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Tito Forms Startling Alliance

Because of the death of Dictator Stalin, very significant news is going unnoticed. After months of deliberation a Defense Pact has been signed between Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey. It is formed to curb the expansion of Russian moves in the Eastern Mediterranean. How will this new alliance affect American defense plans and European unity? Has Tito really become an ally of the West or is he plotting to build a THIRD FORCE in Europe to counterbalance East and West?

by Herman L. Hoeh

STALIN is dead! What's going to happen from now on?

The world was momentarily stunned by the news that the iron-fisted Dictator of Russia met sudden death, but our leaders are beginning to realize that **RUSSIAN POLICIES HAVE NOT CHANGED**. Communistic Russia still intends to *conquer* the world.

The new Communistic Government continues to wage its cold war against the West. It still keeps the "hot" war going in Korea.

Meanwhile, rapid changes are taking place in American foreign policy as a result of the inauguration of the Eisenhower administration.

American officials have threatened Europeans that we will reduce much of our economic and military aid *unless Europeans unite* and direct more of their budget toward mutual security.

American representative Lodge has finally challenged Russia in the United Nations to disprove the facts that Russia instigated the Korean conflict and has deliberately kept the war going by giving the communist armies in that

war-torn country a large percentage of their arms.

President Eisenhower and his administration, especially through the help of Secretary of State Dulles, have been attempting to seize the initiative from Russia. *Our government has decided that we have to make the first move.*

But Russia Is Not Asleep!

At the same time that we are trying to induce our allies to do what we think is best, Russia is actively plotting to maintain its control in world affairs. Russia is bringing heavy pressure on India in an effort to prevent that great reservoir of manpower from falling into the hands of the West. India's Prime Minister Nehru has become so deceived by the lying peace propaganda of the Soviet Union that he has openly expressed fears that America is being guided by militarists!

The Indian representative to Moscow had a long personal talk with Stalin before he died. This was a highly unusual action for Stalin to take, you can be sure, unless he were *seeking to influence India against the West*. Russia is vitally in-

terested in India and Pakistan with their nearly 400 million illiterate and oppressed people. Russia covets the use of that manpower in its efforts to seize world control.

But while the eyes of the world are focused on the actions of the United States and Russia, many **HIGHLY IMPORTANT MOVES BY EUROPEANS ARE BEING OVERLOOKED**.

Despite four years of constant pressure, America has been unable to form a workable union in Europe. Mutual fears and the running sores of territorial disputes still remain in the path of unity. *But what's going to happen?*

Tito Forms Vital Alliance

At the end of February highly significant news arrived from Ankara, Turkey. Tito's representative signed a *mutual defense pact* with Turkish and Greek representatives. *This news is more important than you may realize.*

IT IS ANOTHER STEP TOWARD A UNION OF TEN NATIONS THAT WILL SHOCK THE WORLD—A UNITED FASCIST EUROPE THAT WILL FRIGHTEN RUSSIA AND ATTACK AMERICA AND

THE DEMOCRACIES OF NORTHWESTERN EUROPE!

Yes, this new alliance is most significant news.

It is common knowledge that the Eastern Mediterranean has been one of our weakest links in the defensive chain with which we are trying to encircle the Soviet Union. The Suez Canal must be protected to safeguard Britain's lifeline. We have had a large fleet in this area for a long time in order to forestall any aggressive Soviet moves. It is little wonder, then, that our military and political strategists welcome this new Balkan alliance, not realizing the terrible foreboding that it contains for America.

The alliance of Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey which is subject to ratification by the Parliaments, brings together a united army of nearly 100 divisions in the event of a crisis. *This is far larger than the combined divisions of the West European allies* despite billions of our dollars and millions of tons of equipment that we have poured into the continent.

These soldiers are tough soldiers. The Yugoslavs and Greeks have been trained in field experience, while the Turks have had intensive military drill because of their fears of Russian aggression. The only thing they lack is an abundance of modern equipment which America probably will supply in its world-wide effort to purchase the alliance of other nations.

Main Provisions of Pact

This mutual defense pact provides for the collaboration of the general staffs of the three signatory powers in order to achieve common decisions on military and other matters. Each of the nations promises to refrain from any alliance against the other two powers.

It is important to bear in mind that *none* of these three nations—Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey—is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. *There is ONE VITAL LINK* missing between that organization of Western Europe and this new alliance.

Look at any map. What is the missing link that separates these nations from a continuous united front from the British Isles to the Black Sea?

It is *Italy*.

Italy is the key. She belongs to the Western alliance but is *not* a part of Tito's organization because of her dispute with Yugoslavia over the city and territory of Trieste. In our trip to Europe last summer, Dick Armstrong and I found that this conflict over Trieste runs far deeper than most of you realize. Both Yugoslavia and Italy covet it, yet the United States is totally *unable* to effect an agreement over this territory

in order to bring these two countries together in an alliance.

ALL *our* EFFORTS TO PRESENT A UNITED EUROPE AGAINST RUSSIA WILL HAVE BEEN FOR NAUGHT UNLESS WE CAN BRING ABOUT AN AMICABLE UNION BETWEEN THESE TWO SEPARATE ALLIANCES. Europe's disunited countries are still like so many links of a *broken* chain. The questions are these: Can we unite Europe or will it take some *unforeseen* power to do it? And will that united Europe be an ally?

Tito Makes Another Surprise Move

Tito's interest is not only in foreign alliances to secure himself in power, but he is also bringing about drastic changes at home.

You will remember that in the November, 1952, issue of the "Good News," we reported that Tito was gradually allowing the peasants a few acres which they could own privately for their own use. Now the news has finally been made officially public that Tito is in the process of *returning to private ownership the communist collective farms* that he once seized from the people. The government's principal expert on agriculture admitted that the *communist collective farms were a complete failure* and that they ought to be given to agricultural producers and craftsmen.

Tito is no longer trodding the path to complete communism. He is heading down another and more dangerous path and our people aren't aware of it.

Just because Tito is of necessity returning to *private ownership*, does that mean he is amending his ways and becoming *democratic*? Does Tito *really* believe in government of the people and by the people?

Tito has come to sense the need of a certain amount of private initiative, but he is maintaining rigid government control and political *dictatorship*. And that isn't democracy!

Then what is it, if it isn't communism nor democracy?

It's **FASCISM!**

Fascism is a combination of socialistic *dictatorship* and a limited amount of private initiative. TITO IS SLOWLY BRINGING INTO BEING A FASCIST STATE—a continuation of the same Babylonish, fascist system that has gripped Europe for centuries and has recently manifested itself as Nazism in Germany and as outright fascism in Italy, Spain and even Argentina.

Tito has never—and he never will—believe in democracy as we understand it in America.

Undercover Moves in Europe

We have been pouring arms and money into Europe and still find our-

selves unable to build a united Europe—mainly because Europeans don't like us to tell them what to do and how to do it. They know that in the event of war—and *they doubt that there will be a war soon*—that they will become merely a battle ground between East and West.

But recent undercover moves in Europe are very foreboding to the West. Not only is Tito marching down the paths of fascism and trying to form an alliance which HE INTENDS TO DOMINATE, but also in Italy a new election law has been passed so that any political party getting at least 50% of the votes gets at least 65% of the seats in parliament—a very easy way for *dictatorship to seize control*.

Recent headlines in many of your newspapers spread the announcement of the arrest of "former" Nazis who were plotting to seize control of the West German Government. Even Fascist Spain is demanding exorbitant prices for selling us land to establish air bases in her country.

Everywhere—slowly but surely—FASCISM IS COMING BACK *without our noticing it*. Fascists and Nazis are undermining democratic parties and seeking to get us to maintain our aid until THEY—AND NOT AMERICA—CAN BRING ABOUT A UNITED EUROPE THAT WILL ASTOUND THE WORLD!

Tito's newest alliance is just one of many steps that *you need to be watching*—that must continue to take place *before the prophesied ten-nation united Europe can emerge in all of its diabolical wickedness and destroy us* (Rev. 17:8).

Tito has left his alliance open to new members, especially Italy. But it will be some time yet before this might occur. Italy and Yugoslavia won't get together until there is a SUPREME AUTHORITY that will unite all the efforts of politicians and dictators to achieve European unity.

President Eisenhower thinks America can be that supreme authority, but he will find that Europe can not be united despite his valiant efforts. It is going to take a *supreme* RELIGIOUS *authority* to achieve final unification in the face of American failure and Russian threats. And Tito is eventually going to knuckle under *that religious power*. It will be a great *church* that will guide and control the political fascist unions, that Europeans are beginning to build for themselves (Rev. 17:3).

These are momentous times. We had better be *awake*—watching the plots of men in their *final* effort to achieve world control and destroy the last vestige of freedom as we know it in America.

The TONGUES Question

Is the "speaking in tongues" the Bible evidence of the baptism with the Holy Spirit? Just what IS the baptism with the Holy Spirit? What about "tarry meetings"? We continue making the truth PLAIN from the preceding article in the March number.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

PART II

What IS the "Baptism with the Holy Spirit?"

JUST what is this "baptism"? The very crux of the whole question—the basis of the error so many have been led into—is a MISUNDERSTANDING of what the true "baptism with the Holy Spirit" really is!

The whole error comes from one erroneous idea which is generally ASSUMED—carelessly taken for granted—never so much as QUESTIONED, let alone being PROVED!

It is the general idea that one is first converted, in which he *receives* the Holy Spirit—actually has the Holy Spirit within—and then, AFTERWARD, as an entirely separate and later special act or blessing from God, if he "seeks" it diligently enough, he may receive "the baptism" with the Holy Spirit.

This "baptism" is supposed to be a special endowment with POWER. This power is supposed to be "power to witness for Jesus." Actually it is regarded in practice as a sort of loosening of the tongue.

The teaching is that one *always* "speaks in tongues"—that is, unknown languages, at the time this "baptism" is received. Often thrills and sensations are felt surging in overpowering waves thru the body. From that time all timidity and bashfulness in "witnessing for Christ" is gone. The tongue is loosened. The recipient now testifies in open meeting boldly, loudly, often in a jazzy manner and with a fluency and flippancy of speech never before possible.

