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Unconverted Church Members?

Sometimes even God's people need to be AWAKENED to their real spiritual state! Here is revealed the SHOCKING condition many of you are in.

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PAINFUL AS it may be, much as we hate to admit it, God's ministers have come to realize that there are many individuals physically among God's people who are spiritually *not* of God's church. They are progressing toward a certain destination—the *lake of fire!*

This could easily include YOU!

Before you were baptized and began building a Christian character, you should have sat down to *count the cost*—as Jesus said in Luke 14:25-33. He said you were to love God more than *any relative*—even your own wife—and more than *your own life also* (verse 26). He concluded by saying, "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not *all that he hath*, he cannot be my disciple" (verse 33).

Have you *really* forsaken ALL that you have? Do you really consider that your life no longer belongs to *you*, but to God—to do with as *He* wills?

There is no use "kidding" yourself. Some of you new converts—and some who have been *in among* God's people for *years and years* still have a CARNAL mind! It's time for even God's people to *wake up*.

Now let me explain.

Like Corinthian Church

Among the strongest and most corrective epistles that the apostle Paul wrote were his two letters to the Corinthians. He addressed them as the

"Church of God" (I Cor. 1:2), yet he said "there are *contentions* among you" (verse 11). Some were following one *man* instead of CHRIST. Others were following other *men*.

Because they liked *men's persons* instead of Christ, because they had a spirit of *contention* or *argument* about many things, and because they had not *fully SURRENDERED* to God and the guidance of His Spirit, Paul could not write to them as he would to fully converted, spiritually minded people. Instead, he said, "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto *spiritual*, but as unto *carnal*, even as unto *babes in Christ*" (I Cor. 3:1).

And that is the *exact condition* of some of you who now read what I write!

Many of you still look on things from the point of view of a CARNAL mind. You have seen much of the truth as a correct argument, and you have gone along with it and been baptized. But when a particular truth is applied to *you personally*, you often resist it and stick to your *own way*.

As many have indicated by their *actions*—which speak louder than words—they want to go along with God and His church "up to a point." And *what* is beyond that point that they are unwilling to give up?

The answer is SELF! That big part of *self* they still think is pretty good, after all, and that they never learned to *hate*,

to REPENT of, and to BURY in baptism.

All this may be revealed when a situation arises where the human *self* has to be denied in order to obey God. Perhaps a couple has to split up in order to obey God's commandment against *adultery*. Maybe a man has to give up his life-long job in order to fully keep God's weekly *and annual* sabbaths.

It might be that someone in the church has been given an honor or position that *you* thought *you*—your *self*—should have. Or perhaps you *think* God's minister has "offended" you in some way.

Suddenly, your "spiritual" attitude *changes*—and we find that yours was only a *surface* conversion—at least *so far*—and that you have surrendered to God only *up to a point*. Then you forget about God's conditions of *total surrender*, and you began setting forth conditions that God and His church will have to meet in order to keep in *your* good graces.

You will often begin to *accuse* one of God's ministers and perhaps compare him unfavorably with another minister. In your mind, and in your words, you will try to create *sides*. You will have the same *carnal*, contentious spirit that some of the people at Corinth had. You may begin to *judge* or *accuse* others—often God's minister—and forget the fact that *God is your JUDGE*, that *Christ* is the living *Head* of God's church, and that God's ministers are responsible to

Him—not *you*, and that *He will take care of them!*

Real Examples

These attitudes just described are just a sample of the kind of *carnal* ways that some of YOU—perhaps without realizing it—have fallen into. Unless these attitudes are *changed*—REPENTED of—they will lead to *death* in the *lake of fire*.

And we in God's ministry KNOW that many of you dear brethren whom we *love very much* are in such a spiritual state at *this very moment*. Our job is to *warn* you—to help you CHANGE before it's *too late*.

Following are some examples of the *carnal* minded attitude some of *you* have. Read these carefully and apply them to *yourself*—not to the other fellow. As Paul wrote the people in God's *visible* church at Corinth: "Examine *yourselves*, whether *ye* be in the faith; prove *your own selves*. Know *ye* not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except *ye* be reprobates?" (II Cor. 13:5.)

A very common fault in many brethren, particularly those who are older and have absorbed more of *this world's* religions, is that they tend to keep their *own* standard of right and wrong—and view everything from that standpoint. Often they tend to look down upon others in the church who don't go by their own *human* moral code. They forget that sin is the transgression of *God's revealed law*—not *human* ideas and imagination.

To illustrate: Some of you who read this are guilty of "judging" or *condemning* those who have learned from *God's Word* that Jesus Christ's *first miracle* was turning water into *wine*—NOT *grape juice*—at the marriage feast at Cana (John 2:1-11), and that the *moderate* use of wine as a food is taught in *your Bible*. To prove to *you* that the Greek word used here always means *fermented wine* is of no avail. You will not have it that way! Suddenly, you become as stubborn, as argumentative, as CARNAL-minded as an unbeliever.

