business administration and other professions. Today we have women lawyers and judges in a rapidly increasing measure, women doctors, and more and more women moving into executive positions in business and industries.

Meanwhile more and more husbands are becoming "house-husbands," and homemakers while their wives work. More and more young women of around age twenty-five find it difficult to enter marriage. One woman under thirty, manager of a large high-quality women's-wear store in a major city, came to me for advice. She had chosen a career and let it cancel out a marital engagement

some years before. Now she was successful. How could she respect a man enough to think of marrying him, if his income was less than hers? At last she realized she really wanted most of all marriage, children and a family life.

In some universities senior men ready to graduate find romance for them difficult. They have grown more timid, have not developed leadership qualities, and fear senior girls would dominate them, so they marry freshmen girls. Marriage itself is breaking down. People unite in marriage—only in order, it seems too often, to divide into divorce.

In many areas there is a tendency toward uniting, but too often it leads to division.

We have tried busing to bring about racial balance in the schools, but in too many cases it has not proved practical and has led to more division and hostility. There has been a tendency by some to promote interracial marriage and an amalgamation into one race.

In 1945 I attended the entire San Francisco convention where the charter was battled out for the United Nations. They were going to UNITE the nations for world peace. In plenary sessions heads of governments and foreign ministers rang out in grand oratory that this was the world's last hope for PEACE. The weapons of mass destruction were about to be multiplied that could erase human life from the earth. UNITE or PERISH was the theme. Yet those same orators fought like ferocious lions or tigers against representatives of other nations in closed private sessions to gain every possible selfish advantage for their own nations. The United Nations has brought no genuine PEACE. Dozens of wars have ensued on the world scene.

And on the domestic scene women want to "wear the pants"—and now often do. Many a young bride has said, "I want our marriage to be fifty-fifty"—no one rules. But that is all together impossible. Whether it's (Continued on page 44)

Milestone for Europe: GREECE JOINS COMMON MARKET

by Gene H. Hogberg

The world's largest economic power expands from nine to ten—and it may not stop there. Here is the significance of Greece's entry into the European Community.

ON NEW YEAR'S Day, 1981, Greece became the European Community's tenth member.

Greece's accession expands the Community—commonly called the Common Market—to nearly 270 million people.

Of far more significance, the EC has solidified its position as the world's number-one economic and trading power.

First in Global Trade

Most Americans, Canadians, Australians and others living in the Western world not directly tied into the Community's worldwide linkages, have little comprehension of its global impact.

The gross national product of the Community is about equal to that of the United States. But the EC far surpasses the United



Map by Minette Collins

trade will be transported in the holds of Common Market ships. Greece, with 4,000 vessels, is the world's premier shipping nation. By virtue of Greek membership, fully one third of worldwide merchant-fleet tonnage will belong to the Community.

Long March for Athens

Greece's formal induction into the Common Market has been a long time in coming. It became an associate member in 1962. Progress toward full membership, however, stalled while the Greek military

ruled the country from 1967 to 1974.

The last step along the road to full membership was reached May 28, 1979, when official papers were signed by Prime Minister (now President) Constantine Karamanlis and representatives of the nine EC countries. Mr. Karamanlis—more

States in foreign trade—\$176 billion dollars more than America in 1979. The Community now accounts for nearly one fourth of all the world's imports, and close to 22 percent of total exports. And this does not include trade *within* the Community.

Now, more than ever, much of the ocean-going portion of this

than anyone the architect of Greece's Market policy—said that it was a “historical moment that marks the end of a long march and solemnly seals the fusion of our destinies with those of Europe . . . an unswerving belief in the necessity of a united Europe and in the European destiny of my country have at long last . . . found their justification.”

Greece's entry brings both benefits and headaches to the Community and its newest member. Above all, it signals a change in the orientation of the EC. From a basically central and northern European group it now becomes one with a southern, Mediterranean posture. This new direction will be accentuated with the expected linkup, in 1983 or 1984, of Spain and Portugal.

And if Turkey becomes a full member—a distant possibility—the EC will extend to the very doorstep of the Middle East.

Greece, in her own right, is an important stepping stone to the Middle East. It is the hub for 200 American companies doing business in the region. Greece also has close ties with Cyprus, which is nearly eighty percent Greek.

Standard-of-living Gap

The “southern cousins” knocking on the Common Market door are all considerably less developed than the EC as a whole. Greece's gross national product is less than half that of most other members of the Community, though its growth rate has been faster in recent years. Its standard of living is roughly the same as Ireland, the Community's previously poorest state, though it has a wider disparity of wealth between urban and rural areas.

The southern expansion of the Common Market means that Mediterranean-type agricultural products assume considerable significance. “Until now,” reports *Europe*, a semiofficial publication of the EC (July-August, 1979, issue), “the Community has been dominated by northern European economic interests,

especially those of cereals and dairy farmers. In the future, much more attention will be paid to the interests of Mediterranean wine, citrus and olive oil producers.”

Agriculture is of supreme—almost inordinate—importance to the Common Market. Agricultural price supports—which Greece's 660,000 farmers will now benefit from—consume nearly three fourths of the EC's annual budget.

Nearly all talk about the Common Market bureaucracy centers around its controversial Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), which, critics say, is nothing but a bottomless pit in which the EC members pour more and more of their revenues.

The German newspaper *Frankfurter Rundschau*, June 14, 1980, commenting on the gradual assimilation of the three wine-and-oil producers (Greece, Spain, Portugal), noted that future wine surpluses alone are likely to amount to between five and ten million hectoliters (130 million to 260 million gallons) a year.

Olive oil production is another potential surplus problem. Nearly fifty percent of all Greek farmers are olive oil producers. And in Spain, two million farmers are engaged in olive oil production.

Thus, in addition to the Common Market's already embarrassing butter, powdered milk, beef and tomato “mountains” can be

GREECE BRINGS both strengths and weaknesses to the European Community. The Greek economy is still dominated by agriculture. More than three million of Greece's nine million people work and live on the farm, nearly half of them engaged in production of olive oil. Greek wine output (top photo), is expected to add to the EC's wine surplus. Competition from more advanced Common Market countries will increase the pace of farm mechanization (center photo). Industry is weakest link in Greece's economy, dominated by small manufacturing units. Biggest plus for Common Market is addition of Greece's worldwide shipping fleet (view of Athen's harbor, second photo from bottom). One third of world shipping now belongs to EC members.



PT Photo (second from bottom).
All others by Alain Perret—Sygma

added the prospects of overflowing wine and olive oil "lakes."

Still, Greeks Want In

The government of the EC's newest member is aware of the traumas its economy can expect, especially in manufacturing. Greece's industry is predominantly small scale, most of it consisting of only one to four people. For this reason, its industrial sector will have a grace period of five years to gradually adjust to the EC tariff structure and expected competition.

According to public opinion polls, most Greeks appear to be in favor of the EC link. Many are philosophical about the changes and challenges. They feel they are at last "joining Europe," which they are a part of geographically, of course, but not until now as a state of mind. Newspaperwoman Helen Vlachos, editor and publisher of *Kathimerini* in Athens, wrote:

"The Greek people have a deep wish to belong at last to a group, to a family of familiar countries. And Europe is the one and only that qualifies for that part. Europe is . . . a special, admired, envied, and in many ways, an imaginary continent."

"For better or worse," continued Mrs. Vlachos, "Greece becomes a part of an affluent, civilized, respectable family. . . . Why not accept the challenge. What have we to lose?"

The board chairman of a large Athens bank adds: "Today, most Greeks probably feel that if the Community had not already existed for them to join, they would have had to invent it for that purpose. And is there, indeed, any other alternative? Greece does not want to become a communist country, neither does it have the economic clout of countries like Sweden or Switzerland enabling it to 'go it alone.' . . . Going European for Greece also means helping to make the dream of a politically united Europe come true."

Common Market officials, in turn, are very pleased over Greece's accession (though not a

few have reservations about negotiations with the Iberian countries).

"The entry of Greece into the Community is a major political act that constitutes a turning point in the Common Market's life," said Gaston Thorn of Luxembourg, who on January 1 took over as Commission president, the EC's chief executive post. "The enlargement of the Common Market southward is a key date in history of European civilization."

More Brussels Bureaucrats

Greece's entry certainly complicates the Community's linguistic and decision-making processes. Greek becomes the EC's seventh official language (with Spanish and Portuguese looming just ahead). One of the biggest organizational changes involves the small army of interpreters and translators who already account for one third of the total staff employed at the EC Commission.

For the instantaneous translations needed at Common Market meetings, the EC employs 303 full-time interpreters plus 200 freelance interpreters. This is even more than at the United Nations.

One of the big problems now is to find interpreters who can simultaneously translate between two of the Community's minor tongues, such as from Danish to Greek and vice versa. Such persons are hard to find, meaning that interpreters often have to work by way of a relay from an intermediate major tongue. This naturally increases the chance of error.

The written translation headache also is growing. The Market's 580 translators have to translate into the various official tongues 500,000 pages of official documents every year. (This total was determined before Greece's membership added to the burden and forced the hiring of yet another 120 interpreters and translators.)

Common Market translation officials shake their heads at having to provide, someday, services into the difficult Turkish language.

The Greek government, for its part, has only 120 official translators. Yet it will need 650 just to translate EC documents and regulations.

Too Many Chiefs?

This linguistic babel is bad enough. Each new country also complicates the political machinery necessary to run the Community. The publication *Europe* comments on this problem:

"The addition of Greece as the 10th member state will put extra steam on the Community's decision-making process. The EC Council of Ministers will now have 10 members—which will make it that much more difficult to reach unanimous agreement on major issues, especially anything to do with Turkey [Greece's arch rival]. On lesser issues, where decisions are taken by qualified majority, Greece will have five votes out of a total of 63. The number of votes necessary to make a decision will be raised from 41 to 45."

There will also be an EC commissioner from Greece at the Commission headquarters in Brussels—raising the number of commissioners to fourteen.

A committee of "Three Wise Men" is presently studying what institutional changes will be needed to take account of the entry not only of Greece but also of Spain and Portugal so that the Community can continue to function efficiently.

A Two-tiered EC?

The heartland countries of the EC—West Germany, France, Italy—are understandably concerned over the Community's shift to include the poorer nations of southern Europe.

Politically, the move has advantages. A more stable Greece and Turkey helps shore up Europe's southern flank. But many social and economic problems are expected. Will citizens of all the poorer members, for example, be able to circulate freely throughout the entire Community, having the right to work in

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The Amazing Story Behind the MOUNT SINAI WORLD PEACE CENTER

by Keith W. Stump

It was at Mount Sinai that God first revealed himself to Moses. It was there he thundered the Ten Commandments. And it was to Mount Sinai that the prophet Elijah went to seek God. Now, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt is moving ahead with plans to construct a World Peace Center at the base of Mount Sinai.

IN FULL-PAGE newspaper ads seen by millions across the United States and overseas, *Plain Truth* Editor-in-Chief Herbert W. Armstrong has made known details of an important project soon to get under way at Mount Sinai.

The world press has largely ignored this project and its wide-ranging implications.

You need to understand, from a biblical perspective, the great significance of this endeavor—occurring in the very shadow of the “mountain of God”!

\$70 Million Project

At a meeting at the Gaza Residential Palace in Cairo last November, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt showed Mr. Armstrong an architect's rendering of a projected \$70 million World Peace Center he intends to build at the base of Mount Sinai. President Sadat invited Mr. Armstrong to participate in the project, and the offer was gladly accepted. (See Mr. Armstrong's report in the February, 1981, *Plain Truth*.)

Late last December, architects visited Mr. Sadat and presented to him a model of the proposed complex. The model shows a triangular, walled complex in the side of the mountain, with a mosque, a church and a synagogue at the three angles—representing the three major faiths that recognize Moses as a prophet.

The architects told the Cairo press that Mr. Sadat was pleased with the designs. They said that he expressed to them his wish to see the complex “as simple and strong as he saw it in the model, so that it would express the majesty and holiness of the mount.”

The architects are Dr. Abdel Halim El Rimali, an Egyptian Moslem; Pierre Vago, from France; and Professor Al Mansfeld, from Israel.

Mr.
Sadat

told them that he wants to lay the foundation stone on November 19, 1981—the third anniversary of his historic peace trip to Jerusalem. Mr. Sadat reportedly intends to invite Pope John Paul II and the President of the United States, among others, to the foundation-stone laying ceremony.

Architects estimate that completion of the structure will take up to three years from the day the cornerstone is laid.

Underlining the great importance Mr. Sadat places on the project, he reportedly has expressed his wish to be buried there upon his death and has written this into his will. The grave will probably be near the mosque.

“There is one God,” Mr. Sadat explained in an interview with *People* magazine's Mira Avrech last October. “And there is one common mis-



Artist's Conception by Randall Cole

sion: the Ten Commandments, which God gave Moses on Mount Sinai. Sinai is part of my country and I am very proud of it. Those commandments are the basis for all three religions. That is why I shall build a temple for all three religions on Mount Sinai—one compound that includes a mosque, a church and a synagogue.”

What impact, if any, will this peace center have on the volatile situation in the Middle East? What is its significance at this critical juncture in history?

Mountain of Moses

Look for a moment at the amazing history of this special mountain.

Mount Sinai, also called Horeb, is known in Hebrew as *Har Sinai*. In Arabic as *Jebel Musa* (Mount of Moses). It is located in the rugged south central portion of the triangular Sinai Peninsula, lying between the two northern “horns” or arms of the Red Sea. The Sinai forms a land bridge between Egypt and Palestine.

Mount Sinai rises abruptly from the surrounding plain to a height of 7,497 feet (2,285 meters) above sea level.

The arid southern area of the Sinai Peninsula consists of rugged granite peaks, sharp ridges and deep rocky gorges. The region is difficult of access—appropriately symbolic of the arduous search for peace in today’s world.

Sinai is a very ancient name. Though some scholars have suggested that the word is derived from the Akkadian moon-god Sin, it is most likely that it comes from *seneh*, the Hebrew word for the well-known “burning bush” (Exodus 3). Literally, Sinai means *thorny*. The word *Horeb*—the other word for Mount Sinai—is derived from the Hebrew root *hrb*, indicating *dryness* or *drought*.

The exact location of the biblical Mount Sinai has presented a problem to some scholars. It is true, as noted by the eminent Israeli archaeologist Benjamin Mazar of Hebrew University, that the exact geographic location

was obscure already in the time of the Monarchy, some 500 years after the Exodus of the 15th century B.C.

Nevertheless, the imposing granite mass of *Jebel Musa* has long been accepted as the biblical Mount Sinai in the traditions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. And it is so considered today by most scholars.

Mount Sinai is first mentioned in the Bible when the God of Abraham revealed himself to Moses in the burning bush (Exodus 3). Scripture states that Moses “came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb” (verse 1).

Since the mountain was called the “mountain of God” even before God’s revelation to Moses there, it is possible that it was a place of worship even before Moses and the Israelites came to it. (Many ancient peoples considered mountains to be holy places.)

The first century Jewish historian Flavius Josephus lends support to this theory. He records that until the time that Moses drove his flocks to the mountain to graze, “it had not been before fed upon, because of the opinion men had that God dwelt there, the shepherds not daring to ascend up to it.”

Common Denominator

Before tracing the subsequent history of the mountain, it will be helpful to consider the interrelations between the three faiths that hold Mount Sinai to be sacred. An understanding of these ancient links will reveal clearly the reasoning behind President Sadat’s choice of Mount Sinai for his trifaith World Peace Center.

Judaism, Christianity and Islam all trace the ultimate beginnings of their faiths to the patriarch Abraham, who lived in the 20th and 19th centuries B.C.

Abraham was the physical progenitor of several ancient nations. From his son Isaac and grandson Jacob descended the twelve tribes of Israel. From one of these tribes, the tribe of Levi, came

Moses—the central figure in Judaism.

From another of these tribes, that of Judah, came Jesus—the central figure of Christianity.

Few in the West understand that Mohammed, the founder and prophet of the Islamic faith, was likewise a descendant of Abraham! From Ishmael, Abraham’s son by Hagar the Egyptian (Genesis 16:15), sprang twelve princes, the progenitors of the majority of the Arab peoples (Genesis 25:13-16). It was from Ishmael’s son Kedar (*Qaidar* in Arabic) that Mohammed’s family traces its descent.

Interestingly, Islamic tradition states that the Kaaba—the Islamic holy place in Mecca, Saudi Arabia—was built anciently by Abraham and Ishmael for the worship of the One God. But over the centuries, tradition has it, it had become a house of idol worship. During Mohammed’s time, the Kaaba was said to have contained 365 idols, one for each day of the year!

In the days of Mohammed, a handful of Arabs—including Mohammed himself—withdrew from idol worship. They longed for the faith of their father Abraham and tried to discover what had been its teaching. These individuals within the Arab community became known as *Hunafa*, meaning “those who turn away (from idolatry).”

Exemplary of these monotheists was the old man Zaid ibn Amr ibn Tufail, who sat in the courtyard of the Kaaba and was heard to pray, “O God, if I knew how you wished to be worshiped, I would so worship you; but I do not know.”

It was Mohammed who came forward with an answer. He declared that the religion of Abraham was the only true religion. That faith, Mohammed said, had been revealed through a succession of prophets through the ages—including Adam, Noah, Moses and Jesus—and lastly, he announced, through himself.

Mohammed succeeded in abol-

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WHAT AND WHY THE CHURCH?

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 series. The book will appear later in bookstores.

Chapter 7

Part Four

It is the function of the CHURCH—as the spiritual MOTHER of Christians in it—to develop holy, righteous and perfect Godly CHARACTER in those God has called—those God has added to the Church.

Remember, none CAN COME to Christ, except called and drawn by God the Father (John 6:44). Newly converted members are not brought to spiritual conversion by “salesmanship” of human evangelists—are not “talked into”

being “converted”—are not emotionally high pressured by high-powered evangelistic oratory or fervor—or by emotion-packed “altar calls” in evangelistic crusades to the moanful strains of a choir singing, “Just as I am, I come, I come.”

You cannot find that sort of MODERN “Old-Fashioned Gospel” crusading either taught or used to set us an example in the New Testament! Yet people today suppose falsely that is the way Christ intended—the way Jesus initiated.

Jesus DID NOT come on a “soul-saving crusade!” NEVER did He beg or plead with anyone to “give one’s heart to Him.” At Jacob’s well in Samaria Jesus spoke to a woman about the Holy Spirit in terms of “living water.”

The woman said to Jesus, “Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not.” Here was a direct request from an unconverted woman for

salvation and the gift of the Holy Spirit. BUT JESUS ONLY TOLD HER OF HER SINS—OF WHAT SHE HAD TO REPENT OF! He did NOT say, “Come to me, just as you are, in your sins.”

None CAN COME to Jesus except God the Father draws him! All have sinned. Sin is against GOD the Father. Sin must first be repented of—turned from! It is much more than remorse for guilt. It is a matter of being sufficiently SORRY to TURN FROM the sin, overcome the sin. This reconciles one to God on faith in Christ. It is GOD the Father who adds to the Church such as He calls to be saved (Acts 2:47). It is GOD who sets members in the Church (I Corinthians 12:18)—not the emotional oratory of the evangelist in the emotional altar call!

God sets individual members in His Church that His holy, righteous perfect CHARACTER may be developed in them. And WHY? To prepare them to become GOD BEINGS in the

KINGDOM (Family) OF GOD, to GOVERN and RULE the whole earth with the Government of God!