Peter, James, John, and the other apostles, they believe, all were CONVERTED, and received the Holy Spirit either when first called by Jesus, or during His ministry and *before* "Pentecost." Then, having already received "the gift of the Holy Spirit," these disciples, so it is believed, had to "tarry," and "pray down Pentecost," until, finally on Pentecost, they "got their baptism." That's the common belief.

BUT THAT IS NOT THE TRUTH!

And this error causes thousands who may already have received the Holy

Spirit to SEEK and SEEK and SEEK this supposed ADDITIONAL experience called "the baptism." Worse, it leads people by hundreds to become discouraged and to decide there is no hope for them, and to give up even trying to live a Christian life!

Was Peter Converted Before "Pentecost"?

Let's not ASSUME this idea. Let's not take it carelessly for granted. Let's look into the Scripture for the TRUTH!

The TRUTH is that neither Peter, James, John, nor any of the disciples of Jesus had ever so much as RECEIVED the Holy Spirit at all until that day of Pentecost!

Under the old Covenant, God had a CHURCH. Israel was both a nation, called the "Kingdom of Israel," and a CHURCH, called "The Congregation of Israel." But that church was a FLESH-born church. It was wholly MATERIAL, fleshly, physical. It was not spiritual. One became a member by FLESH-birth.

Now here is the point so many have never realized. Under the Old Covenant THERE WAS NO SALVATION! The people of that church were NOT CONVERTED. *They did not have the Holy Spirit!* That is, none except the prophets specially called of God. David, Elijah, Jeremiah, had the Holy Spirit. They were called for very special missions.

But the rank and file members of the Old Testament Congregation NEVER HAD THE HOLY SPIRIT. You can't find any place where the Holy Spirit was promised Israel under the OLD covenant. Or where salvation and eternal life was promised. Their animal sacrifices did NOT take away their sins. "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away SINS," (Heb. 10:4). But rather, as explained in Hebrews, the animal sacrifices of the Old Covenant were merely a *reminder* of sins! There was *no remission of sins*, and therefore no salvation *possible*, UNTIL the one and *only* great sacrifice was made on Calvary's cross!

During Jesus' ministry He told His disciples: "It is expedient for YOU that I go away: for if I go not away the Com-

forter (Holy Spirit) will not come unto you; but *if I depart*, I will send him unto you." (John 16:7). Notice, it was expedient for THEM. He was talking to Peter and the other disciples on the very eve of His crucifixion, at the LAST SUPPER. If Peter and the other Apostles already *had* the Holy Spirit, Jesus would not have told them, His very last night alive on earth with them before being crucified, it was needful for *them* that He depart, go to heaven, in order to *send* the Holy Spirit. And this was only some 50 days before Pentecost!

Again, Jesus said that same night: "But WHEN the Comforter is come, whom *I will send unto you* from the Father (FROM HEAVEN), He shall testify of me." (John 15:26). Again the same night He said: "If ye love me, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; EVEN THE SPIRIT of truth . . . for he dwelleth WITH you (in the person of Christ), and SHALL BE *in you*" (in the person of the Holy Spirit whom the Father would send from heaven). (John 14:15-17).

Notice it carefully! It wasn't the disciples who prayed down the Holy Spirit. It was JESUS who prayed, and the Father sent them the Holy Spirit who was to be IN THEM—and the Spirit CAME on the day of Pentecost AFTER Jesus had GONE AWAY, to heaven!

Earlier, on the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles, "Jesus stood and cried, saying, 'If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.' (But this spake He of the SPIRIT, which they that believe on Him *should* (in future) receive: for *the Holy spirit was not yet given*; because then Jesus was not yet glorified.)" (John 7:37-39).

Not Yet Given

Study that! The Holy Spirit was not yet given. Why? Jesus had not yet GONE AWAY—ascended to heaven—BEEN GLORIFIED! It was expedient for them that He go away. Otherwise the

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Holy Spirit would not have come! Notice the *future* tense—out of his innermost being *shall flow* the Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit had never yet come from heaven to enter and dwell WITHIN converted Christians. The Holy Spirit had never been here during Old Testament times. But the prophet Joel had prophesied "it *shall come* to pass *afterward*, that I will pour out MY SPIRIT upon all flesh." (Joel 2:28).

And Jesus gave them the PROMISE He would *send* the Holy Spirit from heaven, if and after He went to heaven. And, after His resurrection, on the very day and hour of His ascending up to heaven, Jesus "commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, BUT WAIT for the *promise of the Father* which, saith He, ye have heard of me." (Acts 1:4). Yes, the promises quoted above, that unless He went to heaven they could not have or be filled with the Holy Spirit. The promise that He would pray the Father and the Father would SEND the Holy Spirit.

And then, on the day of Pentecost, THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME!

This was *his first coming from heaven!* And on that day, the newly inspired Peter said "THIS is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel," quoting that prophecy. Now, at last, God had sent His Spirit, *as promised*, for all flesh

—all who would *repent*, and accept Jesus as Saviour, in *faith* believing!

Before receiving the Holy Spirit, Peter was weak. He lacked faith to cast out a demon, or walk on the water. He denied Jesus three times. He went fishing instead of attending to God's work. At the Last Supper Jesus said to him, "WHEN thou art converted strengthen thy brethren." (Luke 22:32).

Some believe Peter received the Holy Spirit when Jesus breathed on him. "And when He had said this, He *breathed* on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit." (John 20:22). But He merely breathed the breath of *air*—wind. That's what *breath* is, always, in the Scriptures. *After* breathing on them Jesus did not say "You *have now received* the Holy Spirit."

If His *breathing* on them is what gave them the Holy Spirit, they would already have had the Holy Spirit in them when Jesus afterwards spoke—but they did not, because He said, "RECEIVE YE the Holy Spirit." They were *yet* to receive the Spirit, *as he had promised*, after He *went away*—after He was *glorified*—after He went to heaven,

and the FATHER sent the Spirit from heaven. And it was after this that Jesus told them to *wait in Jerusalem* for the Spirit to come.

The personal *experiences* of some have led many to accept this erroneous assumption that one first receives the Holy Spirit, and then, AFTERWARD, as an entirely separate experience, receives "the baptism of the Spirit." But experience is a poor guide, and these dear people are interpreting the WORD OF GOD by their experience. Whether these dear souls who say so emphatically they *know* they had this experience of receiving "their baptism" *after* being converted and *receiving* the Holy Spirit do not understand what it is to be really converted, and had only *thought* they were converted previously; or whether this experience, impressive tho it may have been, was merely an additional "anointing" or receiving of a greater fullness of the Spirit; or whether they were deceived as to this "baptism" altogether and received only a counterfeit experience or even a demon spirit; or whether there is some other explanation still, I cannot of course, and do not, judge. But the SCRIPTURE IS PLAIN, and all such experiences should be explained *by the Scripture*, and not vice versa!

BIBLE DEFINITION of Spirit "Baptism"

There is only *one text* in all the Bible that actually defines this "baptism."

It is in I Cor. 12:13: "For *by* one Spirit are we all BAPTISED *into one body*,"—the BODY OF CHRIST, the true Church of God.

Let us understand this. What is the meaning of the word "baptise"? It is a Greek word, untranslated, in our English Bibles. Had the translators rendered it into the English language, it would have read "IMMERSE." For the Greek word "baptiso" means "to immerse." "To plunge *into*." The person baptised is *plunged into* the thing he is baptised in. When baptised in water, the candidate is plunged into, or immersed, in water.

Consequently the baptism with, or by, the Holy Spirit is not our immersion *into* the Holy Spirit, for the Scriptures tell us it is the entrance of the Spirit *into* US.

And in Romans 8:9, Paul tells us plainly that unless the Spirit of God *dwells in us*, we are none of Christ's! We become Christ's, then, *when the Holy Spirit comes INTO us!* And when we are Christ's, we are then to the BODY OF CHRIST, the Church. Therefore, it is the receiving of the Holy Spirit which plunges us, immerses or puts us *into the Church*. And this immersion *into the Church* BY the Holy Spirit the Scriptures call "the baptism

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with, or by, the Holy Spirit."

The term "baptism OF the Holy Spirit" as "Pentecostal" people say it, is not to be found in the BIBLE. It is the baptism with, or by, the Holy Spirit, INTO the Church.

And so "BY one Spirit are we all baptised into one body."

Thus, the RECEIVING of the Holy Spirit is the BAPTISM with the Spirit!

"Receiving" the Spirit, and the "Baptism" One and the Same

Let us carefully study this in the Word of God!

Before the day of Pentecost, A.D. 31, Jesus said to His disciples, "ye shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days hence." Therefore we know that what the disciples received the day of Pentecost was the BAPTISM with the Holy Spirit.

Now let us notice the terms used to describe this baptism.

In Acts 2:4, we read, "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." And so being filled with the Holy Spirit is the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

The thousands who came running into that room, pricked in their heart, asked what they should do to receive this same baptism with the Holy Spirit. Peter did not say "tarry," or "agonize," but he said "repent, and be baptised," and "ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38). And so the receiving of the gift of the Holy Spirit is the baptism with the Holy Spirit. And three thousand received it that day! And there is no mention of their speaking in "tongues," and certainly there was no "tarrying!"

And, note it!—this was their first receiving of the Holy Spirit! These Jews were not previously converted—had not previously received the Spirit. This was their conversion.

Ten years later God thru a vision of the sheet and unclean animals showed Peter he must go to preach Christ to the Gentile house of CORNELIUS. These people were Gentiles—unconverted. Peter went to preach Christ—to show them the way of salvation. Cornelius was a devout man; he and his house feared God; he gave alms, and prayed. But he did not know the way of salvation, and was not yet converted.

Peter went to his house and PREACHED CHRIST—His Message, His crucifixion, resurrection; that "whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins." At that very point in his sermon, Cornelius and his house, already repentant and devout, believed—and "while Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all them which heard the word." (Acts 10:43-44).

After Peter returned to Jerusalem

from the house of Cornelius, he was taken severely to task by the other apostles for associating with Gentiles. In explaining how God had led him to go, and of what had occurred at Caesarea, Peter explained how an angel had told Cornelius to send for Peter, "who shall tell thee words whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved." (Acts 11:14). After hearing Peter's report, the apostles exclaimed, "Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life." (verse 18). This conclusively shows that what Cornelius and household experienced was their original CONVERSION—their first receiving of the Holy Spirit—not a subsequent "baptism" as some special endowment of power.