WHY?

Isn't it because you have never fully *surrendered* your *will* to God. Isn't it because you are stubbornly hanging on to part of your old SELF—perhaps the *religious* part, the part you still think is *pretty good*, the part you never *crucified* and *BURIED* with Christ in baptism? (Romans 6:3-6.)

Do you realize that one in the attitude I have described is setting himself up as the *judge* of Jesus Christ and condemning the *perfect life* that Christ led?

Anyone in that attitude is *rejecting* the perfect *example* that Jesus set for us. Perhaps without realizing it, he is set-

ting himself up as wiser than GOD ALMIGHTY.

Compare with Christ

Too many people forget that *Christ* set the only *perfect* example, and that we should compare our ideas with *His* teaching and His example before we condemn others. The truth of the matter is that Jesus—if he were now living in the flesh—would be a *great disappointment* to many so-called "Christians" today, for He would not follow *their* ideas at all.

Jesus said that man should LIVE *by every word of God* (Luke 4:4). You'd better find your ideas in the clear teachings and examples of the Bible before you try to impose them on others.

Some people have grown bitter or have gone off into sin because they looked to *human* examples. Many times I have heard the remark, "Well, if one of the *ministers* can do *that* (what *they* may *think* is wrong), then I can surely do *this*" (what *God* says is SIN).

Have you ever heard talk like that? It matters not whether or not the minister might be setting a *perfect* example in every case, you are to *obey* GOD and to follow *Christ's* example. Compare yourself with *Him*.

Using the real or imagined faults of others as an excuse for *your* SIN is a practice that will lead to your *condemnation*. It is the attitude of a CARNAL mind.

God's People Carnal?

Many of you are going to wonder if people in *God's church* could be *carnal*.

The point to remember is that God's true church is a *spiritual* organism, not a visible, fleshly body of people. It is composed of the begotten sons of God—those who are LED by the Spirit of God (Rom. 8:14).

But God's true sons, meeting together to carry out the mission of His church, have *always* had among them some who were *not fully converted*—who were CARNAL-minded. And it seems that even of those who were really converted, some would always fall away.

As mentioned before, Paul addresses First Corinthians to the "church of God" at Corinth. Yet he immediately shows that some of the *physical* members of the group were CARNAL (I Cor. 3:1).

Paul could also see the *carnal* tendency even in some of the *elders* at Ephesus, and he warned: "Also of *your own selves* shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:30).

In the parable of the ten virgins (Mat. 25:1-13), Jesus showed the FEARFUL condition God's people will be in when He returns!

Notice that *all* of the virgins (Chris-

tians) started out with oil in their lamps. But the *wise* virgins took extra oil. They took *extra* pains to continually receive more of God's Spirit, symbolized by the oil.

But the unwise virgins didn't *grow* spiritually. They were *self-satisfied* and complacent—perhaps *spiritually proud*. They weren't *hungering* and *thirsting* for righteousness. They thought they would "get by all right."

When they came to enter into the marriage supper, the Lord said: "I KNOW YOU NOT."

They had run out of *oil*—out of *God's Spirit*! They hadn't been *growing* spiritually. They still had to be regarded as CARNAL-minded—as "babes in Christ" (I Cor. 3:1).

Yes, there have *always* been the *two distinct* classes of people *within* the *visible* church of God. One is going into the kingdom. The other is not.

Where do YOU stand?

Carnal Principle

Each one of you had better "examine" yourself in the light of these facts. It matters not how long you *think* you have been converted—*this means you!*

Remember that we are commanded to GROW in grace and knowledge (II Peter 3:18). You must continually drink in *more* of God's Spirit to *grow*—and to become *spiritually* minded.

A *spiritual* mind will be willing to *admit error* and *change*. It will *grow* into *new truth*.

Spiritual-minded people *love* God's law, and "NOTHING shall offend them" (Psalms 119:165). They will not be continually getting their "feelings" hurt by God's minister or by others, and they will *not love this present worldly system* (James 4:4).

On the other hand, the *carnal-minded* person is easily upset by anything and everybody. He is not looking to Christ—but to *men's persons*. Naturally he will find fault.

He is always quick to "stumble" on *any* real or imagined stumbling-block, because instead of *growing*—he has remained a spiritual "babe" with a *carnal* mind.

He will accuse and find fault especially with God's work and His ministers—and will try to *find his way around the law of God and the government of God* in the Church.

In his presence, a converted person usually senses that he must be careful to avoid an "argument" or "hurt feelings." The carnal mind is stubborn, unyielding, selfish.

Paul wrote: "The *carnal* mind is *enmity* against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh (*carnal*)

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The Parable of the “UNJUST STEWARD” —what does it mean?

This parable, found in Luke 16, has perplexed even the learned commentators. Here is the plain, clear explanation.

by Herman L. Hoeh

OPEN YOUR Bible to Luke, chapter 16, verse 9. Here is certainly one of the most difficult parables Jesus ever uttered!

