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NEW SOVIET LEADERS — KOSYGIN AND BREZHNEV

What our READERS SAY

Inside Russia

"At the home of one of my friends I read the October number of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. To tell you—without flattering—I never read such a perfect report on Russia and Communism like the article by your Eugene Walter. I would be grateful to you for sending me the October number of your magazine and the articles: 'Will Russia Attack the United States?' 'The Coming Utopia' and the booklet '1975 in Prophecy.' Please advise what could I do in order to receive *The PLAIN TRUTH*?" Dr. Julius G., Wisconsin

"Mr. Walter's alleged trip!... Will Soviet 'Intourist' verify Mr. Walter's trip?..." R.K.W., Washington

• "Intourist"—the State-controlled Soviet travel bureau—supervises every move of foreigners in the USSR—including Mr. Walter's. Is R.K.W. afraid of the facts?

Weather Makes History

"I just read my *PLAIN TRUTH* and read the article, 'Will You Starve?' It makes one stop and think how fast this is coming to pass. Here in our section this has been the driest year in Weather Bureau history. Wells are drying up. Our creeks are totally dry, and the springs are terribly low and lots of them dry. The corn crop is a mess... but will the people heed this warning? Keep up the wonderful work."

Mrs. Carson F., Pennsylvania

How Would Jesus Vote?

"I am enclosing a small token of deep appreciation. I have been receiving your *PLAIN TRUTH* for almost 2 years now. The October number I believe to be the greatest ever. Your Article, 'How Would Jesus Vote for President?' is a whole historical summary of government; of what Jesus stood for... Why can't this be in LARGE PRINT in newspapers? I will re-

main anonymous, as I do not want you people wasting your valuable time thanking me for anything. Just grateful."

Anon.

"The October *PLAIN TRUTH* put a stop to my voting. I'll never vote again."

Mrs. E.L.K., Oklahoma

Right Age for Marriage

"I read the article on 'The Right Age for Marriage.' I was just barely 17 when I took my marriage vows and my husband 21. We've had our difficulties which were mainly getting adjusted to sharing and giving; we've had far more happiness. I will agree 100%, from my own experience, that we were too young, inexperienced, and childish ourselves to take on the big responsibilities of marriage and rearing children."

Betty L., Shanks, West Virginia

Cause of Race Trouble

"I've just finished your article entitled, 'Hate... But Why?' I was surprised to find that it is a natural thing to hate a person—and how hard it is to love someone, especially when they've been wrong. I intend to overcome this feeling whenever it should begin to rise within me.

"I am a Negro and it's done me great good to see that someone realizes that we do not cause trouble because we are Negroes, but simply BECAUSE WE ARE HUMAN. I would also like to make two requests. The first is, would you start sending *The PLAIN TRUTH* to my wife. Also would you send me a copy of 'The Plain Truth About Child Rearing,' and also please send the same to my wife."

Walter L. New Jersey

From West Africa

"Through discussion with a friend on different matters regarding the world of today, he went home to bring me

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Personal from the Editor

KHRUSHCHEV OUSTED! Prime Minister Sir Douglas-Home of Britain ousted by Labor government in British elections!

Mrs. Armstrong and I were flying some seven miles above the Atlantic Ocean, en route once again to London. It was Thursday, October 15, election day in Britain. The captain of Pan-Am flight 100 had promised to give us the score of the final world series baseball game at St. Louis, as he received it, and also results of the general election in England.

Then the captain's voice came over the loud speakers again.

"Ladies and Gentlemen," he said, "I have just received news over the ship's radio system of a rumor. Now I have this about third-hand—it is only a rumor and not official—but the rumor is that Mr. Khrushchev has been put out of office in Moscow."

"He's right—just a rumor, probably," I thought.

Surely Dictator Nikita Khrushchev was so thoroughly and firmly established that nobody could topple him in Russia! A dictator is in ABSOLUTE power!—or *is he?*

The answer is, HE IS NOT!

How would *you* like to be a ruler of one of this world's nations? In the January number—the John F. Kennedy memorial number—I gave you the quotation: "*Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown,*" credited to William Shakespeare. And that article gave details of TEN governments overthrown—or their leaders deposed—by VIOLENCE last year—in the one year 1963. They are the United States, South Vietnam, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Ecuador, Honduras, Iraq, Peru, Syria and Togo, West Africa.

Last year there were FOUR vitally important nonviolent changes: Thailand, Great Britain, Vatican City State, West Germany. There were 13 other changes of government the same year by elections.

I wonder if you realize it—THERE IS NO SECURITY FOR ANYBODY IN THIS WORLD!

We buy time on scores of radio stations all over the world. If you check the radio log in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, you will notice that there are, most months, one or more changes—a station or two dropped, new ones added. Rarely, however, do we drop a station—and almost *never* does a station cancel *The WORLD TOMORROW*—except when a change of management or change of ownership occurs.

We do keep a rigid check on the mail response from all stations. Of course you know we have nothing to sell—never request contributions. But we do offer FREE literature on every program. And we can pretty accurately gauge the size of the listening audience on every station by the number of requests for this vitally important literature. We even check the number of requests carefully against the cost of time on the station. We do *not* judge the value of a station to us by how much money its listeners send us—for we make no request of any kind for contributions, and put no charge on anything. We measure it, rather, by how much the listeners of each station allow us to PAY OUT by sending them literature for which there is no charge.

You never heard of anything like that? No, I'm sure you haven't. But the station which *costs us the most* in terms of cost of literature requested is the station WE regard as MOST VALUABLE.

Now if we find a station's listeners do not cost us but a *very small amount*, in terms of literature requested, then we do figure that whatever that station charges us for time is too costly, and we cancel out that station. That may seem a strange way to figure—but it makes a lot of sense to us! Incidentally, if YOU neglect to write on your letter—every time you write—the call

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OUR COVER

The Kremlin's new masters—First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, Leonid Brezhnev, right, and Alexei Kosygin, the USSR's new Premier. No mortal knows how long—or how short—their stay in power will be. A forceful personality, Brezhnev is a trained engineer turned stealthy politician. He is from the Ukraine—the land of the Biblical Medes. The man who, for the moment, shares power with him is Kosygin, son of a Leningrad lathe operator. Kosygin's apparent meekness is deceptive. His dour, humorless Russian expression hides a tough character. He knows that under Communism only "winners" survive.

letters of the station over which you hear us, you may be causing us to cancel that station—and then you won't hear *The WORLD TOMORROW* on that station any more. It is important that you *always* write down the call letters of your station on *every letter!* That helps hold the program on that station.

But in actual fact we don't drop many stations because of insufficient response. On most stations we receive a BIG response.

Usually, if *The WORLD TOMORROW* goes off a station, it is because there has been a change in management or ownership on that station.

Sometimes I'm very thankful I'm not a radio station manager. I would not, with the exception of a few stations, feel very secure in my job. Average tenure in office—on many stations—two and one-half or three years. But I am also thankful that on some of our best stations there is reason to feel assured the management and ownership is sound—and as secure as things can be in this world.

Yet the point is—**NOTHING** is secure *in this world!*

I have known multimillionaires who *felt* secure in their millions—only to see it all swept away. Utterly wiped out, some have committed suicide!

If one can understand it, there is *only one source of security.* That is **GOD!** But to most people God is *not real!* To most people He is not a real *living* God. To them—and I include professing Christians and dedicated CHURCH members—God is not a *living* God to **RELY ON**—to **TRUST**—who is **THEIR SECURITY**, in *this* life as well as the hereafter!

The *living* God IS **REAL!** He is actually **ALIVE!** He is conscious *of you!* Yes, He is—*of you!* **YOU** are *important* to Him—believe it or not! He is vitally concerned about you.

The *living* God is the God whom *you must obey.* Do YOU? No, probably not. If you don't, He isn't your God and He isn't **REAL** to you! *Your* **GOD** is whoever or whatever you really **SERVE**—to whom or to which you are devoted! But most people are devoted to *false* gods. Most serve things, or groups of people, or lost **CAUSES**, or selfish interests, **WHICH ARE NOT THE**

ONE TRUE GOD! Almost no one today really knows—serves—obeys—and **TRUSTS** in the *living* God.

But all people worship, serve, and trust in some god or gods! The trouble is all these people have **DEAD** gods—in whom there is **NO HELP!**

When I heard the **OFFICIAL** news of



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Khrushchev held great power in the Soviet Union. But just when he thought his position was secure—that no one could overthrow him—he was unceremoniously ousted.

Khrushchev's overthrow by Kremlin conspirators who lusted for his power, and schemed to snatch it from him, it made me **REJOICE** and **EXULT** inwardly—not at Khrushchev's "misfortune"—at least I'm sure *he* looks at it as tragic misfortune—but at the realization that **I HAVE SECURITY!**

I don't have to live in fear!

It is now getting late at night. I'm going to lay my head on my pillow in **PEACE**—in **SECURITY**—nothing on my conscience—nothing and nobody to fear!

President Roosevelt promised to give us freedom from fear. He couldn't do it! He couldn't free *himself* from it! **ONLY GOD** can do that!

There *is* the *everliving* God. **HE** is **REAL.** I serve Him. I obey Him. He *guides and directs* me. He guides, directs, and actively **HEADS** His Work to which He has called me and a small family of active Co-Workers! He in-

tervenes in circumstances for me, when necessary. He protects me. *He does things for me!*

But He says: "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, **BECAUSE** we keep his commandments, and *do* those things that are pleasing in his sight" (I John 3:22).

But **OBEYING HIM** is merely obeying that *living*, inexorable **LAW** which is **THE WAY** into every good thing—every well-being, happiness, security, abundance, joy.

WHAT A WONDERFUL LIFE!

And this happy, thrilling, rewarding, satisfying life is at the same time the preparation for acquiring **POWER TO RULE!** Politicians fight for **POWER TO RULE!** They hunger for that **POWER** over their nation! Did it ever occur



Wide World Photo

Britain's Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home was very confident up until election day. Improvements were being made and the polls showed his popularity increasing. Yet he was voted out of office.

to you that lust for political **POWER** in this world is always wholly selfish? **GOD's** way is to divest one's self of that greed for power. Instead of **TAKING** it in vanity, to **HUMBLE** one's self—and in His due time, **GOD** will exalt the humble.

Before writing this I had started an editorial on the *living* God. I had typed two pages of it. I stopped it to write this, on hearing Khrushchev's fate. I hope you will read the other one next month.

FLASH! EXTRA!

As we go to press three momentous events have rocked the world. This is the most important news in years!

MOSCOW, October 15: "Khrushchev ousted!"

During the previous four days high-ranking Reds held supersecret gatherings at the Kremlin. Charges against Soviet Dictator Khrushchev were hurriedly drawn up by the conspirators. Khrushchev, vacationing on the Black Sea, was unaware of the proceedings. He anticipated a triumphal return to Moscow in celebration of latest Soviet victory in space.

Then came the sudden telephone call. Khrushchev was told to return to Moscow for an important committee meeting. Flushed with anger, Khrushchev replied *he* was first secretary of the Communist Party and would decide on meetings.

Almost immediately the secret police appeared at Gagra, on the Black Sea. Reports are that five of them "escorted" Khrushchev to Moscow.

At the meeting of the 11-member Presidium the Soviet leader heard him-



Wide World Photo

Leonid Brezhnev ousted Khrushchev from First Secretary of Communist Party.

self charged with "failures, harebrained scheming, bragging, harming the cause," and many other errors. The very men whom Khrushchev had trusted in his rise to power now knifed him. Toppled from power by vote of the Presidium, Khrushchev has disappeared. In his place sit Leonid Brezhnev and Alexei Kosygin.

Pope Rocks World

MONTE CASSINO, Italy, October 24: Pope Paul VI, in a United Press dispatch, charged the U.S. and its Allies with "ruthless violence" in World War II.

The occasion was a dedication ceremony of the new Monte Cassino Abbey. In the second World War the Allies



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Alexei Kosygin, First Deputy Premier under Khrushchev, is now Premier.

charged the Germans with using the old abbey as a lookout. Pope Pius demanded the abbey be spared. Allied leaders, however, bombed the abbey and captured Monte Cassino. After World War II U.S. gifts were collected to finance the building of a new abbey.

The Monte Cassino abbey is famous as the burial place of Benedict, the founder of western monasticism. At the dedication ceremony Pope Paul VI proclaimed Benedict "patron saint of Europe" in an important political move to promote European unification. To divide Europe from America, the pontiff went on to charge the U.S. and Britain with a "grave outrage" in bombing the tomb of Europe's patron saint. He said: "We don't want to set up ourselves



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Khrushchev and Brezhnev—comrades one day, enemies the next.

as judges of those who were the cause of this, but we cannot fail to deplore once again that civilized men should have *dared* to make the tomb of St. Benedict the target of *ruthless violence*."

China Fifth Atomic Power

PEKING, October 16: Red China exploded its first nuclear device near Urumchi, Sinkiang province.

At first belittled by Western leaders, the Chinese success has taken on sudden new reality. U.S. officials at first disclaimed the Red Chinese adventure as "crude." But evidence now points to the possibility that Red China may have the hydrogen bomb by 1966 or 1967!

What happened is this: Communist China did not explode plutonium-239. Instead she used uranium-235. To obtain U-235 the Chinese Reds had to develop the gaseous diffusion method for producing U-235 from the nonfissionable uranium-238.

With a gaseous diffusion plant in

operation the Reds will be able to separate lithium-6, a hydrogen-bomb ingredient, from lithium-7.

If she wanted to, Red China could begin to stockpile one atom bomb a month. This threat, together with the potential Chinese H-bomb power, is one of the major causes for Khrushchev's downfall. The Kremlin is gravely concerned—and so is the pope!

What all This Means

Not since World War II has there been a month like October. For the first time in history the weak nations—first France, now China—are developing atomic weapons. The prophecy of Joel 3:10 is being fulfilled: "Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'"

See what this means. Communist Parties throughout the world are being rent asunder in a power struggle. Soviet Russia is trying desperately to maintain its supremacy. The Chinese, making *race* an issue, are challenging the Soviet

Union. Khrushchev couldn't resolve the problem. The new Soviet leaders—Brezhnev and Kozygin—are equally baffled.

It is not China's power today that strikes fear into Russian leaders. It is what China will be 10 years from now! The Soviet Union cannot afford a two-front war—one in Europe and another in Asia! Soviet leaders well remember that Germany lost two wars because she had to fight on two fronts. Russians also remember that not many centuries ago the Mongols imperiously lorded it over the Russians.

What will be the outcome of the present bitter Communist intraparty struggle? Not what most people assume!

Bible prophecy reveals the surprising answer. It is God who determines the future course of nations. Your Bible reveals there will be no collapse of atheistic Communism. Russia and China will remain Communist. But Bible prophecy does reveal a final shift—probably in the next decade—of internal party control from the Soviet Union (the Meshech, Tubal, and Medes of prophecy) to Gog and Magog (the Mongols and Chinese in Bible prophecy). See Ezekiel 38:1-2.