In explaining just what these Gentiles received, Peter said, "Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptised with water; but ye shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit. Foreasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us," etc. (Acts 11:16, 17).

Peter plainly says that what the Gentiles then received was the baptism with the Holy Spirit. And this baptism is also called, in verse 17, "the like GIFT." And so "the gift of the Holy Spirit" is the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

In verse 15 Peter said "the Holy Spirit fell on them, as on us at the beginning." So the Holy Spirit "FALLING on them" was the baptism with the Holy Spirit—into the church!

In the 10th chapter, verse 44, where this actual experience is described, we learn that "the Holy Spirit fell on them," and in verse 45 we find that "on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit." And in verse 47 they "received the Holy Spirit." So the receiving of the Holy Spirit is the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

All these terms are used synonymously and interchangeably by the Holy Spirit to describe the same experience.

So what must we conclude? That which is born of the flesh is FLESH. (John 3:6). When fleshly, sinning, mortal man repents and is baptised as a symbol of his FAITH in Christ, he receives the Holy Spirit—not as a result of "tarrying," but thru FAITH (Gal. 3:14; John 7:37,39). And this receiving of the gift of the Holy Spirit is the baptism with the Spirit INTO the Church!

He is then a child of God. He has been begotten—tho the real rebirth must come at the time of the resurrection. He is begotten from above—begotten of the Spirit. And thus he is baptised by the Spirit into the body of Christ!

This baptism is not the end, but only the BEGINNING of his Christian experience! He is merely a new-born

BABE in Christ! He must now GROW in grace and knowledge. He must live a life of overcoming. And he that endureth unto the end shall be saved!

Do ALL Speak with TONGUES?

Is "speaking in tongues" THE Bible evidence of the "baptism with the Holy Spirit"?

Must ALL speak with tongues at the time they receive the Spirit, and are brought into the true Church?

The apostles did not teach it!

The EXPERIENCES recorded in the New Testament, subsequent to Pentecost, do not indicate it. Of all the experiences recorded in the New Testament of conversions, it is recorded that there was tongue-speaking in only two of them! Shall we ASSUME there were tongues in all the other experiences? Let us be careful about ADDING to God's Word what is not there!

There is NO STATEMENT IN SCRIPTURE that you must speak with tongues to prove you have received the Holy Spirit "baptism."

NO SCRIPTURE says "By their TONGUES ye shall know them."

But the Scripture does say, "by their FRUITS ye shall know them!" (Mat. 7:20). The lives we live are the BIBLE EVIDENCE of whether or not we have received the Holy Spirit!

Jesus said, "By this shall all men KNOW that ye are my disciples, if ye have LOVE one to another." (John 13:35).

But are not the "tongues" at least AN evidence of the baptism with the Spirit? Many have assumed so. But anyone who has really known the private lives of as many as twelve people who profess to have received their "baptism" and spoken in tongues, will testify that at least some of them, and in some cases all of them, do NOT show the EVIDENCE of the fruits in their lives. When they claim the "evidence of tongues," but do not have true BIBLE evidence of love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, faith, in their lives, then we must conclude that, regardless of "tongues," they have the strongest kind of BIBLE EVIDENCE that they do not have the "baptism" with the Holy Spirit.

In such a case are "tongues" even AN evidence? Are "tongues" any evidence at all? "Though I speak with the tongues of . . . ANGELS and have not LOVE, I am become as sounding brass." (I Cor. 13:1). There are fallen angels, demons, and without a question many today are speaking in the "tongues" of these demons. Would you say the counterfeit tongues of demons are any evidence at all of the true baptism with the Holy Spirit?

If tongues were the evidence, or even

one of the evidences, tongues would be a sign to *other believers*—but Paul says “tongues are for a sign, *not* to them that believe, but to them that believe not.” (I Cor. 14:22).

All admit “tongues” can be counterfeited by Satan. If one has been careless about PROVING all things *by the word of God*, and under influence of demon-inspired people has unsuspectingly been lured into SEEKING what the Bible nowhere tells us to seek—“tongues” and physical sensations and thrills pleasing to the SENSUAL self—yielding to false instructions to plead, beg, agonize, nag, repeat words over and over and over—not yielding wholly to God nor surrendering fully to His Commandments, but rather lusting for these physical sensations and thrills and seeking them in this unscriptural manner, then that one is caught off guard and becomes an open channel into which a DEMON may enter and take full possession. These unscriptural practices of so-called “Pentecostal” people are DOCTRINES OF DEVILS. It’s time unsuspecting people were WARNED against such Satanic practices.

Yes, Satan can COUNTERFEIT “tongues.” And do you suppose for one moment that the true BIBLE EVIDENCE could be something that can be cleverly COUNTERFEITED? NO, NEVER!

But the FRUIT of the Holy Spirit—LOVE, JOY, PEACE, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness, meekness (most “tongues” people are not meek, but loud-mouthed and bragging), temperance, FAITH—these things in one’s life *cannot be counterfeited*. They are not natural. No one has sufficient will-power to FORCE himself to show always these fruits in his life. It requires the miracle of the LOVE OF GOD shed abroad in our hearts *by the Holy Spirit* (Rom. 5:5). Satan has no counterfeit for that!

That is the BIBLE EVIDENCE! “Tongues” are not even “*an* evidence.” This is the PLAIN teaching of the Bible.

Are There Any GENUINE Tongues?

They DID speak with “tongues” at the house of Cornelius, and at Ephesus, AFTER the day of Pentecost.

While correcting the Corinthian church Paul said “I would that ye ALL spake with tongues.” (I Cor. 14:5), and “forbid not to speak with tongues,” in the church. (V.39).

We should banish all prejudice against the true manifestation of tongues.

But we should get the “tongues” into the proper SCRIPTURAL place of importance.

In the same 14th chapter of I Corinthians, above quoted, Paul said he would rather speak just *five words* with his understanding, that he might teach oth-

ers also, than *ten thousand words* in an unknown tongue. To those Corinthians, becoming fanatical on “tongues,” he said “brethren, BE NOT CHILDREN in understanding.” (V. 19,20). The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of a SOUND MIND (II Tim. 1:7).

We should NOT seek tongues. “Pentecostal” people loudly protest they do not do this, but in practice and in fact, they do, and they should not deny it.

One of Satan’s Clever Pitfalls

The reason for this caution is found in the Scripture “He that speaketh in an unknown tongue EDIFIETH HIMSELF.” (I Cor. 14:4). It is seeking for *self*—for *self* blessings—for *self*-thrills—and is *contrary* to fulfilling the law of God which is love *away* from self and toward God and neighbor! And therefore it may easily degenerate into a most deceptive form of SIN.

One of the “fruits” of this “tongues” movement is that many seek nothing but “blessings,” as they express it—which in plain language means sensual FEELINGS and THRILLS that they themselves ENJOY as a PLEASURE. It is an unnatural, perverted, Satan-inspired SEX sensation. Deluded people are led to believe this is a spiritual blessing from GOD! It’s time people knew the TRUTH!

Jesus said, “that which is born of the flesh IS FLESH,” (John 3:6). We must be BORN AGAIN—born of the SPIRIT—to inherit eternal life. Now the flesh has its FEELINGS, its EMOTIONS, its five SENSES.

It is but natural that Satan’s counterfeits are of the FLESH—even his counterfeits of spiritual things. So Satan the Devil gives to people FEELINGS, and EMOTIONS, and THRILLS—and induces many zealous seekers after the Holy Spirit to accept these pleasing sensations as “blessings” and “manifestations” of the Holy Spirit!

The saddest fruit of this whole “tongues” movement is that thru it Satan has beguiled many into continually lusting for SENSUAL FEELINGS, and for THRILLS of the FLESH, deceiving them into believing they are receiving “blessings” from God!

Oh, WHY will so many honest souls be misled, and fall into this satanic snare? God’s Word warns us to TRY the spirits, WHETHER they be of God! For many false SPIRITS are gone out into the world!

This is not to say there is no EXPERIENCE, or nothing felt, when God pours forth His blessed Holy Spirit. There is a definite EXPERIENCE to real genuine conversion. But what a tragedy to see so many deceived into receiving the FALSE experience—the FALSE “blessing,”—because they have failed to heed God’s

warning to TRY the spirits—because they fail to have on the WHOLE ARMOR of God’s warning to TRY the spirits, which is THE WORD OF GOD!

God’s way is the way of CRUCIFYING the flesh, the sensual—of *denying* the SELF—of LOVE toward God and toward fellow man. Satan’s counterfeit is SELF-SEEKING, lusting for fleshly thrills, and feelings, and “blessings” that bring pleasure thru the five senses.

And the greater pity is that the very ones most deceived are the ones who RESENT having the Scriptures opened to them to CORRECT them, to REPROVE, and to set them right! If *you* feel resentment of these words, it is the surest BIBLE EVIDENCE that you are under the deceptive power of Satan the Devil, and you should flee the influence he has over you, and drop to your knees at once, and ask God to renew a RIGHT spirit within you.

So many in this modern “tongues” movement do not seem to understand the real PURPOSE of receiving the Holy Spirit. They look upon spiritual gifts as ornaments to decorate and embellish the PERSON. But the gifts of the Spirit are the TOOLS placed in our hands to DO THE LORD’S WORK.

After Jesus had received the FULLNESS of the Holy Spirit, He said: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me BECAUSE he hath anointed me to *preach the gospel* to the poor; he hath sent me to *heal the brokenhearted*, to *preach deliverance* to the captives, and *recovering of sight to the blind*,” etc. (Luke 4:18).

The object and purpose of the Holy Spirit is not to give FEELINGS and THRILLS that are of the senses of the *flesh*, and therefore *sensual*—not to please the SELF—but to enable one to *crucify* the SELF—to endow with power to overcome sin, which is transgressing of God’s Commandments (I John 3:4)—to *cleanse* us of all unrighteousness—to impart to us GOD’S righteousness, so our light may shine and others may see Christ in us—to *understand* the Word of God, so we may know how to live by its every word—to give us the FAITH of Jesus, making possible His righteousness—to give us POWER to be kind, patient, gentle, and of service to others—to preach the Gospel—to heal the sick.

Let Us Receive This POWER

Jesus did not say, “ye shall fall helpless UNDER the power.” He did not say the Holy Spirit would ROB us of power, render us powerless. He said, “YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER!”