These are Jesus' apparent words to his disciples: "Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness: that, *when ye fail*, they may receive you into everlasting habitations."

Did Jesus expect His disciples *to fail*? Are Christians to make friends with the world? What could Jesus have meant?

The Setting of the Parable

To grasp the full meaning of this perplexing parable we need to understand the setting. In Luke 15:1 Jesus is talking in the presence of tax collectors and sinners of ill repute. Hypocritical Pharisees also heard the same words (Verse 2). As recorded in this chapter, Jesus explained to them that He was sent to call the lost, not the self-righteous, to repentance.

In chapter 16 the Master begins to speak to the disciples. The parable of the "unjust steward" is addressed to us. *We are Christ's disciples.* Notice:

"There was a certain rich man, who had a steward"—the manager of his estate—"and the same was accused to him as wasting his goods." Information must have been brought to the rich man against the steward.

The rich man then called him to his office and gave the steward this order: "What is this I hear of thee? render the account of thy stewardship; for thou canst no longer be steward." He had to deliver up whatever was intrusted to him that it could be given to another. He would lose his job. What was to become of him?

"And the steward said *within himself*"—notice that he admits his misconduct *only* to himself—"What shall I do, seeing that my lord taketh away the stewardship from me? To dig I have no strength"—he wasn't brought up for that kind of work—"to beg I am ashamed." Pride was too much for him—he couldn't bring himself to beg,

Then what was he to do to prevent starvation?

"I AM RESOLVED WHAT TO DO, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, *they* may receive me into their own houses."

Worldly Wisdom

Observe the clever idea that is now running through the steward's mind. He has resolved his problem. He *knows* what to do. He is using his head—using his *worldly wisdom*. He continues to deal deceitfully with the rich man's estate. Here is what he rushes to do: "And calling to him each one of the debtors of his lord, he said to the first, 'How much owest thou my lord?' And he said, 'Hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take thy papers, and sit down and write quickly fifty.'"

The business was urgent. In his clever thinking he knew that he could defraud his lord and that it would not be discovered. The debtor at one stroke of the pen had half of his debt paid. The steward became his friend!

"Then said he to another, 'And how much owest thou?' And he said, 'Hundred measures of grain.' He saith to him, 'Take thy papers, and write eighty.'"

The steward thought himself rather wise. He now had friends upon whom he could rely when put out of his stewardship. They couldn't turn him down because they were accomplices in the act. *They* rewrote the legal papers.

The steward then presented himself to the rich man and rendered the altered accounts. The lord knew well that his steward was not to be trusted. But upon looking over the accounts he found nothing for which he could directly accuse him.

"And the lord commended the steward of unrighteousness for doing wisely."

The "lord" here is the rich man—the lord or master of the steward. He finally had to commend the double-dealing steward for his wisdom—cleverness,

shrewdness, prudence—with which he dealt. The lord certainly did not commend him for wasting his estate—that's why he was released from his office. But the lord had to admit that under the circumstances, the steward surely used his head to solve his problem. He had made friends by buying them. He had *worldly wisdom*.

Wise Not Called to Salvation in This Age

Now observe Jesus' comment on his own parable: "For the sons of this age are for their own generation wiser than the sons of light" (Verse 8, Paulin trans.).

Now we are beginning to understand *why* Jesus uttered his parable. Remember that Jesus addressed the parable to the disciples. He is giving them advice. He says that the sons of this world or age—the unconverted who have their hearts and minds set upon the things of this life—they are wiser by nature than the converted—the sons of light. Paul explains it by saying: "For look at your calling, brethren, that *not many wise after the flesh*"—not many who have natural inherited wisdom—"are chosen; but God chose the foolish things of the world, that he put to shame the wise" (I Cor. 1:26-27).

There is a natural wisdom that many have. But God does not choose many of them. Not many in God's church today are wise by nature—"after the flesh." "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God" (I Cor. 3:19). Very few worldly wise are being called. They are too proud to surrender to the Almighty. This is not the time when God is trying to save the world. He is calling only a few—especially those who are not very shrewd, who sometimes lack foresight.

If we lack spiritual foresight or wisdom, then we need to ask God for it. "But if any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall
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A Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

One can learn lessons from countless little things that happen every day. So simple a thing as eating a raw vegetable salad can provoke a train of thought.

Now there should be nothing wrong with a vegetable salad. Raw vegetables are excellent, good health-producing food. Six hundred years before Christ, Daniel refused the rich and scripturally "unclean" foods of the King's palace in Babylon, and thrived with clear, keen mind, and strong, healthy body on a diet of vegetables.

Yet there is something wrong with many a vegetable salad. Into the salad bowl housewives place good, wholesome lettuce, tomatoes, sliced cucumbers, celery, green peppers and radishes. Then they saturate it with a dressing supposed to "improve" it.