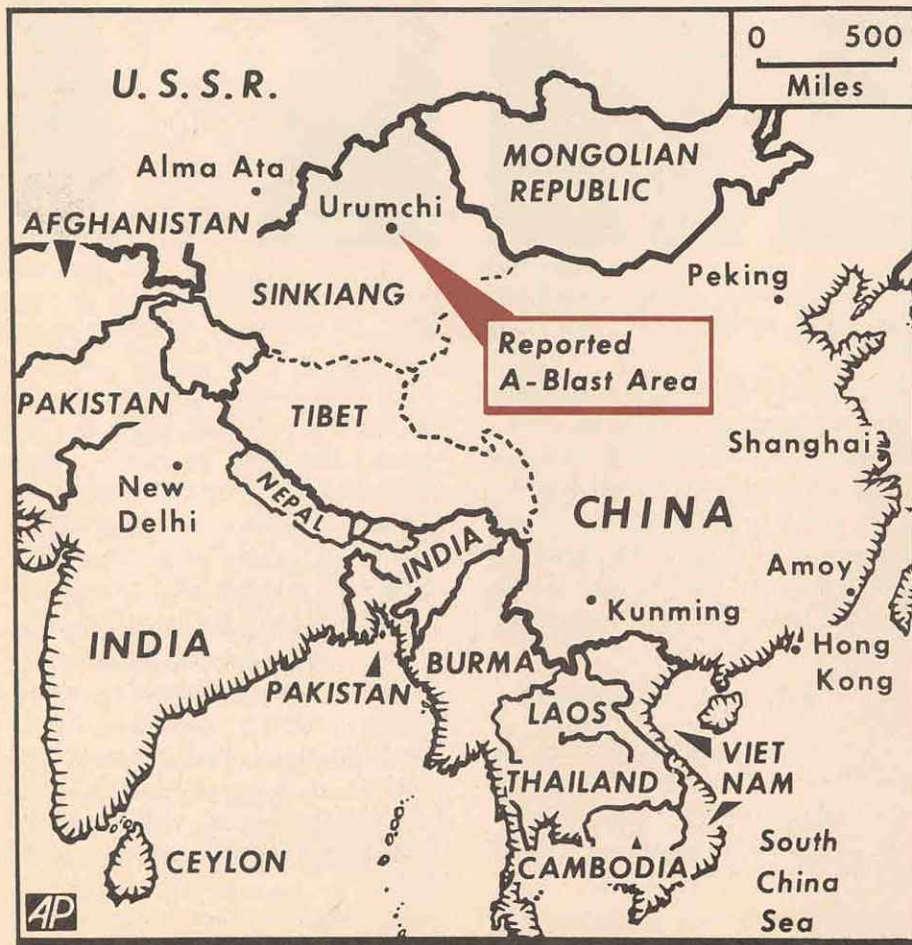
De Gaulle's Challenge

Meanwhile, Europe, living in the shadow of the Iron Curtain, is being rent asunder. France and Germany are bickering over trade and national boundaries. De Gaulle insists on the leading role in European affairs. He has demanded Germany relinquish her territorial claims in the East. West German Chancellor Erhard boldly rejected De Gaulle's bid for power.

Now De Gaulle has threatened to withdraw from the Common Market in December if he does not get his way.

All this, and the fear of Soviet Russia, led the pope to speak out against America at Monte Cassino. Throughout history the papacy has sought political and military alliances in Western Europe to protect the Church. The U.S. cannot provide any security to the Church. It must be a European power. But who will unite Europe—and make

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The SPACE RACE is on Again!

The Soviets have DONE IT AGAIN! America was alarmed to learn of the spectacular achievement of the Soviet Union recently, to place into orbit a three-man space vehicle! WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN? Where is it taking us? What is ahead within the next eight or ten years? You would be STAGGERED if you really knew!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

JUST when most Americans had been lulled to sleep with the fanciful notion that we had narrowed the "missile gap," Russia did it again!

The world was electrified recently with the announcement that the Soviets had launched a capsule into orbit, containing three men.

This three-man, space-bus flight is being called the first *passenger* flight into space because more than one person was aboard. In just 17 minutes more than one day this troika of Russian cosmonauts covered nearly a half-million miles—437,500—in 16 orbits of the earth. Pilot Vladimir Komarov, Dr. Boris Yegorov, Scientist Konstantin Feoktistov saw *sixteen* sunrises in one day in this historic flight of spaceship *Voskhod*—meaning sunrise.

The new Soviet accomplishment is being hailed as a gigantic stride ahead in *scientific* endeavor.

But what of its military implications?

THAT is what has Western officials worried!

Just How Far Behind Are We?

One petulant local politician, being interviewed by an ABC news analyst, said, "I do not think the Soviet accomplishment is alarming—we could do the same thing any time we wanted to."

I was *amazed*, and almost *embarrassed* for the man when I heard this direct quotation, in his own voice, on

a newscast over a local radio station.

Like the sullen little boy who is unable to accomplish the same spectacular feat in gymnastics or marbles as his playmate, and says, "I can do the same thing any time I *want* to!"—one "responsible" public official assures his cohorts we can do the same thing in space!

But can we, really?

Not according to NASA officials, government officials, military leaders, and all the news media!

They say that we are now from 2 to 6 years (and probably closer to the latter figure) behind the Russians in the space race.

Where does this leave us?

It *SHOULD* leave us with a more frightening awareness than *ever before* of the almost unbelievable age in which we live—and the awesome portent for the future!

Probably, however, most gullible Americans and Britons, caught up in the flurry of their own elections, and then the approaching clanging, jangle and noisy confusion of the commercialism of a Christ-less Christmas, they will succeed in totally forgetting all about it!

To Americans watching the World Series on TV, or checking the latest from Tokyo on the Olympics, or hop-



Wide World Photo

Three latest Soviet cosmonauts receive impressive heroes' welcome upon arrival in Moscow. Scientist Feoktistov, Col. Komarov and Dr. Yegorov wave to cheering crowds from their flower-draped auto.



Wide World Photo

Close-ups of Soviet cosmonaut heroes, left to right: Col. Komarov, scientist Feoktistov, and Dr. Yegorov. Their faces show the forcefulness and determination that has helped U.S.S.R. to stay way ahead in space race. These men are of the new leadership element of the Soviet Union—resourceful young men who grew up since Stalin destroyed 15,000,000 older Russian leaders and made the U.S.S.R., for a while, a nation of cowed followers with little initiative.

ing to become absorbed in Christmas spending and eggnog drinking, the Russian feat may seem a little remote and distant.

But it wasn't so remote—it was right over your heads!

Another Pearl Harbor?

The Russians crowed, through their official "TASS" news agency, and also on Moscow television, "The Soviet achievement is another *Pearl Harbor* to the Americans—in space!"

I thought, when I heard this statement—if only that could be true!

But, of course, that is not what WILL happen!

But what if it *had been* our "Pearl Harbor" in space?

Remember Pearl Harbor?

It was the sneak attack by the Japanese on our naval base at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands which led to the greatest surge of national spirit the United States has ever known! In a few short years, it led to the United States' gearing itself to full military production, amassing the most gigantic pile of weapons, ships, planes and men that the world had ever known! After Pearl Harbor, in just a few short years, the massive avalanche of growing American military might

finally drove the Japanese back to their home islands, and on to their knees in abject, utter, total and UNCONDITIONAL surrender!

The Soviets *shouldn't hope* that their three-man space vehicle was our "Pearl Harbor in space." For if it *had been*—then America would be able to unite in such single-purposed and

wholehearted endeavor, that within a few short years, the Soviets would be reduced to a third- or a fourth-rate power, and the United States would be so far ahead of the Soviet Union in every area of endeavor that there would be no comparison!

If only it *were* our Pearl Harbor! But it wasn't. It was our Berlin Wall, our Viet Nam, our Congo, our Hungarian Revolution, our Korea, our Bay of Pigs! There's quite a difference.

Where Do We Go From Here?

But what does it all mean? Where are we headed? Where will these spectacular achievements finally lead the world?

First of all, never forget the frightening MILITARY portent of these almost incredible achievements. It means the Soviets possess a rocket capable of such power that it is *many times* larger and more powerful than anything the United States has presently operational. This simply means that, if Russia weren't *still* frightened in the face of the awesome *retaliatory* strength of the United States with its *many* shorter-range missiles, its battery of ICBM's, its Polaris-armed nuclear sub-

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Cosmonauts Col. Komarov, Dr. Yegorov, and scientist Feoktistov, holding bouquets, are welcomed by new Soviet leaders. Behind Komarov is Soviet President Anatas Mikoyan, behind Yegorov is Leonid Brezhnev, new First Secretary of the Communist Party, while new Premier, Alexei Kosygin, is second from right. Notice prominence given to cosmonauts by new Soviet leaders.

Vital "Keys" to Success in PRAYER

Do you really get ANSWERS when you pray? Do you know WHY and HOW you should pray?

by Roderick C. Meredith

THERE is a REAL God who sits at the controls of this universe.

He is an active, LIVING God. He controls all power, energies and forces!

He sits on a magnificent throne overlooking a dazzlingly beautiful court-like crystal-clear sea of glass. He is surrounded by twenty-four great, impressive *spirit beings* who are His counselors. Immediately around His throne are four more *spirit beings* of even greater office, power and brilliance. At His right hand is the living Jesus Christ.

Out from His throne proceed *lightnings, thunders, voices*—and *angelic messengers* going to and from the earth. For this is the throne of the true GOD (Rev. 4:1-6). He is the *Almighty*, and the heavens reverberate with THUNDER when He speaks.

Do You "Know" This God?

Are you *familiar* with the God described above? Are you *acquainted* with Him? Do you PRAY to *this God*? You *should*.

For great and powerful as the true God is, He *delights* in the man who will *seek to know Him, talk to Him* in prayer and *serve Him!*

God has created man *in His own image*. He wants men to *draw close* to Him, to *imbibe of His character*, to *become His sons*. The God of the Bible DELIGHTS in the prayer of the righteous (Prov. 15:8).

The trouble is, very few people nowadays know *the God of the Bible*. They have invented their *own "gods"*.

The *personal Spirit Being* of whom Jesus spoke and *to whom He prayed*—they know not. The God who CREATED this earth out of spirit energy, the God who actually *sustains its laws* and *forces* with His power—Him they

know not. The *personal* God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—of Peter and Paul—they know not. The great GOVERNOR over men and nations—the One who has made literally *hundreds of specific predictions* in Bible prophecy, and *has and is* bringing them to pass—this LIVING GOD they know not.

However, you can absolutely PROVE the existence and active power of this God if you sincerely want to. Write *immediately* for the free booklet: "*Does God Exist?*" Also, the article, "Seven Proofs God Exists!" And the booklet: "*The PROOF of the Bible!*" They are all *free* to you for the asking, and will supply more basic *answers* to your questions along this line than you may have thought existed anywhere!

The PROOF is available. It's up to you to *ask for it, check it and act on it!*

Come to God WHOLEHEARTEDLY

As you study the above and other related literature, aggressively *check* and PROVE the existence and active power of God! He *wants* you to do this.

Without it, you will ALWAYS be unsure of to *whom* you are praying, if He is there, whether or not you can really BELIEVE the "specifics" of His will as revealed *in the Bible*.

This process is a vital KEY. Without it, *you will simply be unable to put your entire faith and BEING into your prayers*.

"But *without faith* it is IMPOSSIBLE to please him: for he that cometh to God must BELIEVE that he is, and that he is a *rewarder* of them that *diligently seek him*" (Heb. 11:6).

Notice also that you must DILIGENTLY *seek God!*

Where would you seek God if not

in *earnest prayer*, in the real *study* of the Bible, in *observing* and *meditating* upon the creation of God—noting the perfect *design* in nature, the absolute, unchanging *laws* governing the action of all physical things, and the display of fantastic *beauty, harmony* and POWER evident throughout the natural world. Also, you should seek to know and understand God by observing and exercising the spiritual *help* and *strength* you will receive in your own life as you begin to *know* and to *serve* your Creator. Finally, you should—coupled with intensive Bible *study*—observe and come to understand God's PLAN as He *directly intervenes* in the affairs of the major nations of this world in bringing about literally *dozens of exact* and SPECIFIC fulfillments of Bible prophecy.

For Jesus said: "*Watch* ye therefore, and *pray always*, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass. . . ." (Luke 21:36). Clearly, He meant for us to "watch" the fulfillment of prophecy in *world events*—and in this way to be stimulated and inspired to *pray earnestly* to the REAL GOD who *actively intervenes in human affairs*.

The Example of Elijah

Your Bible says in James 5:16-18: "The effectual FERVENT *prayer* of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he *prayed earnestly* that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he *prayed again*, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit."

Weak and human even as we are, Elijah *prayed FERVENTLY*. He *knew* God was there. He knew God an-

swered prayer. So he got "stirred up." He put his whole BEING into his prayer.

And God ANSWERED.

In our modern science-oriented, war-calloused, intellectually vain and "mind science" age above all others, we need to seek GOD with all our hearts! We must prove and KNOW that the personal God of Abraham does hear and answer prayer.

Revealing His attitude toward our prayers, God speaks of His people Israel in Hosea 7:14: "Though it was I who redeemed them, they have lied unto me; they never put their HEART into their prayers" [Moffatt Trans].

Once you have absolutely PROVED the true God's existence and active power—and the Bible as His direct revelation to man—a second vital "key" to prayer is to fervently "seek" God with your whole being—and to put your whole HEART into your prayers!

Vital Steps to Take

Simple but very important steps are prerequisite to this. Notice Jesus Christ's instruction on prayer in Matthew 6:5-13.

First, as he taught in verse 5, don't pray to be seen of men—or get the idea that public or "family" prayer is enough. Jesus always emphasized private prayer.

Second, do NOT employ standard, repetitious or "memorized" prayers (v. 7). If you are seeking God with your whole BEING, you won't feel the need to repeat or chant some mumbo-jumbo. You will want to talk to God, personally, intelligently and sincerely.

Third, DO make provision both for a time and a private place for personal, earnest, fervent and PREVAILING prayer (v. 6): "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, PRAY to thy Father which is in secret. . . ."

An additional example of how to apply this is given in Mark 1:35: "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there PRAYED." Here Jesus set the inspired example of spending the first part of His day in prayer—before anything else could interrupt!

All of us need to set aside specific times for prayer—and early in the morning should DEFINITELY be one of these times!

Also, we see by the above example, Jesus went out to a private place for prayer. He was alone—where He could literally CRY OUT to God with His whole being. This is a vital step.

Now let us return to Jesus' instruction in Matthew 6:9-13. Notice that Jesus Himself did not call this the "Lord's Prayer," as men have done, or in any manner encourage His disciples to memorize this particular prayer and repeat it over and over. He had just FORBIDDEN them to do that with other prayers in verse 7.