But HOW does the CHURCH as the spiritual MOTHER of its members DEVELOP THAT SPIRITUAL CHARACTER?

This brings us to the real PURPOSE of the Church. This brings us to an UNDERSTANDING of WHY one cannot be BORN AGAIN outside the CHURCH.

The Real Purpose of the Church

NOW MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL—what is the REAL PURPOSE for the Church. WHY did God have Christ raise it up?

The CHURCH is the spiritual MOTHER of human converts. They are the spiritual embryos and fetuses as yet UNBORN, although begotten by God's Holy Spirit—already children of GOD.

The CHURCH is God's spiritual ORGANISM, well organized, for feeding on spiritual food, training and developing in spiritual righteous CHARACTER the future GOD BEINGS—sons of God the Father!

For that training—that spiritual development of God's CHARACTER, God has given His Church a DUAL responsibility:

1) "Go ye into all the world" and proclaim the GOOD NEWS—announcement—of the coming Kingdom of God.

2) "Feed my sheep."

But in FEEDING the "sheep," developing in them God's spiritual CHARACTER, God has given them THEIR PART in supporting, backing up, the great commission, "Go ye into all the world."

This first and great commission was given to the apostles. To a lesser extent evangelists were used in carrying forth the message. Other leaders—ordained ministers—were stationary, yet even the local pastor of a church may hold evangelistic services in his area—not the "soul-saving crusade" type, but lectures ANNOUNCING and PROCLAIMING as a witness the coming KINGDOM OF GOD (the true Gospel)!

This ENTIRE GREAT COMMISSION—proclaiming the GOOD

NEWS of the coming Kingdom, and "feeding the sheep," is a COMBINED administration and function of the Church.

The individual lay member HAS HIS VITAL PART in proclaiming the GOOD NEWS (Gospel) to the world. How? Not by going out and himself proclaiming Christ's message to the neighborhood or to the world. That is done primarily by the apostles, to some extent by evangelists, and to even a lesser extent in local areas by local pastors. (The chief responsibility of local pastors is supervision of and preaching to the local church.)

But the ENTIRE CHURCH OPERATION is one WHOLE, organized into various operations and administrations (I Corinthians 12:5-6).

For example, what part does the individual local member have in taking the Gospel message to ALL THE WORLD? This is done primarily and directly by the APOSTLE. In this latter half of the 20th century it is done also by radio, television and in PRINT!

In the first century it was done by personal proclamation. Then WHAT PART did the individual lay member have in it?

MUCH! Without this larger body of lay members the apostle could do nothing!

Notice a scriptural example: Peter and John had been proclaiming the message at the Temple in Jerusalem. A miracle had been performed by Peter and a large crowd had gathered. As a result Peter and John were thrown in prison overnight, and severely threatened. Their lives were in danger. They were unnerved.

They went immediately upon release to the lay brethren (Acts 4:23). They needed the backing, support, encouragement of the brethren. They fervently PRAYED! Peter and John sorely NEEDED this loyalty, backing and the prayers of the lay members. THEY WERE ALL A TEAM TOGETHER!

Take a recent modern example.

The office of the attorney general of America's largest state—

California—had made a sudden, unexpected massive armed assault on the headquarters of the Worldwide Church of God at Pasadena, California. They claimed, in violation of the U.S. Constitution, that all church property and assets belonged to the State, and a court had secretly appointed a receiver to TAKE OVER, RUN AND OPERATE the Church of the living God!

But when the receiver was about to enter, with his staff and deputy sheriffs, the Hall of Administration and other headquarters buildings, some 5,000 lay members, with children and babies, crowded these buildings in extended and continuous prayer services. The doors were locked. The armed officials did not quite dare to break down the doors and disturb these massive and orderly prayer services. After two days they gave up. The receiver, an ex-judge of a non-Christian faith, resigned. The civil lawsuit went on "the back burner." And the OPERATION OF THE CHURCH CONTINUED!

The author, Christ's apostle, can say emphatically that the apostles, evangelists, pastors and elders could not carry on the Work of God without the loyal backing and continual encouragement of the lay members.

Neither can the individual lay member develop and build within him God's holy, righteous and perfect CHARACTER without the operations of the apostle, evangelists, pastors and elders. All these various members GOD HAS SET in His Church are interdependent—mutually dependent on one another. They form a TEAM—an ORGANIZED SPIRITUAL ORGANISM—utterly different from any secular and worldly organization!

How, more specifically, does this mutual dependency operate?

In general, the whole operation of the Church costs money in this late 20th-century world. Facilities and methods are available to the Church for performance of its commission that did not exist in the first-century world. Without the tithes and generous freewill offerings of lay members the

Church commission could not be performed in today's world.

Without the fervent and prevailing continual prayers of all members the Work could not be accomplished. Without the continual ENCOURAGEMENT of lay members and those over them locally those of us operating from headquarters could not bear up under the persecutions, oppositions, trials and frustrations.

Also in reverse, the lay members need just as urgently the encouragement, teaching, counseling and leadership from headquarters and local pastors.

An example of the former: I receive frequently large cards—often beautifully illustrated or decorated—signed by the hundreds of local members of churches, giving encouragement and assurances of loyalty, backing and support. Lay members scattered over the world simply cannot conceive fully how much encouragement and inspiration this gives the one Christ has chosen to lead this tremendous worldwide activity, God's CHURCH! The assurance of the earnest PRAYERS crying out to God continually from these thousands from all parts of the earth inspire the confidence of FAITH to persevere in the direction and oversight in this great Work!

Specifically, HOW is God's Church organized today—HOW does it operate in this modern late 20th century?

Christ's Gospel message—the Kingdom of God—goes out in dynamic POWER by radio worldwide, by television nationwide, and by the mass-circulation magazine, *The Plain Truth*. This unique magazine of more than two million copies monthly, in five languages, is full color, effectively and interestingly carrying Christ's Gospel. Then, sent free on request are millions of copies of attractive booklets and even full books. And now, to reach a class unreachable by other means, quality hard-cover books are appearing in bookstores. Recently a campaign of dynamic full-page messages are appearing as advertisements in leading newspapers,

The New York Times, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and other daily newspapers. Large space has been used in the *London Times*.

Then to encourage local church members and the ministry, a 14-to-20-page mimeographed *Pastor General's Report* is mailed from headquarters weekly to all ministers. Twice monthly a tabloid newspaper *The Worldwide News* goes out to all members. Monthly a handsome full-color magazine *The Good News* is sent to all lay members, ministers and near-member co-workers. And finally, Christ's apostle sends out month-

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This entire great commission—proclaiming the good news of the coming Kingdom and 'feeding the sheep'—is a combined administration and function of the Church.

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ly a mimeographed Co-Worker Letter to all members and co-workers reporting on progress in the Work, current activities and needs.

And we must not overlook a very important department, the Bible Correspondence Course, sent free on enrollment to lay members, and the public, giving monthly lessons in-depth of basic subjects covered by the Bible.

All this is a well-organized operation carrying out the PURPOSE of the Church, 1) proclaiming the coming Kingdom of God to the world, and 2) feeding the flock.

The author's personal travels to all parts of the world carrying

Christ's message personally before kings, emperors, presidents, prime ministers and leaders under them in numerous nations perhaps ought to be mentioned.

Thus GOD'S GREAT PURPOSE FOR HIS CHURCH IS BEING VIGOROUSLY CARRIED OUT THROUGH THE PRESENT “PHILADELPHIA ERA” OF THE CHURCH.

There is but ONE true Church. None other carries out the purposes and functions of the CHURCH of the living God.

The “loner”—the “individual Christian,” who wants to climb up into the Kingdom some other way than by CHRIST and HIS WAY through His CHURCH—is not being trained in CHRIST'S MANNER OF TRAINING, to rule and reign with Christ in His Kingdom!

“Individual Christians”— Ex-Members

Now what about the “private,” or “individual Christian,” who says, “I don't want to be a part of the Church—I want to seek my salvation direct and alone with Christ.”

The answer is this: God Himself laid out the plan and the method by which humans may be, after begetting, trained and prepared to become part of the Divine Personnel of born GOD BEINGS that shall form the KINGDOM OF GOD!

The Kingdom of God will be the GOD FAMILY—a superbly and highly trained and organized Family of GOD BEINGS, well ORGANIZED on GOD's pattern of mutual teamwork and cooperation to function perfectly together. They shall become the GOD FAMILY. Remember God IS that Divine FAMILY!

One who says: “I will live alone by myself in this world of Satan's—I will be NO PART of the FAMILY” is, therefore NOT trained and developed in spiritual character according to GOD's pattern. Such can never FIT IN as a PART of the FAMILY *then*, if not trained and developed with the Family, the CHURCH, *now*.

Take an analogy from Satan's world. A football player at Ohio

State says: "I want to play in all of the games, but I'll train *alone*. I don't want to be part of the TEAM until the games start." Would the coach let him be part of the team in the games, without having learned TEAMWORK during practice season? Neither will God let one INTO His Family at the resurrection who refused to be part of it now—in the CHURCH—in the spiritual "training season."

To those chosen to be apostles in the start of the CHURCH, Jesus said, speaking of the CHURCH:

"I am the vine, ye are the branches." Those not joined with others of the branches, all joined to the main vine, were NO PART OF THE CHURCH, and God the Father will cast them away as DEAD branches. The LIFE (spirit life impregnated now) is received along with all other "branches" from the main vine—Christ, the Head of the CHURCH!

What about one who has been IN Christ's "spiritual BODY"—the Church—and is PUT OUT for cause (causing division or rebellion or opposition to Church Government)? The CHURCH is like a human mother who is pregnant. If there is an abortion, the HUMAN LIFE departs totally from the fetus. There is, however, perhaps one difference in this analogy. A human who goes out, or is put out of God's Church, could, on repentance and renewed belief, be admitted back into the Body again.

What about the millions of members of other churches or religions?

Satan is the great counterfeit. Satan has his churches, his religions, and his ministers in those religions and churches (II Corinthians 11:13-15). What about the millions of people in traditional established "Christian" churches? In the book of Revelation, the TRUE Church is pictured in the 12th chapter as the persecuted "little flock," many martyred—put to death for their faith—having to FLEE for safety from persecution, torture and death. In chapter 17 is

pictured the big, politically and worldly powerful churches, headed by "mother" "Babylon the Great the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth" (verse 5). In other words, the ancient "Babylonian Mystery" religion, out of whom have gone daughter churches in protest. This politically great church was the persecutor of "the saints" (verse 6). This false church, politically great, sits astride a "beast" pictured in chapter 13 as a government ruling by power of "the dragon" who (Revelation 12:9) is Satan the devil.

This is shocking, but plainly revealed in God's Word!

What about those, in such churches, who profess being "born-again Christians"? They are DECEIVED! They may be ever so sincere. They do not know they are deceived and wrong in their beliefs. But they are not now being judged! They are neither "lost" nor "saved." They are among the WHOLE WORLD,

swayed by the deceptions of Satan, CUT OFF from God!

It must be repeated—they shall have their eyes opened to God's TRUTH if still living after Christ comes and Satan is removed—or, if dead before then, resurrected and called to truth and salvation in the Great White Throne Judgment resurrection (Revelation 20:11-12).

Again, the reader is urged to read the free booklet *Just What Do You Mean—Born Again?*

Yes, the whole world is DECEIVED. But praise GOD! Satan soon shall be removed from earth, eyes shall be opened to ASTONISHING TRUTH, and ultimately EVERYBODY who ever lived shall have been called to salvation and eternal life! But when called, each must make his own decision.

Meanwhile God's GLORIOUS PURPOSE must be worked out here below according to God's wonderful MASTER PLAN—a step at a time! □



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HOW HUSBANDS SHOULD LEAD THE FAMILY

by Roderick C. Meredith

Here is vital knowledge making plain a husband's responsibility in marriage. Every man on earth needs this understanding!

HER eyes flooded with tears, the woman before me began to shake and sob. Bending over with her face in her hands, she quietly moaned as she cried — finally catching herself, sitting upright and wiping her eyes. “I have always realized how empty my marriage was,” she blurted out. “But hearing you describe in your talk today what marriage ought to be like makes me realize that I’ve just got to do better in my marriage!”

“What is wrong?” I inquired, asking the question in several different ways.

“My husband just won’t talk to me,” she said again and again. “I am lonely and frustrated. I don’t even really know the man I married. I feel like I’m living with a stranger.”

And the reason for this tragic circumstance is that our modern society fails to teach the real purpose and meaning of marriage. Today a growing number of men and women simply do not realize who instituted marriage. *What* is its purpose. And what are the spiritual *laws* governing true marital happiness.

Because of this crying need *The Plain Truth* must speak out



to you husbands about your responsibility in marriage!

Man Needs a Help

At the very beginning of your Bible, God describes the purposes he had in mind—and responsibilities—in creating man and woman. If humanity today is ever going to find the answer to happy marriages, we had better be willing to accept instruction from the great God of creation—the author of marriage and the one who made us male and female!

Notice what the great God had in mind: “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth” (Genesis 1:26).

He also said: “Let them have dominion”—he intended that both the husband and the wife learn to exercise authority and responsibility over all of the creation under mankind.

Verse 27 continues: “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.” Here it is made plain. Both man and woman were created in the image of God. They both share through their minds the blessings, the opportunities, the joys—as well as the responsibilities—of acting for God on this earth and having dominion over the rest of the physical creation.

In Genesis 2:18, God reveals in detail why he created woman after creating the man: “And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.”

Man is not the great, all-conquering hero who stood alone against the sky. The fact was that *man needed a help!* He was not complete! And woman was created to fill that emotional, mental and physical void in his life.

This is something that all men should deeply appreciate.

A Wife Balances a Man

For man without woman is often like a train without an engine, an airplane without wings or a car without wheels.

Most men—there are rare exceptions—simply cannot be complete, cannot be fully happy and balanced—cannot function as they ought in the fulfillment of God’s purposes unless each has the help of a loving, dedicated wife.

This knowledge the world seems to be losing in its rush toward material acquisition, false values and sexual liberation.

The Bible says: “Likewise, ye

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husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered” (I Peter 3:7).

Most women realize that they are indeed “the weaker vessel.” They have no quarrel with this. They are glad to take their place in life at the side of a strong, balanced and loving husband and act as his help and support. But if a husband takes advantage of this, crushes his wife in his desire to exalt himself and prove something to himself or somebody—it is no wonder that her love, respect and trust quickly fades. Only hate and misunderstanding result. (It was out of this kind of tragedy that the women’s liberation movement was born.) Indeed the prayers of that household are greatly hindered if there ever were such prayers.

The wife was created as a help. She was created as the weaker ves-

sel, by reason of childbearing—yet to assist and inspire her husband.

But how does a wife help and assist an egotist who is so intent on exalting himself, proving to himself that he is great and powerful and acting like a little dictator that he makes life miserable for all others around him? Or, how does a wife help and assist a lazy, spineless drunk who refuses to support his wife and family, refuses to earn a proper living and comes in night after night in a stupor—evil tempered and slapping and beating his wife and children? Think this problem through, men.

An Inspired Example of Marriage

Throughout the inspired Word of God, the relationship between husbands and wives is shown to be the very type of the relationship between Jesus Christ and the Church. This is particularly emphasized in the fifth chapter of Ephesians. Notice!

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it” (verse 25).

“Love your wives”? But what is “love”?

Real love is deep affection, admiration, respect, a feeling of closeness and an outgoing concern for the one loved.

Jesus Christ had an outgoing concern for the Church and so he gave himself for it.

When a woman decides to marry a man, she should have such a strong affection, admiration and outgoing concern for the man she is to marry that she is willing to forsake all others, give up the freedom of singleness, and give herself to this man to be his sweetheart, his help and inspiration, be his nurse and comforter when he is downcast or sick, the mother of his children—and who knows how many other things?

But what are the man’s responsibilities toward his wife in the sight of the God of the Bible?

I’m going to set forth *five areas* of a decent man’s responsibilities toward his wife. If a man is so weak that he cannot wholeheartedly embrace these basic responsibilities, then he is not

man enough to marry! If he is already married, he had better—for his own sake, for his wife's sake, for his children and grandchildren's sake and for the sake of his eternal life—study and pray that he will be able to inculcate the teachings of Jesus Christ and character of God sufficiently to carry out—for the most part at least—these five basic responsibilities in marriage!

Love and Respect

Certainly a man ought not to marry a woman unless he really and truly loves her. Yet, sorrowfully, we must acknowledge that millions of men have never learned the meaning of the word *love*. Because of cheap novels, cheap movies and wrong examples, they have all too often learned to confuse love with lust. They seem to think that a base, animal sexual desire to get satisfaction from another person of the opposite sex constitutes love. Nothing could be further from the truth!

For true love involves a giving, a sharing of plans, hopes and dreams between two people who want to build an entire life together until death does them part. If they are not able to talk things over, smile into each other's eyes, share little joys and intimacies and stick together when the big trials come—their love is lost indeed.

The apostle Paul commanded: "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them" (Colossians 3:19). Some husbands do allow themselves quickly to become bitter because their wives do not measure up to an angelic idol of perfection envisioned in their own human imaginations.

But a wife was never intended to be an idol. She was never designed to be flawless in this life any more than her husband was. She was not intended to be a *perfect* housekeeper, mother, companion and also a Hollywood sex goddess all wrapped up in one individual.

She was designed and created, however, by the Maker of us all, to be a sweetheart, help and inspiration to a man who would share him-

self with her, go over his plans, hopes and dreams with her, give her encouragement and guidance and lead—not drive—their home in an attitude of confidence and love.

Quoting Genesis, Jesus Christ said: "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh" (Matthew 19:5). In marriage, a man needs to realize that this cleaving is more than a mere physical relationship. It is an active and progressive growing together, a family relationship. A husband needs to concentrate on appreciating and encouraging his wife's happiness, beauty and personality. He needs to think of her and cherish

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her—not ever letting his thoughts dwell upon other women in the same way, or allowing his thoughts to dwell upon the negative aspects of his own wife anywhere near so much as upon her positive virtues, love and beauty.

So many scores of women have cried out in despair: "My husband just won't talk to me! That is why we are not close—he just doesn't share anything with me. He just sits glumly at the table at mealtime or reading a paper or watching TV at night!"

Loving Is Sharing

Loving means sharing. Every husband worthy of the name ought to cultivate the habit of talking over his plans and hopes with his wife, sharing with her many of his innermost thoughts and desires—not just the negative ones! He should make her feel deeply a part of him. This very attitude and approach means more to a

woman than most men can even realize.

A man needs to treat his wife as a sweetheart. He needs to cultivate and build an atmosphere of love, romance and intimacy in their home—kissing his wife when he returns from work, holding her hand as they are taking walks and embracing her often throughout the day with free and lavish affection.

True love certainly involves deep and abiding respect. A man ought to be grateful and thankful that the woman who is his wife has decided to leave her own estate and cleave to him above all others till death. He ought to appreciate that fact—and the many, many good qualities of help, patience and service that practically every wife possesses. He ought to encourage and bring out the best in her—not constantly harp and carp away at her in belittling criticism, which only causes her, in most cases, to respond in kind.

A man ought to respect the fact that his wife is an adult human being made in the image of God. He needs to realize that some day—according to God's plan—she can become a glorified spirit being ruling with Christ over this earth, even managing angels! (I Corinthians 6:3).

Support and Encouragement

A man, secondly, was intended by God not only to be the head of the house but to be the provider as well.

God says: "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (I Timothy 5:8).