And that's exactly the point I want to strike vividly and deeply into your consciousness! People take good, wholesome vegetables as the Creator caused them to grow for our food, and then try to "improve" on what God had produced by a man-concocted dressing!

Now I am as quick to admit as anyone that plain raw vegetables, without any dressing or seasoning of any kind, might be less palatable. It is possible to produce a salad dressing that is a natural mixture of healthful ingredients—one that tastes very good, too. But the manufacturers whose salad dressings fill the grocery shelves, and are used in the restaurants, hotels and diners, have a habit of mixing dressings out of com-

binations which safely could be guaranteed to wreck any stomach, in time.

Some years ago a doctor, who also was somewhat of a philosopher, said to me that everything man's hand has ever touched has been contaminated by man! And always in an effort to *improve* on God!

I didn't believe my philosophic doctor friend when he told me man's hand has contaminated, perverted and polluted everything it has touched. But I have since thought about it, and observed a great deal. And now I'm convinced he was almost right. But not completely. One exception is Southern California.

So often I have heard people speak with contempt of those barren hills and mountains, and all the artificial *man-planned* beauty of Southern California. True, God Himself blessed the mountains and valleys of the Pacific Northwest with a beautiful green covering He never gave to Southern California. He left Southern California arid, dry, and waste—except for those occasional well-advertised downpours that rush down the slopes too swiftly to provide much fertility. But didn't God *expect* men to cultivate and improve the ground? Do not men glorify God and serve His purpose in so doing? And if men have migrated to arid, dry, desolate, barren Southern California, and there by means of irrigation and hard labor produced beautiful orange and lemon groves and other fruit and agricultural production—developed some of the most glamorously beautiful cities and residences anywhere in the world—such as Pasadena and the magnificent residence section in which AMBASSADOR COLLEGE is located—then I say Southern California—minus its smog—provides one of the rare exceptions to the rule that man's hand usually *mars* God's beauty.

But to return to the illustration of the salad dressing. We don't know it—we don't want to believe it—but we are a generation of degenerates, because we and our forefathers for generations back to Adam have been feeding ourselves the **WRONG KIND OF FOOD!**

Our bodies are weak, sickly, anemic, full of stored-up toxins and poisons, because we have utterly lost sight of God's natural laws of health and of natural health-giving foods. And it seems today nothing is so sure to offend, as to volunteer knowledge of this fact! People, it seems, don't *WANT to know the Truth!* Eminent physicians estimate 90 to 95 per cent of all physical sickness and disease is caused by stuffing our stomachs with wrong foods and drinks.

And our MINDS today are no less impaired, sick and diseased—and for *identically* the SAME REASON—faulty *educational* food, or lack of sufficient mental food!

Physical deficiency, illness or disease is always classified by the physician who knows as one of two basic things: either it is a *deficiency*—a lack of nourishment, or deficiency in one or more necessary elements; or it is a toxin or poison—which means the presence in the system of something that does not belong there, as the result of faulty, improper, or poisonous food.

Often, one may feed on the very best of natural food, and yet cause injury to his stomach and system by the addition of something improper.

It is the same with *mental* food.

The MIND is the highest, noblest, and most important part of man. It is the supreme Masterpiece of all God's physical creation. It transcends everything else physical. But God created it to be developed!

God's PURPOSE in the human race is a *still greater* Masterpiece than the physical, fleshly, carnal mind. It is the creation of CHARACTER! And character is the *changing*, and the *development* of the mind along right, spiritual lines. GOD INTENDED HUMAN MINDS TO BE USED, DEVELOPED, AND IMPROVED! *That is the prime purpose of human existence.*

One never glorifies God by *neglecting* the mind. Like a starving body, receiving insufficient food, or virtually no food, the unfed, untrained mind gradually shrivels up and dies—at least to usefulness! Especially is this true of those past 40.

People who have neglected their education, who never study, never give their minds exercise or feed them with educational food and the exercise of reason based on continually acquired knowledge, begin to deteriorate mentally by the age of 40. By the time they are 60 their minds are of less use than

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Can You Believe BOTH The BIBLE and EVOLUTION?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

SO MANY are saying today, "You can believe BOTH the Bible and evolution." But this is emphatically *not* so! The *Century Dictionary and Encyclopedia* defines evolution as "opposed to creation"—the only PROOF of God. Huxley said it was "directly antagonistic to Creation," adding, "Evolution makes it impossible to believe in the Bible." And, we might add, the BIBLE makes it impossible to believe in evolution.

Sir Oliver Lodge said, "As taught by science, we learn that there has been no fall in man; there has been only RISE." Another frank evolutionist, Carl Vogt, says: "Evolution turns the Creator out of doors."

And yet, in high schools and colleges, many teachers and professors are teaching students that there is no conflict between the Bible and evolution. They teach that you can believe BOTH. Some try to teach that evolution was God's METHOD of creation, and try to harmonize the first chapter of Genesis with the theory of evolution! This is merely crafty, cunning, lying deception, which is deceiving millions of students. They are then taught the "evidences" of evolution, they accept it, and soon become atheists before they realize it!