Rather, Jesus said: "After this manner therefore pray ye. . . ."

Jesus was not setting down the exact words we should repeat over and over—but outlining the correct approach to God in prayer and the basic things for which we should pray. In that light, then, let us notice this inspired approach to prayer as revealed by Christ.

Jesus' Inspired Prayer Outline

"Our Father which art in heaven. . . ." Jesus came to reveal God as the "Father." For we are to feel a deep sense of personal love and closeness with God who brought us into being, who gives us every good and every perfect gift, who protects, provides for and guides us as we yield to His will—and who intervenes supernaturally if we cry out to Him for help.

I'll always remember my dad playing with me, loving me, teaching me, yes—and spanking me—as I grew up to manhood. Once, when I thought I was going to drown, my dad—who had been a champion swimmer in college—churned mightily through the water after me like Tarzan!

As a little boy, coming back from family outings or camping trips, I remember my dad picking me up gently out of the car after I had fallen asleep on the long drive home and murmuring to me encouragingly as I whimpered in a half-wakened condition, then carrying me into the house and putting me gently to bed. I can remember him comforting me when I

was sick. And teaching, exhorting and correcting me when I was well.

This true exemplification of the love and compassion of a father is multiplied an infinite number of times when we come to know the real living GOD—who truly is "our Father" to those who know and serve Him!

Our deep respect and awe for our Heavenly Father should be TOTAL—for He is not affected by the human weaknesses and mistakes with which all our earthly fathers have been encumbered.

We must come to God, as "our Father." We must talk with Him, fellowship with Him—show our appreciation for what He has done for us and for all men—and in believing love, ask His help, guidance and blessing.

Learn to Praise God

"Hallowed be thy name." As we begin our prayers, we should not only address and think of God as "our Father" but begin by praising and hallowing His name—His office—His character—His beneficence.

Notice how David—a man after God's own heart—addressed God in prayer: "I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower" (Ps. 18:1-2).

Again: "I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being" (Ps. 104:33).

This attitude of praise, worship and adoration is something that draws our attention to the true God and enlarges our own human faculties to appreciate and fully sense the great Being with whom we are in contact and to whom we are praying as "our Father."

Learn the MEANING of God's Kingdom

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

This section of Jesus' prayer outline is perhaps the most overlooked and MISUNDERSTOOD of all. For praying "thy kingdom come" is asking that God's literal GOVERNMENT be set up on this earth through the return of Jesus (Please continue on page 47)

IS WAR OBSOLETE?

Leading politicians now claim nuclear war is so frightful that no nation would dare start one! Have hydrogen bombs, intercontinental missiles made war obsolete? Read the true facts, reported by our correspondent in Great Britain.

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A FEW weeks ago I was suddenly jolted by an astounding roadside sign.

There, scrawled in dingy yellow paint across an old brick wall, the unofficial message screamed: "War is obsolete!" Followed a few yards further on by: "End Civil Defence farce!"

War Impossible?

We are so used to seeing and hearing this sort of thing from the beatnik fringe of the "Ban-the-Bomb" movement that we just don't pay much attention any more. I probably would have ignored this message if it were not for the fact that only a short time before I had heard the Prime Minister of Great Britain say substantially the same thing!

When asked in a recent television interview about the moral issues involved in disarmament, he replied: "I think we would all agree that nuclear war has become not only morally impossible but physically impossible. That is now understood." (Emphasis mine throughout.)

Even the President of the United States—who has at his fingertips all the power of the U. S. nuclear arsenal—more recently said: "War is obsolete, obsolete because there can be no winner. . . . The question is not whether the world can eliminate war. The question is when—when all nations will have the courage and the good sense to do so."

These are mighty encouraging words to a world in which children wake up screaming in the night because of "nuclear nightmares." A world in which Soviet Premier Khrushchev announces Russia possesses "a monstrous new terrible weapon" which is capable of destroying the whole of humanity.

Khrushchev himself is frightened.

He said: "I have never seen anything like it. It is a means to the destruction and extermination of humanity. . . . It is the most powerful, the strongest of existing weapons. It is power without limit" (*The Guardian*, Sept. 16, 1964).

Hope for Survival

There are many like the Prime Minister and President Johnson who have high hopes for the survival of mankind through the nervous years just ahead. But on the other hand some are getting a fatalistic "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die" outlook. Dr. Jerome D. Frank, a psychiatrist of Johns Hopkins University, said that we generally are taking one or more of three typical negative "outs": (1) We deny the existence of a war threat or at least *do not let it enter our full awareness*; (2) We get *hardened* to

the threat; (3) We become fatalists and conclude we can't do anything about it (*San Francisco Chronicle*, May 11, 1961).

Why is it that so many of us refuse to face the realities of the world in which we live? We certainly have nothing to fear from the truth! If war is *not* a real threat, then we need the peace of mind that comes with that knowledge. If it *is* a real threat, then we all need to face it squarely and begin to take positive steps to *ensure our survival!* We can't afford to be ignorant of the facts. It may mean the difference between life and death to you in the next *ten years!*

A thinking person will not hide his head in the sand like the proverbial ostrich and accept the assurances of politicians in blind faith! It's time we all found the courage to take an ob-



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Is war really obsolete? Are we through having wars?



What nation, without God, would really be safe without civil defense?

jective look at the way things really are.

Is War Impossible?

Just what are the supposed factors that have made war "impossible"? The British Prime Minister explained it this way: "When you ask about the nuclear bomb, whether it is a good thing or a bad thing that it should exist, I should say that it is not a bad thing in one sense.

"For thousands of years men have fought and have gone on fighting. Now there seems to be a chance that they will not fight any more, because they are afraid, so afraid of war and what it means.

"This is the situation I want to exploit, and if we can reduce the balance of armaments, including nuclear, that is the best way, I think, to get peace."

Sir Alec's statement summarizes man's two main hopes of avoiding the ultimate nuclear insanity. They are: nuclear disarmament and nuclear stalemate.

What Hope Disarmament

If our only hope of survival lay in man's attempts to reach a workable disarmament agreement, then the outlook would be mighty grim. Since World War II there have been over nine hundred meetings with more than two thousand hours of talk and over twenty million words, but there is still no solution in sight. The only fruit of all these 19 years of conferences is a partial test-ban agreement which will

be broken just as soon as it's convenient.

Why this failure? Something must be fundamentally wrong when intelligent men spend years in talk and accomplish virtually nothing.

Professor Hans J. Morgenthau of the University of Chicago puts his finger on the problem when he says: "The modern philosophy of disarmament proceeds from the assumption that men fight because they have arms." He quotes a message to the President of the United States on January 12, 1953, by the Deputy Representative to the United Nations Disarmament Commission, as follows:

"We have tried to make clear that the United States does not accept war as inevitable; but the job is to *reduce the likelihood of war by ensuring that no nation possesses the means to commit a successful act of armed aggression.*"

Mr. Morgenthau goes on to say: "Men do not fight because they have arms. They have arms because they deem it necessary to fight. Take away their arms, and they will either fight with their bare fists or get themselves new arms with which to fight. What makes for war are the conditions in the minds of men which make war appear the lesser of two evils. . . . So long as men seek to dominate each other and to take away each others' possessions, and so long as they fear and hate each other, they will try to satisfy their desires . . ." (*Politics Among Nations*, pp. 407-408).

It's shocking to realize that all of man's efforts toward disarmament in these thousands of hours of talk have been based on a false assumption and therefore were doomed to failure from the start. The sad thing is that the truth about the *cause* of war has been available to man in the Bible for almost two thousand years if he only had the wit to see it. We find it in James 4:1, "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? You lust, and have not: you kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: you fight and war, yet you have not, because you ask not."

History bears this out in every way.

In all the history of man, there has been only one remotely "successful" armaments agreement. It was an agreement concluded in 1817 between the United States and Canada which limited the naval forces on the Great Lakes to three vessels of equal tonnage and armament for each nation. Except for a revision early in the Second World War in order to allow Canada to construct vessels on the Great Lakes for use in the war, it has remained in force to this day. It certainly seems to be a mighty small reward for all the efforts of man toward disarmament.

The only other two treaties regarded as "successes" in the disarmament field have long since been broken. They are: (1) The Washington Treaty of 1922. This was an agreement by the Americans, British and Japanese to reduce their strength in capital ships by about 40 per cent. It sounds good on the surface, but the battleship had already become outmoded, and naval experts were already advocating that many capital ships be scrapped! The result of the treaty was that it *stimulated competition* in the building of smaller, faster, and more maneuverable ships! (2) The London Treaty of 1930. This was another notable "success" which actually allowed for an increase in armaments within certain limits.

Although the history of man's disarmament effort contains no encouragement whatsoever, there are still many whose "belief in man" still gives them hope. Ignorant of the fact that God says "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man" (Jer. 17:5) they still have blind faith that man will somehow, somehow, find the way to peace. "After all," they say, "there is always a first time for everything." Very well, let's look at some of the obstacles the disarmament negotiators will have to cross in order to reach their *first* permanent, workable disarmament agreement.

Could You Trust Them?

There can be no question that one of the most difficult problems they have to face is the one of *mutual trust*. The Russians have repeatedly expressed a willingness to accept total nuclear disarmament, but they are unwilling to

permit any inspection. Needless to say, the Western Allies just can't bring themselves to trust Soviet Russia.

Just suppose for a moment, however, that Russia did agree to a ban on nuclear weapons *with* inspection. Last year, the British representative to the Geneva Disarmament Conference pointed out what should have been obvious all along. He said that *even with inspection* we probably could not guarantee that an enemy had not hidden at least 10 per cent of his fissile material, and that, "It would not be surprising if the maximum possible violation in some cases could be on the order of 20 per cent" (*Manchester Guardian*, May 30, 1963).

From Russia's point of view, that would leave the United States with bombs to arm approximately 80 to 160 Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles. Of course, that doesn't include the strategic bombers (which apparently would not be included in such an agreement) all of which could be armed on short notice with hidden nuclear weapons.

Can your mind grasp the hell that would be created in the Soviet Union by such a "small" nuclear force? Look at it from Russia's point of view. Should they get rid of all their nuclear weapons, blindly trusting the United States to do the same, or should they retain as many as they possibly can?

This merely points up one difficulty—the impossibility of mutual trust—that the nations of this earth face in trying to reach any disarmament agreement. In addition to this is the fact that of all the nations of the earth, Russia maintains a vast superiority in *conventional* (non-nuclear) forces. The complete abolition of nuclear weapons would *measurably strengthen Russia's military position* in the world. This is a situation that the Western Allies *cannot* afford to walk into, and is a major reason why no nuclear disarmament treaty has yet been negotiated.

On top of all this, there is the problem of the *ratio* of the reduction of nuclear weapons. Suppose for a moment that the United States has 1,000 Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles and Russia has 500. This is a simple 2-1

ratio. The obvious solution is that the United States will destroy two missiles for every one that the Russians destroy. That seems fair enough, because when the United States has destroyed 500, Russia will have destroyed 250 and the ratio will still be 2-1. But what happens when the United States has 50 and Russia has 25? The ratio is still 2-1, but instead of a 500-missile superiority over Russia, the United States now has only a 25-missile superiority. If Russia then terminated the agreement and started the furious arms race all over again, in a short time the United States would have 1,000 missiles, but Russia might have 975!

Again, we see the need—the absolute necessity—for mutual trust in any disarmament agreement. Are we likely to have that mutual trust? The answer is too obvious.

The Struggle for Power

Why do nations arm in the first place? Professor Morgenthau answers: "Nations arm either because they want to defend themselves against other nations, or because they want to attack them. All politically active nations are by definition engaged in a competition for power of which armaments are an indispensable element. Thus all politically active nations must be intent upon acquiring as much power as they can; that is, among other things, upon being as well armed as they can." The conclusion of the matter is that disarmament agreements can come only when the struggle for power has been resolved. The only way these struggles have ever been resolved is by war.

Professor Morgenthau continues, "What, then, are the chances for agreement upon a ratio of armaments to be reached when most or all of the major powers are seeking general disarmament, while at the same time pursuing their contest for power? To put it bluntly, the chances are nil. . . . Political settlement must precede disarmament. *Without political settlement, disarmament has no chance for success*" (pp. 399 and 404).

Is disarmament the way to peace? As long as *human nature* remains the

same, and until there is a world-wide government capable of *enforcing* disarmament, the answer is no. Disarmament is the *result* of peace, not the way to it!

Nuclear Stalemate

Since nuclear disarmament will *not* end war, what about man's other main alternative—the *balance of power*—the "nuclear deadlock."

The theory is that both the United States and the Soviet Union have become so powerful that neither can attack the other without suffering horrifying retaliation. The fear of retaliation is supposed to act as a deterrent to armed aggression.

Just how do United States defense planners hope to avert war? The United States presently has almost 1,000 missiles ready to fire, and current plans call for that number to be almost doubled in the next few years. The vast majority of these weapons are what are called "hardened" missiles—those buried in underground silos which have to be literally dug out of the ground by a direct hit. Allowing for *present* missile accuracy, Pentagon experts estimate that it will take *eight* enemy missiles to knock out *one* of these "hardened" missiles. The enemy would then need a fantastic number of missiles to be sure of destroying the American force. Even so, he could not be certain of avoiding retaliation because of the fact that solid-fuel rockets could be fired before the enemy rockets arrived. Even a dozen of these huge, city-destroying rockets would wreak so much havoc that it is thought that no enemy would ever risk it.

The result: Nuclear Stalemate!

It sounds reasonable enough at first, but trained military minds are not quite so sure. General Thomas D. White, retired Air Force Chief of Staff, wrote recently: "Stalemate may happen, but it will be only temporary. Technology will see to that" (*Saturday Evening Post*, May 4, 1963, pp. 10-12).

General White further stated: "In this age when technology moves ahead every four years as much as in the 100 years prior to 1945, it is utterly un-
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 WAKE—Atlanta—1340 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun.
 WBRC—Birmingham, Ala.—960 on dial, 106.9 FM, 7:30 p.m. daily.
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Mountain States

*KPHO—Phoenix—910 on dial, 6:35 p.m. daily.
 KFIF—Tucson—1550 on dial, 5:00 p.m. daily.
 KLZ—Denver—560 on dial, 106.7 FM, 8:00 p.m. daily.
 KCPX—Salt Lake City—1320 on dial, 98.7 FM, 7 p.m. daily.
 KIDO—Boise, Idaho—630 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.
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 CKOV—Kelowna, B.C.—630 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
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 CJIB—Vernon, B.C.—940 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 CFBV—Smithers, B.C.—7:30 p.m. daily.
 KHQ—Spokane—590 on dial, 8:05 p.m. daily.
 KVI—Seattle—570 on dial, 8 a.m. Sun.
 KBLE—Seattle—1050 on dial, 12 noon daily.
 KMO—Tacoma, Wash.—1360 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 KWJJ—Portland—1080 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KEX—Portland—1190 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun.
 KUGN—Eugene—590 on dial 7 p.m. daily.
 KUMA—Pendleton, Oregon—1290 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.
 KYJC—Medford, Ore.—1230 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KAGO—Klamath Falls, Oregon—1150 on dial, 8:00 p.m. daily.
 KSAY—San Francisco—1010 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KFRC—San Francisco—610 on dial, 106.1 FM, 8:30 a.m. Sun.
 *KFAX—San Francisco—1100 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 4:15 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KGMS—Sacramento—1380 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun.
 *KNGS—Hanford, Calif.—620 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KDB—Santa Barbara, Calif.—1490 on dial, 93.7 FM, 6:30 p.m. daily.