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of POWER, and of LOVE, and of a SOUND MIND (II Tim. 1:7). The Spirit of UNDERSTANDING (John 16:13; I Cor. 2:10);
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HOW TO TRAIN CHILDREN

Most parents are neglecting the GOD-GIVEN responsibility of training their children. The sad result may WRECK OUR SOCIETY! Here is the Bible insight into this serious problem.

by Raymond and Myra Cole

FOR nearly three generations many modern psychologists have taught that children should not be restrained but given complete liberty of action and self-expression. Children, according to this kind of reasoning, do by nature what is best for them.

But the *results* have been proving otherwise!

If today's children were properly trained, there would not be the delinquents, the social misfits, the financial failures that fill our land today.

Have you ever stopped to consider the terrible lack of emphasis on child training? Were you taught to realize the grave responsibility involved in rearing children? Yet there is no greater parental duty—nor indeed could there be—than the duty of rightly training our children.

Young people and old people alike need this knowledge.

The Most-Often-Overlooked Duty

Very few children have a really friendly and congenial home life—an atmosphere of love and understanding.

Much of the tender warmth of any home is dependent upon the congenial attitude of husband and wife toward each other. If children are reared in an atmosphere of continual strife, quarreling and turmoil, worrying and fretting, they will not have the happy home life so necessary for their complete emotional, mental and physical development. Were you reared in this kind of home?

As parents, you need to maintain at all times happy and peaceful attitudes so your children can develop healthy mental attitudes. Without this influence, *you can never command the respect and admiration of your children.*

Children are prone to copy the examples of their parents and others around them. If yours is a home of love and understanding without quarreling and bickering, your children are sure to absorb much of this homey spirit which, in turn, molds their character. In too many homes parents raise their voices, and there is lack of understanding for the children. In such homes filled with constant confusion, the children will unfortunately imbibe these bad qualities into their characters. Victims of unhappy home life stand a 1-A chance of join-

ing the ever-increasing list of juvenile delinquents.

And yet are such young men and women to be wholly blamed for the evil they do? Isn't much of the blame resting upon the shoulders of the parents who did not properly train their children—parents who didn't keep their children occupied with constructive and creative activities, but permitted them to get into mischief?

Children Have Human Nature, Too!

Children are not little "angels"! You parents know that.

How often little children, even babies, have fits of temper when their wants are not satisfied immediately. They seem to enjoy quarreling with each other over toys that don't belong to them.

No, the truth, when fully understood, is diametrically contrary to today's perverted teaching that children naturally do right. They are not sinless little creatures though we love them dearly. Children do not just naturally do what is best—THEY MUST BE TAUGHT the *right* from the *wrong*, *truth* from *error*.

Child Training Is Character Training

Human beings are creatures of habit. Whether we are conscious of it or not, we are continually forming habits—good ones and bad ones. The longer the habit is retained the more deeply rooted it becomes. The time to establish *good* and lasting habits is not after you have grown up, but WHILE YOU ARE YOUNG—in fact, *from the very time you are born.*

Good habits formed during childhood can become permanent characteristics. But bad ones sometimes prove to be very difficult or almost impossible to give up later. It is of fundamental importance to see that your children establish proper habits since those habits will be their bosom companions throughout life.

It is very easy for little children to get into bad habits. That's their nature! But it is quite a different problem to *uproot* those bad habits and to supplant them with good ones, isn't it? Remember, it does no good to attempt to remove a bad habit if you don't at the same time REPLACE IT WITH A GOOD HABIT.

Correction, a Manifestation of Love

Would you spank your children if you loved them?

Solomon said, "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die" (Pro. 23:13).

Sounds harsh? But it really isn't! "He that spareth the rod HATETH his son, but he that *loveth* him chasteneth him sometimes" (Pro. 13:24).

If you love your children, *you will punish them when they have been disobedient.* A good illustration of this is the story many of you may have heard Mr. Armstrong mention over the air. Several years ago when his little grandson had been disobedient—as every child will be at times—he was going to spank him. To which the little fellow replied, "You wouldn't spank me if you loved me, would you?"

Then Mr. Armstrong asked him if his father ever spanked him.

"Yes," he said.

"Well, your father doesn't spank other little boys, does he?"

"No."

"That is because he doesn't love them as much as he loves you."

This little story ought to illustrate the point very plainly. If children are permitted to go their own "sweet" way, they will inevitably become a curse and constant source of trouble for their parents. "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Pro. 22:15).

This evil tendency of the human heart is the part that can not be uprooted from the hearts of children except by instruction coupled with chastisement. Even God punishes those whom He loves. In Proverbs 3:11-12 we read, "My son despise not the chastening of the Lord: neither be weary of his correction: for whom the Lord LOVETH HE CORRECTETH; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth."

Yes, God corrects all those he loves. *Correction is the WAY OF LOVE* (Hebrews 12:5-11). If we are to be like our heavenly Father, we, too, will have to chastise our rebellious children for their own profit.

One of the main causes for today's

harmful teaching that children should never be punished is the reaction against the custom of a few generations ago to punish children without explaining to them *why* they needed to receive that punishment. Too often parents unnecessarily beat and whipped their children with the result that they became resentful and rebellious.

Instruction Needed First

Even the Scripture warns against such treatment. "Ye fathers, *provoke not* your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

Let's hope that none of you have been failing to train your children by correction and by proper instruction. Children need to be told why certain acts are right and others wrong. If the children disobey, you parents should reason with your children just as God is willing to reason with men. Some children will react differently than others. If one child is capable and willing to understand, that's wonderful. But if children will not listen to reason—if they persist in their stubborn rebellion, do not be afraid to use the rod. Your children will know you mean business. *Mothers should never side with the children whenever the fathers may have to punish them.*

The Parents' Part

The major reason that many of you parents find yourselves unable to cope with your children is that you have not yet thoroughly learned what you ought to teach the children! Children need the instruction and admonition of the Lord—not the theories of some psychologist! But before you can expect your children to understand and be obedient, YOU must first understand and be able to submit yourselves to God. It's little wonder that many parents don't have well-behaved and obedient children.

Almost without thinking, young people rush unprepared into marriage, wholly unqualified to rear children and to impart to them the knowledge that they need to know when they mature. Children are a responsibility—a tremendous responsibility—but they are also a great source of joy and happiness. What would a home be without them? "Children," said the psalmist, "are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is His REWARD. As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, *so are children of the youth.* Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them" (Psalms 127:3-5).

Physical and Emotional Needs

Every parent should first of all realize that NO TWO CHILDREN ARE ALIKE. Those of you who have grown children know how true this is. Each child needs

to be helped differently. It is up to every parent to *ask God for wisdom* to discern the different physical and recreational needs of each child. Instead of the customary procedure of letting children find whatever recreational activities pleases their pent up desires, you should take an active interest in the recreational life of your children—guiding them into activities which inculcate right principles of health, creativeness and helpfulness—instead of the wrong forms which develop the destructive and the uncooperative nature in children.

But of more far-reaching importance is the *emotional development* of children and youth. This phase of child training is talked about more than any other in the fields of modern psychology, yet it is understood least of all. Very few parents know what it is to be emotionally mature. If parents can't control their emotions, if they fret and worry, lose their tempers, develop inferiority complexes and all the dozens of other signs of lack of self-control and discipline, they can not *fully* impart those qualities of emotional maturity to their children.

Emotions were given to us to control and develop, not to be destroyed or to be left unmastered. As children mature, they should learn why it is important to gain self-mastery. Fits of temper should never be allowed to develop in children. If you try to set the right example before your children—and *explain to them some of your own problems*, you will find that they will soon emulate your mastery of most situations.

Solomon was inspired to write: "Forbearance is better than force, and to hold one's temper than taking a city!" (Pro. 16:32, Fenton translation). Instead of pointing to conquerors as the great men, you should inculcate by your own example, by instruction and by correction the far greater worth of any humble man who has the right kind of character.

Education Begins from Birth

Babies' and children's minds are very pliable. *Though they may know nothing at birth*, they learn rapidly whatever is taught them. That's what makes it so vital that they learn the TRUTH. THE MOST IMPORTANT YEARS OF LIFE ARE THOSE EARLY FORMATIVE YEARS IN WHICH EACH LITTLE MIND IS GRASPING A WHOLE NEW WORLD. What young children learn in those first few years makes an indelible impression on the minds that can never be erased completely.

These years must not be idly used. *Most children do not know enough to apply themselves diligently and in the right direction.* They need *right education* and proper guidance from infancy.

God intended youth to have alert minds to keep up with their buoyant energy. While their minds are youthful and active, they should always be taught to occupy themselves with *constructive thinking* and acting. If this is done, every normal child will be capable of learning all through life. Children who are not taught to use their minds will be handicapped throughout life.

God knew the importance of these youthful years, as he inspired Solomon to write: "Train up a *child* in the way he should go, and when he is *old* HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT" (Pro. 22:6). Again we are instructed, "*Chasten thy son while there is hope*" (Pro. 19:18).

Once a human mind is set in the wrong paths there is no HUMAN power that can transform it into the balanced mind that we all should have. Complete balance of mind and emotions comes only FROM THE KNOWLEDGE REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE — THE KNOWLEDGE WHICH IS THE FOUNDATION FOR ALL FURTHER STUDY.

What Children Should Be Taught

You should encourage your children to investigate, study and think for themselves once they have been trained to approach new knowledge from the foundational viewpoint of scripture—the revelation of *truth*. Start them early in life thinking and studying and acting constructively.

A great responsibility is on you parents to choose magazines and story books that are beneficial. Much reading matter for little children is ridiculous fables carried down from paganism. Reading "funny books" *in excess* is another habit that should be guarded against although the principle of reaching young minds by cartoons is certainly not wrong. In all these things parents should assist children to discern for themselves what things are of the most value.

Youth Needs Responsibility

It may seem strange to most of you, but there are millions of boys and girls that are never given the opportunity to shoulder responsibilities. Your children need to get a taste of what life is really like—but they should not get it by idly roaming the streets.

Although many parents are unwise in making their children work unnecessarily when they ought to be receiving their education, there are many more parents who carelessly allow their children to shirk their duties. Assign duties to the children in accordance with age and aptitudes. Show them how to do a job, and then let them have the experience of doing it themselves. Give them the assurance of praise for progress, for *punc-*
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Why FINANCIAL WORRIES?