The Evolution Concept

Evolution teaches that the first life upon the earth came ultimately, perhaps, by "spontaneous generation," or by "electro-chemical action," or some unknown process, many millions of years ago, in the warm ocean slime. Thus, it is the theory of evolution that LIFE sprung out of DEAD MATTER—that the living came from the not-living.

The first active life was a single-celled protoplasmic mass, which they have named an "amoeba." It was so small it could not be seen except thru a high-powered microscope. This single-celled bit of protoplasm generated, of itself, into additional cells. These cells developed, and multiplied, until the oceans became peopled with vast swarms of worms. These worms, evolution says, are our ancestors.

These worms developed, grew, multiplied, advanced, gradually changing into entirely different forms of life. Some of these supposed early sea forms gradually took to land, developing lungs as well as gills for breathing, becoming what are called amphibians. Some of them

stayed on the land altogether, and ultimately their lungs replaced their gills, and their gills disappeared. They developed into land animals. The amphibians continued to live both in water and on land, continuing to use both gills and lungs. The purely sea forms remained in the water, having gills and no lungs. By what process these transformations occurred, evolutionists do not know.

From these early forms there gradually developed, thru a fixed natural law of variation of species (which means one species or form, or kind of life gradually takes on new characteristics, and varies progressively—that is, toward the more complex physical form and toward advancing intelligence—until it has become changed into another and totally different species, or kind of animal) there gradually developed in this way reptile forms, and then mammals (animals having a spinal column, whose female suckles its young). This process of progressive development, and change from one species or kind into entirely different and higher species or kinds, continued thru the millions of years, branching off into different life forms until, among other forms, came some resembling the monkey of today, then the anthropoid ape, or a species similar, and, finally, some changing and developing into MAN.

Man was a GRADUAL TRANSITION from some lower animal similar to the anthropoid ape—so gradual that it would be impossible to tell at just what stage it ceased to be ape, and became man. Thus, there was no one first man, called Adam, as the Bible claims. The first men were the most unintelligent savages. But the mind gradually developed, and character began to form, and MAN HAS BEEN GETTING CONSTANTLY BETTER AND BETTER. The savage of today is what our ancestors once were, as all high school students are taught in Ancient History.

So evolution teaches that man has just developed, by slow and gradual progressive change, over a period of millions of years, thru all these various stages. It teaches that the CHANGE is always for the BETTER. From lowest, unintelligent savage, part ape and part man, we have developed and improved and progressed up to our present complex civilization and standard of intelligence. Evolution teaches that man's present

state is the highest, noblest, most advanced, and most perfect he has ever attained. And he is still advancing, and constantly getting better and better.

Differences Between the Two Teachings

Let us now come to a clear and plain understanding of the DIFFERENCES between the theory of evolution, and the teaching of the Bible.

Both teachings admit man has come, or descended, from a common ancestor. Evolution says this common ancestor was the tiny single-celled piece of protoplasm, called an amoeba. It claims this amoeba was the common ancestor of every living thing—both plant and animal life—of the fishes, the birds, the snakes, the elephants, the monkeys, and of man.

But the BIBLE tells us that the common ancestor of man was NOT the common ancestor of any other kind of life—but just of man only. And the BIBLE tells us this common ancestor of man was a MAN, created suddenly whole and complete AS a man, created physically PERFECT in the very beginning (Gen. 1:31 and I Cor. 15:45), and that this man's name was ADAM, and that Adam lived exactly 930 years to the very DAY—from the very DAY he was first created (Gen. 5:5).

So the first difference is that evolution says our ancestor was an amoeba, and the Bible says our first ancestor was ADAM. Evolution says our first ancestor was the most IMPERFECT living organism that ever existed, and all life has advanced and gotten better and better ever since, but the BIBLE teaches that our first ancestor was made physically PERFECT, after the very IMAGE OF GOD (Gen. 1:27), and that this first man SINNED, and that man is now helpless and lost, and needs a REDEEMER so that he shall once more be MADE perfect. According to Evolution, man needs no Saviour and no redemption, for he has never fallen, but has been getting better and better, and is now better than he ever was. So in this respect the two teachings are exactly CONTRARY.

Secondly, both teachings admit CHANGE has taken place. Now some, who do not thoroughly understand what evolution teaches, believe that any mere CHANGE is evolution. But the word CHANGE is not synonymous with evolu-

tion. Evolution teaches that this change is CONTINUOUS, and PROGRESSIVE, until the bounds of the original species, or kind of plant or animal, has been outgrown.

In other words, *evolution teaches that one species, or kind, CONTINUES to CHANGE, until it has become an entirely DIFFERENT species, or kind, altogether.* Thus, MAN has come by progressive CHANGE from lower forms of animals, like the ape. The ape came from a still lower and less intelligent form, like the monkey. And the monkey came from a still lower and less intelligent form, and so on, back to the amoeba.