Man is his happiest when he is building, increasing and providing. He will never have real peace of mind or abiding happiness unless he learns to fulfill this part in life. His brain, body and desires all cry out for fulfillment in an occupation to support himself and his family.

But a really dedicated man will certainly go far beyond just basic support for his wife and children. He will want to provide a proper

home for them—within his means and abilities.

However, merely giving physical support to a wife is not enough to fulfill her needs or the needs of her husband. For every man needs to learn to be encouraging and uplifting to his wife, his children and those around him. A wife certainly needs this moral support many times at the end of a hard day. A real man should not expect his wife always to encourage and support him. Rather, he should be ready, able and desirous of encouraging and uplifting her when she has her down moments as well!

This type of mutual help and support automatically increases the deep love and respect that a married couple will have for one another. If the partner is there with a kind word, a gentle pat on the shoulder, an encouraging embrace, a look of compassion—this can mean more than any number of physical luxuries.

Leadership and Guidance

A third area of responsibility—and opportunity—for husbands is that of leadership and guidance. For God made the woman to physically and emotionally lean on the man as her head and leader. Unless a woman has by example or training developed a “liberated” approach to life, she naturally enjoys being led and even dominated by a man who respects, appreciates and loves her.

Always remember there is a major difference between dominate and domineer. A man must learn to lead his wife by exercising all faculties of wisdom, strength and personality. He must, most of all, set an *example* for his wife and children to follow if he expects them to gladly follow him.

This automatic leadership opportunity is a part of a program the great God had in mind when he instituted the family relationship.

In leading the family, a man should talk goals and plans over with his wife continually. He should give her definite guide-

lines—letting her know in love and in fairness what he expects of her and how far her responsibility for certain decisions affecting the home, the items of food and clothing, etc., extend. Then she will know where she stands—and will be able to cooperate and implement her husband’s decisions and wishes. All these should have been discussed before marriage, while dating.

The couple should counsel together—often with arms around each other—about their future—their plans, hopes and dreams. Husbands should ask God for wisdom and vision and should plan ahead as to the type of home and life that is their goal, the future education and well-being of the children, and the type of friends the family should cultivate, the type of movies they should see, the books they should read, television programs they should watch and their ultimate goal—hopefully the Kingdom of God!

A husband and father who will do this not only proves himself more of a man—he actually increases his manhood, his wisdom and his abilities to lead by this very process of being the right kind of husband!

Help and Protection

Returning to Ephesians 5, remember that Christ gave himself for the Church—“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself” (verses 26-28).

Every right-minded man certainly desires to cherish and protect his wife. She is his sweetheart, his companion, the mother of his children. He ought to realize that she is part of him! “For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church” (verse 29).

Realizing that his wife is part

of him, a man certainly ought to have a solicitous and protective feeling toward his wife and sweetheart. Even beyond this, though, he should constantly be thinking of helping her as the weaker vessel so that she does not strain or overdo and so that her grace and beauty may be preserved throughout all of their married life. A real man will notice when his wife is overworking and lighten her burdens whenever possible. He will leap to action to lift heavy things for her, help her when she is sick, and protectively and lovingly watch over her in many such ways.

Of course, a man should not do this because he is made to do it or henpecked into doing it! And no right-minded wife would knowingly do this. However, even if a wife sometimes demands too much of her husband, he can still dominate without domineering and make sure that he is taking the lead in things—still helping her out at his direction in sincere love and concern.

The woman has her responsibilities, her particular duties in the household and she should gladly do them. But, help from her husband comes in as an act of love—given freely and fully when she is sick, downcast or is suddenly faced with an object too heavy to lift, a job too difficult for her to accomplish without the stronger partner of the marriage giving of his help and strength in love to his wife and sweetheart.

If you husbands will learn this lesson your wives will repay you in a thousand ways over the years to come if you learn to give this help when it is needed—and give it freely and in kindness.

Inspiration to Grow

Probably this fifth area of a husband’s responsibility is the least understood and least practiced by most husbands today. That is simply because we are living in a world that certainly is—all too often—afflicted by the wrong type of feminine leadership and assertiveness. Also, it is because some men have relinquished their

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Now They Want to DE-SEX THE BIBLE

by Clayton Steep

The push to eliminate all sexual distinctions in society is now challenging God and the Bible.

SUPPOSE YOU were to open your Bible tomorrow and read: "Our Householder; Which art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy rulership come . . ."

What would you think?

Yet this is how what is commonly—and erroneously—called the "Lord's Prayer" would begin if an increasingly vocal movement were to have its way. Or how about beginning with "Our Sustainer," "Our Person," "Our Parent," or "Our Mother/Father, which art in heaven"? Actually, even the term "Lord's Prayer" would have to be changed to "Ruler's Prayer" or "Governor's Prayer" or something similar, since the word *Lord* is masculine and



The words "Lord" and "Father," "King" and "Master" would also have to go. "God of our fathers" or "God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" would be replaced with "God of our ancestors." "Man" would become "people" and "brethren" would be "brothers and sisters." Jesus would no longer be the "Son of God"; he would be the "Offspring of God," now "seated at the right hand of the Mother/Father."

The ultimate goal expressed by some feminists is to rid the Bible—and therefore Judaism and Christianity—entirely of what they claim are sexist terms. They insist that religion based upon the Scriptures

therefore—we are told—sexist.

But this would be only the beginning!

as they stand now is male oriented and designed to perpetuate male dominance.

Illustration by Monte Wolverton

Their objections begin with the Genesis account of Eve falling to Satan's temptation and then tempting Adam to sin. The many kings and prophets, the most prominent characters and personalities in the Old Testament—they were all men! Oh, there were exceptions like Sarah, Esther, Ruth. But even they, so it is proposed, were for the most part made to play an inferior role. And what benefit their stories have is nullified, they say, by calling attention to Delilah and Jezebel. Or Solomon being led astray by his thousand women.

Many feminists aren't happy about the New Testament either. While Jesus' mother Mary does play an important part, she actually reinforces, as they see it, the tendency of the Bible to only portray women favorably in a female role—as virgins, widows or wives. (What many are really saying is that they want the Bible to acknowledge and justify the existence of another category of women: those who are free to be sexually active outside the bonds of marriage!)

And then there is the apostle Paul. Commanding women to submit to their husbands, forbidding women to speak in church—well that is regarded as absolute male chauvinism!

All in all, Judaism and Christianity are considered to be patriarchal religions. As one woman minister expressed it, liberated women “see religion as the thing that makes people more sexist than anything else.”

Some women reformers insist that established religions, as well as the Bible, are hopeless and not worth reworking. A lady professor of religion suggested adopting some form of polytheism. “A lot of people like myself are saying that monotheism itself is one of the perspectives that we might have to get beyond—to a more polytheistic, more pagan theology.” She explained that she prefers to work with myth and the insights

of psychology rather than from a position of faith in the Judeo-Christian tradition.

More specific on the concept of polytheism was a female voice shouting from the audience of a religious discussion sponsored by the National Organization for Women: “Two Gods—one for him and one for her!” (Female deities were prominent in ancient religions, and are so even today in some parts of the world.)

Less radical feminists feel that traditional religion and the Bible should not be rejected. But the words used should be changed, leaving out all, or many (depending on whose view you hear) “sexist” expressions.

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are in question, such as whole biblical verses and narratives that seem to perpetuate the traditional male role, suggestions run from leaving out the offending portions of Scripture to “reinterpreting” them. An example of reinterpretation was given by a woman minister at Harvard Divinity School: “Eve’s eating of the apple [it wasn’t an apple] in the Garden of Eden was the first free act of the human race,” she explained. Rather than to continue seeing Eve as a culprit in some evil act, “we ought to celebrate Eve. She began the process of freedom.”

Freedom?

Freedom from what?

Why, freedom from the true God and his rule, of course! Freedom to rebel. Freedom to sin. But that is not freedom. It is license.

Let’s understand!

Central to the whole foolish

discussion is the very nature of God.

“God has become regarded as masculine, but I think this is going to change,” stated a recently ordained female Episcopal priest. “In a sense it is idolatry to say God is male,” said a woman theology professor at Yale Divinity School.

God, according to some, is not male, nor female. “He” is both. Others assert that he is neither. However, on this they agree: the concept of a male Father-God must go; for, they claim, it serves as the foundation of oppressive, “patriarchal” religion.

Unfortunately, some of the complaints of the feminists concerning established religions of the world are right! Religion has been used down through the centuries to oppress women, just as it has been used to oppress other segments of human society. Women have often been relegated to the status of sex object/baby machine/house slave—all based on religious doctrine. Women have been denied some of their rights because of various interpretations of the Bible and ideas about God.

But these have been *wrong* interpretations, erroneous ideas! The Bible is not antiwoman. Nor is the God of the Bible, nor the true religion of the Bible. What needs changing are the false concepts and doctrines that human beings have invented by misapplying and misinterpreting the Scriptures.

When the Bible is correctly understood it protects the rights of both men and women. The laws of God as recorded in the Scriptures are for everyone’s good. What is wrong with “Honor thy father and thy mother . . .”? God’s law was set into motion by the one who created us all—created us male and female.

Is God Masculine?

“The Bible is clear on one thing,” insisted a woman professor of biblical studies, “God is not masculine, not feminine.”

One cannot help but wonder which Bible she is reading.

All through the Bible God reveals himself as "he." Both the Hebrew of the Old Testament and the Greek language of the New Testament had an alternative to the masculine gender. The female gender could have been used. Or in some cases even the neuter gender could have been used. But the masculine is used instead.

Jesus called God his "Father" (John 17:1). He himself was the *Son* of God (Matthew 1:20-23). As a human infant Jesus was circumcised according to the law of Moses (Luke 2:21-23), leaving no doubt that he was a male.

What does God the Father look like? Jesus said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). Jesus looked like the average Hebrew male of his day. He could walk through a crowd without being singularly recognized (Luke 4:30). (And no, he did not have long hair—I Corinthians 11:14!)

The Father begot Jesus physically and spiritually. Spiritually he also begets all true Christians (James 1:18). In so doing, he becomes their Father (Matthew 6:9). In fact, if a person is not begotten by God and if a person does not grow as a fetus until he is finally born at the resurrection, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God (John 3:3-8). The movement to demasculinize God strikes at the very heart of the process by which God is working out his Master Plan of salvation! God is engendering his own Family to rule with him throughout eternity.

(At this point, if you have not yet read our free booklet *Just What Do You Mean—Born Again?*, request your free copy. It bears directly on the issue we are discussing.)

Let us also remember that YHWH—the LORD—was a "husband" to the nation of Israel (Jeremiah 31:32). In Ephesians 5 the apostle Paul wrote at length about husband-wife relationships and

concluded, "This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church" (verse 32).

Let's face it. If God were revealed as female, today there would be men's libbers claiming otherwise. Even God cannot satisfy some people. God is what God is—Elohim—a spiritual Family so far composed of but two persons: the Father and the Son.

"La Différence"

The fact that God is called Father in no way gives men the right to be unfair to women. After all, the "feminine" traits and emotions that a woman has come from God as surely as a man's masculine traits do. Did you ever notice that God's concern for his people is compared in Matthew 23:37 to that of a mother hen gathering her chickens? God's wisdom is pictured as a woman (Proverbs 8-9). And in Deuteronomy 32:18, God complains to Israel, "You were unmindful of the Rock that

begot you, and you forgot the God who gave you birth" (Deuteronomy 32:18, RSV).

God understands the female emotions and desires. He understands what she experiences to a degree no human male can. That's because he designed the female. He gave her certain strengths and certain characteristics that perfectly complement the nature he put in the male.

God made the differences in the sexes for a reason. He wants the differences to *remain* distinct. In bodily shape, in appearance, in clothing styles, in reactions and personality—the differences should be emphasized, not covered over by unisex.

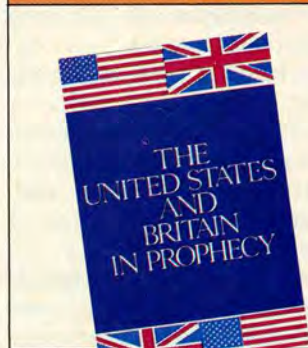
The French have long said: "Vive la différence!" And most people have agreed. However if the current trend were ever to succeed — it won't — it would have us all blended into one insipid, lukewarm, gray, unisex mass. □



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WHO SAYS TIME IS CLOSING IN ON YOU?

by Keith W. Stump

None of us seems to find enough time to accomplish all we would like to in this life. Do unrealized potentials die with us? Or are there future opportunities—somewhere beyond death? The answer may surprise you!

When Albert Einstein died in April, 1955, at the age of 76, a heated race came to an abrupt end.

Einstein lost.

In his later years, the famed physicist worked feverishly to synthesize a revolutionary new theory.

"I cannot tear myself away from my work," Einstein wrote. "It has me inexorably in its clutches."

It was a race against time—and time won.

A photograph of Einstein's study in Princeton, New Jersey, taken shortly after his death, shows a blackboard full of equations, a desk overstrewn with reams of paper—and an empty chair. The unfinished business is all too apparent.

"It seemed that the difference between life and death for Einstein consisted only in the difference between being able and not being able to do physics," a fellow physicist had once written.

Will Einstein ever again have the opportunity to "do physics"?

Time and tide wait for no man, observes an English proverb. For

most, time moves too quickly. We simply cannot find enough time to accomplish all that we would like to accomplish in our lives. As we grow older, time seems to fly by at an even faster rate.

Then, inevitably, comes the "end." Authors die leaving uncompleted books; composers die leaving unfinished symphonies; scientists die leaving uncompleted experiments; businessmen die leaving half-built corporations; parents die leaving growing children or grandchildren.

It happens every day.

The Grim Reaper

We are all familiar with the proverbial story of the skull-faced, scythe-wielding "Grim Reaper"—the personification of death. His human victim invariably tries to argue the Reaper out of taking his life, but to no avail.

"But I have a wife and children," the doomed man pleads. Or, "But things are finally beginning to go right for me; I can't die now!" Or, "I'm right in the middle of an important project; I need more time!"

Such are often the thoughts that arise as one faces the prospect of death. Even those who

claim to desire death as relief from painful physical afflictions or because they "have nothing to live for" are in many cases really saying that they would like to be healed or to find something to live for.

Turning Back the Clock

For the vast majority of people, the mind rebels against the thought of death. Death is seen as an enemy. Indeed, the Bible labels it as such (I Corinthians 15:26).

Man's refusal to accept his own mortality is clearly in evidence today in so many ways.

As the years pass by, many people begin to experience a "crisis of body image." Increasing numbers are turning to plastic or cosmetic surgery in an attempt to recapture at least the appearance of lost youth.

In search of a more substantial remedy, researchers are hard at work discovering ways to actually extend the human lifespan. Innumerable diets, exercise plans, vitamin and drug therapies and other approaches have been devised, reputed to be effective in rejuvenating not-so-youthful bodies.

It is certainly true that food

does make a difference, that exercise is beneficial, that some drugs are effective in prolonging youth. One can take steps to live longer.

But stay young *forever*?

No.

Eventually, the physical body will simply wear out, as do all things physical. This can be postponed, but not prevented. It is inevitable. And whether death finally comes at 80 or 100 or 120, it still comes "too soon" for most.

Some few people have even gone to the length of having their bodies frozen and stored at the time of death, hoping to be reanimated and rejuvenated at some future time when advances in scientific knowledge make such a feat possible. Though most scientists remain highly dubious about the prospects for success, the very fact that bodies are being frozen shows just how desperate some are to hang onto physical life.

What Next?

In the absence of the discovery of some sort of elixir-of-life or fountain-of-youth drug in your lifetime, there is no alternative but to view death as inevitable.

"It is appointed unto men once to die," the Bible declares (Hebrews 9:27).

So what, many ask, of uncompleted plans? Unfulfilled ambitions? Unrealized dreams? Will they simply die with us, never to be accomplished? Or are there future opportunities—somewhere beyond death?

Some would have us believe there is nothing after death, that this physical life is all there is. Others claim that one's "immortal soul" will spend eternity either in "heaven" or in "hell," depending on one's conduct in life. (Write for our free booklet *Is There a Real Hell Fire?* for an in-depth look at this question.)

Mankind has pondered these ideas for centuries. Few, if any, have failed to ask themselves, "What next?"

The answer to this burning

question is that there is a future beyond death—and what a profound and awe-inspiring future it is!

What God has in store for mankind—as shall be amply demonstrated—is an eternity of absorbing and creative productive activity! He offers us unlimited opportunities—as his immortalized sons and daughters—to realize our many unrealized potentials, to embark on adventures in learning and accomplishing that we may never have dreamed of during our physical lifetimes!

Not Just for a Few!

Before examining this great destiny in greater detail, it is important at this juncture to clear up a widely misunderstood point.

We are not here describing a future destined for an exclusive few. Rather, it will be the destiny of the overwhelming majority of all people who now live or have ever lived!

Understand this: The vast majority who have ever lived have never heard the name of Jesus Christ—the only name whereby we can be saved (Acts 4:12)! What kind of God would *condemn* these countless billions of Hindus, Buddhists, Confucianists and others for no fault of their own?

Moreover, the vast majority of people who have heard the name of Jesus Christ have been deceived into believing a false Christ and a false gospel (II Corinthians 11:4). Satan and his ministers, masquerading knowingly or unknowingly as ministers of righteousness (II Corinthians 11:14-15) have blinded and deceived these people. Would a fair and just God hold them accountable for not acting on vital knowledge they never received? By no means!

The simple fact is that the vast majority of people in the world today are neither "lost" nor "saved"! Likewise, the vast majority of those who have ever lived since the time of Adam are neither lost nor saved!

Don't be misled. God is not locked in some sort of spiritual combat with Satan for "souls." If that were the case, Satan would clearly be winning! Is Satan more powerful than God?

Satan can do only what God, for a time, *allows*. And Satan's time is about up! God is working out a great purpose on earth—and *no power* can prevent it from being accomplished!

Where Are the Dead?

If the vast majority of all people who live today or who have ever lived are neither "lost" nor "saved," where are they now? And, for that matter, where are those true Christians who have died throughout history?

The answer is simple: they are *all in their graves!*

Notice: "The dead know not any thing," the Bible clearly teaches (Ecclesiastes 9:5). And again: "His [man's] breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish" (Psalm 146:4).

Those who have died over the centuries and millennia of history—including many of your relatives and loved ones, whether true Christians or not—are all "asleep" in the grave, "on hold" as it were, awaiting future disposition.

The Bible use of the word *soul* (in Hebrew, *nephesh*; in Greek *psuche*) designates one's physical life. The soul is mortal, not immortal. It can die (Ezekiel 18:4, 20). The journalist who declared that "1500 souls perished in the sinking of the Titanic" was using the word correctly.

Understanding that the soul is mortal makes it easy to comprehend Jesus' statement in John 3:13: "No man hath ascended up to heaven. . . ." Jesus also told his own apostles that "whither [where] I go, ye cannot come" (John 13:33). If the apostles were not to go to heaven, how could we expect to?

So what, then, will become of these billions of dead who today

lie unconscious beneath the earth?

Three Resurrections

Since man does not have an immortal soul that continues living after death, the only hope for a personal future is a resurrection—a rising from the dead!

The Bible teaches the resurrection, not the immortality, of the soul! The resurrection is our only hope of inheriting eternal life.

Actually, the Bible speaks of three resurrections from the dead. Every person who has ever lived will be in at least one of them!