KRKD—Los Angeles—1150 on dial, 96.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KBLA—Burbank—1490 on dial, 7:30 a.m., daily; 12:30 p.m., Sat. and Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Fri.
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 BED82 Chiayi 1460 kc.—
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 ALTO BROADCASTING SYSTEM
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 DZRI, Dagupan City—1040 kc.;
 DZRB, Naga City—1060 kc.;
 DXAW, Davao City—640 kc.—
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RADIO AMERICA—Lima, Peru—1010 kc.—5:15 p.m. Saturdays.

HOC21, Panama City—1115 kc.;
HP5A, Panama City—11170 kc.;
HOK, Colon, Panama—640 kc.;
HP5K, Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—
7:00 p.m., Sundays.

In French—

4VBM—Port au Prince, Haiti—1430 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

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RADIO CARAIBES—St. Lucia, West Indies—840 kc.—6:45 a.m., Mon. and Tues.

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RADIO LA CRONICA—Lima, Peru—1320 kc.—7:00 p.m. Sun.

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2AY—Albury, NSW—1490 kc.—
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2GF—Grafton, NSW—1210 kc.—
10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2GN—Goulburn, NSW—1380 kc.—
9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2HD—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc.—
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Mon. thru Thurs.; 6:30 p.m.
Fri.

2KA—Katoomba, NSW—780 kc.—
10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

3AW—Melbourne, Vic.—1280 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Sun.

3BO—Bendigo, Vic.—960 kc.—9:30
p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

3KZ—Melbourne, Vic.—1180 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:45 p.m.
Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:15 p.m.
Fri.

3MA—Mildura, Vic.—1470 kc.—
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10:00 p.m. Sat.

3XY—Melbourne, Vic.—1420 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

4AK—Oakey, Qld.—1220 kc.—9:30
p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon.
thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.

4BK—Brisbane, Qld.—1300 kc.—
9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m.
Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m.
Fri.

4CA—Cairns, Qld.—1010 kc.—10:00
p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

4KQ—Brisbane Qld.—690 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Sun.

4TO—Townsville, Qld.—780 kc.—
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10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

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10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

6PM—Perth, WA—1000 kc.—10:00
p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon.
thru Fri.

6AM—Northam, WA—980 kc.—
10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m.
Mon. thru Fri.

7AD—Devonport, Tas.—900 kc.—
3:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

7HT—Hobart, Tas.—1080 kc.—
7:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

7SD—Scottsdale, Tas.—540 kc.—
4:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

crooked megalomaniac who aims to kill us."

We do not have to look far back in history to find examples of irrational behavior of both national leaders and their people. In fact, we do not have to look as far back as Hitler! Just look at the wars going on right now. War, by its very nature, is *irrational*; it always has been, and it always will be! Unthinkable though it may be, unreal as it may seem, nuclear war is possible. It may be true that the nation that starts it is committing suicide, but people *do commit suicide!*

How Rational Is U. S. Policy?

The United States Secretary of Defense, Robert McNamara, has many alternatives to all-out nuclear war. One of his main efforts has been the development of "conventional" (non-nuclear) forces. The reasoning behind this is simple. If the United States were involved in a limited "conventional" war which she found herself losing, she might be forced to use nuclear weapons or surrender. Therefore, it is argued, we must maintain a strong non-nuclear force so that we will not have nuclear war "forced upon us." Now this reasoning is very sound as far as it goes. What it does not consider is the enemy.

Suppose for a moment that the enemy in a conventional war found himself losing the war. If United States conventional forces were so powerful, would they not "force" the *enemy* to resort to using all weapons? It seems that we must now reconcile ourselves to not winning any wars. If we do win, our enemy may resort to suicidal nuclear war rather than lose!

This naturally brings up the question of "escalation." By "escalation" is meant the gradual development of a small war into a big war. In a small brush-fire war, Nation No. 1 begins to find itself at a disadvantage. It then calls on a neighboring nation for help and then three nations are involved. Nation No. 2 now finds itself at a disadvantage and decides to seek help from Nation No. 4. Nations Nos. 1 and 3 now find that the two of them are losing ground again so they jointly decide to use weapons that they had

IS WAR OBSOLETE?

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safe to consider any military situation will stay put more than briefly."

The fear is that a new weapons breakthrough (such as a deadly accurate missile or an effective missile defense) will render present defense systems *useless!*

Actually, this theory of defense is based on an assumption: That in time of war the leaders of nations will behave rationally! But will they? Have they in the past? To quote General White again: "War is a brutal, dirty, deadly affair. Our enemy is a coarse,

hesitated to use before. Nations 2 and 4 are now forced to surrender or retaliate with even more force, and so it goes—with each nation gradually or abruptly increasing the use of super-weapons until finally they have "escalated" a small war into the ultimate war with ultimate weapons involving the entire world. This is the war which we are told by scientists that only the insects may survive!

It should be obvious by now that as long as the *cause* of war remains, we will have war. The life-or-death question is: *When* war comes, CAN WE SURVIVE?

For the men who live night and day with the question, the answers come hard. What sort of ideas do they come up with?

Limited War

One of their chief hopes is that of *limited* war—the hope of being able, somehow, somehow, to stop short of total war. It is hoped, for example, that if the United States will not strike cities but will confine nuclear strikes to military targets that the enemy might do the same. One defense planner is quoted by Stewart Alsop (*Saturday Evening Post*, Dec. 1, 1962) as saying: "We might choose to go for missile bases, not Moscow. But if he hits New York, good-bye Moscow—and every other place in Russia bigger than a one-horse town."

Think for a moment—a President of the United States has publicly stated that the United States will never strike the first blow. This obviously means that Soviet missiles would *already be on their way* to the U.S. before a single missile was fired from the western hemisphere! This "Defense Intellectual," as Mr. Alsop calls him, a man employed as an advisor by the Pentagon, suggests that we limit ourselves to blowing up *empty launching pads* in a sort of gentleman's agreement with the Russians!

The best estimates, according to Mr. Alsop, show that even in a "no-cities" war with an *excellent* public shelter program, at least 10 per cent of the population would die in both countries. This means that the price for attacking

purely military targets, such as empty air bases and launching pads, would be a minimum of 40,000,000 lives!

Unreasonable? Irrational? YES! But this is the sort of "rational" war that Pentagon planners hope that Russia would stick to in the event of a nuclear war! LET'S UNDERSTAND! When man goes this far, he has already gone far beyond any logic, reason, or sense. When this sort of war *starts*, we have come to the *end of this world!*

Will It Come?

The next question is: Will the world come to this? and if so, when? Humanly speaking, it is not a question of "if," but "when?" There is no human solution in sight; in fact, the lesson of history is clear: *Man does not know the way to peace!*

The disciples of Jesus came to Him near the end of His ministry and asked Him: "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the *end of the world?*" (Matt. 24:3.) He then began to warn them of the signs that would precede His return: False ministers, wars and rumors of wars, famines, disease epidemics, earthquakes, persecution.

Then in verse 14 He said: "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Many gospels have been preached around this world, but now, in our time, the Gospel of the Kingdom of God has been preached on a world-wide scope for the first time since apostolic times! You who are long-time listeners to *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast *know* that you have heard that Gospel. All you have to do is to compare the radio log in this issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* with the logs of previous years to see how rapidly this Gospel is being spread.

Now, look again at Matthew 24, verse 21: "For then shall be *great tribulation*, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." This is a prophecy of the worst time of trouble ever to come upon mankind. World Wars I and II will seem tame by comparison. Christ says concerning this time: "And except those days should

be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

There it is! Jesus Christ predicted almost 2,000 years ahead of time that we would come to the place where "no flesh"—no human or animal life—would survive unless He intervened. We are now standing on the threshold of that final war. Man *cannot* prevent it; his only hope is for God to step in and save him from himself.

A Workable Disarmament

Strange as it may seem, disarmament is going to become a reality! Jesus Christ has promised to return to this earth to stop man from committing suicide and to establish His government upon this earth. When that day comes, "He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off (He will have the power to enforce disarmament); and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Micah 4:3). Many of *you readers* are going to live to see *disarmament* and *peace* upon this earth—the *real thing*, not just the empty promises and slogans of politicians!

HOW YOUR PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID

So many ask: "HOW does it happen that I find my subscription price for *The PLAIN TRUTH* has already *been paid*? How can you publish such a high class magazine without advertising revenue?"

The answer is as simple as it is astonishing! It is a paradox. Christ's Gospel cannot be sold like merchandise. You cannot buy salvation. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ's TRUTH and mail it to all continents on earth. It does have to be *paid for!* This is Christ's work. We solve this problem Christ's WAY!

Jesus said, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published—Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Mat. 24:14) *at this time*, just before the end of this age. A PRICE *must be paid* for the magazine, the broadcast, the Correspondence Course, or other literature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to *sell* it to those who receive it: "Freely ye have received," said Jesus to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim His Gospel, "freely GIVE!" "It is *more blessed*," He said, "to GIVE than to receive."

God's WAY is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of *giving*. God expects every child of His to give *free-will* offerings and to tithe, as His means of paying the costs of carrying His Gospel to *others*. We, therefore, simply trust our Lord Jesus Christ to lay it on the minds and hearts of His followers to give generously, thus paying the cost of putting the precious Gospel TRUTH in the hands of *others*. Yet it must go *only* to those who *ask for it for themselves!* Each must, for himself, *subscribe*—and his subscription has thus already *been paid*.

Thus the living dynamic Christ Himself enables us to broadcast, world-wide, without ever asking for contributions over the air; to enroll many thousands in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course with full tuition cost *already paid*; to send your PLAIN TRUTH on an *already paid* basis. God's way is GOOD!

What our READERS SAY

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your magazine, *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I was astonished as well as overjoyed to read a worthy gospel in simple English. I love it the most because of its educational and religious value and simplicity of stating facts that man is blind to. . . ."

M. S. U., African from Tema, Ghana

"Will you kindly let my friends know what I find through reading your monthly magazine of understanding, *The PLAIN TRUTH*? I have been a keen reader of the magazine of understanding since December 1963, and every evening in our 'study hour' in class I used to spend 15 to 20 minutes reading it. Now the result of reading this magazine is that it has made me come nearer to Christ than before. My fellow students have not yet got stamps [for letters] to ask for [the magazine] themselves. May you kindly publish this letter."

R. K., Kalabo, Northern Rhodesia

What's Happened to the Weather?

"Here in Central Canada, as in the United States, we have insufficient, and, in many areas, no rain. Farmers who had bumper crops previous years have their grain fields seriously affected by droughts. Some provinces are requesting federal aid for their drought-stricken agricultural sections. Water tables have dropped to an all-time low, and a great many deep wells are completely drying out and are abandoned. Also, middle of June frosts have killed a number of cereal and vegetable crops. Fruits and berries, there aren't any, for they were destroyed while yet in their blooming stage by late May and middle of June night frosts. Insects of various sorts are numerous, especially those which attack livestock. But the Bible says these are only the beginning of sorrows. God says we are disobeying His laws."

Reader from Sadlow, Manitoba

"I was very much interested in the article in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, 'Is Tithing Jewish?' As you say, the weather conditions are certainly becoming more upset every day. Wisconsin is suffering from severe drought. *The Wisconsin Agriculturist* said things would have to get better; it wasn't possible for it to get worse. For 3 years now it has been extremely dry, and yet we have always had a very good harvest. So we surely haven't lost anything by tithing. Just a couple of miles from here they have lost everything by floods and hail. The hail was 15 inches deep in places, destroying roofs, windows and crops. Right now it looks doubtful here that we will have anything. It is so hot and dry, but I know by the end of the year that we will have enough."

Mrs. Reuben W., Durand, Wisconsin

Confession Is Good!

"I enjoyed your program on Proverbs concerning a brawling woman. I have been a nagging ungrateful wife and almost drove a devoted husband away. I knew I was wrong, but I just couldn't help myself. I'm doing better now, and with God's help, will continue. If you pray for your listeners, please pray for me. Also please put me on your mailing list."

Pauline S., Chicago, Illinois

"Country of the Free?"

"You have no idea what your program means to me. It's the only hope one has in these awful times. I live in fear, because the race trouble is also here in White Plains, New York. It is so bad when one cannot go out anywhere by dark, because one never knows what might happen. I save my few dollars now, and I want to go back home to Switzerland where I really belong. I can't tolerate this kind of life any more. America has definitely lost its ground under its feet. Country of the free? That might have been at one time, but surely not any more. As you said so many times, the dollar is the God of this nation, and that's so true."

Rube F., White Plains, New York

Information Please

"Could you please send us information about your subscription rates? We read a copy in a laundromat. We really enjoyed it. It was placed there by the owners."

Jerry R., Grand Rapids, Michigan

• *It's free.*

Correspondence Course

"I feel I must write and tell you how wonderful it feels to be receiving your Correspondence Course. Who would ever have believed it? Me making 91% on a test concerning things in the Bible! I put many hours of study, prayer and effort into this because I was afraid I might not make a good enough grade and that you would not send the course to me any more. Thank you again for all you've done to help me understand God's way. Your booklet on 'Your Marriage Can be Happy' is wonderful. It sure helped mine. Since I've started the Bible Course I've found I was wrong about so many things I took for granted, and so very much I didn't even have a hint of knowledge about."

Mrs. Margie M., Powder Springs, Georgia

Miscellaneous

"I am only 8. I would like the booklet 'How to Have a Happy Marriage.'"

Beth S., Brentwood Missouri

• *It pays to prepare early!*

"Some time ago I requested *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I think it must have lost its way. I am 100 years old and need to get so much Plain Truth before I leave. . . . So thank you in anticipation."

Man from Exquimalt, British Columbia

Child Rearing

"Please send me a copy of your book 'The Plain Truth about Child Rearing.' A friend gave me her copy to read, and it works. After the first day my 3 children, ages 5, 3½ and 16½ months come when they are called. The first time. Hooray! Thank you most sincerely."