But the Bible claims that each kind, or species, of life, reproduces ONLY after its own KIND! Thus, "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, WHOSE SEED IS IN ITSELF, upon the earth, and IT WAS SO" (Gen. 1:11). "And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good" (Gen. 1:21). "And God made the beast of the earth" (not after some LOWER kind of species, but) "AFTER HIS KIND, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind" (Gen. 1:25).

And the Bible does not say God made man after the KIND, or species of some lower, less intelligent animal like the ape, but "God created man IN HIS OWN IMAGE, in the image of GOD created He him; male and female created He them" (Gen. 1:27 and I Cor. 15:39).

So, if the Bible is true, and man was first created AFTER THE IMAGE OF GOD—then man "came," or "descended" direct from GOD. And when evolution teaches that man "came" or "descended" direct from some lower animal like an ape or monkey, THEY DELIBERATELY PUT THIS LOWER APE-LIKE ANIMAL IN THE PLACE OF GOD—and surely this is AN INSULT TO ALMIGHTY GOD! Do you not think so?

Life Comes Only from Life

Thirdly, evolution teaches that the first LIFE came by some NATURAL PROCESS, out of DEAD MATTER—that the living came from the not-living, and by NATURAL LAWS. On the contrary, the Bible claims all life has come from GOD, as the CREATOR. "For as the Father hath life in Himself, so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself" (John 5:26). "In HIM was life. All things were made by Him" (John 1:4, 3). "Seeing HE giveth to all, life, and breath, and all things" (Acts 17:25).

"For in HIM we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28). "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the BREATH OF LIFE" (Gen. 2:7). This does not say God formed an amoeba in the warm ocean slime, and gave it life, and it grew, by progressive change, INTO a man. What God formed was not formed in the warm ocean slime, but OF THE DUST OF THE GROUND. What He formed was not a single-celled amoeba, but a MAN. And the Bible distinctly says it was the MAN—not the amoeba ancestor of a man—that God put the breath of LIFE into.

So, to sum up, evolution teaches first, that the amoeba is the common ancestor of all living plants and animals, while the Bible teaches Adam, created PERFECT, was the first ancestor of all men. Second, evolution teaches one species,

or kind, changes into and becomes an entirely DIFFERENT species, or kind, but the Bible teaches that all change is confined WITHIN each species or kind. Third, evolution teaches that life originated by natural laws OUT OF DEAD MATTER, while the Bible teaches all life has come from GOD, and by His supernatural power. These are the three outstanding differences between the two teachings. One or the other is FALSE. Both cannot be TRUE.

Evolution originated in pagan, infidel minds. Darwin, Huxley, Lyell, Spencer, Haeckel—the fathers of evolution—atheists, every one. CREATION is the very PROOF of GOD. The atheist must explain creation WITHOUT God, or he must believe in God and give up his infidelity! So these infidels INVENTED the theory of evolution in their imagination.

"UNJUST STEWARD"

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be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting" (James 1:5-6). Paul asked God for wisdom: "We speak wisdom . . . yet a wisdom not of this age . . . but we speak God's wisdom . . . which none of the rulers of this age hath known" (I Cor. 2:6).

Make Friends Out of Mammon

With these Scriptures in mind, the parable of the unjust steward ought to become plainer. Jesus has already explained that not all are called—that those who are called usually have less wisdom than the unconverted. Now let's notice Jesus' comment: "And I say unto you"—that is to you and me today because we are his disciples—"Make for yourselves friends out of the mammon of unrighteousness . . ." Here Jesus Himself interprets the parable for us. We ought to use spiritual wisdom as the steward used natural wisdom—we need to be "wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Mat. 10:16).

But what did Jesus mean by "mammon of unrighteousness"? "Mammon" signifies riches. Mammon of unrighteousness signify riches or money which is so often gained by unrighteousness—money which becomes a power for evil in the hands of evil men. The phrase was a common expression of the time because riches were so often gained as a result of evil deeds. Jesus' admonition, then, is that we make friends out of—by means of—money which the unconverted covet. The King James translation that we make "friends of mammon" is not a correct translation. We are not

to make friends of those who are carnal and unconverted. Christians are to dis-fellowship those who do evil. "Whoso therefore intends to be the world's friend makes himself God's enemy" (James 4:4).

We are to use the money which we could so easily covet—we are to use it to create friends. How?

"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also . . . No one can serve two lords . . . Ye cannot serve God and mammon," said Jesus in Matthew 6:19-24.

There is the answer!

Christians should put their money to use. We should give our treasure toward the kingdom of God—"seek ye first the kingdom of God"—toward the work of the gospel in order that others might be converted. It is those who are converted who are our friends. Abraham was a converted man. He is called a "friend of God" (James 2:23). Those who are converted by our prayers, tithes and offerings become our true friends for all eternity if they remain faithful. This is the WISE thing to do. The steward made carnal friends. We make spiritual friends.