The apostle Paul describes the first resurrection in I Thessalonians 4:16-17:

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ [true Christians who have died throughout history] shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain [true Christians still living] shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

At the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, the righteous will be resurrected to immortal spirit life by the power of the Spirit of God. They will rule with Christ during his thousand-year reign on earth. They will be changed from mortal to immortal—“born again,” to use the biblical terminology. (Write for our free booklet, *Just What Do You Mean—Born Again?* for an explanation of this much-misused phrase.)

These resurrected saints shall be Spirit as God is Spirit, immortal as he is immortal, divine as he is divine! They will be born into his Family as his very sons and daughters!

This first resurrection is also described in I Corinthians 15:51-54.

The Rest of the Dead

Now, what of those billions of dead who were cut off from con-

tact with God during their lifetimes, who lived and died in ignorance of God’s revealed truth?

They will remain in their graves until after the thousand-year reign of Christ and the saints on earth. They will then be resurrected back to physical life in the second resurrection (Revelation 20:7, 11-12). They will then be given their first real chance for salvation, an opportunity to qualify for eventual change to immortality.

Few understand this vital truth! The vast majority of mankind has never even had a chance for salvation!

Anciently, the prophet Ezekiel was permitted by God to see in vision this great second resurrection. God showed Ezekiel a valley full of dried bones:

“And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou [alone] knowest” (Ezekiel 37:3).

God then declared: “Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: and I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live . . .” (verses 5 and 6).

Ezekiel then witnessed—across three-and-a-half millennia into the future—a portion of this great worldwide resurrection to physical life. “. . . and the breath came into them,” he records, “and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army” (verse 10).

The Second Death

Finally, what of those who steadfastly refuse to follow God’s way, those who are given a chance now, in this life, to qualify for immortality but turn it down?

These will have a part in the third resurrection, a resurrection to physical life, at which time they will be mercifully destroyed—put out of their misery forever. They will be consumed in their entirety in a lake of fire (Revelation 20:13-15), becoming

ashes under the feet of the righteous (Malachi 4:3). How much more merciful than the concept of eternal torture in “hell”! “The wages of sin is death” says your Bible in Romans 6:23—not everlasting suffering in hellfire!

This is the “second death” (Revelation 20:14) from which there is no resurrection. The second death is final. God is not willing that any perish, but he will not force salvation on anyone!

“...there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust,” the apostle Paul declared (Acts 24:15). A resurrection is the *only* hope for mankind!

For an in-depth biblical examination of this vital subject, request our reprint series, “The Three Resurrections.”

How Can You Be SURE?

The Bible reveals a great future for the immortal, born-again sons and daughters of God. But how can you know that what the Bible says is really true, that we will live again?

Hanging in the Tate Gallery in London is a touching painting by a mid-nineteenth-century artist. It shows a young woman standing deep in thought by the grave of a dead loved one. The painting bears the title, *The Doubt: Can These Dry Bones Live?* This question has occupied the thoughts of mankind for millennia.

On a stone gravemarker near the woman’s feet lies a sprouting chestnut, symbolic of life—possibly the artist’s veiled answer to the question posed by the painting’s title. On the gravemarker is carved a simple but confident inscription: *Resurgam*—“I shall rise again!”

A powerful statement, that! But how can you be sure? Is there any way you can be sure?

Anciently, God’s servant Job asked, “If a man die, shall he live again?” (Job 14:14). Job knew the answer: “all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change [to immortality] come.

Thou [God] shalt call, and I will answer thee . . ." (verses 14-15).

Job knew there would come a time when God would call him from the grave and give him eternal life. "For I know that my redeemer liveth," Job declared, "and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet [apart from] my flesh shall I see God" (Job 19:25-26).

Why was Job so confident? Read it again: "*For I know that my redeemer liveth. . .*"!

Christ's Resurrection—a Type

We can know that there will be a resurrection to immortality by the very fact that, in one case, it has already happened. And the very one resurrected—Jesus Christ—will be the means to our resurrection.

Christ's resurrection after three days and three nights in the grave was a type or forerunner of the resurrection God promises to all who obey him. The apostle Paul was inspired to write:

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken [enliven] your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Romans 8:11).

Jesus Christ guarantees it! Notice what he says in John 11:25: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

Jesus was the "firstborn among many brethren" (Romans 8:29), the "firstborn from the dead" (Colossians 1:18), the "firstfruits of them that slept" (I Corinthians 15:20). These verses obviously imply that others are destined to follow him.

Christ's Resurrection— Fact, Not Fiction!

One final, but supremely important point remains.

Some disbelieving critics have alleged that Jesus' resurrection is mere fable and fabrication, with

no basis in fact. This is a serious allegation.

Notice in I Corinthians 15:17-18 that everything hinges on the reality of Jesus' resurrection: "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain [meaningless or empty]; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished."

If Jesus did not rise from the dead, we are without hope! But Jesus did rise from the grave! The crucifixion of Jesus was not behind closed doors. His death was witnessed by hundreds. It is

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mentioned not only in the scriptural accounts, but in secular records as well.

Likewise, Jesus' resurrection is attested to by many hundreds of eyewitnesses who saw him after he was raised. Some even ate and drank with him and conversed with him at length!

The apostle Paul states: "... God raised him from the dead: and he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his *witnesses* unto the people" (Acts 13:30-31).

In I Corinthians 15:4-8, Paul elaborates: "And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: and that he was seen of Cephas [Peter], then of the

twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present. . . . After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also. . . ."

As Luke summarizes in Acts 1:3: "To [the apostles] also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God."

Men do not become martyrs to what they know to be false! The belief of the early Christian Church was absolute, based on personal testimony or eyewitness testimony.

Jesus did rise from the dead! The fact of his resurrection is as firmly established as the assassination of Julius Caesar! And he, Christ, likewise, "shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body . . ." (Philippians 3:21).

This is our destiny, if we choose to accept it!

New Horizons

As resurrected, glorified, immortalized saints—born into God's Family as his divine children—we will "inherit all things" (Revelation 21:7) and "shall reign [rule or govern] for ever and ever" (Revelation 22:5).

We shall inherit the vastness of the entire universe! It will be ours to work with through eternity. The words of Hebrews 2:8 will at last come to pass: "Thou hast put all things in subjection under his [man's] feet. . . ."

There will be new worlds to build, new horizons to conquer, an entire universe to mold and shape! And to accomplish it we will be granted undreamed-of powers and abilities, unhampered by the physical limitations of time and space. Nothing will be beyond our potential!

This is the fantastic future that is offered us. What will you do about it? □

Uncovering the **CITY OF DAVID**

by Richard Paige

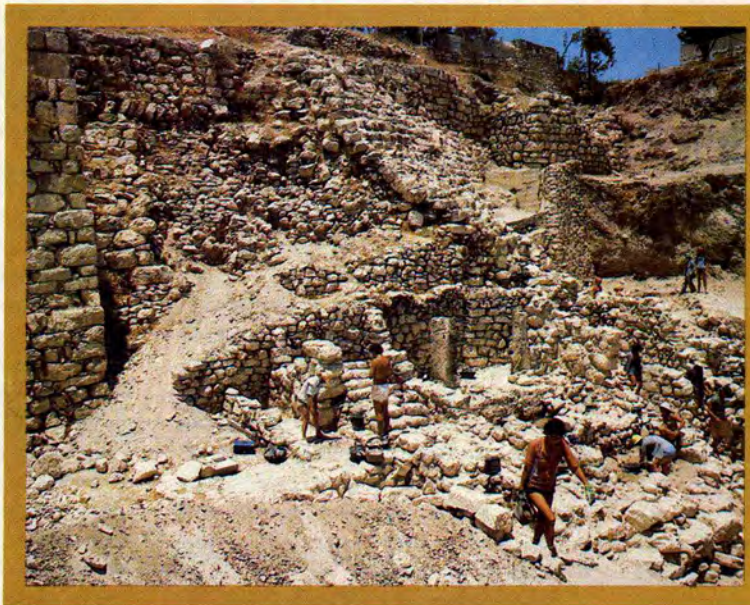
Major new discoveries highlight third season of excavations
in the City of David, Jerusalem.

SOUTH of Jerusalem's Temple Mount, near the Gihon spring, lies the biblically famous City of David. Here, astounding discoveries are being revealed each new season.

More than 250 volunteers from Israel and from abroad—including students from Ambassador College, Pasadena, California—have helped uncover hitherto unknown evidence of the city in the time of David and his son Solomon. Dr. Yigal Shiloh, of the Institute of Archaeology at Hebrew University, directs the work.

The Surprising 1980 Season

This past year especially surprising discoveries occurred, in the



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LATEST excavations reveal house foundations from First Temple period at base of most monumental construction uncovered in any biblical city.

northernmost area of the City of David approximately 2300 feet from the Temple Mount. Evidence is now accumulating that will reverse some long accepted basic assumptions in the research of Jerusalem. For example,

between 1923 and 1925 the archaeologists MacAlister and Duncan excavated in this area. They uncovered parts of the city's fortification system, made up of a wall, towers and a stepped stone "glacis." This complex of fortifications was at first attributed to the time of the Israelite monarchy.

Dame Kathleen Kenyon, who excavated in the City of David from 1961 to 1967, reexamined this complex. She came to completely different conclusions. She fixed the date of most of the elements in this fortification system to the Second Temple Period—not earlier than the time of Nehemiah. This season's excavation uncovered more of the stepped-stone glacis, whose date according to Miss Kenyon belonged to the Hellenistic period. It's an impressive monument in its dimensions and in the size of its stones. The

glacis now rises up above the base of the excavated level to a height of approximately fifty feet! Two new facts have become apparent. On the lower portion of this glacis are built a group of houses—rich in finds—belonging to the First Temple Period! The glacis itself was built upon remains of the Canaanite city of the 14th to 13th centuries B.C. The 1980 season uncovered support walls and massive fills of stone of this pre-Davidic period. Therefore the monumental stepped glacis is properly to be attributed to the period of the United Monarchy at the latest. Kathleen Kenyon was mistaken in dating of the glacis in the light of these new findings. This discovery is the most impressive construction project in ancient Jerusalem thus far discovered from the time of David and Solomon. Until this day, no monumental construction such as this has been uncovered in any other biblical city! It is important to emphasize that this building was found inside the city, at the top of the eastern slope, in an area very close to the Temple Mount area. The main fortification line of the city is to be found approximately 100 feet lower down on the eastern slope.

North of this impressive building an additional important building is being carefully uncovered. It is built of ashlar masonry. The building points to the importance of this area in the City of David.

Another important subject investigated this season was "Warren's Shaft." It is part of an underground water system. This system is composed of a wide tunnel, hewn in the bedrock, connecting the inner city with a vertical shaft descending more than forty feet to the Gihon spring and Hezekiah's tunnel. This water system is named after Charles Warren who discovered it about 115 years ago. It had been blocked completely since the work of the scholar Parker there in 1909.

This past season a group of mountain climbers headed by Elia Kantrovitz of Jerusalem scaled the famous vertical shaft

from below. With the help of two mining engineers from South Africa the horizontal tunnel was penetrated. Clearing of the entire system has begun. Today it is again possible to descend to Hezekiah's tunnel and the Gihon spring by way of this impressive water system. In places this tunnel is twenty feet high and eight wide!

Background of the City of David Project

The City of David Project involves an area of approximately forty acres. It lies along the eastern slope of the long, narrow spur that projects southward from the Temple Mount area along the Kidron Valley (to the east). This area is known as "The Ophel" or the "City of David." This area (small by modern standards) was long thought to contain the remains of the earliest settlements in Jerusalem because of the Gihon spring. This spring is situated in the Kidron Valley below the eastern slope and provides the most important requirement for the existence of a settled community—a reliable supply of water.

During the past century and a half, several individuals explored the eastern slope of this spur, seeking signs of early Jerusalem. Edward Robinson, an American, became the first to explore Hezekiah's tunnel (built to supply water to Jerusalem during the siege of the Assyrian king, Sennacherib—II Kings 20:20 and II Chronicles 32:30). Charles Warren, an Englishman, discovered the even earlier supply system already mentioned.

Until recently, however, most of what was known about the City of David was the result of the work of one of the world's most distinguished archaeologists, the late Dame Kathleen Kenyon. Between 1961 and 1967, Miss Kenyon conducted an extensive excavation at the site. At its conclusion, Miss Kenyon remarked that she strongly doubted whether anything further could be learned about the history of early Jerusalem. All other evidence,

she thought, was either located under recently constructed buildings or had undoubtedly been removed as part of ancient quarrying operations.

Largely for this reason, following the 1967 Six-Day War, Israeli archaeologists concentrated their efforts on the area adjacent to the Temple Mount (with which the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF) was also associated) and in the Old City's "Jewish Quarter." In 1978 it became obvious that planned municipal improvements would significantly affect the character of the City of David. Land along the eastern slope previously owned by the Rothschilds had been donated to the state of Israel, so the decision was made to see if, despite Miss Kenyon's pessimistic conclusions, anything further could be learned about the early history of Jerusalem.

In the summer of 1978, the City of David Society was organized for the purpose of supervising the excavation, restoration and preservation of the City of David. Composed of representatives of the Institute of Archaeology of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Israel Exploration Society, a group of South African sponsors and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, the Society appointed Dr. Yigal Shiloh to be the director of the excavation. Dr. Shiloh recently presented a slide lecture on the excavation to the student body of Ambassador College. I had the pleasure of interviewing him for our *Plain Truth* readers.

Here are excerpts from that interview to keep you abreast of the latest discoveries in the City of David.

Question: What special problems are faced by an archaeologist digging in Jerusalem?

Answer: Jerusalem itself. Archaeology in Jerusalem is special since Jerusalem is so important to people all over the world. Despite claims that Israelis are only interested in the Jewish past of Jerusalem, we are conducting a pure scientific work which places the

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"I Dig At Jerusalem"

I am one of those privileged students of Ambassador College—chosen this year to dig in Jerusalem in the City of David Archaeological Excavations. The excavations are now entering the fourth season under Dr. Yigal Shiloh of Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

Occupying the original site of Jerusalem, the City of David sits atop the spur of a hill just south of the famous Temple platform. It is outside the present city wall (constructed under Turkish rule in 1536). The site has been inhabited continuously for nearly 6,000 years.

As a student in Southern California, that historical perspective is shocking. A 100-year-old building in California is considered a historic monument. In my home state of New York, we must go back another 300 years to trace our modern history. But finds from the City of David shed light on human history covering approaching six millennia.

All in a Day's Work

The actual work of digging can really only be defined as a chore. Even if you are in good physical condition when you start out, you will inevitably find some muscles that haven't been used in a while. The summer sun beats down with intensity by midday, so work begins early and ends shortly after noon. By 6:30 a.m. we had pick in hand, a cap on our heads and sunscreen on our backs.

Frequent breaks for water were necessary. We had to learn to drink regularly to prevent dehydration even if we weren't thirsty.

We could feel a real sense of accomplishment when we had the chance to stand back and examine our progress, see old building foundations emerge, and share in piecing together bits of information from one pit with that from another. A picture of a living

society with real people started forming in our minds.

Sometimes those valuable bits of information, though, were infrequent finds, gleaned, perhaps, from nothing more than a shattered cooking pot or a perfume vase. During the four weeks Ambassador College students spent digging last summer, one volunteer chanced to be in an area providing no significant find until his last day. He unearthed a handle, bearing a significant inscription, which had broken from a storage jug.

After some examination, that one small find gave them an accu-



rate date for the level they were excavating. It provided additional evidence that the society at that time must have been prosperous, engaging in trade with other civilizations around the Mediterranean, from which this particular potsherd originated.

Of course, it is dangerous to base such sweeping assumptions on one piece of evidence. But matched with abundant other evidence, like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, the picture becomes clearer, the explanation of a find more sure.

I was working in the area of an Israelite home from the First Temple period—the time of David and Solomon, and the divided kingdom. Having excavated down to the floor of one room we found several clay figurines, broken but identifiable. They would have been the family's household idols—mute testimony to the frequent backslid-

ing of the ancients into paganism.

A Time to Reflect

Working on the dig, gaining a personal feel and understanding toward the people who lived here so long ago, made me realize how little man has really progressed, in some senses. Our tools are more sophisticated, and our toys. People have traded idols of clay for those of porcelain. But never has any age of man been able to secure the elusive qualities of peace and happiness. At one time they attempted to secure them with weapons of iron. Today we use F-14s.

Civilizations may rise to greatness for certain lengths of time, but they inevitably crumble. What is left behind? Potsherds for a future generation to piece together, but no answers telling us how to find or maintain happiness and peace. Seeking it through material wealth and power has led every civilization to greatness—and destruction.

When one is working on a dig one has time to think about things like that. Most of one's time is spent carefully moving dirt, picking out potsherds and looking for a change in the color or quality of the earth, indicating a floor or a destruction layer. It's tiring and dirty work, but when the back aches and one stops for a break, there is the chance to look around and see the pieces of the excavation fitting together, becoming a house, a street, a city. One's mind drifts back, imagining the people who lived and worked here, and no, they were hardly different then.

A Walk Through Today's Jerusalem

"Jerusalem of gold" says the song—or as Israelis sing it—"Yerushalayim shel zahav." And at evening, as the sun's last rays reflect off the centuries-old sandstone blocks of the city wall, the song seems true. The city glows.

But its luster is easily tarnished. Just pass through the walls, past beggars at the gates and the ragamuffin children selling olive-wood camels to tourists, past the poor residential area and past scores of shoppers and shopowners bargaining over the price of merchandise—like the nations have done for centuries over Jerusalem itself. Its history and antiquity live on into this modern world; so does the bias of centuries, and the poverty it breeds. The Jerusalem of gold that is sung about is less a physical reality in the heart of Israel, more a spiritual dream of things yet to be.

Today, Israeli soldiers guard the peace and security of Old Jerusalem, from the ancient stone window in the Damascus Gate overlooking the Arab quarter, to the checkpoints surrounding the plaza at the Western Wall. To Western eyes, the sight of armed Israeli soldiers—male or female—is often disturbing; to Arabs it is an irritant; to the Israelis, a comfort.

Through Arab Eyes

I made the acquaintance of an affable, pipe-smoking Arab, educated in England, and planning soon to return for a visit. He invited me along with some friends to his home for conversation and coffee.

Turning off the busy Street of the Chain, we left behind the din of the souk, the smells of the spice and olive-wood shops and walked through the nearly deserted, dusty alleys of the Arab quarter. He led

us proudly to the stone archway that leads to his home off the street. His family has lived in the building for 600 years.

Above the arch hung a picture of Mecca, signifying he has taken his



pilgrimage there. Nearby, a modern arch of newly cut Jerusalem stone stretched across the alley, bracing the sagging walls. I commented about it. I shouldn't have.

"Yes," my friend says with a frown. "Built there by the Israelis."

We were led inside through a dark, cool corridor to a flight of stone stairs, worn from centuries of use. The stairs led into the sunlight again, to a rooftop porch. We sat beneath a trellis of grape vines drinking Turkish coffee and talking of life. Our Arab friend had traveled widely and seen much; far more, perhaps, than most of his neighbors. But his home was with his aged mother and older brother in a building showing six centuries of wear.

And Through Israeli Eyes

In the bright, new streets of the Jewish quarter — rebuilt in the traditional style after the area was leveled in the Six Day War — walked a leathery-skinned, English-looking Israeli carrying a bag of groceries and wearing a carpenter's hat to shade his eyes. We entered into conversation.

"How long have you lived in Jerusalem?"

"Since two months before the state," he replied. "But why stand out here and talk? Come in and have a cool drink."