Mrs. Sharon G. H., Davis, California

INSIDE EAST EUROPE TODAY

What's it like today to be a housewife, a factory worker, a farmer in Red-controlled East Europe? Why are East European leaders daring to talk back to Moscow? This summer we sent Mr. Eugene Walter throughout the Iron Curtain nations to find out. Here is his amazing first-hand report.

by Eugene Walter

Munich, Germany

EAST EUROPE is on the march. Reports of a deep economic crisis are pouring from Czechoslovakia. Tidings from Poland and East Germany reveal widespread dissatisfaction with Communism. Accounts of "Liberalism" on a scale undreamed of a few years ago emanate from Hungary.

Romania Talks Back

And in an event unprecedented in satellite history, Romania recently made a bold and dramatic bid for independence from the Russian yoke. Romania's Communist government demanded the return of lost territory now under USSR control. The climax came when Romania sent representatives to Paris for talks with DeGaulle.

On a smaller scale—and almost unnoticed in America—are the numerous economic agreements between satellite countries and Western Europe—especially West Germany—which are being made almost daily.

Today's edition of a large Munich newspaper, which I have before me, discloses details of a multimillion-dollar agreement in which German industrialist Krupp will build several huge chemical plants for Communist Bulgaria. Yesterday in its financial section this same paper carried stories of several similar—though smaller—agreements between West German firms and East European governments. Tomorrow's paper will probably contain more of the same.

The *Wall Street Journal* (July 16, 1964) reported ". . . aggressive Communist emissaries are trooping westward in mounting numbers. Huddling

with capitalists in offices from Rome to Oslo, they are hammering out all sorts of trade deals, from Scotch-for-Vodka swaps to multimillion-dollar agreements under which Red lands will be supplied entire factories."

East Europe utterly UNLIKE Russia

Now back in West Germany after a tour through the East European Bloc—the very countries where these events are taking place—I want to give our PLAIN TRUTH readers a first-hand report of current conditions in these lands.

Although run by Communist regimes with their apron strings tied to Mother Russia, the Satellite countries are totally and completely UNLIKE the Soviet Union in their attitude toward Communism.

Last month's PLAIN TRUTH explained why. The Russian people have been educated for two generations to *accept* and *support* the "glorious concept of Communism." Since the Russians were the first to put Communism into practice, it is only to be expected that *they* should demand the reins of control in ALL Communist countries. So, with a superior air, Russian Com-



Wide World

Because of new trade agreements with the West, East Europeans are beginning to find more consumer goods available. As a result, those with money are thronging the market places, as is illustrated by this scene in East Berlin.

munists look down on the small East European countries as children who are too immature to know what is *really* good for them. Russian Communists see no reason why they shouldn't use *force* in fulfilling their "moral obligation" of converting others to Communism. You can imagine how this ap-

The people in the Soviet Bloc may not have the facts and statistics available that you do to show how ludicrous and absurd the "highly developed" or "semi-perfected" form of Russian Communism is. But don't think for a minute they aren't aware of its shortcomings. **THEY ARE!** They

certain type of food altogether.

The people in the food-producing satellites *know* because the manufactured products they were to receive in trade for their agricultural products were slow in coming—if indeed they came at all—and much of what *did* arrive was so shoddy it should have been rejected at the factory and destroyed.

The peoples of the Soviet Bloc countries have few common denominators. But they are agreed on this one point: they *don't like* Communism. And they *don't like* being lorded over and told what to do by Russian Communists.

But does this mean that most of these people want to *leave* their country—that they would escape to the West if they could? Are these people lining the border, tensely waiting for just the right moment to flee to the other side?

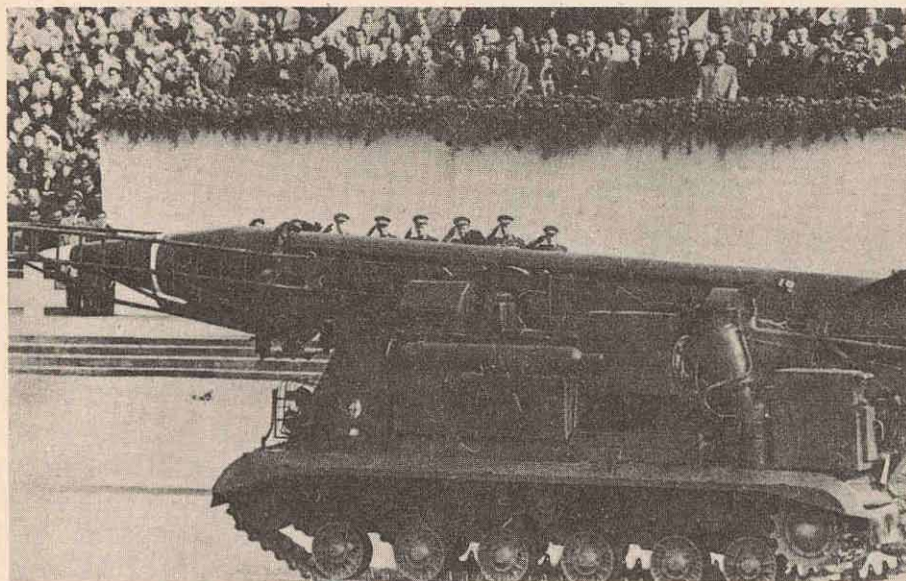
NOT AT ALL!

No Desire to Flee West

Perhaps the most frequent question I am asked about the satellite countries is: "Do these people really want to escape to the West, and if so, how intent are they in accomplishing this goal?"

The answer is—contrary to the illusion created by naive and axe-grinding press reporters—that this method of escape from their problems has *never even entered the minds* of most people living in the Soviet Bloc.

Let's understand why!



Wide World

Russians claim a "moral obligation" to force Communism on others. East Europeans do not like this any better than you would. How would you like this Soviet missile array, parading in Berlin's Soviet Sector, to pass through your home town?

proach goes over with the people of East Europe!

The Poles, the Czechs, the Romanians, the Bulgarians, the Hungarians are all *separate* ethnic groups—distinctly *different* peoples—each with a language, a culture, and its peculiar national personality. These people are *highly nationalistic!* The overwhelming majority of them don't *want* Russian-fostered Communism. They don't *like* it. They consider the Moscow-imposed Communist system, which is trying to blot out their national identity by putting them into the Communist melting pot, a *national insult*.

Although they may *fear* the Russians and the Communist regime in their own country, these people as a whole have *no respect whatsoever* for either the Russians or Communism.

Would you like to have *your* country ruled by another (Russia in this case) which has made a shambles of its own economic affairs—and which *forced* YOUR country to conduct its business in the same chaotic manner?

learned **THE HARD WAY**.

The people in the industrial satellites *know* because the food they were supposed to get from Russia in trade for their industrial products often *just simply didn't arrive*. They *know* because **THEY** were the ones suffering severe rationing—or doing without a



Wide World

The Soviets used air might to help cow East Europeans into submission.

The majority of the population in East Europe are *uneducated peasants* who have never been more than a few miles from their homes and who are completely ignorant of what is going on in the world around them.

When a trip to a small nearby city is a major, once-in-a-year undertaking, how much thought do you suppose they give to fleeing the country?

NONE WHATSOEVER!

It is those comparative few—usually living in the larger cities, and educated enough to be aware of what is going on—who ever contemplate leaving the country. Only a *handful* of these really seriously entertain the idea—and only a very small percentage of this handful ever consider it seriously enough to take any kind of action.

The reason so few decide to flee should be quite apparent if you stop to think it through.

Imagine yourself to be a Czechoslovakian worker, for example, married and with a family. You have a job which, although the pay is low, is sufficient to provide your family with food and clothing if you are careful. You live in a small government apartment where the rent is almost negligible. Now even though your living conditions might be far from what you desire, *what could you do about it?*

Most would be stymied at this point. Feeling helpless to change their circumstances, they would just grit their teeth and sullenly try to make the best of their lot in life.

But assume that you have had some education, and that unlike the majority, you are determined to *change* the circumstances in *your* life. As you are thinking about the possible ways of bettering your circumstances, you somehow get wind that conditions are much better in West Europe. For the first time in your life the thought of *fleeing the country* enters your mind and you begin to entertain the idea. As you weigh this possibility and evaluate it, here are some of the problems you run into.

In the first place, you have no real assurance that conditions ARE better in another country. You might WANT to believe that they are—but how could you KNOW?



Wide World

Russians have arrogantly paraded their soldiers before satellite peoples to show them who is boss. East Europeans fear the Russians but do not respect or love them.

What about your family? It would be utterly impossible to make an escape with them along. An attempt to flee will mean leaving them behind—and very likely subjecting them to persecution at the hands of the government.

To carry it further, once you get to the border, *then what?* An attempt to cross it will be a tremendous risk—and certain death if you are caught.

In spite of these tremendous obstacles, let's assume that you are determined to flee anyway. You take a train to a border city and that night decide to "go for broke"—to attempt your escape. Miraculously, you somehow evade the land mines as you steal your way in the eerie light of the searchlights to the barbed wire barricade. And then, seeing the guard has his back turned, you quickly pull yourself over the barbed wire with the thick gloves you brought along for this purpose—and your escape is a *success!*—*or is it??*

As you now suddenly find yourself thrust into a strange land without friends, relatives, money, a job, and perhaps worst of all, where the language is totally foreign to you, *what have you gained?* Are you *really* any better off now than you were before?

As this example illustrates, most considering escape would at once face so many formidable and insurmountable obstacles that they would very

quickly decide that this is NOT the way to intelligently solve their problems.

While travelling by train to Budapest I discussed this very subject with a Hungarian engineer. Just last year this man had considered moving to West Germany where he could get a job paying almost twice as much as he was presently earning in Hungary. He had permission of the Hungarian government to leave and had a good job lined up in Germany. This man spoke German well and would have had no language problem. In no way was this move a risk to his life. Yet, after considering all the factors involved, he decided *against* this move.

Why?

Because it would have meant "pulling up stakes" for his entire family, taking them away from their circle of relatives and friends, settling in a strange land, teaching his family a new language. And last but not least, it would have meant *giving up* the family's time-honored and cherished Hungarian customs and traditions.

The price was simply too great. Even though he wasn't satisfied with conditions in Hungary, he decided the family would stay where they were. This man was not at all unusual. The overwhelming majority of his fellow East Europeans would have made the same decision.

Of those who *would* leave if given

the opportunity, nearly all would probably be East Germans who may have friends and relatives in West Germany and who would not be going into a land with strange customs and a strange language.

To summarize, the people living in the Soviet Bloc *do not want to leave their country*. To be sure, they want a *better life—a better standard of living*. But they want to achieve this better life *right where they are* and without any change in the *way* they are.

People's Good Not Considered

"The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them [their subjects]; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors."

Nowhere do these words of Christ ring more true than in a Communist country. In such a country the good of the people is not even remotely considered. The Regime rules with an iron hand—all the while telling the people how much it is helping them. If a Regime *does* from time to time pretend to concede to the desires of the people, you can be certain there will *always* be ulterior motives.

The dictator and a handful of carefully selected men around him rule **ABSOLUTELY**, in a Communist country. Being carnal men who themselves are ruled by their vanity, greed and selfishness, these rulers are primarily interested in increasing their own personal wealth, power, prestige and sphere of influence.

Anything that enhances *their personal position* is given *first consideration*.

Needs of the people and the nation—if they are considered at all—come *very secondary*. What is good for the people and country is considered only when this *happens to coincide* with the personal aims and goals of the dictator.

Thus you read that a certain Regime has "relaxed its policies," or has "tendencies toward Liberalism," or is "making a move toward independence from Russia." But you can be assured that these changes have all been carefully calculated to better the position of the Regime. If the nation is *blessed*



Wide World

The largest government building in Bucharest, Romania, is the Ministry of the Interior, which controls Romania's vast police forces. The regime must maintain plenty of force to make sure their wretched people stay in line.

by these changes it is purely a happenstance.

A Bird's-Eye View of the Satellites

Let us now take a brief look at each of the satellites individually. And as we do, don't be surprised to find considerable variation from country to country. For as President Johnson recently said:

"The nations of East Europe are beginning to assert their own identity. There is no longer a single iron curtain. There are many. Each differs in strength and thickness—and in the light that can pass through it—and the hopes that can prosper behind it."

Bucharest, Romania

Entering Romania by the back door, I took the arduous—but *revealing*—train trip from Belgrade, Yugoslavia to the Romanian capital, Bucharest. There were no tourists on this train—only teeming masses of peasants "packed like sardines" in the second-class compartments. At each of the frequent stops along the way some would scramble off with all their paraphernalia and begin the dusty trudge down the narrow footpath to their dwelling.

By the time the train came to the Yugoslavian-Romanian border, it was empty because none of the peasants crossed the border. But once on the Romanian side, the process began in reverse. Each stop saw more and more peasants swarming onto the train until,

by the time it reached Bucharest, it was once again packed. The train is often the peasant's sole link with civilization and the outside world.

Only when watching these slovenly, uneducated peasants with your own eyes do you begin to comprehend the gigantic problem they pose. Living on the fertile Danubian plain in drab villages or simple farmhouses without any of the modern conveniences, they live out their humdrum existence completely *unaware* of the changes going on all around them.

Mile after mile one would see these peasants sleepily watching a small herd of cattle, a small flock of sheep, or a dozen geese or ducks—his uninspiring brick farmhouse silhouetted in the distance against the waning sun.

If a peasant happened to be working in the field, it was invariably with horses and very primitive equipment. Romania is *supposed to be* at least 85 per cent collectivized, but only *very occasionally* was there a hint of collectivization—large tracts of land being worked with tractors.

These peasants are Romania's Number One problem. Although they comprise two thirds of the population, they produce only *one third* of the nation's gross national product. If replaced by machines—which could easily be done—they would form a vast pool of unskilled labor, capable only of producing social unrest.

The Romanians have food—*plenty*

of it—and at prices which are surprisingly low. If a Russian were to visit Bucharest he would stare in *awesome disbelief* at the amount and *variety* of food available here. But in spite of the variety and relative plenty, most Romanians live on a very simple diet. Peaches, pears, plums and other fruits may be far more available here than in Russia, but their prices, though low, still make them a luxury item for most, because of extremely low wages.

Communist countries are quick to boast that they have no unemployment and that no one is going hungry. Basically, this is true. Yet strangely, Romania, which is the breadbasket of East Europe, was the *only* satellite in which I saw beggars!

In an effort to mingle with the people and to avoid false impressions which might be created by eating in one of the tourist restaurants, my wife and I ate in the places frequented by the Romanian people. One such place was a *cafeteria*—a rather unique establishment for a Communist country.

Although the food served in this cafeteria was clean and reasonably well prepared, we had to protect our food throughout the entire meal. And as soon as we finished—*swoosh*—like hungry vultures pouncing on their

prey—several beggars were hungrily devouring every crumb and morsel that remained!

In the market place the story was the same, and you could expect to be stopped frequently and asked for some of whatever you had purchased.

But it wasn't only *food* for which people begged.

In the cafeteria just described, a woman came up to my wife and in very broken English began to ask for first one thing and then another—from bobby pins and cosmetics to nylon stockings and underclothes!