Let us continue reading what Jesus said: "Make for yourselves friends out of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, WHEN IT SHOULD FAIL, they may receive you into the eternal tabernacles."

This is what Jesus actually said! The common rendering of the King James Version is not correct. Jesus did *not* say, "They (the disciples) should fail." He

said, "It (the mammon—money) should fail." This is made plain in Ivan Panin's translation of the original, inspired Greek.

When Money Fails

When money has lost its value—when we no longer have any use for it in this life—when this civilization is crashing to its doom, then "a man shall be more precious than gold" (Isaiah 13: 12). Money—mammon of unrighteousness—will finally fail at the return of Jesus Christ—it will cease to be of any value. But in this life we are to put it to use for the kingdom of God. The world covets money. Therefore we need to pay the world money to use its facilities in order to reach the people through radio and the printing press.

Jesus called this practice of giving our treasure for the kingdom of God a WISE act. It is the only sound way to deal with money. The wise of this world gather money in their human craft, cleverness and wisdom. Perhaps they are able to amass more wealth than you who are in the faith. But they do not have the wisdom to know what life is all about. They are cut off from the wisdom of God. They are not putting their treasure to a good purpose. They are actually wasting it. We are to be wise—like the steward—to put our money to use so that it will yield *eternal dividends*—eternal friendships.

Eternal Friendship Pays Off

In the resurrection, when money will no longer be of value to us, those whom we have helped to bring into the kingdom of God will receive us into their abodes or tabernacles. Many who have been converted by means of the tithes and offerings which you send in to this work—many whom you have never seen—will greet you with joy and thanksgiving when they see you in the kingdom of God. Each of us will then be dwelling in our tabernacles (abodes or office rooms) as we minister to and govern the world.

In order that none of us would miss understand this parable, Jesus concluded: "Who is faithful in very little is faithful also in much: and who is unrighteous in very little is unrighteous also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in another's, who will give you ours?"

Sometimes Jesus' parables are misunderstood because we draw the wrong conclusion. For instance, when God the Father is compared to an unjust judge, that did not mean that God is unjust. See Luke 18:6. So in this parable, Jesus tells us *to be wise in spiritual ways* as

the steward was wise in carnal ways. But we are NOT to be unrighteous like the steward. We are to be scrupulously honest. If we have not been faithful in handling the material blessings of this life—if we have wasted them—then God will not commit to us the eternal treasures which He has promised. If we have not been faithful with another's in this life, if we have not dealt justly and fairly with others, then, as Jesus said, "Who will give to you ours?"—who will give to you what belongs to the Father and Jesus?

Notice that in this verse Jesus is pointing out that we are to become heirs of God. We are to *inherit* what belongs to the Father and the Son. We will share

it with them and with the millions of others who will be born into the kingdom of God.

This is certainly a remarkable parable. It explains so much about the purpose being worked out on earth. Let's remember, then, that though the few who are called now may not have natural wisdom, we can ask of God and He will give it to us. We are to use wisdom in handling our finances in order that we might further the work of converting people to God. We cannot serve God by setting our affections on material objects. We can serve Him only by letting Him show us how we ought to direct our material possessions. Let's become *just* and *wise* stewards.

Should Christianity be Endured—or ENJOYED?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

HAVE you thought of religion as a life of gloom—a sort of living, painful, penance merely to be endured—a lot of "don'ts," and giving up of every pleasure that makes life worth living—with all the rewards to be collected in the hereafter?

Jesus said: "I am come that they might have LIFE, and that they might have it *more abundantly*" (John 10:10).

Let us profit by the words of George Romanes, a British psychologist of the last century:

"Some men are not conscious of the cause of their misery. . . . For the most part they conceal the fact as well as possible from themselves by occupying their minds with society, sport, frivolity of all kinds, or if intellectually disposed, with science, literature, business. . . . This, however, is but to fill a starving belly with husks. . . . He may cheat himself for a time—especially if he be a strong man—into the belief that he is nourishing himself by denying his natural appetite; but he soon finds he was made for some *altogether different kind of food.*"

Your Natural Food

Too often we fill our poor hungry souls with the empty husks of this world's entertainments and amusements, with society, strenuous business interests, or even an empty FORM of religion? It doesn't SATISFY. Do you know why?

You were MADE for an altogether different kind of food.

You were so made, realize it or not, that you crave real SPIRITUAL food. Food such as only God can supply.

God is the Creator. God is composed of SPIRIT (John 4:24). "He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things . . . for

IN HIM *we live*, and move and have our being" (Acts 17:25, 28).

Unless you are drinking in of His SPIRIT, thus living IN HIM, feeding continually upon His spiritual food, you are denying your natural appetite. And this explains the real cause of most of the unrest, dissatisfaction and unhappiness in the world!