Inside he removed his cap and replaced it with a blue, embroidered skullcap—sign of a modern

Zionist. His wife brought drinks. As she placed them on the table her left sleeve slid back to reveal blue-green numbers tattooed on her forearm.

A teacher, and able to afford the much-in-demand modern apartment in the heart of the Old City, the Israeli showed us a map he'd made of the Mediterranean area. In red, rimming the perimeter of the sea from Morocco to the Indian Ocean to Turkey, was the Arab kingdom. In blue on the eastern shore, a speck in comparison, was Israel with its pre-1967 borders.

"Before the 1967 war," he said, "a friend asked me why my country spent so much on defense. I took him to Natanya on the coast. We got on the highway and started driving. Ten minutes and 12 kilometers later we were at the other border."

But why live in Jerusalem, I thought? He loves the whole country; why Jerusalem?

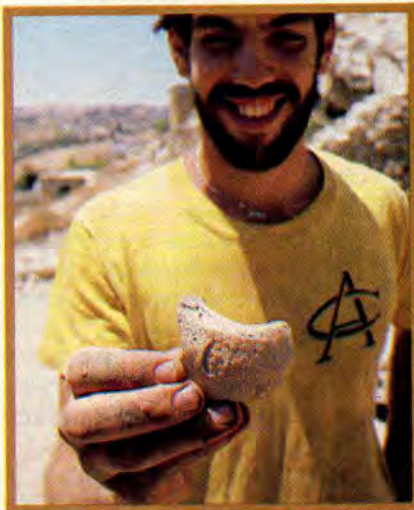
"This flat is in the same location as the Hasmonean palace [seat of Jewish authority in the last two pre-Christian centuries] once was. We are right on top of it," said the Jerusalemite. "This home is truly our palace."

Leaving the apartment is like passing through a time warp. Leave the modern to enter again into the ancient streets and ways, past the crowds, past a 2,000-year-old hole in the wall where an Arab boy hawks bottles of Coke labeled in Hebrew and English.

All the color and bustle of an oriental bazaar crowds into the ancient, narrow streets of Old Jerusalem. Infants and elders, tourists and natives, Moslems, Jews and Christians—all barter and mingle along these main boulevards bisecting the walled city's labyrinth of alleyways.

Jerusalem is a city of contrasts and ironies at every turn, where 6,000 years of human history and experience seems to have converged in one space at one time. Three great religions have bred and aired their differences here, yet it is to this city which they all must look for ultimate peace.

—James Capo



same importance on every historical phase.

Our work is complicated by the fact that we are digging in a settled area. Fortunately we have available to us state-owned lands [donated to the state of Israel by the Rothschilds].

Then there is the nature of the area. The ancient city of Jerusalem was built on a steep slope. Uncovering the remains is a complicated task because ancient periods have been covered by the debris of generations. During the first season we had to remove more than twenty-five feet of debris before we reached any historical remains. The stratigraphy is more difficult to determine since buildings were built on a slope. An archaeologist cannot rely upon the usual vertical position as a clue to dating the remains.

Question: Some people have said that whether a campaign yields significant results is largely a matter of chance. What do you think of this?

Answer: Chance certainly plays a part as in all other aspects of life. Factors aside from chance can greatly increase your possibilities for success. For example, efficiency. Rather than excavate one area intensively, you work in from three to six different areas. It's like not putting your eggs all in one basket. Then, do the work correctly. You have to plan your tactics correctly. This is where experience comes into play. Professor Yadin in his excavations in Israel achieved major results, not because of chance, but by good strategy based upon experience. At the City of David we are making sections in the slope which are wider than normal in order to see more of the overall plan of the city. We can see much of the overall plan now. As a result we can anticipate certain future finds.

Question: Since an archaeologist must work with limited evidence, or evidence from a limited area of a given site, conclusions of even the most distinguished archaeologists are frequently modified or overturned in the light of

later evidence. How do you feel when this happens to your work?

Answer: Sometimes an archaeologist's conclusions are overturned because of faulty interpretation. This was the case with Kathleen Kenyon's opinion of the date when the city of Jerusalem expanded to the western



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AERIAL PHOTO shows spur of hill, extending south from the Temple platform. Upon this spur the City of David was built. Shape of the hill is outlined by modern roads in the Kidron and Tyropoeon valleys. Map is artist's concept of Jerusalem's Old City today. Areas within City of David presently under excavation are alphabetically designated.

hill. Sometimes, too, the evidence used to arrive at a conclusion is reevaluated. For example: An archaeologist may date a building to a particular period based upon the commonly accepted date of the pottery found in the building. If later on, the pottery is redated to a different period, obviously the building will have to be redated, too. This is unavoidable. In my own case, I am ready for my con-

clusions to be judged by finds on which the conclusions are based. If the finds are later reevaluated, this is no problem since I did my job. My conclusions were based upon the evidence as they were understood at the time.

Question: In the last fifty years, archaeological methods have changed. How have these changes strengthened the discipline?

Answer: Archaeologists now have several new scientific tools, including computers, available to them. But archaeology is still a humanistic discipline. There will always be enough space left for the human brain to interpret and analyze the evidence. The nature of excavation staffs have changed. We used to see one director with perhaps 200 workers. This one man was responsible for making all the conclusions. Today, we have a director, thirty staff assistants and perhaps ten experts in various fields important to archaeology (paleobotany, geology, architecture, etc.) and fewer workers. These experts—each a specialist in his own field—make significant contributions to the evaluation of the evidence. Today there is not the heavy emphasis upon artistic finds. More attention is being paid to a systematic restoration of the material culture of ancient civilizations.

Question: Do you think that "Warren's Shaft" is the *tsinnor* ("gutter") that Joab used to gain access to Jebusite Jerusalem and to capture the city for David?

Answer: No. Benjamin Mazar, Yigael Yadin and Yohanan Aharoni [now deceased] all were in agreement on this point. Although their reasons differed, they all agreed that the word *tsinnor* could not refer to the Warren Shaft. To date, all water shafts found in Israel can be dated as belonging to the Israelite period and were part of the town planning of that period. If we are to reopen the question of the date of the Warren Shaft, we would have to find evidence of a similar water shaft which was clearly of Canaanite workmanship.

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REINCARNATION

Have You Lived Before? Will You Live Again?

by Clayton Steep

The subject of reincarnation is attracting new attention. What is it all about?

Can reincarnation explain the inequities in this life?

Is it possible you have lived before? Who are you really? Now you can know!

IS IT FAIR? The vast majority of human beings spend their whole lives in poverty and want. Only a small minority live in luxury and wealth. Why?

Why will millions go to bed hungry tonight, while others have food to waste? Why do some lose their health, homes or family and others do not? How is it the "good" people seem to suffer, and scoundrels often prosper?

Are the vast majority of humans condemned to some kind of punishment, while the relatively few receive material reward? Is there any sensible and just explanation for the inequities of life? And what happens *after* this life?



Illustration by Paul Kratter

A growing number of people in the West in seeking answers to these questions are adopting, in one form or another, an ancient belief widely held among religions of the East: reincarnation.

Reincarnation claims to answer the question of how a God of "love and mercy" could let tragedies occur.

Yes, why do un-called-for tragedies occur? What do they mean?

What is "Reincarnation"?

Reincarnation is the name given to the belief that after the death of the body, an "immortal soul" comes back to earth in another body or form.

These are questions that many people ask—questions that traditional Christianity has failed to satisfactorily answer. Yet these questions need an answer.

Belief in reincarnation has been around for a long time. Thousands of years in fact. Ancient Egyptians believed it was possible, at least for a privileged few, to choose what life form they wished

to reside in after death. Plato taught the migration of a fixed number of souls. Pythagoras, another Greek philosopher and mathematician, claimed in past lives he had been a Trojan warrior, a prophet burned to death, a peasant, the wife of a shopkeeper and a Phoenician prostitute.

In its divers forms reincarnation is an important part of many Oriental religions. Simply stated, reincarnation is the belief that after death a person's "soul" takes up residence at birth in another human body, an animal, an insect or even a plant, until death of the receptacle once again causes the "soul" to migrate.

There are different ideas as to where "souls" come from and where they are headed. The most prevalent belief, is that through a process of many reincarnations humans finally attain a state of perfection. The Hindu religion has perhaps the most complex set of beliefs.

A "Better Life"

The idea of reincarnation carries with it the hope for a better life (or lives) in the future. A lecturer put it this way: "The process of reincarnation is man's drive to become perfect. Eventually every man will be divine."

The sufferings of this life are assumed to become more bearable, or more understandable.

Consider the following note, left by a student who committed suicide because he deeply yearned for a better life: "What do I expect to achieve by this?" the seventeen-year-old son of a psychiatrist wrote. "Ancient sages of India as well as some modern philosophers say the soul incarnates itself many times on its way to perfection. I am merely jumping one life in hopes of a better one... I'm rid of... this roasting weather, the torture of four more years of school and two more years of detestable military life, the threat of having to go into some sort of monotonous manual labor."

To him, reincarnation seemed to offer escape from this life's problems.

Reincarnation attracts people

plagued with doubt. The inequities of this life are only temporary; they will be rectified in a future life, they hope.

Current Interest

There are other reasons for the increased interest in reincarnation: psychology and parapsychology.

To some extent this facet of the subject has been sensationalized by stories of famous individuals, usually in the entertainment industry, who claim to have had past "lives." For example, one periodical recently told of several: a stage personality who said she was Queen Hatshepsut (explaining that since childhood she has felt an "eerie link" with Egypt and made drawings of camels and pyramids when she was three years old). A well-known musician who credits his musical talents to a previous life as Stephen Foster. An actor who believes he was a cowboy in the Old West. An actress who thinks she was a Christian who was fed to the lions in ancient Rome.

One of the most prominent persons seriously examining reincarnation today is Dr. Ian Stevenson of the University of Virginia School of Medicine. For the last twenty years he has been objectively exploring the subject. He has files jammed with reports on some 1,700 subjects he has investigated. These are individuals who claim to have lived previous lives.

Some of the stories of those who claim to be reincarnated raise questions that cannot be adequately answered by standard explanations. There are the publicized cases such as Bridey Murphy, who had never been to Ireland and yet who spoke of a place in Cork called the Meadows. Or Dolores Jay, a Virginia housewife who claimed to have been murdered in Germany one hundred years ago, and who, under hypnosis, could speak German, though Dolores Jay had never been exposed to anyone who spoke the language.

Many other accounts have been compiled where previous existences have been "recalled,"

usually under hypnosis. For example, one man suffering constant migraine headaches, supposedly revealed under hypnosis that as an officer in the Air Force during World War II he had gotten drunk and walked into a whirling airplane propeller that cut off his head. A check of official military records revealed the death in 1942 of just such an officer with the exact serial number given under hypnosis.

There are many similar cases where individuals apparently are able to accurately recall details of circumstances and locations where they have never been in their present lives. How can this be explained?

Such strange recollections are to Dr. Stevenson at least "suggestive of reincarnation." However, Dr. Stevenson confides: "I have to admit that the results in parapsychology [the study of psychic phenomena] aren't that good. There have been no great breakthroughs."

Cases indicating reincarnation are set forth in the book *Psychic Voyages*. "But," the author adds, "there may be other explanations. The first that springs to mind is that they are all due to fraud or some sort of delusion. However, there are too many anecdotes and too many carefully investigated cases on record for this easy solution to be acceptable. The *only other* explanation that seems at all tenable is that the alleged memories of former lives are acquired by extrasensory perception." (Emphasis ours.)

Extrasensory perception. That means perceiving information from other than "normal" sensory channels. Keep that in mind because we shall come back to it.

Other phenomena have also been offered to explain the concept of reincarnation, but such phenomena as childhood fears, alter-personalities, "strange memories," recurrent dreams and sexual identity problems have other possible explanation than reincarnation.

So to many people the belief in reincarnation seems to offer solu-

tions to nagging problems or puzzlements. But is there really such a thing as reincarnation? Have you lived before? Will you live again? What are we anyway?

It is time to find out the truth once and for all!

How We Can Know

There is only one sure, unmistakable source from which to learn the truth about what we are, why we are on earth and what happens after death. That source is God himself—the Creator of all that is.

He claims to have given this vital knowledge to us in his handbook for human beings—the Holy Bible. In it he speaks in the first person—"I . . ." to man. And in his Book he commands us to pay attention to his revelation to man of essential knowledge we could not otherwise discover.

The Bible is very clear on the subject of reincarnation. It is "appointed unto men *once* to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). We are not given ten, one hundred or one thousand opportunities to die and live again. Just one.

The concept of reincarnation is dependent upon the belief that each human has an "immortal soul" that continues to exist after the body dies. The Bible, however, shows that man does not *have* a soul—man *is* a soul!

God created Adam out of the dust of the ground and "man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7). And God told Adam, "dust thou [a living soul] art, and unto dust shalt thou [a living soul] return" (Genesis 3:19).

According to the Bible, souls die. The soul that sins shall die says Ezekiel 18:4 and 20. They do not live on and take up residence in another body.

The idea that souls do not die originated with Satan in the garden of Eden. He told Eve she had an immortal soul. "Ye shall not surely die," he lied (Genesis 3:4). Most people ever since have believed his deception.

It is not possible for a human being to recall thoughts and

impressions from a "previous existence." Psalm 146:4 declares that when a person dies "his breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." They do not continue on to be picked up or recalled by future "reincarnations." They perish. So says God. The dead "know not any thing" (Ecclesiastes 9:5).

What about the cases where people claim (often under hypnosis) to remember former lives and where details inexplicably match historical records?

After all possibilities of fraud, coincidence and honest mistakes are eliminated, there remain cases that defy normal physical or psychological explanation. This is where "extrasensory perception" comes into the picture. By "extrasensory perception" in this context is meant information that is perceived from sources beyond the physical world. What are those sources? Certainly not "immortal souls"!

We Are Not Alone

Man inhabits the physical planet Earth. But we humans are not alone. The Bible reveals there are spirit beings present on earth also. Among them are fallen angels—powerful spirit beings who have rebelled against God. They are "lying spirits" (I Timothy 4:1; II Chronicles 18:21) bent on fooling human beings in any way possible. These wicked spirits want human beings to continue to believe Satan's original lie that we have immortal souls.

These lying spirits or demons have been around since long before man. They remember what took place in the past. When a person's mind is receptive to suggestion, such as while under hypnosis, or in similar circumstances, it is not difficult for a spirit to inject information—historically verifiable information—into the human mind.

The Bible also reveals that there are even occasions where it is possible for an entire spirit personality to be "reincarnated." Not a human personality, but a fallen spirit who takes over—pos-

sesses—a physical being. The spirit's personality then dominates.

One day as Jesus was walking he came upon two men possessed of demons with violent, self-destructive personalities (Matthew 8:28). Jesus cast them out of the men and gave the violent spirits permission to enter into a herd of swine. Immediately the violent, self-destructive personalities were gone from the men. This then was a case of what some would call "reincarnation of a personality"!

The plain fact is that the Bible shows the "reincarnation" of *human beings* is not possible.

God's Plan

Then what about the important questions we referred to—the ones the churches of the world fail to answer? Since the Bible shows it is impossible for mortal human beings to be "reincarnated" in a different form or body, is there then no satisfying explanation for the inequities of *this* life? What happens to people—the majority of people!—who die ill-prepared for eternity—the millions "unsaved" as some would express it? Are they forever "lost"?

Let us understand! The truth is more glorious and comforting than the idea of "reincarnation" or of an "immortal soul."

God is indeed working out a purpose with humanity. It is a process of perfecting through which human beings may attain the divine level. "Be [become] ye therefore perfect," said Jesus, "even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew. 5:48). That is the purpose in human life. To become like God.

"Ye are gods," Jesus quoted from one of the Psalms (John 10:34). He said that the scripture cannot be broken (verse 35). Those who heard him were so shocked by what he said that they tried to seize him (verse 39).

The idea that humans may become members of the God Family still shocks many people. But it is the central theme of the

whole Bible, believe it or not!

And it will take place, not through a reincarnation, but through a resurrection! The Bible says the dead "sleep in the dust of the earth" until they are resurrected (Daniel 12:2; John 5:28-29). The resurrection is our only hope of eternal life. The apostle Paul pointed this out. "But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. . . . If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished" (I Corinthians 15:13, 17-18, Revised Standard Version).

Paul continues: "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead . . . so also in Christ [not by reincarnation!] shall all be made alive" (verses 20, 22). How? By a resurrection (verses 51-55)!

Justice for All

Who are you? You are a unique individual—a mortal being having the potential of becoming an immortal individual member of the God Family! You were not somebody else in a previous life. You will not be somebody else in a future life. You are you! Though you can be improved and perfected, you will never lose your uniqueness.

Every person who has ever been born will ultimately be given the opportunity to develop his full potential.

Most humans have had no chance in this life to learn about salvation. They have not understood the benefits of obeying God's laws—his "good statutes and commandments" (Nehemiah 9:13). Mankind has been blinded to the truth—cut off from God (I Corinthians 4:4). Human history has been little more than a chronicle of suffering, warfare, disease, injustice, oppression and all attendant evils.

Jesus declared, "Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and *many* [yes, the vast majority who have ever lived!] there be which go in thereat" (Matthew 7:13). Then he added that "narrow is the

way, which leadeth unto life, and *few* there be that find it" (verse 14).

Only a few! Did you ever wonder why Jesus said that? It certainly is not fair for God to allow the majority of human beings to blindly follow the path to destruction when they don't know any better—unless. . . . Unless there is a time in the future—after this life—when they will all be given their chance for salvation—a chance they never had because they were cut off from the truth of God in this life.

They could not turn to God now even if they wanted to! We have Jesus' own words that "no man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44). And the Father has been drawing only a few. They are the "few" who Jesus said are finding life. All others must wait until a later time.

When will that be?

As we have seen, the Bible states that "it is appointed unto man [mankind in general] once to die, but *after this* the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). (Actually the definite article *the* is not in the original Greek and should not appear in English.) All human beings die *once*, then a "judgment" takes place.

What is this "judgment" that comes *after* this life?

When the Bible uses the word *judgment* it does not exclusively mean the passing of a sentence or the giving of a reward. It can also mean a process or period during which judging takes place.

Those who do not experience their "judgment" in this life—and they make up the majority of all people who have ever lived—will be resurrected. Their physical bodies will be miraculously brought forth out of the dust of the earth and they will be given a period of time again in mortal flesh in which to learn God's ways. This period is a time of judging, of learning, of growing in perfection preparing for eternity in God's Kingdom. It is described in the Bible as the judgment of God's "great white

throne" (Revelation 20:11-13). It is then that God will set his hand to save the majority of mankind. (For additional details, write for our free articles "Is This the Only Day of Salvation?" and "The Three Resurrections.")

So there is fairness with God. This present life is not all there is. The inequities, the deprivations, the tragedies suffered by people through the ages have been allowed by God to teach human beings the consequences of sin. A few people come to understand this lesson in this life. Most—the majority who ever lived—will have to die and be resurrected before they will understand. But then they will be given the chance—their first and final opportunity—to learn about salvation in a beautiful world of peace on earth under God's Government.

Those who choose God's way will be made perfect and immortal. Those who reject it will perish. Either way, a person's fate or destiny will be sealed once and forever. There will be no need for "reincarnations."

How simple and wonderful is God's Plan! □

CITY OF DAVID

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Question: Much discussion has revolved around the question of whether the Pool of Siloam was inside or outside the city wall of Jerusalem. Kathleen Kenyon was of the opinion that it was outside. You believe it was inside. What evidence has been uncovered that would substantiate your view?