Perhaps you are under a CURSE! Here's the sure way to solve your money problem! Here is an eye-opening article on a much misunderstood subject.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

IN THE last Book of the Old Testament is a remarkable *prophecy*. It foretells the financial difficulties and worries that have come to most Americans today. Nothing in the Christian life—or even the non-Christian life—so plagues the average family today as this financial problem of making both ends meet.

This is really a problem in Christian living! Perhaps very few ever thought of it in that way. But part of the Christian life of growth in faith and in grace is the overcoming of this very financial situation!

Prophecy for TODAY!

The true Church of God is founded on the Apostles *and the Prophets*. It is the Church Jesus built. It is GOD'S Church, and God made Jesus the Head of it—and it is built upon the foundation of the PROPHETS as well as the apostles! (Ephesians 2:20).

One of those prophets is Malachi. Listen to His NEW Testament teaching: He quotes God, who is speaking to us *today*:

"I will come near to you to judgment . . . Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them . . . YE ARE CURSED WITH A CURSE: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." (Mal. 3:5-9).

But *why?* What has brought on this national curse of financial worries in nearly every home? We are the wealthiest nation on earth. We are the wealthiest nation of all history. Yet nearly every family is cursed with money troubles in the desperate struggle to make ends meet. God says *we have robbed Him!*

"But *ye say*," continues the Eternal's Message to us, "Wherein have we robbed thee?" And God replies, "in TITHES and OFFERINGS!"

Was Tithing Done Away?

Now all this, we know, doesn't make much sense to the average American today. Many do not even know what tithing is. Others ask, "Wasn't tithing just for Jews of a long-dead past?" Or, "Wasn't tithing done away? Wasn't it just part of the ceremonial system introduced by the Old Covenant Law of Moses?"

Others, today, are taught and believe

tithing was merely a form of national taxation in the civil government of the one-time nation of Israel. Still others teach that the tithe supplied the material needs of the poor, and was never put into the ministry.

WHAT CONFUSION today! What ignorance of the revealed laws and commands of God!

Since this WHOLE NATION is under a curse, soon to suffer unprecedented total national disaster *because* of a lack of understanding as well as for disobedience to the laws of God, it's certainly about time we opened our Bibles and began to study honestly, diligently, prayerfully, exactly what the Almighty has declared on this much-perverted subject!

For — and mark this well! — even though God sends a cataclysmic destruction upon the nation as a whole, yet the *individual* who seeks understanding, and who heeds God's warnings, shall be given full protection, and ESCAPE all these things to come to pass.

What the "TITHE" Is

But first, before looking to the NEW TESTAMENT TEACHING to see whether or not Christians must "tithe," let us make clear just what that word "*tithe*" means.

God says to Britain-America of *today*: "*Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation . . . IN TITHES and offerings.*"

What, then, does God mean by that word "*tithes*"?

It is an old English word, commonly used in England three and four hundred years ago. Today it is seldom used, except in this scriptural connection. This old expression "*tithe*" has been preserved in the Authorized, or King James translation, of the Bible—translated in 1611.

The word "*tithe*" means TENTH. A tithe of anything is the tenth part of it.

It is well known that the nation Israel, during Old Testament times, was required to tithe, that is, pay in one tenth of income. But the matter of *to whom* each Israelite paid this tenth, *which* tenth was paid, *why* and for *what purpose*, seems to confuse a great many today. And the New Testament teaching for Christians about tithing is understood only by a few.

The Principle of Tithing

The subject is mentioned many places in the New Testament, as well as in the Old. But first, a simple explanation of the scriptural PRINCIPLE of tithing will make it more understandable.

Let's bring the subject home to each one of us, in a plain and personal manner.

Suppose you own a farm. Does that farm, and all you raise from it, *really* belong to you?

Suppose you work for wages, or a salary. Or you "clip coupons," or receive dividends, profits, or a pension. When you receive the money, is it *really* YOURS?

This may seem a bit foolish. Nearly everyone will answer immediately, "Why, of course!" But if you do, you're wrong! And this only goes to show that our people as a nation have strayed *so far* from God and His revealed TRUTH that we are *astonished*, when the truth is explained!

Do you know what the Bible *is*? It is a revelation from God to man of things both material and spiritual which man otherwise could never know. God let Newton discover and reveal to mankind the law of gravity. He has left it for our chemists with their test-tubes and technical equipment in their laboratories to discover the laws of chemistry. But there are laws and truths which man never could discover. God has not left us in ignorance of these, but has *revealed them*, thru the Bible! That's why the BIBLE is the very BASIS of right and sound education—"the fear of the Eternal is the *beginning* of wisdom." And that's why there is so little *real understanding* and TRUE education today, in a world whose schools and colleges almost universally ignore this basic foundation of TRUTH!

Who OWNS What You Have?

So now in the simplest of language, let me make plain to you the PRINCIPLE of tithing, as revealed in the Bible. Then we shall look to the Scriptures themselves, from which this explanation is derived.

First, then, YOU, or I, actually own *nothing!*

"The earth is the Eternal's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (1 Cor. 10:26, and

Psm. 24:1.) In Job 41:11, God the Creator says: "whatsoever is under the whole heaven is *mine*." God Almighty is CREATOR. He created the earth. He created man upon the earth. ALL BELONGS TO HIM!

It is, therefore, for HIM to say how much of what you earn you may keep and use for yourself. Your farm actually does not belong to you—GOD is the true owner. Your income is not really yours—because ALL belongs to GOD!

Now in the BIBLE, God reveals to man that He never has given to man the whole of what he produces or earns. The FIRST TENTH of all you produce from the ground—of your wages, your salary, your profits, your INCOME—that FIRST TENTH remains HOLY to the Eternal, and that He has reserved for Himself—for His holy and spiritual use!

After man has PAID TO GOD that first tenth which belongs only to Him—and which never belonged to the man, — then the remaining nine-tenths God gives to the man.

It's a good deal like Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden—and the first sin. The garden was beautiful beyond description. Just *one tree*, however, God reserved for Himself. That remained HIS. That, He never gave to Adam and Eve. That, they had no right to touch, or use. All the rest He gave to them. But they were not satisfied with what was theirs, ample tho it was. Filled with greed to possess *all*, they reached out and took the fruit of that forbidden tree! And that was *stealing*!

And today, the same Satan who deceived mother Eve has deceived this whole world into believing that *all* of each man's farm belongs to him—that the whole of a man's income is his! This divine and original TRUTH of ownership has been hidden from the people thru the deceptions of the god of this world! And today, nearly every American is taking and spending that *first tenth* of his income which BELONGS TO ALMIGHTY GOD!

Actually, in so doing, the individual and this whole nation is ROBBING GOD, just as surely as Adam and Eve robbed GOD when they stole the fruit of the one tree which never belonged to them!

WHY God Retains the Tithe

But WHY does God retain for Himself the ownership of that *first tenth*—that TITHE—of your income?

Here again comes a TRUTH man would never know, and could not find out, except by God's revelation to man! *What* is man, anyway? WHY is he? Where is he going? GOD HAS A PLAN! God is working out a GREAT PURPOSE! He reveals it in His Word—His revela-

tion—the BIBLE.

For the carrying out of His holy PURPOSE in placing mankind upon this earth, God has always had a PRIESTHOOD—a ministry, representing HIM, serving Him, carrying out His mission. Way back in the dim antiquity of patriarchal times, God's High Priest—His representative on earth—was Melchisedec.

During the national dispensation of Israel, under the Old Covenant, known as the Mosaic dispensation—those years from Moses until Christ—the tribe of Levi constituted the ministry of God, known as the Levitical priesthood. Then later, when Jesus Christ arose from the dead, He ascended to heaven as a living HIGH PRIEST. Today He calls ministers as His true representatives in a darkened and Satan-deceived world, to carry on HIS PLAN. Today the Melchisedec Priesthood is restored, in Christ.

Now it costs money to carry on the work of God. God's ministers who devote their entire time to God's holy and spiritual purpose are prevented from earning a living in the usual channels. Yet they work. If they are *true* ministers, they are men of ability who WORK HARD, and long, observing no hours. Actually they *earn* a living—they have *worked* for their food, shelter and clothing and physical need—the same as the farmer, the laborer, the clerk or the merchant.

And so God, in His wisdom, has provided for financing His work, and for His ministers' living. In God's program, these true ministers work for HIM, and HIM *alone*.

In God's great Plan, HE pays His ministers. It is HE who "hires" them—He who *calls* them to their work for Him.

So, in order to provide for the financing of HIS MINISTRY, God has from the very beginning RETAINED for HIMSELF the *first tenth* of the income of every human being on earth. The OWNERSHIP of that first tenth of income is GOD'S.

To WHOM Tithes Are Paid

But *how* can you pay God's tenth to Him? God is on His throne in heaven. And "*no man*," said Jesus, "has ascended to heaven." You can't go there. You can't see God, or hand your money to Him *Personally*. How, then, can you pay Him HIS TITHE?

Well, some large corporations, perhaps in a distant city, cannot be directly contacted by their many customers. And so they send around representatives, *collectors*, to collect for them what you owe the company. The collector comes in the name of the company. When you pay the money which really belongs to

the company to the collector, you have paid the company.

God's system of collecting from you HIS tithe is just that simple. Since you cannot see God, or go to God's throne in heaven, God instructs you in His revealed Word to pay it to HIS REPRESENTATIVE, who, in receiving it, represents God just as a collector to whom you pay a debt represents the company to whom you owe it.

And when you pay such a bill to a collector, you consider you paid THE COMPANY—not that you made a personal donation of your own money to the man the company sent. You paid it as TO THE COMPANY. From there on it is the COMPANY'S responsibility what happens to that money, not yours. And the company pays the collector his salary. He does not consider that *you* paid his salary—he receives his salary *as from the company*.

This illustrates plainly God's true principle of tithing. When you pay tithes today you are instructed by God's directions to pay them to God's called and chosen representative—the true minister of Jesus Christ. But you pay it, *not* as a personal contribution of *your own money* to a minister—but AS TO GOD. The minister represents GOD—receives not your money but GOD'S money from you for God.