On other occasions we were stopped in the street, stopped by maids in our hotel or by clerks behind counters in stores and asked for such sundry items as razor blades, lipstick, cigarettes and stockings!

Although these products are generally available in the stores, their prices are high in relation to the low wages. A family's income may be stretched to cover food and shelter, but it can't be stretched to purchase many of these other items.

Never have I been in a country where the people so enviously eyed our every possession. Never have I *FELT* such greed, lust, *covetousness* and a *desire to have*, shining from the eye of every

person we met. It was a very *uneasy* feeling.

Relegated to the role of "breadbasket" by Russia, the Romanians are *getting tired* of being relentlessly milked of their foodstuffs without getting anything in return. They are *getting tired* of waiting endlessly for consumer goods and industrial products. They are *getting tired* of inferior equipment and products which is all their Communist neighbors seem to be able to supply. Fortunately for the Romanian people, the Regime is also *getting tired* of these things and it is beginning to DO SOMETHING about it.

In the first place, they began to trade their agricultural products with whatever countries would give them something in trade. This, of course, means that they began to sell and trade with the West. Then, when it came to buying machinery and equipment, the approach was the same: trade with the West for quality products at lower prices.

Both of these moves alarmed Moscow and gave the Kremlin an indication of the rebellion that lay ahead. But neither Moscow nor the West expected Romania's next move: the decision to begin creating her *own industrial base*.

In attempting to duplicate the Common Market, Russia had organized the Satellites into her version of a Common Market called "Comecon." Under this plan each nation was given a particular work assignment. Romania's assignment was to be the "breadbasket" of this union with little or no industry. Czechoslovakia and East Germany were to provide that.

At first Romania cooperated. But when she found herself giving away her food without getting the promised manufactured products she needed in return, she took matters into her own hands.

Romania began to *industrialize*. By thus placing her *national* interests ahead of *international* ones, and seeking to balance her own economy by creating this industrial base to supplement her agricultural base, Romania made a *complete shambles* of Russia's "Comecon."

A dumbfounded Khrushchev sent up



Wide World

Relegated to an inferior position in Soviet economy, the Romanian Communist regime grew tired of its degradation. It defiantly began to build and industrialize. But downtrodden Romanians can still see and feel their slums, hunger, and poverty.

a howl of protest and in a secret visit to Bucharest threatened and pounded his fists—but all to no avail. His hands were tied. He had two possible solutions to bring Romania back into line: economic boycott or military occupation. Both of these plans were unusable and unworkable. If Russia boycotted, Romania would only be driven to closer economic ties with the West. If Khrushchev sent in an occupational force, his “peaceful coexistence” line would be shattered. Helpless, Khrushchev filled the air with empty threats—and retreated.

Never before in the quarter-century history of Russia’s dominion over East Europe had a satellite so blatantly defied Moscow—and gotten away with it. At this moment Moscow is deeply concerned about where it all is going to end.

Budapest, Hungary

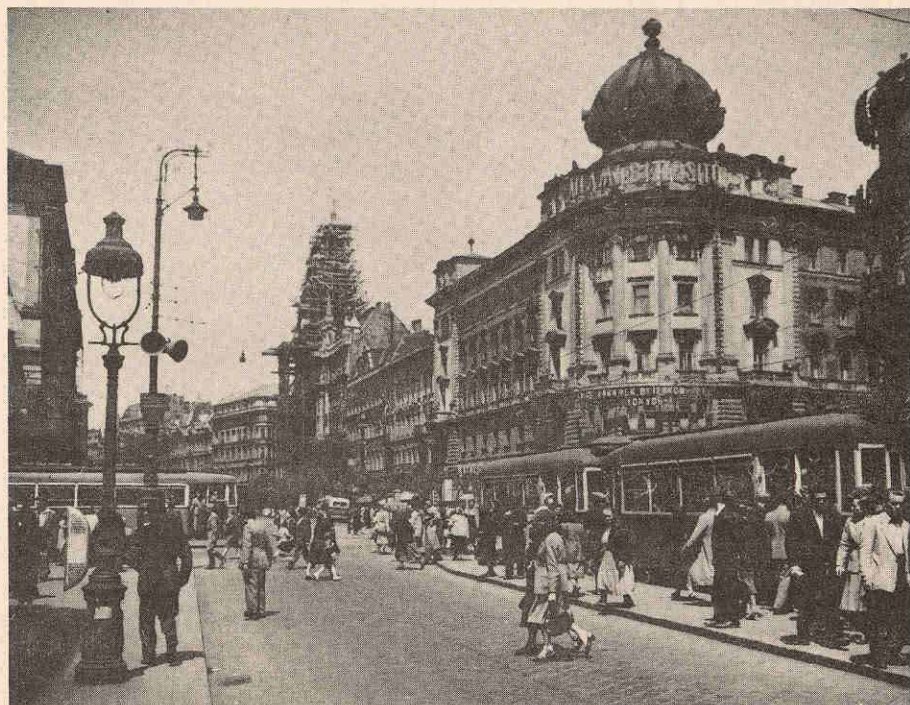
Surprisingly, conditions in Hungary were probably the best of any in the Soviet Bloc! Taking the train from Bucharest all the way to Budapest, the contrast as we crossed into Hungary from Romania was so great—so remarkable—that my wife and I both simultaneously exclaimed “Why, this is almost like crossing into West Berlin from East Berlin!”

The difference is not in the realm of material wealth, but in the *attitude of the people*. Whereas, the Romanians seemed down-trodden and depressed, the Hungarians were gay and optimistic. Jovial and good-humored by nature, everyone with whom I spoke seemed elated at the changes that had taken place since the ill-fated revolution of 1956.

“We learned a lot in that revolution. Now we know just how far we can push the Communist Regime and also what kind of help we can expect from the West,” was a typical reaction to questions about the Revolution.

“Are you resentful of the part that America and the West played—or perhaps, better said, *failed* to play in the attempted Revolution?” I would ask.

Invariably the answer would go something like this: “It was disappointing not to receive help, of course, but then that was your business and



Wide World

Since the ill-fated Hungarian revolution, things are much better in Hungary. The people are more cheerful, friendly and optimistically determined to enjoy life as well as is possible under a Communist yoke. This crowd in Budapest is typical.

you no doubt had your reasons for not helping.”

A remarkable attitude! But it is indicative of the Hungarian temperament which is free, fun-loving, and bears no grudges.

Everyone agrees that conditions have improved tremendously since 1956 and there is an air of optimistic hope that the future will be even better.

“The government is beginning to come up with some real good ideas,” an electrical engineer enthusiastically exclaimed to my wife and me as we were eating dinner with him in the best restaurant in Budapest (the prices in this restaurant, incidentally, were so low that it was difficult to spend \$2 on a meal!).

“We are not aware that we are living in a Communist country,” several others told me. And really, that is quite true!

These comments illustrate the degree to which hope and optimism prevail.

The hope of getting rid of Communism by a revolution is gone. But while this hope is dead, the hope of a better life by exerting pressure to make Hungarian Communism more free and “liberal” is *very much alive*.

If this approach has already brought about changes so great that people are saying, “We are not aware that we are living in a Communist country”—what will it produce in the future?

Prague, Czechoslovakia

Once across the strip of land mines and watchtowers that separates Czechoslovakia from West Germany, the visitor will see virtually no homes or dwellings of any kind for the next ten or fifteen miles.

The reason?

The Czechs to this day are so fearful and hateful of the Germans that they adamantly *refuse* to live anywhere near the German border. To keep the land from lying idle, the government has offered any who would settle in this area *triple prices* for their crops. But even with this tempting offer, the area remains unpopulated.

Of all the peoples in the Soviet Bloc, the Czechoslovakians are by far the most surly and sullen. They are so unwilling to talk about current conditions in their country that at first I thought they were afraid. Most of the people I engaged in conversation were reasonably friendly so long as the con-

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A Catholic-Protestant Bible?

Catholic theologians at Vatican Council propose working with Protestant scholars on new translation! Will a new common Bible replace all others—including the King James translation?

by Herman L. Hoeh

THE Vatican Council II is plunging ahead on a new program for church unity.

One of the biggest proposed steps is a unique common translation of the Bible.

The purpose is twofold: 1) to provide a common scripture as a basis for later discussion of Roman Catholic traditions; 2) to replace all translations which do not meet the joint approval of Catholic and Protestant leaders!

What Bishop Proposed

The suggestion for a joint translation of the Bible—including the Apocrypha—was proposed to the Vatican Council Friday, October 2. Bishop John van Dodewaard of Haarlem, Holland, delivered the surprise suggestion. He urgently recommended as a major step toward church unity that joint translations of the Bible be made into modern languages. These translations "should be done with separated brethren in harmony with the pastoral and ecumenical goals of the council."

Think of what this means! That power which assumes control over Bible translations can also control religion!

A prominent American Bishop at the Council seconded the proposal for a common Scripture: ". . . if we can meet in Scripture, then we can go on to discuss tradition later."

But can Catholics and Protestants really get together in Scripture? How far would others have to compromise in order to accept a translation that would be approved by Catholic theologians? How reliable have Catholic translators been in the past?

Few may realize it, but already a new Catholic-approved edition of the Protestant Revised Standard Version is scheduled for publication in the United

States, January 1965. Included in it is the Apocrypha.

What Catholic Translation Would Be Like

In Hebrews 11:21 we have a good example. This verse says, according to the inspired original Greek, ". . . Jacob, when he was dying . . . worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff." He obviously used his staff for support because of being very weak with age.

But the Catholic Douay Version says Jacob ". . . bowed in worship towards the top of his staff." An obvious attempt to justify bowing before physical objects and images in worship. All honest theologians recognize this as a forced meaning. Adam Clarke's Commentary, concerning this mistranslation, says: "The Romanists allege this in favour of *image worship*. This is too contemptible to require confutation." (Emphasis his.)

Now turn to the so-called "Lord's prayer" in Matthew 6:13. The last half of the verse, according to the true, inspired original Greek, reads: "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

Catholic theologians leave this ending out of the Douay Version. They attribute neither the kingdom nor the glory to God, but to *man*.

The theologians who wrote the Douay Version also left out the middle of verse 21 of Acts 18, which says: "I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem. . . ." The translators were deliberately covering up the fact that Paul kept one of God's festivals mentioned in the Old Testament. In place of the days God ordained they have substituted in their religion the pagan Roman holidays—Christmas, Easter, Hallowe'en, etc.

In another case, Catholic theologians inserted a whole verse into their Bible. That was I John 5:7, which found its way also into the King James Version. This verse says: "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." The apostle John did not write this verse! It is not found in any of the old, carefully preserved Greek manuscripts, and was not found in the manuscripts of the Latin Vulgate until the eighth century after Christ. You can find this proved in any of the commentaries.

This verse is a deliberate hoax, foisted off upon a deceived world centuries after the inspired John wrote the book. This verse was added by trinitarians because they found no text in all the Bible that would justify their trinity doctrine. But, since all Bible scholars now recognize this verse as a glaring fake, it is properly deleted in many modern translations.

Common Bible Already Under Way

We do not have to wait years to find out what a new common Bible would be like. Already a completely fresh translation of the Bible is being jointly prepared by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish scholars. It claims to be non-sectarian, nondenominational. It is called the *Anchor Bible*. Written for theological students, not laymen, it will comprise 38 volumes including comments. Two of the 38 volumes are already on the market.

What is this new translation—destined to influence scholars—like? Does it concern itself exclusively with what the Bible says? Or has it become the voice of sectarian interpretation?

Take two shocking examples—the

account of Nimrod (Genesis 10:8-9) and the creation record (Gen. 1:1-2).

The significance of Nimrod's wicked deeds are made plain in Moffatt's translation of Gen. 10:8-9. ". . . Nimrod, the first man on earth to be a despot (he was a mighty hunter before [Hebrew means "in place of"] the Eternal; hence the proverb, 'Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the Eternal')."

By his prowess as a hunter, Nimrod attempted to put himself in God's place—"a mighty hunter *in place of* the Eternal."

Now read this account at the clever hands of today's learned men in the *Anchor Bible*: "Now Cush begot Nimrod, who was the first potentate on earth. He was a mighty hunter *by the will of Yabweh*, hence the saying, 'Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter *by the will of Yabweh*.'" (Italics ours.)

The intent of this wretched translation is to make the founder of this world's civilization (after the Flood) appear a man of God. He was, instead, God's enemy, an archrebel. He was the founder of human government—of man ruling over man. He instigated the erection of the Tower of Babel as a direct act of defiance against God's government. (Gen. 11).

Turn, now, to the account of creation—Genesis 1:1-2. The inspired original Hebrew, when properly translated into clear English, reads:

"*In the beginning* God created the heaven and the earth.

"*Now* the earth *had become* waste and desolate, and darkness lay over the ocean depths. . . ."

The Bible makes plain that God created—brought into being—the material universe. God created the earth "not a waste, He formed it to be inhabited" (Isaiah 45:18). Much later the earth became a chaotic waste at the time of the rebellion of Satan and his demons. (All this is made plain in the surprising article "Did God Create a Devil?" It's free. If you have never read it, write for your copy immediately!)

But what are modern translators doing with the record of creation? Read the answer in the *Anchor Bible*, a joint

work of Protestant, Catholic and Jew: "When God set about to create heaven and earth—the world *being then a formless waste*, with darkness over the seas and only an awesome wind sweeping over the water—God said, 'Let there be light.' . . ."

Notice the distortion! The original creation is completely lost sight of. Matter is made to appear eternal and uncreated. It appears on the scene *naturally*, a formless waste! God does not create matter, according to this translation, but only works with it to produce light and life.

This twisting of Holy Scripture comes right out of the ancient pagan mysteries! It is a doctrine spawned by the devil himself! Today's scholars have gone back to ancient Babylonian and Canaanite literature. They have read ancient pagan superstition into the plain, clear Biblical account of creation.

What About Other Translations?

Isn't it time we looked into the question of Bible translations? Of the more than three dozen translations of the Bible—which one is authoritative, accurate? How can we know?

Who should have the final say as to whether a translation is authoritative? Shall the Roman Catholics?—or some top Protestant body?

Have modernist translators corrupted the Word of God beyond recognition?

Can we be sure that the original inspired revelation, given directly from God to the apostles and the prophets has been authoritatively preserved these many centuries?

Why are there so many different translations of the Bible? Should you own more than one translation of the Bible?

These questions need to be answered! Let's look at the facts!

Source of Authority

The Bible may be the "world's best seller." But it is also "the book nobody knows"! It is God's revelation to mankind of essential knowledge man could not otherwise find out for himself—yet very few people today read and understand their Bibles! Catholics put the Bible lower than tradition.

The Bible is the only book that dares to quote God speaking in the first person—with divine authority! Obviously it is vitally important that we know what God says—whether we have His revelation in its right form—whether it is properly translated.