Answer: The evidence is not yet definite. It is clear that during a certain period the Pool of Siloam was outside the city walls. I believe that from the time of Hezekiah, the pool was included within the walls. Isaiah states that the pool was "between the walls." Also, the pool was a major part of the water system which Hezekiah built to make the city secure from Assyrian attack. Its purpose would be defeated if the pool were located outside the city wall. □

Finding a Way Out of **FEAR AND DEPRESSION**

by Donald D. Schroeder

Why does this world not understand the CAUSES for so much human worry, fear, mental depression? Why has humanity rejected the one source that reveals the way to escape these problems?

NEVER have so many needed right values, hope, faith, courage and power to deal with personal problems and fears in life.

Never have so many needed a way to deal with a world plunging headlong into worsening difficulties.

Missing Knowledge

Why is it that critical understanding about the human mind and human nature is missing in education at all levels of life?

Why do so many medical and mental health care personnel not understand the real causes of today's problems?

Where is the true knowledge that would *prevent* problems before they arise—rather than today's false knowledge that attempts a cure *after* the problem arises?

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge . . ." reveals the Creator in the Holy Bible, Hosea 4:6, Revised Stan-



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dard Version. Where is that knowledge today?

Jesus promised, "... you will know the truth and the truth shall set you free" (John 8:32 RSV). Where is that truth today?

Jesus plainly meant truth would set you free—free from unresolved fears and worries, free from mental depression, free from sin.

The knowledge that is missing in so many lives is revealed *spiritual* knowledge. Man, by nature, knows only physical knowledge, revealed by the five senses. And from that limited knowledge they speculate. But most of man's mental and emotional problems are spiritual in nature. Man is violating immutable spiritual laws, as well as physical laws, set in motion by the Creator. The consequences are grievous mental and physical suffering.

Many modern minds think it educated to reject biblical revelation and the reality of immutable spiritual laws. They do not recognize why they think this way. As a result, they cannot find the solution to many of mankind's mental illnesses. They are not dealing with root causes!

There are laws of sound mental health! There are laws of success! They produce hope, peace of mind, joy, happiness and guarantee every need. But untold millions daily violate the laws that produce these results. They con-

sequently set themselves up for fear and depression.

The Bible reveals how to receive the help and power you need to overcome your human nature, your worries and fears in life. It reveals how to deal with every adverse situation with faith and hope.

But first, you need to comprehend why humanity has jumped the track. Why has mankind failed to learn such critical knowledge? Why do most of us respond with damaging negative fears—even hopelessness—to many of our problems and setbacks in life? The Bible explains it!

Cut Off from the Source

God created the heavens and the earth that we can see with our eyes (Genesis 1:1). But before this physical creation, the great God had created powerful spirit beings, angels, differing in rank.

These spirit beings at the first obeyed the laws and Government of God. But during a period before the creation of man, a new way of doing things—the “get” and competitive way—was introduced to many of the angels by a great archangel whose name meant Lightbringer. We know him by the Latin name *Lucifer*. He was one of God’s most powerful and beautiful spirit beings. He was set by God to administer God’s laws and ways over the earth.

Lucifer’s name—Lightbringer—meant he was to be the bringer of God’s truth and laws to the earth. But he chose to exalt himself. He wanted to kick God off his throne. Through subtle slander he swayed many angels to believe that God’s laws were unfair, that God’s way of “give” was foolish, that his—Lucifer’s—“get” and competitive way was more liberating, a better way of existence.

One third of the angels chose to rebel against God and his ways (Revelation 12:4). Their minds were perverted by wrong ways of thinking—by attitudes of strife,

resentment of authority and selfishness. They rebelled against God’s laws. As a result they lost understanding and power to do true good. Their assault on God’s throne was overwhelmed by God’s superior power and they were flung back to earth.

The leader of this rebellion, Lucifer, became the devil, or Satan, meaning the Adversary. His fallen angels became demons. You can read of this rebellion in Isaiah 14:12-17 and Ezekiel 28:12-19. Jesus referred to Satan’s fall in Luke 10:18.

Ever since man was created, it has been the major objective of these fallen spirit beings to keep humans, created in the image of God, from understanding the awesome purpose of their human existence and from fulfilling their incredible human potential (II Corinthians 4:4). You may not want to believe it, but Scripture reveals there is a devil who has deceived the whole world (Revelation 12:9). Part of that deception involves causing educated people not to believe that there are spirit beings who rebelled. And to reject God’s spiritual laws that would bring us peace and harmony.

Of course, Satan hasn’t thwarted God’s Plan or ultimate purpose for mankind. Here is why.

When God created the first man and woman, he revealed to them his purposes and immutable laws. He gave them the opportunity to qualify to replace Satan as ruler over the earth. He taught them that violation of his laws and commands would end up in death—the cessation of life (Genesis 2:17).

But they chose to believe the deceptive lies introduced by a clever Satan. They chose to disbelieve God, and that they could not die. They came to believe they had “immortal souls.” They thought they could become like God and be able to determine good and evil for themselves by taking something (forbidden fruit) that was not theirs (Genesis 3).

The first human pair disobeyed their Creator and rebelled. So God drove them from his presence on earth. He cut them off and all humanity to be born of them from contact with God, except as God chose to intervene and deal with humans from time to time. For what great purpose?

God chose to allow mankind the experience of six thousand years of man’s way—Satan’s way—of disobedience, rebellion, of doing their own ways—that is, to experience their own ways of thinking and reasoning under Satan’s sway.

Mankind was left to human devices and power, *apart from God*. Mankind lost the spiritual understanding of how he should live, of how to constructively deal with his problems, fears and needs. When man lost contact with God, he lost the way to peace and happiness—for the Creator was the ultimate resource of true wisdom, hope, power and blessing.

Mankind has been, instead, under Satan’s influence without realizing it. The Bible reveals Satan as “the prince of the power of the air” (Ephesians 2:2). He works to influence wrong values, wrong attitudes and ignorance in human cultures and among people. The result is hate, strife, lust, fear and hopelessness. Satan broadcasts wrong attitudes and moods into unwary minds (see again Ephesians 2:3 and 6:12). No wonder so many do not understand some of their negative feelings and moods!

From the beginning of human life to now, most all humanity has attempted to gain security, prosperity and needs through the “get” way of life—through competing governments, warring armies, ideologies and religions. They have trusted in human strength and competition at the expense or hurt of others.

Most humans have not chosen the way of true love—the way of peace and cooperation, the way of giving and consideration, encour-

agement and service to build up those around them.

God's way of living and helping is guided by God's laws. It is the way of upbuilding and construction. It is the way of trust in God and love of fellow man equal to concern for oneself.

On the other hand, look at the results of wrong ways of living.

Most humans, in their practical daily living, rely on their own human strength and wisdom. They are limited to their own values and ideas, to their own resources, or that of their culture, to solve their problems or to secure their needs, wants and desires.

Here is why true peace of mind, happiness and security has eluded most of mankind! Millions base their lives on values or ways of thinking and living that eventually produce problems they don't have resources to solve. They wake up and find their thinking and resources inadequate; that they have based their security and sense of personal worth on values, things or persons (themselves or others) that are transitory or limited in power to help them. They then suffer feelings of fear, loss and hopelessness. For millions, the results are unresolved anxieties, fear and depression.

It is time you analyzed your life, *now*, to see if your values and thinking have set you up to experience depression, fear and hopelessness.

Trusting Wrong Ways and Resources?

It matters greatly where one's ultimate trust and hope is. It matters greatly what one's values and resources are!

Many totally look to, or totally place their hopes and security in various man-devised governments or parties or ideologies. But every one of them eventually fails, becomes corrupt or collapses.

Individually, humans commonly put their deepest trust, identity or feelings of self-worth in them-

selves—or other humans. But many who trust in themselves, deep down, know they have secret weaknesses, areas where they lack confidence in themselves.

And other humans in whom they put their trust do not always understand or uplift them; they may even lie, deceive or hurt them.

Many put their total security and hope in continuing prosperity. They live as if it will last forever. But man-devised prosperity doesn't last. It is based on the "get" way of life, enriching a few at the impoverishment of many. This kind of prosperity booms, then shakes, totters and collapses—destroying many misdirected minds, hopes and lives with it.

Lacking any deep spiritual purpose or hope in life, many have placed all their hopes and sense of personal worth in material goods or gadgets or possessions that wear out, rust or corrode. Or that can be swept away in some sudden accident or mishap.

It's no wonder so many feel totally worthless, hopeless, powerless. Life, for them, is not worth living when any of their transitory hopes or resources are lost or threatened with loss. Of course!—"For the creation [cut off from God] was subjected to futility . . ." said the apostle Paul (Romans 8:20, RSV).

Many fears in life are caused by worshiping false status symbols—material things one really can't afford and which are making one poor financially and spiritually. That's not true success!

False Values and Love, Too

Maybe fears or depressions are caused by big mistakes in life. A person failed at a job or a marriage or something else. What's wrong with admitting you made a mistake, facing the fact that you're not perfect? No other mortal is either. False human pride, that's what! Satan and misguided human social values, under Satan's sway, have pumped pride into human minds, rather than humility and the willingness

to admit mistakes in our lives. One can learn from mistakes and still go on and grow in the future.

Never have so many wrong ideas about love set so many up for the lack of love and depression.

"I can't live without you." "There's no one else meant for me." "Only you can fulfill my dreams," go modern love songs by the hundreds. It's not true!

There's more than one person you can learn to love. And misused sex does not mean love. It may mean unwanted children, or the horrid memory of an abortion or a disastrous marriage, or an abused or diseased body, a scarred mind.

Most humans learn to live first and foremost in the fear of the values and opinions of other men and women—most of which are wrong—rather than in any fear of God.

It is not that respect of others' feelings or opinions, or that of a high human office, may not be important to consider. But it does matter what one's real hope and confidence is.

Scripture warns, "The fear of man brings a snare"—all kinds of seemingly insoluble or inescapable problems—"but whoso puts his trust in the Lord shall be [spiritually, and often physically, emotionally and monetarily] safe" (Proverbs 29:25).

But why does nearly every human differ in his fears? Why do we each respond to various losses or setbacks in life in different ways and for different reasons? Let's understand.

Different Breakingpoints

Each of us, because of different upbringing, experiences or cultural learning, have acquired different levels of resilience or ways of responding to different kinds of problems, losses or setbacks in life.

Every human has his or her learned optimum values, hopes and resources in life. Jesus called them "your treasure" where your

heart will be, and also “the light of the body” (Matthew 6:21, 22). They are the things one focuses and depends upon to give purpose, identity, self-worth and security in life.

You need to be aware what your real treasure, hopes and values are! Many of them may be *wrong* values, desires or feelings planted in your mind by Satan or learned from your culture, which has been cut off from God and his ways.

Humans cut off from God establish different and usually false values, ideals and hopes, and possess varying physical, emotional and spiritual resources to achieve them. They consequently establish different breakingpoints if their hopes or resources fail.

A person may or may not be aware of his or her breakingpoint or points. People are not always aware of the limitations of their resources. They are pushed into the subconscious mind or denied. For many, of course, the breakingpoint or resources have never been tested.

The breakingpoint, or failure of resources, that triggers fear, hopelessness or depression may be one thing for one person, something else for another.

One person's breakingpoint may be failing to achieve or maintain a certain financial status in life. For another it is the loss of, or not being able to have, a certain friend or mate.

Another's breakingpoint is not receiving or keeping a certain job or position in life. Another's is loss of health, or the prospect of death.

Another's is loss of physical attractiveness or beauty. Another's is loss of certain material possessions; another's is loss of children or something that happens to them.

It is not wrong to want to be loved. It is not wrong to enjoy a respectable status or possessions or to gain reasonable security for ourselves and our children. They are right and good if gained in

accordance with God's laws, if one is able to afford them and use them properly.

But Jesus taught, “Is not life”—that is, the ultimate purpose of life—“more than food, and the body more than clothing?” (Matthew 6:25).

Jesus taught there is a purpose to your life that transcends physical life. All good gifts or opportunities in this physical life—human, material or other gifts—are temporary. They are but tools to be used to achieve something higher and eternal, the real purpose of one's existence—*developing Godly character!*

This true purpose of life is so enormous and important that Jesus taught us not to fear what men may do to us for obedience to his ways, for the most they can do is destroy physical life, not the opportunity to receive eternal life.

Good physical possessions or opportunities should be appreciated and cared for while they last. But they are not forever. They are not the end-all, the be-all purpose of life in themselves.

But all of us misguided human beings have, at some time or another, made them so!

When we allow wrong, selfish or negative ways of thinking to take root in our mind—jealousy, envy, covetousness, lust or hate, for instance—we violate the spiritual laws of peace of mind revealed in the Ten Commandments. We commit idolatry and other sins that automatically produce problems and fears we may not have resources to solve.

Sin, the transgression of God's law (I John 3:4), focuses our minds on false desires, false values, wrong wants, hopes and ways of thinking. We lose focus on God's values and ways to secure our needs. We lose focus on God's spiritual resources and power to help us. We trust in our way and resources. And when we realize our thinking, hopes and resources are insufficient, or have

failed, we fall prey to fear and depression.

Why Near-hopelessness Ahead?

Never have so many millions totally set their hearts, affections and sense of personal worth on persons, material possessions or sensual pleasures that can be suddenly swept away in an accident, in economic turmoil or natural disasters.

At the same time, never have the results of Satan's ways in human lives and nations—war, sickness, economic instability, family breakdown, crime and violence—so jeopardized all the temporary things and dreams that humans have put their trust and hope in!

You need to stop and ask what are the most important values in your life. What are true and lasting values anyway?

It is not surprising that more and more youths as well as adults are emotionally unstable, without a clear and dynamic purpose or hope in life. They see futility and trouble ahead in the world, even in the most materially prosperous cultures.

They do not see the wonderful World Tomorrow soon to be set up on earth by Jesus Christ—that's the good news or Gospel (“gospel” means good news) he brought to man nearly 2,000 years ago. How many humans are focusing their attention on and preparing themselves to take a vitally needed role in that soon-coming age that will put a stop to world evils? That is a hope worth preparing for though all else—including your own physical life—fails in this age!

Lack of this kind of dynamic purpose and hope is why so many seek escape from the seemingly insoluble problems of their lives or of this age in drugs or alcohol—or suicide!

Isn't it time you captured true values that would prevent problems before they arise? Isn't it time you tapped the ultimate resources to handle problems and challenges in your life? They're in your Bible. It reveals the answers you've been looking for. □

IN BRIEF

AMERICA'S NEW LEADERSHIP

by Stanley R. Rader

RONALD REAGAN has been in office more than a month now. He came to office with an electoral landslide and a change in the Senate, something almost no one expected. The man whom many pundits said was too old and too conservative to be elected President is now President. Still, the question remains, "Can he now lead the American people?"

The "age issue," of course, all but disappeared in the last part of the campaign. Mr. Reagan had shown that he could successfully withstand the rigors of the campaign trail. His health remained strong. Of course, I for one never entertained for one moment the idea that Mr. Reagan's age should be any impediment to his assuming the responsibilities of President of the United States. Having been the close companion of a man who, though he is older than Mr. Reagan in physical years, has successfully shouldered duties and responsibilities comparable to those of the President, I knew that mere age would, if anything, only *enhance* Mr. Reagan's ability to lead. Adenauer, Churchill, Mao—many of the leaders of great stature in this century have undertaken incredible responsibility when they were advanced in years. The same should apply to Mr. Reagan.

Mr. Reagan certainly had the abilities and qualities to be elected. Of course, one would expect a professional actor to be good on the stump.

On the other hand, while Mr. Reagan's background as an actor has attracted criticism throughout his political career, it is an invaluable asset. As historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr., who is no fan of Mr. Reagan's, has noted, one of the most important

duties a President has is to communicate with and educate the American people. As a communicator, Mr. Reagan is superbly qualified.

Mr. Reagan has drawn criticism for supposedly preferring "simple solutions" to sticky, complex problems. In response, he likes to argue that there are indeed simple answers—just not easy ones. Here again an area of supposed weakness may work to Mr. Reagan's advantage. It is generally agreed that one of Mr. Carter's weaknesses was a tendency to become bogged down in details. Mr. Reagan is known to take more of an overview, leaving details to his subordinates.

Mr. Reagan's trait for preferring simplicity to complexity may work to his advantage another way. A true leader cannot be like Shakespeare's Hamlet—indecisive. As the Bible says, "if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" (I Corinthians 14:8). A leader cannot be beset by self-doubts engendered by the "complexities" of the modern world. Many Americans voted for Mr. Reagan because he seemed more confident—more positive—than his predecessor.

Of course, the fact that Mr. Reagan is such a good communicator could also be his own undoing. During the campaign he managed to seem all things to all men—and in the election he did extraordinarily well among people who would normally vote Democratic. Has Mr. Reagan made too many promises?

Under any administration, some people prosper while others may suffer—at least relatively. Yet to an uncommon degree Mr. Reagan embodies the hopes of millions of people:

can he now ask for sacrifices for the national good? I wonder. Society is becoming more selfish and inward looking, and as Walter Lacquer has recently written, "Even the most talented leaders will be unable to save democracy for a society whose supreme value is satisfaction of the ego."

One of Mr. Reagan's apparent strengths is an unusual—for a politician—measure of humility. As governor of California, Mr. Reagan kept a very interesting plaque on his desk. It read: "You can accomplish much . . . if you don't mind who gets the credit." Mr. Reagan certainly has shown himself willing to delegate authority. He is said to depend heavily on his staff. Of course, this can be carried too far—a leader must himself be diligent if he is to succeed (Proverbs 12:24). On the other hand, "in multitude of counselors there is safety" (Proverbs 24:6), and even Mr. Reagan's political enemies give credit for seeking out well-qualified subordinates and being willing to listen to their advice. One reporter, for example, has remarked that Mr. Reagan "does not appear to have a large ego stake" when it comes to delegating power.

This lack of a grasping, all-the-glory-for-myself attitude is one of the most positive things about Mr. Reagan. The Bible says a leader must be more interested in *serving* those who follow him than in the glory and power of high office for their own sakes (Matthew 20:25-28). Similarly, Moses was specifically advised in the Bible to appoint "able men" to positions under him (Exodus 18:21).

However, Mr. Reagan may need more than respected counselors and able staff people if he is to attack problems which are, at bedrock, spiritual. Mr. Reagan takes office during perilous times (II Timothy 3:1). Such times call for unpopular action—yet there is a real question whether any leader in this world would be able to take that action. □

Job Outlook In The World Tomorrow

by Jeff Calkins

EVERY SO OFTEN, we read in financial or economically oriented magazines of the outlook for various jobs in the future. Certain kinds of jobs are known to dominate in certain times.

In the 1970s, computer programming and systems analysis were the up-and-coming jobs. In the 1980s, some experts are predicting engineering to have a renewed future.

We know what professions are in demand in this world. But what about the World Tomorrow—God's world?

What kind of jobs will be available to mortal humans after Christ has returned and set up his Government? To reveal more about what God's World will be like during the soon-coming millennium, *The Plain Truth* presents this job survey for the World Tomorrow.

Construction, Engineering, and Architecture:

Big "growth" areas in the World Tomorrow. When Christ returns, the world is going to be full of ruins. Wars will have been fought

across the face of the earth. So we read:

"And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations" (Isaiah 61:4).