Here again so many in this modern world have lost sight of God's clear directions. When they give the tithe to a minister they seem to feel it is a special entrusting of *their own money*, and they make it their duty to try to supervise *how* the minister handles it—even, in some cases today, down to the supervision of what the minister and his family may eat, or wear, or have in their personal private family life!

When YOUR Responsibility Ceases

But God's revealed principle is quite different. That first tenth of your income is *not yours*—never was yours! It *belongs to God*. And the method God himself instituted for your payment of His money to Him is to pay it to His called and true ministers.

When you have done that, *your responsibility for that money ceases*! You have no further concern, responsibility, or direction in the handling of it than you have in money you owe the electric light or the telephone company which you pay to their collector. Once paid, you have DONE YOUR PART—you have *acquitted* yourself of *your obligation*.

Of course you are expected to be sure the collector is the company's approved representative—not a thieving imposter *pretending* to be the company collector. And you should be equally

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Did the New Testament Church Observe Sunday?

Jesus promised to build HIS CHURCH. But the churches of this world are in utter confusion. They have lost the inspired, divinely instituted practices of Jesus which the original true New Testament church observed. Here's the TRUTH about Sunday.

by Herman L. Hoeb

PART VI

THE WORLD today is in utter confusion.

Hundreds of church denominations, all professing to be the churches of Christ, are teaching *different* doctrines from those which Jesus commanded His church to observe and preach.

The practice of the early church, recorded in Acts and described in the epistles, is woefully misunderstood by nearly every denomination.

Did the original true church observe Sunday?

This question is easy to solve. After the founding of the New Testament church on Pentecost, there are *only two* recorded places in *all the Biblical history of the early church* where the first day of the week is mentioned. These are in Acts 20:7-14 and I Corinthians 16:1-5.

Sunday Mentioned in These Two Places

The special value of these two records is that *both concern Gentile converts*, in Greece and Asia Minor particularly. No matter what the practice of Jewish converts, *here is the record of history concerning the attitude of Gentile converts to Sunday.*

"And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together" (Acts 20:7).

At the time when this event occurred, each day began at sunset, not at midnight. It was centuries after the time of Christ that midnight became the common reckoning. The idea of reckoning from midnight to midnight came from Egypt and was not practiced in Asia Minor at this time (*Ency. Bib.*, p. 1035).

Here Luke relates that upon the first day of the week—Sunday—when the disciples came together "to break bread," Paul preached to them *until midnight*. Many lights were burning—it was after

dark. This places the events described in the hours *after sunset* of what is today called, *Saturday night*. This was not a daytime Sunday meeting at all, but a gathering held the preceding night. This couldn't have been a Sunday night meeting either, because if it were it would have been called at that time "the second day of the week," since days ended at sunset.

At this night gathering Paul was "ready to depart on the morrow." After midnight, the disciples broke some bread to eat while Paul talked with them "even till the break of day." Then Paul departed on foot to meet his friends who were sailing by ship that same night, the first day of the week, to Assos (verses 11-13).

This was not a Sunday church service at all, but a special farewell meeting held after the Sabbath during the early hours of the night. The next morning, after having eaten bread, the apostle Paul spent Sunday walking to meet those who sailed that night around the isthmus to Assos in Asia Minor.

The expression "break bread" does not imply communion. The breaking and eating of bread daily as a *common meal* is mentioned in Acts 2:46, also 27:35. They *broke* bread instead of cutting it as is done today, after which *they ate* and talked a long while (verse 11). This was not the passover (wrongly called communion service), because it was *after* the days of unleavened bread (Acts 20:6). The passover comes before the festival of unleavened bread.

What Was the Collection for the Saints on Sunday?

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul speaks of the collection *for the saints*, the same charge as he gave to the churches of Galatia. This collection for the saints was altogether different from practices carried on in church Sunday morning. This misunderstood text has been the cause for many peculiar practices in Christianity down through the ages.

Paul said this collection was *for the saints*. These saints were the poor at

Jerusalem to whom Paul was going. He wrote in Romans 15:25-28 that it pleased the churches in Achaia, where the Corinthians were located, "to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem." That contribution was *fruit* (verse 28). Paul's letter to the Corinthians explains how this contribution was to be carried out.

After the sabbath was over, the first work of each Corinthian on Sunday was to *lay in store*, or store up by himself, the fruit according as God prospered every person, so that there would be no gathering of it when Paul came. Then the liberality was to be *sealed* and taken to Jerusalem by several men, even Paul himself, if necessary (I Cor. 16:4). THE APOSTLE BY COMMAND MAKES SUNDAY A DAY FOR GATHERING FRUIT—A WORK DAY.

The historical evidence of the Bible concerning the early church makes Sunday a work day, when one may, like Paul, take a long journey (he travelled nineteen miles to Assos), or travel in a boat, as Paul's friends did, or gather or harvest fruit. In neither of these places, nor in the account of the women at the tomb, is there the least evidence that Sunday was celebrated as a rest day or as the day in honor of the resurrection. *It has been through misreading these texts that historians have supposed Sunday was observed in the early church.*

Which Days the Church Observed

The early Christians under the guidance of the apostles observed both the sabbath and the annual festivals which God revealed to his people. The Catholic booklet, "Yes . . . I condemned the Catholic Church," says: "The Apostles, too, observed the Sabbath, as did most of the Jewish converts to Christianity" (p. 3).

Lechler says in part, "the Christians were accustomed to celebrate the Sabbath with the Jews" (*Apostolic and Post-Apostolic Times*, Vol. 1, p. 57). *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*, article "Sabbath," says: "The early Christians kept the 7th day as a

Sabbath, much after the fashion of the Jews."

Of course, there are a number of sects today which teach that these statements are incorrect. They hold that because there is no direct command to "observe the sabbath" in the book of Acts that the sabbath was not kept as a day of rest and worship. You can find the answer to this weak contention in the *Encyclopaedia Biblica*, page 4175: "The silence of Acts is not to be taken as a proof of the non-observance, but contrariwise as a proof that it was observed as a matter of course."

THE UNIVERSAL HISTORICAL EVIDENCE IS THAT EARLY CHRISTIANS OBSERVED THE SABBATH AND GOD'S FESTIVALS. The preponderance of facts to this effect is over-whelming with regard to the original true church.

The Sabbath in the Book of Acts

According to the Bible evidence, Sunday was *not* observed by Jews or Gentiles in the early church. The phrase found in Revelation 1:10, is in no way referring to Sunday, but to the day of the Lord, the day of wrath (Zephaniah 1:14-15), about which the book of Revelation was written. The Lord's day could not be the first day of the week because Jesus wasn't resurrected then, and neither did He claim to be the Lord of that day.

But how was the Sabbath regarded by the Spirit-filled converts of the early church?

Not once is the sabbath day in the book of Acts regarded as a work day, either by Jewish or Gentile converts. The first specific sabbath day mentioned in the Book of Acts (13:14-15 and 42-44) is a key to understanding numerous other references to that day. Paul and Barnabas entered the synagogue, sat down and then, after being permitted to speak, preached Jesus Christ to those in the synagogue. "And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them *the next sabbath*" (Acts 13:42).

These Gentiles who were interested in the gospel and who besought Paul to speak of Jesus, assembled "on the next sabbath . . . to hear the word of God." (verse 44). Paul, the apostle to Gentile nations, said not one word here or elsewhere, that the Gentiles should cease their practice of assembling upon the sabbath for worship.

Again, in the controversy with "certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed" (Acts 15:5), there is absolute proof that Gentiles observed the sabbath. The question concerned the law of Moses—the handwriting of ordinances (Eph. 2:15) which is explained in He-

brews 9:10 as imposed for only a specific length of time. This was not the spiritual law of which Paul wrote in Romans 7:14. Four ordinances of this law of Moses were still considered necessary for Gentile converts. A letter was written explaining this decision to the Gentile converts "for Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day." (Acts 15:20-21). This letter had to be written to Gentiles *because they were attending synagogue services on the sabbath* where the ordinances of the law of Moses were preached. The letter did *not* reprove them for sabbath keeping.

Acts 16:12-15 contains the account of Paul and others at Philippi, who "on the sabbath . . . went out of the city by the river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and . . . sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither." This account presents the custom of meeting on the sabbath to spend the day in prayer and worship *even when not preaching in the synagogue to convert Jews*.

In the city of Corinth, Paul taught *both* Jews and Greeks on the Sabbath. (Acts 18:4). During the six week days he labored unceasingly (verse 3). Previous to this, while among the Thessalonians, Paul, "as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbaths reasoned with them out of the scriptures" (Acts 17:2). The apostle Paul's *manner* or custom was to keep the sabbath day, exactly as Jesus did (Luke 4:16). Paul, following the example of Jesus, *commanded the Gentile converts at Corinth to follow him* exactly as he followed Christ (I Corinthians 11:1). Because of this command, the Gentiles assembled on the Sabbath with Paul.

The Annual Festivals Observed

In his book, *History of the Christian Church*, George Fisher says of the early Christians: "They continued to observe the festivals appointed in the law" (p. 40). To this agree many other scholars because the Scriptures contain records of such observances. The true church was filled with the Spirit of God on the annual festival of Pentecost (Acts 2). Even after the Holy Spirit came, Pentecost did not cease to occur annually. Instead of being a memorial of the material harvest of the first fruit of the land alone, Pentecost, or the Festival of Harvest or Firstfruits, as it is variously called in the Bible, had now a greater meaning. It became a *memorial* also of the *first fruits* of the Holy Spirit which makes possible the first harvest of human beings for the Kingdom of God.

Not only did the Jewish Christians know this, but also Paul, the apostle to

the Gentiles, understood that this annual sabbath was still commanded to be observed once a year for the New Testament church. He "determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost" (Acts 20:16). This desire on Paul's part to keep Pentecost was *thirty years after the death of Christ*. At another time Paul spent the day of Pentecost in Ephesus, a Gentile city (I Corinthians 16:8).

The passover and days of unleavened bread were kept by the churches in Judaea (Acts 12:3). These churches were an example to all Gentile converts; for Luke, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote in Acts 20:6 that the days of unleavened bread occurred in far off Philippi. The disciples sailed from this Gentile community "after the days of unleavened bread."

In I Corinthians 5:8 Paul commanded Gentile converts to observe the feast of unleavened bread after the passover. "For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven . . . but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." These Gentiles were ordered not to use old leaven on these days. But instead of taking unleavened bread according to the mere letter of the law as did the Jews, they were admonished to obey according to the spirit, by using unleavened bread—the symbol of righteousness—with a pure heart in sincerity.