Jesus said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but *by every word of God!*" (Luke 4:4.) And the words of God, as spoken by Jesus and recorded in the Scriptures, "they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). They that worship God must worship Him IN SPIRIT, and IN TRUTH (John 4:24).

This can be done only if you yield completely in unconditional surrender to His *written* will, and thru Jesus Christ, have received and are continually drinking in of HIS SPIRIT. And that a blessedness! what a JOY to drink in of the soul-satisfying waters of God's Holy Spirit thru communion with Him in honest, sincere prayer, and thru a real *intelligent*, willing study of the Holy Scriptures! It is a joy nothing else can give.

"Blessed are they that *hunger and thirst* after righteousness: for THEY SHALL BE FILLED!"

Righteousness is obedience to God's will—His commandments (Psalm 119:172). It is obedience that makes us happy.

If you have never yet fully known the peace, the happiness, the indescribable JOY that can flood like sunshine thru your soul—or if, like so many, you have *neglected* it—turn today to God in *full* repentance—to the God who so loves you that He gave His only begotten Son that you might have His *joy*—eternally!

Unconverted Church Members?

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mind) cannot please God" (Romans 8:7-8).

And what is the fate of such individuals?

"For to be *carnally minded* is DEATH" (Verse 6).

May God help *all* of you to honestly "examine yourselves" and *repent* and *grow* where God's word shows you *must*.

Make sure you are *really* in God's Church.

A Heart to Heart Talk

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they were at 40—just as an arm muscle neglected and not given exercise after 21 will not have the strength or usefulness at 40 it had at 21. And by the time they reach 70 such people who always avoided mental "work," mental "exercise," and STUDY, begin to grow old before their time, and their old age is spent in helplessness; often they are a mere burden upon their children, relatives or society!

Can this kind of neglect glorify or honor GOD, who gave us our minds to USE? The stern truth is, *your mind* is your most precious heritage from GOD, and the God who entrusted you with it *will hold you accountable* for what you have done with it in the judgment!

A national SIN is the more or less common assumption that education is only something we obtain at school

when we are young! You don't stop *eating* when your body reaches the age 21, do you? Then why should one stop STUDYING when he is thru attending school? The MIND is capable of growing, developing, improving, *long* after the body grows weaker and less active!

But then again, just as we can eat the very best of natural health-producing foods and still wreck a stomach or impair health by mixing with these foods some unhealthful concoctions, so it is with our minds. The education-food of this world is just as polluted, poisoned, and perverted as the physical food you find in the average restaurant today!

The basic concept from which nearly all modern school education is developed today is the theory of EVOLUTION. Evolution is the atheist's explanation of a creation without a Creator. It is mental and educational POISON of the most deceptive kind. In school and college today the average student gets this poison either full strength, or in modified doses so cleverly mixed in *with* portions

of truth that his entire rational outlook is perverted. He becomes so hopelessly deceived it is impossible for him ever to be freed from the poison virus that has infected his mental cells. It holds him a mental SLAVE.

Jesus Christ said, "Ye shall know the TRUTH, and *the Truth* shall make you free." Again, He defined Truth: "THY WORD." He said to God, His Father, "is TRUTH. Jesus Himself is the Word. The BIBLE is the written WORD! It is TRUTH! It is the sole sound BASIS of all TRUE education—all healthful mental growth and character development.

The Great Teacher also said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by EVERY WORD OF GOD." Men shall actually LIVE by the words of the Bible! We are commanded to STUDY! Study, commands God's Word, for the purpose of showing ourselves approved unto God. The Word of TRUTH—the Bible—is profitable for doctrine, and for CORRECTION and REPROOF. Not only to instruct us in knowledge and wisdom and righteousness and the ways of happiness, prosperity and joy—but also to correct and reprove us where we are traveling the *opposite* direction! To *rescue us* from going the way that leads to unhappiness, discontent, bitterness, fear, and spiritual (and perhaps material) poverty!

Your MIND is a precious heritage. *Thank God for it! Put it to work! Use it!* Start STUDYING more, no matter what your age or past education! No mind is too old to STUDY! Study diligently. It becomes INTERESTING. It makes life worth while. In the judgment you'll have to account for what you've done with your MIND! Start it to work on self-improvement, NOW!

HOLY DAY CALENDAR

For 1955

Passover, after sunset, Tuesday, April 5.
Days of Unleavened Bread begin sunset, Wednesday, April 6, and end sunset, Wednesday, April 13. Thursday, April 7, and Wednesday, April 13, are annual Sabbaths.
Pentecost, Monday, May 30, begins with the previous sunset.
Festival of Trumpets, Sabbath, September 17.
Day of Atonement, fast day, Monday, September 26, begins with the previous sunset.
Festival of Tabernacles, begins sunset Friday, September 30, ends sunset Sabbath, October 8. Both annual Sabbaths fall on the weekly Sabbath.

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