Can we be sure the original text of the Bible—as God inspired it in the Hebrew and Greek languages—has not been corrupted beyond recognition? Some scholars have claimed no amount of research can restore the Scriptures to their original inspired form. If that is true, then you can't rely on the words of the Bible—you can't be sure of the very basis of the Christian life!

Catholics claim that the Latin, not the original inspired Greek, is authoritative!

What are the facts?

There are over 4000 Greek manuscript copies of the original inspired New Testament preserved by the Greek world. These consistent copies demonstrate beyond a shadow of a doubt that the New Testament—as preserved in the Byzantine manuscripts—not corrupt—that we can be sure of almost 100% accuracy of the original New Testament as God inspired it. Some manuscript fragments, recently discovered, were written within 50 years of the death of the apostle John!

Much the same may be said of the Hebrew Old Testament. Manuscripts recently discovered near the Dead Sea, and written before the time of Christ, correspond almost exactly with the received Hebrew text, of which we have 1,700 copies dating from the sixth century after Christ forward.

But what about translating into English? Can we be sure translations are faithful renderings of the original?

God's Principle of Translation

Most scholars have not realized that God Himself has set the pattern of translation in the Bible itself.

God intended translations to be made. How else could we know His revelation? How else could the early Greek-speaking converts have become acquainted with the Hebrew Scriptures?

Few have recognized it, but the
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Put CHRIST Back in Christmas?

"Put CHRIST back in CHRIST-MAS" urge church leaders—but was He ever really IN it? You would be SHOCKED if you knew the PLAIN TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTMAS!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

PEACE ON EARTH—GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN!" may sound a little shop-worn this year—in view of Viet Nam, The Congo, Cuba, The Berlin Wall, and the smoldering hatreds between Turkish and Greek Cypriots, Jews and Arabs, Indonesians and Malaysians, Chinese and Russians, Blacks and Whites, Communists and Capitalists, Rightists and Leftists, Liberals and Conservatives.

What a divided world! What chaos!

But in the Western world of Christianity, many millions will take temporary *time out* from their usual activities to become submerged in the flood tide of annual Christmas shopping, traffic jams, parties, and exchanging of gifts.

Somehow—all the clamor, noise, confusion and commercialism is supposed to have something to do with Christ's birthday.

But does it, really?

Some Plain Facts About Christmas

Ever wonder what "wassailing" had to do with wise men: mistletoe with the Magi; martinis with Mary; Santa with saints?

Look at the world for a moment. Here we are, hurtling around the corner into another frightening year—mid 60's—with the Soviets out front in space, the world an armed camp, deepening sociological problems the world over, and millions use Christmas as a time to forget about it all.

Christmas, in its various forms in many countries today, would hardly be recognized by its earliest proponents.

They meant it as a *religious* holiday—in honor of *their* god—NOT as a time for personal revelry, debauchery, and sneaking kisses with the neighbor's wife over the eggnog bowl.

But WHO invented it? Who *were* its earliest exponents? What is the real MEANING of the holly wreath, the lighting of candles, mistletoe, the yule log, the Christmas tree, with its bulbs and orbs, Santa Claus?

Ever check your encyclopedia to find out?

You'll be absolutely astounded!

First—let's admit some widely known facts. Christmas is never mentioned in the Bible. The Christmas tree is—but in very uncomplimentary language. The wise men arrived at Christ's place of birth LONG after (some scholars say as much as several months) He was born. Scholars freely admit He was not born on or anywhere near December 25. The Magi gave their gifts directly to CHRIST—didn't exchange them among themselves.

But in Ancient Egypt and Babylon

Christmas, say all the authorities, LONG antedates Christianity. Its origins go back to pagan Babylon, Greece, Rome, and to Egypt.

There, in various guises, *the very same customs* were observed by these ancient pagans on the birthday of *their* god—the god of the SUN, or SUN-god. They observed his fanciful birthday at the time of the "Saturnalia," or lowest ebbing of the sun toward the south (those living in the northern hemisphere), and the beginning of its journey back toward spring and summer.

They had various symbols.

Symbols stand for things. These stood for a wide variety of pagan superstitions involving the source of life—of fertility. They had a little tree, which was supposed to have grown up overnight, out of an old dead log. The

tree is called a Christmas tree today; the log is named "yule."

They used round orbs, eggs, on which they painted snakes, and other designs. This was long before the time of tinsel and glass—of course, and back then, everyone knew the eggs *stood* for something. They reminded the pagans of the source of *life*.

They had wreaths of holly, because it was one of the rare plants still producing little round berries even in the snowy north. They used mistletoe because it's a parasite, and because of a pagan superstition involving its qualities of aphrodisia. (That's why people still carry on the pagan superstition of kissing under mistletoe.)

That's not all.

They observed, in short, just about EVERYTHING a modern Christian-professing person observes—though with a different label.

What Is The Difference?

But *so what?*

Aren't these facts more or less *common knowledge*?

Sure they are—published in religious newspapers, and cheerfully admitted by religious editors each year.

Then *does it make any difference?*

Not if there isn't any God.

But what if there is?

Then it would make a LOT of difference—ESPECIALLY IF THAT GOD SAYS A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THESE VERY SAME CUSTOMS IN HIS WORD!

There *is* a God. You can PROVE it.

And God says it does make a great deal of difference!

You'll be positively amazed, *shocked*, when you read "The PLAIN TRUTH about Christmas!"

In this free booklet are facts you

simply can't afford to be without—yet it costs you nothing! It's absolutely free!

Here, revealed directly from authentic historical sources, and from *your own Bible*, is the story of Christmas—and what YOU DON'T KNOW about it!

It's the biggest holiday of the year—

but you've probably NEVER LOOKED INTO ITS MEANING! In this booklet, you'll read the incredible TRUTH about all the accompanying paraphernalia of this season—you'll be challenged, you'll be shocked!

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A Catholic-Protestant Bible?

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Bible gives us the principles of translation! First, let us consider the Ten Commandments which God Himself uttered and wrote. They are recorded in Exodus 20. Note, for instance, the command against adultery: "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Ex. 20:14).

Turn to Deut. 5. Forty years have elapsed since God uttered the Ten Commandments. Moses is now repeating the law of God under inspiration to the people. How is Moses inspired to word this command? "Neither shalt thou commit adultery" (Deut. 5:18).

Notice it! *The wording is different, but the meaning is the same!* The meaning would not have been the same, however, if Moses had said: "Thou shalt not commit adultery unless your mate is unfaithful"!

Here we have proof that it is not wrong to use different words, provided the meaning is not corrupted.

Now let us turn to the New Testament, written originally in the Greek language. Notice how Jesus Himself reworded the original inspired Hebrew, but retained the same meaning. Read Mark 7:6 and 7: "Well hath Esaias [Isaiah] prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.'"

This was quoted from Isaiah 29:13, where we read: "Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men."

The wording is different, but *the meaning remains identical with Jesus' words.*

Open your Bible again to Romans 3:10-12, where Paul translated the Hebrew into the Greek: "As it is written, 'There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way . . . there is none that doeth good, no, not one.'"

Paul translated this from Psalm 14:1-3. Notice the original Hebrew from which Paul translated this: "They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside . . ." The meaning is not lost even though different words are freely used.

Again, observe how God guided Peter in quoting Scripture concerning the choice of another to replace Judas, the traitor: "For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishopric let another take'" (Acts 1:20). These quotations, rendered into the Greek from the Hebrew, are taken from Psalms 69:25 and 109:8: "Let their habitation be desolate: and let none dwell in their tents;" and "Let another take his office."

In this translation the direct quote is entirely changed, but the principle remains the same. In Psalms what applied to the wicked certainly applied, in Acts, to Judas. God Himself had this translated from Hebrew to Greek. He set us the pattern by inspiring His apostles to translate portions of the Hebrew Old Testament into Greek in the New Testament. These inspired quotations of the Old Testament in the New are, however, without contradic-

tions! How plain. The inspired New Testament contains translations which are not always literal, but which are never contradictory. They always convey the same meaning or the same principle.

Understanding this, it becomes plain that it is not wrong to have different translations into English—though, for sure, they are not inspired!

God intended us to read and to understand His revelation—the Bible. He therefore intended that it should be translated into our tongue, as into any other language. He has even allowed men, usually unconverted, to do the translating, just as for centuries He indirectly guided and influenced Jews and Greeks to preserve and recopy the Scriptures in the original languages. A few copyists' errors were introduced by the scribes who painstakingly recopied the original manuscripts, just as a few translation errors have appeared in our English versions. But such errors do not change the truth which is still accurately preserved.

No Translation Inspired

Many people, it seems, come to cherish one particular translation so much that they assume it must be inspired and without error. The only inspired Bible is the original scripture as God first revealed it to the apostles and prophets. No translation is inspired! Every translation can be proved to be inconsistent with the original in a certain few points. Every translation has its flaws, its provable mistranslations, and its misinterpretations. Some Bible translations even have a few contradictions.

God has never used, and is not now using, scholars from this world's educational system as inspired translators. Since the death of the apostles, the Creator has allowed men to translate the Scriptures in accordance with their scholarly human knowledge. But neither Protestants nor Catholics have any divine authority over matters of translation.

There are two fundamental reasons why translations are not flawless: 1) scholars are not always perfect in their understanding of the original lan-

guages, and 2) most scholars and ministers on translation committees do not understand the plan of God. They have been taught, as have all since childhood, to take for granted contradictory and false doctrines supposedly contained in Scripture. Hence they interpret and translate the Scriptures according to their viewpoint by reading incorrect meanings into the inspired original text.

Because professing Christianity is so divided into quarreling denominations, each teaching different doctrines, it is not possible for scholars to translate the Bible with complete accuracy. Not even on the original text of the Bible will Catholics and Protestants always agree.

This is the very reason, in fact, that so many translations appear. No one scholar agrees completely with the work of another. And always there is the change of language which necessitates a more modern and more easily understood version or revision. Nevertheless, every version is accurate enough to be a reasonably faithful rendering of the Word of God.

Which Bible Should You Use?

The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course recommends that its students use the Authorized or King James translation. Many people wonder why.

The King James Bible is based on the reading of the majority of the authoritative Greek texts! About 95% of the known Greek manuscripts agree with the basic text of the King James Version!

Some people will argue that these texts are not the oldest—therefore they cannot be the most accurate! Modern critics have found a few variant, corrupt manuscripts and fragments in the trash heaps of decaying monasteries and suppose these bits and pieces to be more reliable than the text carefully preserved generation after generation in common usage! Actually these few fragments amount to less than 5% of the total texts that have come down to our day! Though often agreeing with Rome, these corrupt texts were long ago



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A beautiful Greek manuscript of the four gospels written in the tenth century in Southern Italy. Its text has been influenced slightly by Latin readings.

rejected by the Greek world.

The texts modern critics have salvaged from the monasteries in Egypt and elsewhere cannot be elevated—simply because they are “old”—above the thousands of reliable Greek manuscripts carefully preserved in the Greek world!

To those interested in buying a Bible, the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course recommends the King James Version as the basic textbook. Other translations and Bible study aids are suggested in addition.

How to Discover Contradictions

Perplexed individuals have written to us expressing their fears that if they buy a second Bible of some translation with which they are not already familiar, it might have contradictions which could lead them astray. By using only one translation, they are more likely to accept faulty translations than if they have two or more versions to compare side by side. Any doubtful scriptures could easily be checked with other translations, and also with other texts in the Bible.

False doctrines are often based on

obscure texts. By letting the Bible interpret itself—comparing scripture with scripture—every contradiction in translations (and there are only a few of them) can be discovered! There is no exception! You would not even have to know the original Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek languages in which the Bible was written. Doubtful scriptures can often be checked, as a last resort, at the public library by the use of exhaustive concordances or lexicons.

Just remember, you don't have to be afraid that any translation will confuse you. The only thing that may lead you astray is an unwillingness to believe the Bible.

Another point to remember is that Bibles translated by single authors are more prone to error than are versions by groups of scholars. When numerous scholars and critics work together and compare notes, there is greater assurance that the original will be accurately preserved—and less danger of translating according to individual opinion.

What About Moffatt Translation?

Recently we received a letter from a lady living in Saskatchewan, Canada.

The PLAIN TRUTH had reported that Dr. James Moffatt, noted Bible translator, didn't believe in the divine inspiration of the Bible! Mrs. W. H. of Saskatchewan couldn't understand why *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, however, sometimes quoted from Dr. Moffatt's translation.

Perhaps you have wondered about this.

The real question here is—Is it possible for a man to reject the Divine inspiration of the Bible, and still translate much of it accurately? The answer to that question is yes!

The inconsistency is not with *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. It was Dr. Moffatt who was inconsistent! But we don't quote from his inconsistent sections.

The Moffatt translation is useful because it is a dynamic, clearly written, very expressive modern translation. And God's message—contained in scripture—is modern!

Much of the Bible can be more easily read if you own a Moffatt or other modern translation in addition to your King James Version. But remember, the Moffatt translation is not perfect. When in doubt of its rendering, check it with the King James Version.

Key to Understanding Lost

Why have theologians been unable to understand and to agree upon divine truth?

Why do their doctrines so often contradict each other?

The answer is they have lost the key to understanding. They simply are not imbued with the Spirit of God.

Paul tells us in I Corinthians 2, that the spiritual things of God—God's law, His way—are not discerned by the natural mind. That means that as individuals we cannot naturally understand or discern truth, or right from wrong. The Bible is God's revelation of spiritual knowledge and of those physical laws which man could not with absolute assurance understand by himself. The Bible, then, is primarily a closed book to the natural mind. That is why most learned and intelligent people regard it as a book of straw, a book of superstition or fable.

Men today have refused to conform to the only condition by which they could receive the Holy Spirit and understand God's mind. Notice their own translation of Acts 5:32. Here is the key to their spiritual ignorance. "And we are witnesses to all this, and so is the Holy Spirit given by God to those who are obedient to Him."

The Holy Spirit is given to those who surrender their own wills to God—to those who are obedient to God. Now notice how conversion leads to understanding the Bible.

Conversion involves a genuine change of the natural mind. We thereby begin to grasp the meaning of Scripture and the Bible—we begin to understand the deep differences between right and wrong and recognize what sin really is.

But does this mean that everyone who is converted is fully able—merely because he has received God's Holy Spirit—to understand all the Bible, completely and perfectly? The answer is no! Notice the Scripture proof!

Peter tells us there are some scriptures, especially those which Paul wrote, which are hard to be understood, which the unstable wrest or twist to their own destruction! Peter declares prophecy to be a light which shines more and more until the day that God finally intervenes in world affairs. Prophecy is not something that was as clear one hundred years ago as it is today.