Again in I Corinthians 11:20-34 Paul gives the Corinthians instructions on keeping the passover—misnamed "communion service." It was to be kept as a memorial *annually*, as the passover had always been observed, to "show the Lord's death till he come" (verse 26). The Gentiles did not understand its institution perfectly. They were coming together in advance of the service, to eat their own meals because they noticed that Christ ate the passover lamb before instituting the symbols that were to be used in all future passover celebrations. Paul says: "When ye come together therefore in one place, *this is not to eat the Lord's supper.*" Why?

Paul continues: "For in eating every one taketh before other *his own supper*: and one is hungry, and another is drunken."

Although thinking they were taking the "Lord's supper," these converts were really taking before each other *their own supper* and apparently not even sharing it. The words "Lord's supper" are used only for the last passover supper that Jesus himself took, as the observance of the passover is not called the "Lord's supper" anywhere in the Bible.

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ON THE CAMPUS

FOLLOWING are articles written by students on student activities to give you the story of our jam-packed lives on the campus. We hope you won't mind if we occasionally poke a little fun at ourselves—striving human being are always funny—and no matter how serious minded, our frailties wink. The Campus Editor

Dick Armstrong's Farewell

by Elva Russell

For the last time before leaving for Europe, Dick Armstrong spoke on Tuesday, February 24th, to the assembly of faculty and students.

He gave us a brief word picture of the city of Luxembourg, where Radio Luxembourg which broadcasts the "The World Tomorrow" to all Europe is located. Luxembourg is a very old European city which still has mediaeval walls and towers. It faces a very deep canyon which now has a beautiful park in the bottom and several immense bridges spanning it above.

The city has only one small, picturesque train which runs down the main street once per day to other cities in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Last summer while in this city Dick Armstrong became quite amused at this small train. As he laughed at it, he was told by a native that he shouldn't laugh because the people of Luxembourg were very proud of their little train.

Luxembourg is a city in miniature. Even the Versailles Palace and gardens are reproduced there in miniature. In fact, the country is so small that Dick Armstrong and Herman Hoeh walked one-sixth the length of the country to visit the largest cemetery of U. S. war dead outside the continental United States. Many of you saw this picture of the cemetery in a previous "Good News."

Then he told us about the great responsibility that he will have when he reaches England—answering the correspondence and sending out the literature. He faces quite a problem in locating the best place for our offices in Europe. Since there are so many restrictions on food, housing, paper, printing and other necessities in England, it appears that our offices must be set up in Paris, France. There the literature can be printed more speedily, conveniently and economically.

He will also assist his father in dealing with the radio station managers as well as checking into the currency regulations. It will be difficult for many Europeans who wish to send money to God's work because only a limited

amount of currency can be sent out of these various countries. He must find a way to get this money out of these countries so that it can be used to pay for radio time purchased in Luxembourg and for various other necessities in operating and conducting God's work.

Another purpose for the trip is to gather news for "The World Tomorrow" and the "Plain Truth." He will remain in Europe for about six months and will report on the spot news happenings to you.

We shall all miss the presence of Dick Armstrong at Ambassador, but we are very happy that the work is growing so rapidly—until it will reach the far-flung corners of the globe.

Why Visit a Zoo?

by Janette Spurlin

Zoos have always been fascinating to the human beings—young or old. But visiting a zoo isn't only entertaining, it is educational as well. We discover things we would never learn from a text book.

In a recent trip to San Diego several students had the opportunity of visiting the San Diego Zoo, which lies in the north end of beautiful Balboa Park. It covers approximately two hundred acres and is one of the largest and finest zoos in the United States.

We arrived at the zoo about ten o'clock and stayed about four hours looking through the different sections of wild life from every continent in the world. There are so many worth while exhibits to see that one could well spend a day without seeing everything that would be of value.

For people who wish to walk through the zoo, instead of riding the bus, a large number of wide, paved paths are provided. These paths are marked by signs and lined with shade trees and occasional benches. They lead directly to the exhibits most worth seeing.

We chose to walk in order that we could spend as much time as necessary at any particular exhibit that we were most interested in.

The whole zoo is divided into mesas and canyons—four mesas and three canyons—with each having its own type of animals, reptiles and birds.

In the "B" Mesa are located the monkeys and baboons. It was interesting to see how *gracefully* certain monkeys swung back and forth with the use of their tails.

In the "C" Mesa is found the mammal group. Among some of these animals, we saw the giraffes, elephants, and dwarf and giant hippopotami. Giraffes grow very tall and large in such a short time. They mature at approximately five years of age. If you should ever travel to Africa, you might be interested in knowing that *giraffes are good for food since they have a divided hoof and chew the cud.*

At one point we were walking along behind one of the many park buses and could hear the driver telling one of the large elephants to lift its foot onto the fence. The elephant raised her foot as she was instructed, and got a piece of white bread in return—a very poor reward for the effort!

Next came the sea lions in "F" Canyon. We couldn't seem to draw ourselves away from there. We watched them dart in and out of their large pool with exceeding skill despite their weight and clumsy appearance. Their continual yapping was a loud and tumultuous sound.

Near the end of our journey through the mesas and canyons, we met four young men from Germany and Austria. Since Herman Hoeh, who speaks German, was with us, we were able to converse with them. They appeared to have a fine impression of our country. They told us that they had found work in spite of the fact that they didn't know much English. In order to hold the kind of jobs in Germany that they now have in America, they would have to be apprentices for three years. Concerning education, they stated that European youths are made to learn much faster than we do for the amount of time they spend in school. They do not have our mass educational system.

After talking with them for quite a while, we continued on our journey through the park.

We could have stayed much longer but time was fast running out. So we started back to Pasadena with all the excitement of having seen many of the wild and domesticated animals and fowls with which people in other areas of the world are so familiar.

Question Box

Your questions answered in these columns! Your opportunity to have those puzzling queries, needing only a short reply, solved. If yours are not here, then write them to us. As space permits they will be printed if an answer is possible. Of course, questions demanding lengthy replies cannot be placed in these columns.

Edited by the Students.

Should Women Bob Their Hair and Use Permanents?

Dozens of letters continually arrive asking if it is all right for women to have their hair cut. Others wonder if it is correct to use permanents since they have a problem keeping their hair neat.

Many women have been taught ever since they were little girls that it is entirely wrong to cut women's hair. This teaching is supposedly derived from the statement that Paul made to the Corinthian women.

You will notice in I Corinthians 11: 13-15 that Paul says a woman ought to have *long hair* that is an honor to her. "But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her." Because long hair is mentioned, some are afraid to cut their hair at all. But the text doesn't read *uncut* hair, it reads *long* hair. *Hair can be cut and still be long.*

Any head of hair, even though cut, if it be long enough to look feminine and honorable, is appropriate. There is no definite "Bible length," save that it must appear as a glory to the wearer. But if a woman wants to wear her hair cut so short as to look like a man, Paul says she ought to be shorn or shaven—the symbol of a fallen woman. *Too many women have developed the custom of having their hair bobbed TOO SHORT.* It is up to the individual to decide according to the word of God how long her hair ought to be in order for her to appear feminine. Perhaps near shoulder length is a good average, since some women naturally have shorter hair than others.

Concerning permanents, there is a problem that each woman needs to consider. *Very few girls are ever taught the art of properly caring for their hair.* God intended a woman's hair to be beautiful, not straggly. This is a mother's responsibility, but how sad it is that so few mothers were ever taught how to care for their hair properly. Because most women never learned how to appear neat they have resorted unnecessarily to the use of permanents.

Certain women have naturally curly hair and *do not need permanents*; others have naturally straight hair and appear very becoming with it just as it is. If

you appear neat in long straight hair, you would only be spoiling your appearance to add unnecessary curls.

But there are many women who have nearly straight hair who would appear much neater with a few curls. Should such women use permanents?

First, let us remember that there are different kinds of permanents. Even the same permanent will react differently with different women, because no two heads of hair are exactly alike. But nearly all permanents will in time do a certain amount of damage to the hair. Often the ends are severely burned. Sometimes they will break off shorter and shorter. A few cheap permanents have even proved damaging to the health.

Although some women may find no harm in them, permanents ought to be avoided in most cases since there is a much simpler and better method by which the hair may be given beauty. It is not hard to learn the art of using curling pins with a small amount of water—and it doesn't take long, either. *This method does not harm the hair,* but makes it appear beautiful as God intended.

It is also important to mention that although some make a ritual of washing their hair too often, many others don't wash their hair often enough, especially when it becomes dirty through work. It is very beneficial for the scalp to keep the hair clean.

Are Ducks and Geese Fit for Food?

One year ago in the "Question Box" we printed an answer to the inquiry, "What fowls are not fit for food?" In the answer to that question it was concluded that since the *swan* was classed among the unclean fowl, both the duck and the goose would also be unclean.

It has since been brought to our attention that the word *swan* in the King James Bible *might be a mistranslation.* Through months of careful study, there is no doubt that the word *swan* is a MISTRANSULATION. Hence the duck, the goose and the swan are clean fowl.

As proof of this the following facts should be understood. The unabridged *Smith's Bible Dictionary* says of the swan, "Only accidental stragglers wander so far south as the Nile, and it has

not been observed by recent naturalists either in Palestine or Egypt" (article, "Swan").

The *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* says of the swan, "A bird of the duck family wrongly placed among the abominations in old versions of the Bible . . ."

Furthermore, since both geese and ducks are plentiful in Palestine and Egypt, and since *the goose was offered by the Egyptians for pagan sacrifice, Moses would have included ducks and geese if they were unclean.* Moses mentioned the bat, but not the duck or goose despite their abundance and use in pagan services. This fact lends proof to the conclusion that *they are clean fowl.*

The Greek translation of the Old Testament, made by Jewish scholars two and one half centuries before the birth of Christ, does *not* render the word as swan, but as ibis or purple waterhen. It is this classification that is meant by Moses. The Jews to this day regard the goose and the duck as *clean fowl.*

In preparing geese especially, be sure to allow for the removal of as much excess fat as possible.

HOW TO TRAIN CHILDREN

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tuality and excellence in performance.