God will cause the earth to produce abundant vegetation, including trees, to supply building materials: "Is it not yet a little while . . . and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest" (Isaiah 29:17 RSV). There will be no shortage of lumber for construction—or paper for the printed word!

A related area, carpentry, should also be a growing field in the World Tomorrow. The future King of the world, Jesus

Christ, was a carpenter when he was on earth the first time (Mark 6:3), and the forthcoming building boom will require men and women to design and construct panels, cabinets, desks, and other interior items.

Farming, Food Preserving and Distribution:

People in this line of work will also do well—there will be abundance of food in God's world—no one need ever again go hungry. In fact, there may be so much food that demand for ways to store and preserve it will be just as important as growing it.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed . . ." (Amos 9:13).

But while storers and preservers of food will be wanted, God will not allow the kind of thing that has happened in this world, where food is overprocessed and/or preserved with harmful substances. Fortunately, Christ—who created the world—will be on earth and available to show men how to preserve or distribute food without overprocessing it.

Travel Agents, Restaurants, Resort Operators:

Another big growth area. There will be incredible opportunities

for travel in God's world.

Each year, the representatives of all families on earth will travel to the future world's capital, Jerusalem, to keep the Feast of Tabernacles (Zechariah 14:16). The remainder of the world will observe the Festival in other locations specifically designated by God (Deuteronomy 16:15). This means incredible numbers of travel arrangements, motel (or their equivalent in God's world) bookings and meals away from home. Travel agents, motel and restaurant operators, and possibly even computer programmers (to coordinate it all) will have much to do during such "rush" periods.

Likewise there will be travel opportunities during the land sabbaths and the jubilee years when farmers will let their land be fallow (Leviticus 25:18-23).

Education:

Unlike today, demand for teachers will be extremely strong. The fables, lies and superstitions of this world will need to be unlearned. There is a direct prophecy of such an occurrence:

"... the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit" (Jeremiah 16:19).

Furthermore, children growing up in the World Tomorrow will need to learn to read, write and calculate just as much as they do today.

Publishing and Communications:

Steady growth. "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea," (Isaiah 11:9).

In the World Tomorrow, true knowledge, based on God's revelation, will be widely disseminated. There will be one pure language on earth (Zephaniah 3:9)—which is bad news for most translators. On the other hand, since all the world will be literate, the market for wholesome, edifying literature, poetry,

books and articles should steadily expand.

Health Care:

Comparatively limited opportunities. The main role for doctors—or whatever they will be called—will be to teach people the *cause* of disease and the laws of health: proper diet, hygiene, etc. This by itself will eliminate most disease: “And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick . . .” (Isaiah 33:24). But if people still manage to get sick, divine healing will be available, and the sins against the physical body that caused the disease in the first place will be forgiven: “. . . the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity” (Isaiah 33:24).

One aspect of health care that should present more opportunities is in the area of diet and weight watching. Think—what will be one of the worst problems people will have in the millennium? It will probably be a tendency to gain weight! There will be such an abundance of good food and drink that some people are very likely going to grow a little too fat. “And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things . . .” (Isaiah 25:6). Of course, one of the laws of health is that gluttony is wrong. The Bible stresses moderation (Philippians 4:5). Experts will be needed to help people discover what and how much foods are good for their individual body chemistries, and how much exercise they should have in order to maintain perfect, radiant health.

Accountants:

There should be opportunities here for people so inclined. Jesus has already endorsed the principle of “counting the cost” of a given project (Luke 14:28). Wherever there is any industry or commercial activity, costs will have to be counted, lest waste result. Someone will have to keep track of where a business’s money goes. However, since people will be taught honesty, there will be no demand for

“fraud audits.” People in business will become honest and will present their financial condition honestly, without manipulating numbers and categories of expense to make themselves look good.

Lawyers:

A no-growth field. Laws will be much simpler in God’s world: people will be able to understand the intent and principle of the law without special legal training. Furthermore, Jesus Christ and his fellow spirit brethren—not human judges—will do the judging “. . . he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears” (Isaiah 11:3).

That means there will be no need for lawyers to try to make a guilty man look innocent, or argue the case of a man who has been wronged—since the judge will already know both the facts and the applicable law of God.

Politicians:

Absolutely no demand at all. God’s Government will be divine government. All who will hold government office will be supernatural beings—members of the God Family. (Of course, the prospect of a world without politicians ought to be a cause for rejoicing all by itself!)

Military Officers:

Again, absolutely no openings. There will be no wars, no threat of wars, nor need to learn about war (Isaiah 2:4). Rather, there will be complete peace on earth without any need for a military establishment: “. . . they shall be safe in their land . . .” (Ezekiel 34:27).

Gardeners:

The World Tomorrow will have plenty of need for gardeners. It will be a time of the “restitution of all things” (Acts 3:21). Garden of Eden-like conditions will prevail, and in the original Garden of Eden, the job that God gave to Adam was gardening (Genesis 2:15). God is a multibillionaire heavenly Father who lives in

splendiferous beauty! In his world, people will have beautiful, magnificent gardens. But not everyone may have enough time to devote proper attention to them. Full-time gardeners will be in demand. An added benefit to the job will be that the nature of gardening will be easier in the World Tomorrow. God will remove the curse he put on the earth when Adam sinned (Genesis 3:18), so thorns and thistles are not going to be the pain that they are today.

Musicians:

There were plenty of full-time musicians in ancient Israel under King David, and since a resurrected King David will be a leader in the World Tomorrow, the same pattern will again apply. David took a particular interest in music—particularly religious music—when he was king of Israel. (See I Chronicles 16:6.) Of course, in the World Tomorrow, the music that is part of religious worship services will be the special responsibility of a particular group of people, the descendants of the tribe of Levi of the nation of Israel. Nevertheless, the general abundance of the millennium will generate a strong demand for uplifting, wholesome, inspiring music outside the religious context.

These are some of the jobs about which Scripture gives direct indication. It should be obvious, though, that there will be many different career opportunities in God’s world. Everyone may own some land, but not everyone will be a farmer. People have different talents, inclinations and abilities. In God’s Church, where people are in training for the World Tomorrow, today there are different “gifts” (according to abilities), and those who have different abilities specialize in them (Romans 12:6-8). So in God’s world those with different talents will also do different things. We won’t all have to make our own shoes, weave our own carpets or install our own plumbing. There will be a wide variety of jobs for all. □

HUSBANDS

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responsibilities—have not even tried to be the heads and leaders of their homes but have been lazy, ne'er-do-well and degenerate individuals.

Inspiration to grow? By this I mean that the husband should not only lead the family in general, but should be the inspirer for each and every member of the family to develop his or her full potential as a human being and heir of God.

A wise and loving husband should inspire and encourage his wife to grow in bodily health. He should be solicitous about her getting enough sleep, enough exercise, the proper diet and the right kind of recreation.

Actually, although this should not be his motive, in helping his wife he is helping himself. For a strong, graceful and healthy body is certainly the basis of a warm, vivacious and loving personality. And certainly every right-minded man would want to keep his wife sweet and beautiful as his sweetheart throughout their life together.

He should also encourage his wife in mental development. He should realize that many wives tend to stagnate, become bored with life, bog down in their use of English, their knowledge of world affairs and their intellectual development in general.

Therefore, a dynamic husband and leader should inspire his wife to study different types of books and news magazines, share with her the interesting outside news and information he is receiving in his work and contacts, take her occasionally to enlivening lectures, concerts or educational movies. When possible, an inspiring trip will add a great deal to a wife's outlook on the world in general and her own life in particular.

Every husband should be most concerned with his wife's happiness and personality. He should inspire and encourage her constant development and growth in these areas. Certainly by loving and

helping her—sharing deeply with her his hopes and aspirations—he will be a tremendous inspiration to her in this regard. Whenever possible, he should express affection to her in the right way—showing by a thousand big and little things that he loves her deeply, appreciates her and wants her happiness above all else.

A real leader and husband will patiently correct those under him—even including his wife when necessary. But he will strive to do this with kindness and with patience in a way that encourages one to overcome the fault without feeling beaten down and squelched.

By all of this outgoing concern, and by making sure his wife does get the right amount of recreation, travel and friendly association with others of like interest, a husband may be assured that his wife is having a full and balanced life as God intended, and is even in this laying up a rich store of treasures that will bring forth happiness in marriage for years to come.

The area of character development is one also in which a really strong and masculine husband should take the lead.

All too often, especially in our modern world, men seem to think that it is up to the wife to talk about spiritual things and get the children interested in things concerning God and the Church. This is not true and any man who fails his God-given responsibility in this is simply selling out his own birthright. For God intended the man—if he will act on his responsibilities and opportunities—to be the spiritual leader in the home.

Notice this inspired scriptural statement: "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God" (I Corinthians 11:3).

It is your responsibility, husbands, to take and to maintain the spiritual leadership of your home.

Don't Fail Your Responsibility

Entirely too many of you have failed utterly in this responsibility.

You have supposed that religion was for old men, women and children. But you have supposed wrong!

For the strongest men who have ever lived have been the servants and prophets of Almighty God! Some day, very soon, you are going to know that!

Every husband has the opportunity to be the direct representative of God over his own home—in teaching, instructing, leading and inspiring wife and children to learn of the Holy Bible and to worship and serve the God who made them. Most wives and children will gladly respond if given half a chance. Men need to realize this and, first of all, set a dynamic example of dedication to their Creator, study of His Word, prayer to God at mealtimes—and family prayer—and private prayer on one's knees in the bedroom, closet or other private place.

The man should set an example of self-discipline in the fear of God. He should show that he is man enough—strong enough—to conquer his lusts and control his appetites and take correction. By conquering his smoking habit, by controlling his drinking and other appetites, by restraining his emotions and directing them in the right channels, by controlling and guiding his tongue according to the "law of kindness," he can set an example that will never be forgotten by his sons and daughters as they grow up. And this example will certainly command the respect, admiration and love of any right-minded woman.

Think on these things, then, you husbands! With God's help, every last one of us can increase in the love, kindness and effectiveness we have shown as husbands and fathers.

Review these basic principles. Put them to work in your marriage. Then reap the blessings, the stability and the deep down joy that comes from building your marriage the way the Creator intended marriage to be. □

GREECE

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any country they please, enjoying full work and welfare benefits and the complete range of social and educational rights?

Already, in northern and central member states, afflicted with sluggish economies, there are growing negative reactions to the "guest workers" from some of these same countries.

Little wonder some EC policy thinkers are now talking about a future two-tiered Community, composed first of all of those members having full status and right of movement for their citizens, and secondly, for the poorer countries, some sort of permanent association status. The latter would enjoy sharing in the EC's political decision-making powers, but migration of their nationals would be stringently controlled.

Many Tongues, One Voice

Whatever the Common Market's immediate future, January 1, 1981, was certainly a milestone.

The Community has grown considerably from the six charter nations who officially banded together on January 1, 1958—France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

On another New Year's Day, this time in 1973, Britain, Ireland and Denmark linked up. Norway also was to join on that date but opted out at the last minute.

Now Greece is in, making the Nine the Ten. Spain and Portugal may or may not join forces. One European news source predicts "monstrous difficulties" could arise in negotiations with Madrid and Lisbon, especially over agriculture.

Still, as Theo Sommer, the editor of West Germany's prestigious weekly, *Die Zeit*, editorialized: "The new European idea has taken root despite all the workaday squabbles about nuts and bolts, chicken feed and oranges. . . ."

The Common Market's component parts will not disappear, con-

cludes Sommer, "nor will national governments dwindle into insignificance. . . . Yet in the eyes of the outside world, the Community will more and more assume the character of a single entity, speaking in different tongues but with one voice, and implementing a collective will."

Global Reach

The Community exerts influence far beyond its European confines, both politically and economically.

More than 100 nations maintain accredited representatives at the Commission headquarters in Brussels.

In the economic field, the EC has negotiated commercial or association agreements with more than ninety countries around the world. Its most important trade-and-development assistance tie-up is with fifty-seven small countries of Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific. This is known as the Lomé Convention, named after the capital of Togo in Africa where the accords were signed in 1975 and 1979.

The Lomé Convention guarantees free access to the Common Market for 99.5 percent of the so-called ACP (Africa-Caribbean-Pacific) countries. The real significance of the Lomé pact is that the links of the fifty-seven ACP countries are with Brussels, not the individual European countries of the EC.

Recently the EC also signed a nonpreferential trade agreement with the five-nation ASEAN trade group in Southeast Asia.

The Communist world too is increasingly coming to terms with the Common Market. The EC carries on more than four times as much business with Communist countries as does the United States.

The Soviet Union itself is loath to deal with the EC as a bloc, preferring nation-to-nation contacts. Thus relations between the Community and the Moscow-based East European COMECON group are frosty.

Nevertheless, in the summer of 1980, independent-minded Romania signed its first full trade

accord with the Community. The pact was regarded on both sides as economically important and politically symbolic. Romania has been developing contacts with the EC since 1972.

Also in 1980, Yugoslavia entered into far-reaching negotiations for a new and novel cooperative agreement, which, if accepted, would give Belgrade a status equivalent to associate membership.

With Greece in the Market, Yugoslavia will now be bordered by two EC members (Italy to the northwest).

Like Babylon of Old

Your Bible predicts that there will arise a great world-encompassing economic-political bloc at the close of our age—just before the ushering in of the Kingdom of God. It is spoken of in the book of Revelation as "Babylon."

Significantly, *The Wall Street Journal*, commenting on the EC's expanding linguistic difficulties said, on January 12, 1981, "An official market report has warned that the *babel* could become so great as to be unmanageable."

The thirteenth verse of Revelation eighteen draws attention to two products traded in this coming "Babylon": oil and wine—both sure to be in abundance very soon.

And verse seventeen tells of the far-flung ocean-going trade of this colossus, referring to "all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea."

Ultimately ten nations, or groups of nations, will dominate the heart of this system (Revelation 17:12). As to *which* ten, we must still wait and see. Events now occurring in Poland and Eastern Europe may lead to some of those nations joining forces with the West. (See "Crisis in Eastern Europe; Where It Will Head," February, 1981, *Plain Truth*.)

Greece's membership in the European Community is important primarily for the commercial resources she brings to it—not because she has become the tenth member. □

What God Expects of HUMAN LEADERS

by Jeff Calkins

How does God view those who come into political power in this world?

God does not look at all human leaders the same. What the heads of the governments of this world do makes a difference in the eyes of God because every leader holds power only by God's EXPRESS PERMISSION:

"The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will . . ." (Daniel 4:17).

A human leader should remember the story of Belshazzar, the grandson of Nebuchadnezzar in the Bible. God judged this gentile leader—a man cut off from God in the spiritual sense—differently from other leaders similarly "cut off" from contact with God: "Thou art weighed in the balance, and art found wanting" (Daniel 5:27), was God's judgment.

By contrast, God referred to another leader of this world, Cyrus the Great, as his



AMERICA CHANGES LEADERSHIP. President-elect Ronald Reagan meets with foreign policy advisers planning transition to the new administration. All world leaders bear a heavy responsibility at this time of staggering world crises and upheaval, when human survival is threatened with extinction.

"anointed" (Isaiah 45:1). All world leaders, of course, ultimately serve God's purposes—but there are differences: some are vessels "unto honour" (like Cyrus) and some "unto dishonour" (like Pharaoh of the Exodus) (Romans 9:21). Which vessel a leader will choose to be is a

very grave matter—and a responsibility few are accorded.

A Sense of History

A leader must have a sense of where his nation and people stand in history. A Dartmouth English professor, Jeffrey Hart, has remarked that most college students today know where they are—in space—but not in time. They don't have a sense of history. The same could be said for the leaders in this world—particularly

of those nations that play an important role in Bible prophecy.

For example, leaders in the Western world would find a sense of history and destiny in a most important book. It gives proof of where the United States and the whole English-speaking world is in history. Its title is *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* by Herbert W. Armstrong. Leaders should particularly read chapters 13 and 14. Indeed, HERE IS PROBABLY THE MOST VITAL INFORMATION ANY LEADER COULD HAVE IN SHAPING HIS ADMINISTRATION.

The book demonstrates who are the physical descendants of the ancient ten-tribed House of Israel. The English-speaking world, northwestern Europe and their settlements worldwide would be sobered to find where they are in Bible prophecy.

The significance of this is staggering! It means that a good bulk of the prophecies found in the Old Testament refer to these modern nations! Those prophecies reveal that the United States—as well as other nations descended from all the tribes of ancient Israel—is in grave peril.

For any leader in the Western world, the knowledge revealed in Mr. Armstrong's book would make a vital difference in choosing policy!

One example. A former senator from Oklahoma, Harold Hughes, who is now an evangelist, has derided some of President Reagan's own religious supporters by saying, "I have searched the Scriptures diligently and I have not found one word in them on Jesus Christ's position on the Panama Canal." If Mr. Hughes would read *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* he would be surprised! The God of the Old Testament—who later became Jesus Christ (John 1:1), made a prophecy to Abraham that his descendants would possess the gate of their enemies (Genesis 22:17). And the descendants of Abraham—specifically America—did come to possess one such gate—the Panama Canal!

How ironic that, in 1976, Ronald Reagan almost won the Republican nomination on the strength of the issue on the Panama Canal! The very first primary he won was the first one where he criticized the then-President Gerald Ford for being willing to give away the Canal. His campaign cry of "We bought it. We paid for it. We own it," made sense to many Americans.

But Mr. Reagan's special concern for the Panama Canal should now give him pause. The man in office before him finally succeeded in giving the Canal away.

What God had given was taken away.

Business as Usual?

There are GRAVE implications from the fact that modern nations are mentioned in Bible prophecy. Prophecy reveals that nations descended from ancient Israel—including America and Britain—will suffer famine, military attack, and eventual captivity by a foreign power! (See Ezekiel, chapters 5 and 6.)

No human leader wants the shame of being the *last* leader of his country when it collapses. But to prevent that, he must be willing to stop doing "business as usual"—stop following "the get way," the way of exclusive self-interest, vanity, envy and hostility toward others. Yet there are enormous pressures on every leader toward business as usual—toward doing things the way they have always been done—even if the ends thereof lead to destruction.

The Bible reveals a principle of delay. In I Kings 21, there is a remarkable story. A leader of ancient Israel, King Ahab, had "sold" himself to "work evil in the sight of the Lord." The prophet Elijah went to him and told Ahab of impending desolation of Ahab's own family (I Kings 21:17-24). And then a surprise happened.

"Ahab humbled himself, fasted, and cried to God in repentance." As a result, God said, "I will not bring the evil in his days, but in his son's days" (verses 29-30). Had his sons similarly repented (they didn't), the evil would have been postponed indefinitely.

Much the same story happened in ancient Nineveh. The prophet warned that ancient city-state of its impending fall, and, lo and behold, the king led the people in fasting and prayer! So God changed his mind. Nineveh was spared! (Jonah 3:4-10).

A human leader should consider doing the same thing today—calling a day of prayer and fasting. Such days, interestingly enough, are not that uncommon in American history. The Conti-

mental Congress declared a day of fasting and repentance at least twice, George Washington did it once, and Lincoln did it twice during the Civil War.

But declarations of prayer and repentance should not be done just to curry favor with religious voters. The national leader must himself set a good example for the nation.

High Personal Standards

A leader's personal life must continue to reflect personal moral standards that must be above reproach.

The Bible says, "He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God" (II Samuel 23:3). And yet some figures in high office have included liars, users of profane language and alleged adulterers. A president or prime minister who does these things may cause some people to think that such conduct is morally acceptable.