Sons should be instructed in providing for a home and given experience in management—learning to be thrifty, but not "penny wise and pound foolish." Children need particular guidance in this matter so they won't become stingy or extravagant.

In like manner girls should be taught by their mothers proper modesty, the arts of homemaking—cooking, sewing, washing—and how to become a good wife and mother.

Right Sex Teaching

Young children should not be kept in ignorance about sex. When children begin to wonder about this question, it's time you began to teach them whatever they can comprehend. Don't shove the question aside by saying as so many parents do, "You will learn soon enough." That's just the point, *they will learn soon enough—only they will learn the wrong kind of knowledge* from other children who are of the same age and who haven't been taught sex understanding either.

Keep your children's minds clean and pure by keeping ahead of "gutter" talk. If you start your children out correctly and help them in any of their problems, *they will continue to look to you for answers* to their questions. Don't fail

them. This is a special duty you owe them. They need your help.

Obedience Has Lasting Value

Haven't you seen children who were brought up without discipline? Who tell their parents, "I won't," and sure enough, they don't. Their parents may threaten to spank them, but it is only an idle threat.

A child from that kind of home will never amount to anything unless he goes through some grueling experience in the world.

Teach your children to obey you *in everything*—so long as it does not violate God's laws (Eph. 6:1). Too many boys and girls think that their parents have no right to command them to do anything they don't want to do. You mothers can have a great influence on your children by being obedient to your husbands *in everything* in the Lord. If any of you wives are having trouble with your children, you might do well to examine yourselves to see if you are setting an example of obedience commanded in Ephesians 5:24.

We see, then, that today's modern pampering of wayward children is *not* God's way. The hickory stick is as good in this modern generation as it was in the days of Solomon. But first be sure that when children are mature enough to understand, they be instructed and told *why* they are being punished. Punishment is of little or no avail unless children realize that physical *punishment is meant to hurt* so they will never continue doing the wrong which would end in far more painful and sorrowful consequences.

The TONGUES Question

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the Spirit of power to perform MIRACLES (Acts 6:8; 5:12-16). And that kind of power comes from just two things, SURRENDER, and FAITH, along with much earnest PRAYER.

Perhaps the greatest difficulty lies in confusing a *partial* filling with the Spirit, and the FULLNESS of the Spirit.

God gave not the Spirit by MEASURE unto Jesus (John 3:34), but certainly we receive the Spirit by measure, and some of us, perhaps, a very small measure. When we have *received* the Holy Spirit, we have been BAPTISED *by the Spirit*, into the Body of Christ. But the fleshly nature remains, and the flesh lusts against the Spirit. So we have not received the FULLNESS of the Spirit.

In New Testament experiences, a far greater FULLNESS of the Spirit was received, *because they yielded more fully, and trusted God more implicitly.*

Let us YIELD to God, and His Word.

Let us seek more of His Love, more of His FAITH, a better UNDERSTANDING, more POWER FOR SERVICE! And let us leave manifestations and feelings to HIM!

Did the New Testament Church Observe Sundays?

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The existence and hence observance of the remaining holy days, although not specifically stated, are alluded to in Acts 18:21 and in Acts 27:9, where the day of Atonement is mentioned. Every one of these God-given days had been commanded forever; hence, their observance by Jewish and Gentile Christian alike must have been perpetuated in obedience to the example which Jesus and the apostles set.

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Correction: Please note the following typographical errors which appeared through an oversight in the March, 1953, issue of the "Good News."

On page 5, column 1, under subtitle "Proof Three: The Death of Herod," the third paragraph should have read: "The two dates for the beginning of Herod's reign are not disputed, but given as 37 B.C. and 40 B.C. respectively. . . . By simple subtraction—which the theologians and critics seem unable to do—Herod died just prior to the beginning of spring in B.C. 3."

Also note this correction two thirds the way down in the next major paragraph: "Since these and other events occurred *after* the eclipse mentioned by Josephus, and since Herod died just prior to a passover according to Josephus, that passover must have been THIRTEEN MONTHS AFTER THE ECLIPSE and not one month later."

Be sure to reread the entire proof with these corrections about Herod's death.

Why Financial Worries?

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sure you are paying your tithe to a called and TRUE minister of Jesus Christ. Satan has many more ministers today than Christ—and Satan's thieving imposters pose as ministers of Jesus Christ, put on sanctimonious airs, speak in pious and spiritual-sounding language! How are you to know? BY THEIR FRUITS, Jesus said, you shall know them! The FRUITS of God's Spirit, and of Christ's true ministry cannot be counterfeited!

So when you pay tithes to God's true

and accredited spiritual representative, you pay it *as to God*. It is not a charitable gift from you to the minister. It is not *your* money—but rather it is God's way for you to pay to GOD that which BELONGS TO GOD.

And from there on, the minister who receives it *is accountable to God*. And you may be sure that GOD'S justice is PERFECT—that GOD Almighty will hold every minister *far more strictly accountable than you would be capable of doing!*

What GOD Does With His Tithe

Once paid, so far as you are concerned, you have paid GOD'S tithe to GOD.

The question now is *what does GOD do with it?*

And the answer, which we will show by the Scriptures inspired of God, is that God uses it FOR HIS MINISTRY—for CARRYING ON HIS WORK!

Now the *nature* of God's ministry on earth has changed with changing dispensations. Not much is revealed as to how God's ministry was carried on back in patriarchal times. We know Melchisedec was High Priest—that He held rank equal to that of Jesus Christ, actually one of the Godhead! The ministry, then, must have been of a *spiritual* nature. New Testament writings reveal that the GOSPEL, God's Spiritual Message, was preached beforehand to Abraham. All we know of those days of the dim distant antiquity is that the tithes were paid to Melchisedec, a divine Being, for the service of God's ministry for that time.

But beginning with Moses a new and different dispensation was ushered in. God formed Israel as a civil nation, and also as a church (See Acts 7:38). But between Moses and Christ under the Old Covenant, God's ministry was purely *national*, for Israel alone—and purely MATERIAL, not spiritual.

As a Church, or Congregation, Israel was given a constant round of physical ceremonies and rituals—animal sacrifices, meat and drink offerings, carnal ordinances (see Heb. 9:10) — which, NOTE IT!—means of a material, not a spiritual nature. Israel under the Old Covenant was not given God's Holy Spirit. They had no promise whatsoever of salvation, astonishing as that may seem! They were not commanded to go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to other nations. On the contrary, they were forbidden to have anything to do with other nations!

Consequently, the church ministry in Israel was one of ministering to *all* Israelites, and to Israelites *only*. There was no spreading of the Gospel. The ministry, rather, was largely a matter of physical labor—preparing animal sac-

rifices, meat and drink offerings, administering the different washings and physical ordinances and rituals. For this service, God Himself selected His ministers—the people had no choice as to who their ministers were. For this service, God took ONE WHOLE TRIBE of the twelve tribes of Israel—the Tribe of Levi. Every man born a Levite was a priest, or minister.

The Levites owned no land—had no secular source of income—devoted their entire time to the physical ministry of that dispensation. Yet, tho a physical ministry, this service was sacred and holy to God. And during these years from Moses to Christ God Himself paid His Levitical priests by turning over to them all of His Tithe.

Today, we are in the age of GRACE, the NEW Testament GOSPEL dispensation. Today, the Levitical priesthood is gone, and JESUS CHRIST is High Priest. Today all true ministers of Jesus Christ are called by special spiritual call from God thru His Holy Spirit—not by flesh birth—not by self-desire to become a minister—not by selection, appointment, or vote of the people.

Jesus Christ came as God's MESSENGER, bearing a Spiritual Message from God to man. That Message of His GOSPEL—the Good News of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD, a kingdom of immortals which human flesh and blood can never enter! One *must be born again!*

And today, Christ's *comission* to all His true ministers is "Go ye into all the world, and PREACH THE GOSPEL" . . . "Go ye, therefore, and teach ALL NATIONS." And, for our day *now*. "This

GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the END (of the age) come."

Today the ministry is a SPIRITUAL ministry—a ministry of PROPHECY—a ministry of SALVATION—a ministry of WARNING! Today it is not physical and national, but spiritual and *individual*—it is not for *everyone* in a single nation, but for a witness UNTO ALL NATIONS.

Today, in these critical, chaotic days approaching the END OF AN AGE, the carrying on of God's true ministry is a *world-wide* mission, which must reach MILLIONS of people, and *quickly*, for the "night cometh, when no man can work."

Today Christ's true ministry is a huge undertaking. It requires, not the mere financing of the personal needs of a few ministers, but the employing of tremendous available facilities for PROCLAIMING THE WORLD-SHAKING WARNING—for PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM into ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS!

And these super-powered facilities God has invented and made available for HIS PURPOSE—great, powerful radio stations, and the modern printing press—cost a great deal of money, because they reach vast multitudes of people never before possible in any past age!

Today, God has PROVIDED for the financing of His powerful ministry by the same system He has used from the very beginning—His TITHING system!

Thus Almighty God has purposed that THOSE WHOM HE HAS SPECIALLY FITTED AND CALLED for this tremen-

dous mission in this chaotic and dying world may be FREE to proclaim HIS TRUTH fearlessly, boldly, and with GREAT POWER!

They cannot be subsidized, controlled, coerced by men or organizations of men. They are not hired by, nor obligated to, men or any organized group or denomination. They are called by God, guided, protected, and empowered by God, financed by GOD'S OWN TITHING SYSTEM!—yes, by GOD'S OWN MONEY!

That is how THE PLAIN TRUTH is published—without subscription price, FREE to all who will request it for themselves.

That is how the true GOSPEL Message is going out in great power to a cumulative audience of THIRTY MILLION EVERY WEEK, broadcast over the most powerful radio station in all the North American continent and in Europe.

That is God's way, carrying out God's Plan in HIS GREAT PURPOSE BEING WORKED OUT HERE BELOW! And the Almighty has so guided and directed this great work of His today, that *every single dollar* of His money placed faithfully in His work is actually reaching TWO THOUSAND precious souls with HIS MESSAGE! Yes, it is growing into a huge work. It costs today a great deal of money. But it is reaching MILLIONS of people with power—and at the infinitesimal cost of only one dollar for each two thousand reached! We—and all our co-workers together—are happy to be privileged by the Eternal God to each have our small part in so glorious a work for HIM!

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