The same requirement of fear of God should also apply to a leader's subordinates. They must be men and women of personal honesty and moral backbone—(see Exodus 18:21-22). The Proverbs say, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice" (Proverbs 29:2).

The Plain Truth cannot give political leaders specific advice on this or that policy. But there are certain duties that the Bible does lay on human rulers.

A leader is under a duty to see that his government *does not actively attack* the preaching of the true Gospel, the well-being of God's Church, or family life in general. The same verse in the Bible that says certain things are Caesar's also says certain things are God's (Matthew 22:21).

For example, government bureaucrats in the central states in recent years have attempted to make the operation of independent church operated schools and colleges very difficult. The public schools have become a means to cram anti-God, antifamily, pro-evolution ideas down the throats of millions of children. Some bureaucrats have desired to have all chil-

dren indoctrinated with their own secular humanist values.

Leaders should see that the government stops doing its bit to destroy the family. There are tax laws, for example, which reward immorality and penalize marriage. There are sex education programs that ridicule the Bible's laws on sex. Some government leaders have even gone out of their way to teach people that homosexuality is morally permissible. Tax dollars still fund the murder of unborn children.

The Bible exhorts Christians to pray that those who are in authority would so do their job that those who do God's Work could "lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (I Timothy 2:1-3).

Part of this, of course, has to do with the crime problem. The Bible reveals that human political authority must be the "minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil" (Romans 13:4). Today, much of man's criminal law molycoddles criminals with light sentences and the easy possibility of parole. It hardly obeys the biblical requirement that human government is ordained "for the punishment of evil doers" (I Peter 2:4).

Beyond Tribulation

And yet, perhaps people should not be too optimistic about the political leaders of this world. The Bible says, "Put not your trust in princes" (Psalms 146:3). The many bureaucratic pressures against doing the right things often prove insurmountable.

There is, however, still light at the end of the tunnel. Even if world affairs continue to take their staggering lurches for the worse, a better world would be no more than a few years away. The interim, of course, would not be pleasant. The Bible describes it as "Great Tribulation." But at the end Jesus Christ will return and establish his Government over all the earth. So if one party or another, indeed, if all human political leaders, fail, there is still hope for a better world—an immensely better world! Jesus Christ won't fail! □

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ishing the idolatry of the Arabs. He gave them a new faith, *Islam*, meaning "submission."

Mohammed regarded Moses as his predecessor and model. The Koran refers to Moses as "a messenger of Allah, a Prophet." Thus, in all three faiths, Moses is recognized as a genuine prophet through whom God spoke. And Mount Sinai, on which Moses received the Ten Commandments, is held sacred by Jews, Christians and Moslems alike.

President Sadat's choice of Sinai as a symbol of peace and unity among faiths and nations is thus eminently suitable—a "common denominator" acceptable to all three religions.

Place of Worship

Sinai has been a place of worship—both true and pagan—for millennia.

God declared to Moses out of the burning bush, "When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain" (Exodus 3:12). Following the Exodus, the Israelites, as God foretold, came to Mount Sinai. It was there, according to Hebrew tradition, on the very day that later would be called the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost, that God uttered the words of the Ten Commandments to some two million assembled Israelites (Exodus 19-20), accompanied by spectacular supernatural signs.

Moses subsequently built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve stones representing the twelve tribes of Israel (Exodus 24:4). Offerings were made to God upon the altar.

Not many days afterwards, however, Sinai became a site of pagan worship. It was in the shadow of the sacred mountain that the idolatrous Golden Calf was made (Exodus 32) and "worshiped" in an orgy.

After the sin of the Golden Calf, Moses pitched a large meeting tent, called the Tabernacle of

the Congregation, outside the camp of Israel at Sinai (Exodus 33:7). "And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle. . . . And the Lord spake to Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend . . ." (Exodus 33:9, 11).

Later, a much more elaborate Tabernacle was erected at Sinai, but this time placed at the very center of the Israelite camp. This Tabernacle—a portable sanctuary replete with ritual and a priesthood—was constructed in accordance with instructions given to Moses by God atop Mount Sinai. It was ultimately superseded by the building of the Temple in Jerusalem by King Solomon.

The Bible records still another, later event at Sinai. Some six hundred years after Moses, another prophet—Elijah—journeyed to Sinai to seek God. Fleeing from the wicked queen Jezebel, Elijah "fled" "unto Horeb the mount of God" (I Kings 19:8), and lodged in a cave in the side of the mountain. There, amid a fierce wind, a strong earthquake and a blazing fire, God spoke to Elijah and gave him numerous instructions to carry out.

Ancient Monastery

Over a millennium later, in A.D. 342, Queen Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, visited Mount Sinai and had a church built by a spring—the supposed site of the burning bush observed by Moses on the lower slopes of the mountain.

Nearly 200 years later, in the days of the Byzantine emperor Justinian I, the Monastery of St. Catherine was constructed at the same location, in the shady northern flank of the mountain. This isolated Greek Orthodox monastery—still in use today—is the world's oldest continuously inhabited Christian monastery. Its library is world famous.

It was at this monastery that a famous Greek manuscript of the Bible, the *Codex Sinaiticus*, was discovered in a trash can by the German biblical scholar Tischen-

dorf in 1844. This 4th-century Greek text of the Bible—one of the oldest biblical manuscripts extant—is now in the British Museum in London.

The Greek Orthodox community of monks at St. Catherine's has dominated the Mount Sinai region for centuries. Not surprisingly, the monks reportedly expressed certain objections to the proposed World Peace Center when they received President Sadat last November 19, on the second anniversary of his historic journey to Jerusalem.

On that occasion, Mr. Sadat ordered the Egyptian flag hoisted over the region (returned to Egypt after twelve years of Israeli occupation) and prayed on the soil of Sinai. He called on the world to adopt the idea of a Sinai peace shrine and asked for donations toward it.

A month after his return to Cairo, Sadat commented to architects that he was pleased with the site finally chosen for the project, an appropriate distance from the monastery. "I am very happy to hear that the site does not compete with the monastery," Mr. Sadat is quoted as telling them.

A Harbinger of Peace

What will be the impact of President Sadat's World Peace Center on the war-torn, battle-scarred Middle East?

President Sadat's bold decision to make peace with Israel—symbolized by his soon-to-be-built peace shrine—has effectively quenched, for the moment at least, one potential spark that might otherwise have set off yet another round of Mideast fighting. "If they incline to peace," the Koran admonishes, "incline thou also to it, and trust in Allah." President Sadat certainly cannot be faulted for seeking to fulfill this tenet of his faith.

Yet, sadly, despite continuing peacemaking efforts in the region, Bible prophecy indicates that the future holds *war*, not peace, for the Middle East. But understand this: the Bible also reveals that the major military threat to the region will *not* come

from within the Middle East itself, but *from the outside!*

The prophetic book of Daniel reveals that the ultimate threat will come from the "king of the north"—a great end-time military power that will become enmeshed in the Middle East imbroglio, possibly under the pretext of "peacekeeping."

In the New Testament, this power is referred to as the Beast (Revelation 17), revealed as a ten nation revival of the ancient Roman Empire.

This revived Roman Empire will intrude upon many nations and peoples of the Middle East through military intervention. Among these nations will be *Israel and Egypt!*

"He [the Beast] shall come into the glorious land [the Holy Land]," declares Daniel 11:41 (Revised Standard Version). Verse 42 further reveals: "He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of *Egypt* shall not escape. . . ."

A great military crisis is yet to occur in the Middle East—one last cataclysmic upheaval just prior to the end of this age and the dawn of a new and better one.

How Peace Will Come

As President Sadat has observed, the way to peace is the *Ten Commandments*, given to Israel on that first Pentecost more than 3,400 years ago at Mount Sinai.

On another Pentecost nearly 1,500 years later, the Holy Spirit of God entered into the disciples of Jesus (Acts 2), enabling them to keep the Ten Commandments according to their spirit and intent, as well as in the letter.

Only when the *entire world* is obeying not just the letter but the spirit of the Ten Commandments—the way of *LOVING, GIVING and SHARING*—will world peace at last become reality.

The good news is that this is going to happen! Peace *will* come—with the establishment of the Kingdom of God on this earth by the soon-coming Messiah!

President Sadat's World Peace Center is designed to *point the*

way—to underline the overriding importance of the Ten Commandments given at Mount Sinai. It will serve as a kind of window through which we may glimpse the future, a future when the peoples of the entire world will come together in peace and harmony to seek the God of Abraham.

In the words of Mr. Armstrong: "This Peace Center at Mount Sinai's base will stand as a prelude to soon-coming world peace. It is symbolic of *the way* to world peace between nations and religions. It will not, of itself, bring that peace. . . . But it is emblematic of it . . . foreshadowing the world peace that is as sure as the rising of tomorrow's sun."

Aside from their often wide differences in theology, the three faiths that will jointly occupy the Sinai Peace Center will symbolize this coming time of international cooperation under the overall direction of the Ten Commandments.

President Sadat's Mount Sinai peace shrine might well be considered a type or forerunner of the monument of witness in the Egyptian-Israeli frontier foretold in Isaiah 19:19-20:

"In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a *pillar* [or monument] *at the border thereof* to the LORD. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt. . . ."

Messiah to Rule

Today's world at large, however, is not going to voluntarily submit to and obey the Ten Commandments. It will require a "Strong Hand from Someplace" to intervene in man's civilization and compel humanity to find peace, joy and universal abundance.

This "Strong Hand from Someplace" is, of course, the long-awaited Messiah, expected by many Jews, Christians and Moslems alike. This Messiah is prophesied to subdue all military opposition and impose global peace and prosperity. "He shall speak peace unto the heathen," the Bible declares, "and his dominion shall

be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth" (Zechariah 9:10).

For thousands of years, Jews have awaited a Redeemer or great Deliverer foretold by the prophets of old. The word *Messiah* comes from the Hebrew word *mashiah*, meaning "anointed." (The Greek equivalent is *Christos*.)

Many Christians likewise await a Messiah—Jesus the Christ—who promised his disciples that he would come again (John 14:3). The New Testament book of Revelation pictures Jesus Christ returning with a heavenly army to "smite the nations and . . . rule them with a rod of iron" (Revelation 19:15). At that time, voices in heaven are prophesied to declare: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15).

Moslems also expect a Messiah or *Mahdi* ("divinely guided one") from the family of Mohammed, who will restore pure religion and usher in a golden age. Since the Moslem Mahdi will be exercising functions not unlike those prophesied for the Christian Messiah, there has arisen some confusion among Moslems regarding the Mahdi's role with respect to that of Jesus (whom they call Isa), whom Moslems accept as the sinless, though not divine, prophet.

Some Moslems believe that Jesus will descend *with* their Mahdi and together kill the infamous "Antichrist." Others say that following the Mahdi's appearance the Antichrist will rise to oppose him, but Jesus will descend from heaven and kill the Antichrist. Still others feel Jesus will return *as* Mahdi, citing a *hadith* (traditional saying of Mohammed) that asserts, "There is no Mahdi save Isa ibn Maryam [Jesus the son of Mary]"—a declaration with which Christians would readily agree.

With the coming of this messianic "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6)—the "desire of all nations" (Haggai 2:7)—the great dream symbolized by President Sadat's

World Peace Center will be achieved on this earth. That coming is fast approaching!

Just beyond our troublous times lies the utopian World Tomorrow. God's Government will be restored to this earth. At that time "the law shall go forth of Zion . . . and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Micah 4:2-3).

World peace will become reality. It will not be based on fragile treaties, tenuous compromise or a precarious "balance of power," but on obedience to the eternal Law of God—the Ten Commandments.

Former antagonists will join hands in international cooperation. "In that day," declares the prophet Isaiah, "shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance" (Isaiah 19:24-25). President Sadat's World Peace Center points forward to that wonderful time!

Three centuries ago, the English poet John Milton wrote, "Peace hath her victories, no less renowned than war." Certainly the Mount Sinai World Peace Center is one of these victories on man's arduous, 6,000-year road toward global peace. □

Personal from...

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a marriage of two, a family of several or a football team, a quarterback or a coach has to call the signals, and all MUST respond to the order or lose the game—lose the home and happy family life.

The question comes up in the recommended article, "Now They Want to De-Sex the Bible." God simply is not either sex—God is all-knowing, all-powerful spirit-composed divine FAMILY. But one member of that originally two-member divine Family,

known as "the WORD" (John 1:1-4, 14), was made human flesh, born of a human woman, but fathered by the divine GOD, Head of the divine GOD FAMILY. But the virgin Mary conceived not by a physical human male sperm cell, but by the very Spirit of the divine GOD. God does not need or have physical sex organs. Neither do angels. And those mortals who do reach their incredible HUMAN POTENTIAL, in which God is reproducing Himself through humans, will no longer have sex organs—no longer male or female, but, as Christ Jesus said, be as the angels in heaven—no sex differences. They shall be GOD-PERSONS. And the one the Bible calls God the Father will be FATHER of that divine Family. Those of us who attain by His grace to this potential shall have been begotten by God's Holy Spirit, which flows from the very Person of God. The physical male sperm that imparts human life to the female ovum is merely the physical and material type of the begettal power of the all-powerful Spirit of GOD! Human reproduction is the exact physical type of divine spiritual reproduction. (See my book *The Missing Dimension in Sex*.)

Those women's organizations that disparage male leadership, in love, over the wife, are being deceived by a wily and evil Satan, as was Mother Eve, into opposition against their own Maker who gives them the breath they breathe.

I know well it isn't popular today in human misthinking to believe there actually does exist a Satan the devil. Ah, well! He knows better than those he is deceiving that he now has but a short time left to deceive a mixed-up humanity, which has lost the true values, and in whose fund of knowledge there is a seriously gaping missing dimension.

That invisible "strong hand from someplace" will very soon, now, intervene in world affairs, to take over, rule and reeducate ALL NATIONS OF THE EARTH. A wonderful WORLD TOMORROW is just over the horizon! □

What Our Readers Say

Latest Leap Into Space

Your latest article, in the January, 1981, edition of *The Plain Truth*, is the crowning touch. This article, "Voyager I to Saturn—Latest Leap Into Space," is the very best, truly scientific article that we've ever read. It put into proper context all the pictures and stories we've seen and read and listened to both in the printed and the electronic media. You've made God seem more real, more dynamic, more Godlike. And yet we know that you've only been able to "scratch" the surface of the greatness of God.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan W. Jones
Miami, Florida

Correspondence Course

I should like to express my appreciation for the first lesson of your Correspondence Course. I must confess that my understanding of the Bible with ordinary reading is pretty meager, but your course has put new light into it.

I have typed all the verses referred to in the lessons, which are a great help when rereading the Bible. I thank you and look forward to further lessons and better understanding.

C.M. Lennard
Salisbury, Zimbabwe

I am presently taking three university courses, working part-time, and caring for a five-year-old. I have an insatiable thirst for reading. Consequently, although I have never taken an interest in the Bible because like most people I find it confusing, I am willing to spend some time learning from your Correspondence Course. It is hard for me to believe that you can afford to distribute these publications free of charge. I don't know of any church which doesn't subtly request

some contribution sooner or later. Thank you for leaving this option entirely up to the reader.

Diane LeClaire
London, Ontario

Broadcast

I have heard your program on several occasions since 1966 at different places. I have also been exposed to *The Plain Truth* in the past. In fact, I used to receive it in the late 1960s when I was a student at Guelph.

Recently by chance I found myself listening to your program on CKO. As always it was very informative.

D.P. Sengar
Ottawa, Ontario

Deprogramming

I appreciate very much your speaking out against "deprogramming." My own daughter, without her consent or her parents' was kidnapped two times because she was a very effective missionary.

It has long been a personal struggle for me to resist violence against those who inflicted gross immoral trespass on her young body all in the name of religious deprogramming. It is hard to believe these atrocities are being practiced with impunity in our America.

Loren L. Smith
Woodland, California

"Return of the Inquisition" gave me an insight into deprogramming that I had never thought about before. The parallels between conservatism and the recent receivership on the Church were absolutely amazing.

I read it once, then immediately read it again to my husband. Half in shock, half in a spirit of *having been warned* of what yet DOES LIE AHEAD.

Carole Wise
Denver, Colorado

Islamic Eyes

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the editor, the author and staff of *The Plain Truth* magazine for the article entitled "Seeing the World Through Islamic Eyes."

For the record, I would like to state I myself am a Moslem and have also been a *Plain Truth* subscriber for many years. And I have always held the writers and publishers in very high regard when comparing to many other Christian publications which I often read.

Keith Brown-I
Jefferson City, Missouri

"Seeing the World Through Islamic Eyes" caught my attention, since I am presently doing research on the subject of Islam.

The treatment and attitude of Islam towards Christians and Jews that live amongst them is a daily reminder of their inferior status as members of "despised religions." The tolerated infidels or *dhimmas* face numerous restrictions. The dhimma male is not allowed to marry a Moslem woman, although a Moslem may marry a Christian or Jewish woman.

George S. Brookman
West Palm Beach, Florida

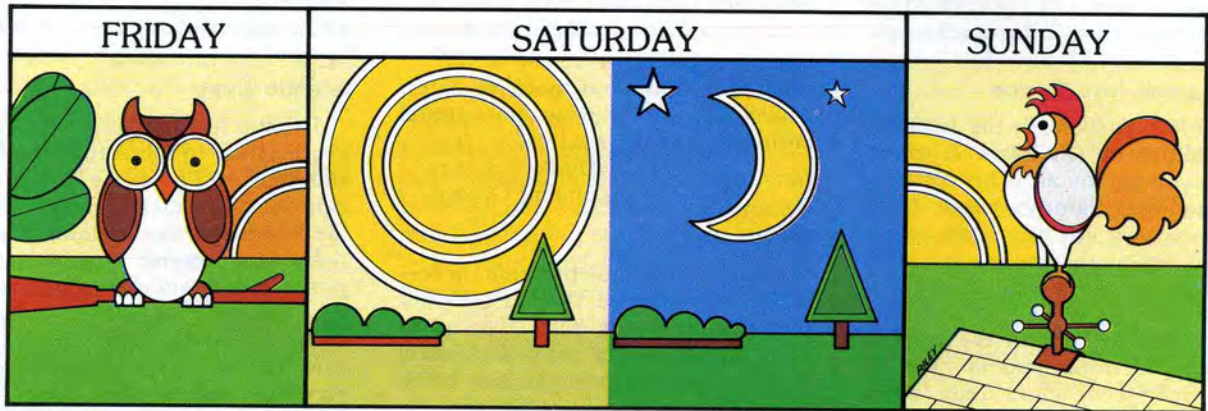
New Readers

Bless you for bringing such a terrific, sane and very readable magazine into my life, like *The Plain Truth*.

Truth does indeed blow very cold once it blows through the warm cosiness that covers up the lies and dangerous deceptions practiced by the glib politicians of world governments today. As soon as I read my eagerly awaited copy of *The Plain Truth* I count the days to the next month's arrival.

C. Shaverling
London

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**Can you fit three days
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Few have ever thought to question — or *prove* — the “Good Friday-Easter” tradition. Did Jesus stay in the grave, as he promised, for three days and three nights? If he failed to fulfill this prophecy, then we must reject him as an imposter. Perhaps *you* should look into this interesting contradiction. Use the handy

reply card inside or write to *The Plain Truth* office nearest you for the free booklet, *The Resurrection Was Not on Sunday*. Solve the dilemma for yourself . . . it's simple math. ***Request your booklet today.***

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