The ability to understand the Bible is a matter of growth and development. We are told to grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

World Rejects God's Rule

The whole world is confused, divided. Even the professing Christian world is divided. Why? Because the whole world has rejected the authority of God's Word—the Bible—in directing their lives. Each one wants to interpret the Bible to allow him to live as he sees fit, as ancient Israel did. Almost no one obeys God (Deut. 12:8; Judges 17:5-6). The theologians of this world simply do not want to obey God. They do not do what God commands! They have followed traditions of men instead of the Word of God.

The theologians reject God's pre-

cepts and His commandments. They claim they are done away, or out of date, or only for the Jews! They are doing exactly as the Jews did in Christ's day. Notice it in a modern translation of Mark 7:7-8: "Their worship of me is in vain, for they teach as doctrines the commandments of men. You neglect the commandment of God, in order to maintain the tradition of men." And verse 9: "How well you set aside the commandment of God in order to maintain your tradition!" (From the *New English Bible*.)

Jesus said this to the theologians of His day. And the same is true of theologians today! They purposely set aside the truth in order to follow the traditions of their ancestors. When translating the Bible, they very carefully examine the technical meaning of the Greek and use extreme caution in choosing just the right English expression. But when they are confronted with truths which they do not believe, they suddenly become careless in rendering the original inspired Greek into English.

They simply cannot grasp the fact that the Bible means what it plainly says! They fool themselves into thinking it means something else! Should men like this—whether Catholic or Protestant—be entrusted with a final new common Bible for everyone?

How YOU Can Understand

Happily there are a few ministers who realize where the drive for church unity and a common Bible is leading.

I have asked Mr. William Ellis of our Correspondence Course staff to provide me a few of their letters.

We recently received this following letter from a gentleman in Florida:

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Another minister writes, "I am a Methodist minister but I want to know more about the eternal truth. I have certainly enjoyed reading your magazine and I am requesting the Bible Course."

You, too, can receive the Ambassador

Adam — Man Or Myth?

Few know why modern theologians reject Adam as myth. Or why the Biblical record is labeled "UNscientific." You will be shocked at the cause!

by Robert E. Gentet

TODAY the club-swinging, ape-like origin of man is accepted and taught as if it were fact.

It is commonplace today for teachers and theologians to label the Bible record of man's creation as "poetic," "not to be taken literally."

Why this general disbelief in the literal meaning of Genesis?

Few really know the astounding causes. Few understand how materialism and agnosticism obtained a strange hold on school and pulpit.

Churches Reject Divine Revelation

Today, large religious groups openly reject the literal meaning of the Genesis account. They claim that "the early Christians took this description [of man's creation recorded in Genesis] at its face value. We do not."

Many of your children are now being taught that Genesis "does not agree with the scientific facts we believe today." So says a newly released Sunday School help. It adds: "Anyone who attempts to harmonize the two is simply ignoring plain facts"!

Certainly, this is not a return to the "faith once delivered to the saints"! Early Christians *believed* the Genesis account. Then what happened to cause today's children to question whether or not Adam and Eve were real people?

Let's understand.

Scientists and theologians often claim they cannot believe the Genesis creation account because "there were no eyewitness reports."

But they are wrong! There was an eyewitness, who did report what He saw!

About four thousand years after the literal creation of Adam, that eyewitness appeared and described what He saw! Who was he? Jesus Christ!

Notice what the Bible says: "In the beginning was the Word [Christ], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made [including Adam and Eve]" (John 1:1, 3).

Throughout the Gospels Christ verified the whole Old Testament, including the creation account. Do we want

to believe Christ? or the fables of foolish men who are looking for excuses to deny God?

The Apostle Paul also taught the creation account: "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses. . ." (Rom. 5:14).

The creation account was generally recognized as a literal fact by theologians and secular scholars alike—throughout the Christian world—until about two centuries ago. But then something went wrong with man's thinking.

The Dispute About Man's Origin

What happened during the latter part of the 1700's and early part of the 1800's? Why has the Genesis record of man's creation been rejected?

The major departure from God's Word came in Sir Charles Lyell's book, *Principles of Geology*, published in 1830. The ideas presented in his book laid the foundation for modern historical geology!

The earth, according to Lyell, has
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had *no catastrophes*. Every act of nature has supposedly been *uniform* and due to the *natural* forces we can see in action around us.

Although Lyell was not the first to have this idea (the ancient pagan philosophers had long taught the same pagan idea), it is because of Lyell that the teaching of uniformity gained modern-day acceptance.

As we shall see, Lyell's idea had much to do with the rejection of Adam as a literal historical figure!

Lyell is now recognized as the "*high priest* of uniformitarianism"—an apt title!

For, uniformitarianism is a *false* "RELIGION" worshipped by millions in this world. The true God and His Word are rejected and the pagan ideas of uniformity are substituted. This is idolatry!

However, strangely enough, Lyell did not believe in evolution at the time he wrote *Principles of Geology*. This was because he could find no method which would support the evolutionary concept.

Lyell's ideas were based only on a desire to explain the earth's history from a non-catastrophic viewpoint. Time—vast lengths of time—was the central theme of his book.

It was not until Darwin's time, as we shall see later, that Lyell professed evolution.

Prophesied End-Time Doubt!

Lyell's idea set the stage. Men who were unwilling to obey God's Word eagerly grasped onto Lyell's ideas. The time had come for the end-time fulfillment of II Peter 3:3-4!

Notice what this amazing prophecy foretold, over a millennium and a half before it occurred!

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days [in our time—just before Jesus Christ returns] scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

In other words, men would be saying that *uniformity* is true. This is exactly what is being said today!

Who said God's Word is not able to

foretell the ways of men! Could a mere man prophesy what false educational teachings would seize this end-time world?

Only God could foretell that! As men have departed further and further from Him, the belief in uniformity—"... all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation"—has become the cornerstone of modern education!

The fulfillment of II Peter 3:3-4, at this time, presents one more irrefutable proof of God's existence for all to see! Yet ungodly men continue to hide their heads in the sand of ignorance and ridicule—unwilling to obey their Almighty Creator-Ruler!

INSIDE EAST EUROPE TODAY

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versation stuck to history which was at least fifty years old. But as soon as the subject came anywhere close to present-day conditions, the person with whom I was visiting suddenly became as cold as ice and was very clearly irritated.

One working housewife (eight out of ten women work in Communist lands) whom I asked how things were going replied, "As a working housewife—and I speak for all my friends—I have neither the time nor the desire to worry about politics."

On a city tour by bus the guide waxed eloquent when explaining the historical points of interest. But as we were driving past the Parliament buildings I casually asked how often the ruling body of the government met—a very elementary and harmless question, I thought. But that did it! She icily snapped, "I don't know. Politics don't interest me!"—and refused to speak to me for the remainder of the tour!

Every conversation followed this same pattern. I was about to give up until at lunch I conversed with a druggist who verified what I had finally begun to suspect: It was not that these people were *afraid* to speak about current conditions, but rather that conditions were so DISGUSTING to them that they *didn't want to talk or think about it*.

Notice further how this amazing prophecy was fulfilled in this end-time.

Aided by *rationalism* springing from German universities, the so-called "scientific" world was arming itself for a wholesale extermination of God's plain statements about man's origin.

The conspiracy to thrust all the knowledge about Adam's creation out of education had fully begun.

As Peter further prophesied: "For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: whereby the world that then was [before Noah's

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This druggist, for example, was very put out about his wage. He was the supervising druggist over six drug stores and yet his salary was only \$125 per month! He also resented the severe travel restrictions.

Yet when I asked him if he was concerned about the grave economic troubles plaguing Czechoslovakia, he disinterestedly replied, "That's not for *me* to worry about. The Regime created these unsolvable problems—let *them* worry about fixing it up."

All these statements illustrate the wide gap there is between the people and the government.

The reason that the Czechoslovakians are so sullenly bitter about their Communist lot in life stems from the fact that prior to World War II Czechoslovakia had one of the most prosperous and stable economies in the entire world. Today that economy has been wrecked. Many of the older people remember the prosperity of these bygone days. And what is an especially bitter pill for them to swallow is that, while they chafe under the Communist yoke, the Germans—the ones who got them involved in World War II, which led to today's problems for Czechoslovakia—today are enjoying the highest prosperity in their history.

The Czechoslovakians *realize* that they are a small people. And as is

usually the case with minority groups, they are *highly nationalistic* and tend to stick together. No matter how bad conditions may be at home—or how alluring they may be abroad—Czechoslovakians *don't want to leave their homeland*. They want conditions to improve *right where they are*.

Today the Czechoslovakians feel hopelessly caught between two evils. On the one hand there is Russia and the Communism she has forced on Czechoslovakia. On the other side—should she break away from Russia—immediately there is the specter of having the Germans, because of their prominent role in West Europe, "calling the shots" and indirectly—if not *directly*—interfering with and having something to say about Czechoslovakian affairs. To most Czechs, this would be the last straw.

So bitter and sullen are they with their lot in life, they have adopted a "hands off" policy toward anything to do with the government, and are desperately trying to lose themselves in their own mundane—and *miserable*—individual little worlds.

Warsaw, Poland

"Old and worn-out"—that is the appearance of Poland. Warsaw, which was more than eighty per cent destroyed during the war, has been completely rebuilt. Most of its buildings are less than twenty years old. Yet somehow the city looks old and drab. This is partially because the nationalistic Poles, working from pictures and drawings, tried to reconstruct the new Warsaw as nearly like the old city as possible. They succeeded admirably in their mission—but they probably would have done far better if they had rebuilt the city with *usefulness* and *utility* in mind rather than tradition!

It isn't just Warsaw that has this old and worn-out appearance; it is the entire country. Everywhere you look it is the same—ramshackle farmhouses, dilapidated villages, unpaved roads, and obsolete and rusty farm machinery—almost always *horse-drawn*.

However, Poland is unique among the satellites in a number of respects. The Poles are free to travel abroad. They are very religious—95 per cent



Wide World

Warsaw, Poland's, Palace of Culture, above, is one of the few bright spots in an otherwise dreary land. The Poles are talkative and are not afraid to grumble about their plight.

are Catholics who attend church regularly. More than 87 per cent of the land is *privately* owned. So are quite a number of the shops.

When touring in Warsaw, I happened upon an ultra-modern shopping center which stood out in sharp contrast to all the old-appearing buildings around it. All the shops in this shopping center were privately owned, and in the center was a supermarket—the most modern I have seen outside the United States. Except for the language difference, this store could easily have been taken for an American supermarket. The shelves were well stocked with a large variety of foods—both canned and fresh. This particular day, canned pineapple from Cuba was on "special."

Poland is also unique in the way its people express their opinions about Communism. This is one country where you have no difficulty getting answers to your questions! For in Poland, GRUMBLING is a *national institution*!

Everybody is ready to complain long and loud about the way the government is running things. Because it has found this grumbling to be a harmless means of "letting off steam," the Regime tolerates it—so long as it doesn't become TOO loud or outspoken.

Many of the Polish people are not

violently *against* Communism so long as it is not too dogmatic and allows them certain freedoms. Part of the reason for this is that the Poles feel that it is inevitable that they will be dominated by some greater power because of their geographical "buffer" position between East and West. As one Pole sadly told me, "I guess we will always be a border people"—implying that if the Russians from the East didn't dominate, some power from the West would.

A Polish author said: "Every system has its weaknesses. Our present system has its faults, but it's better than others have been—and it could be much worse. Even Democracy has its problems, you know."

As in Czechoslovakia, the Poles fear the Germans. An old man who lost one leg during his five-year stay in Auschwitz shook a finger in my face and loudly proclaimed, "There are still plenty of the Old Guard left in Germany—and they can cause a lot of trouble. It's not too likely just yet, but if Germany starts to grab land again, WATCH OUT!"

Caught in the vise between East and West, perhaps today's feeling in Poland is best expressed by the Pole who said, "We are a simple people—not as aggressive as the Germans. If it's one or

the other, we would rather have the Russians than the Germans."

Berlin, East Germany

More than in any other satellite, the East Germans are aware of what is going on in the outside world. This is mostly because their closeness to West Germany has made it impossible for the Communists to completely jam out the radio broadcasts from the West.

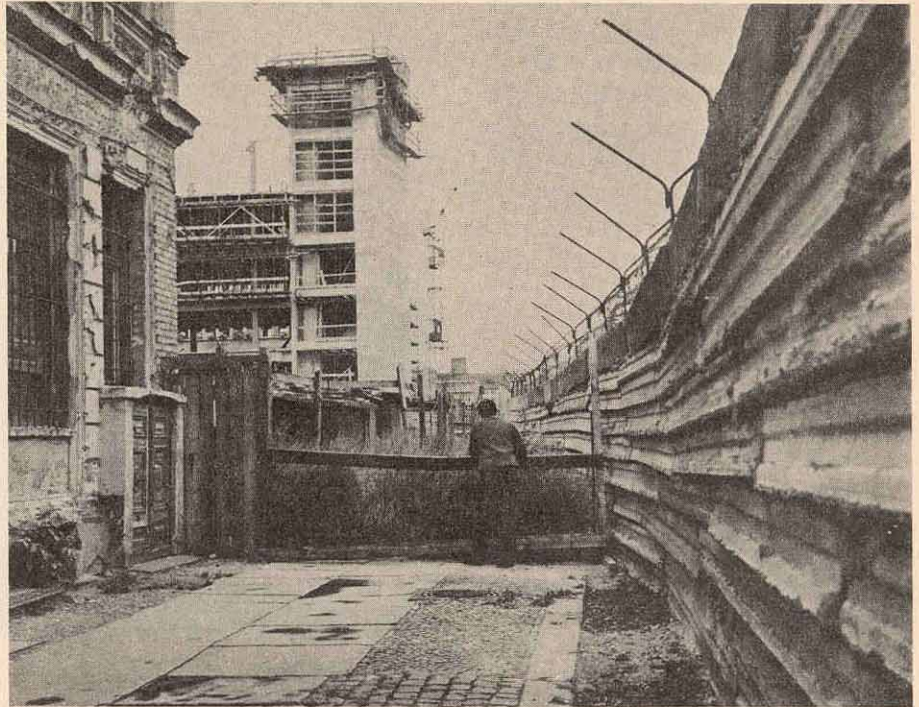
At the present time, even though they are watched *very closely*, the East Germans are not being *sorely* oppressed. If you know the bounds, there is freedom to talk and even joke about the shortcomings of the Regime. The Berlin Wall is even being called ugly names now—and that wasn't done just a few months ago.

Economically, conditions could be better—but they could also be much worse. Only occasionally have certain foods been rationed in the past several years. Nevertheless, living conditions are a far cry from the prosperity of West Germany. East Germans *know* this and they don't try very hard to hide their jealousy. One East German told me, "After all, we both started from the same place after the War—and now look at the difference."

The Russians are well aware of the way the Germans are thinking, and they are doing all they can to counteract it. While in Russia only the cream of the crop are desired for Party membership, in East Germany *everyone* is urged to join the Party. By thus encouraging a large Party membership, the Russians hope to whip up more support for the Regime. This stepped-up drive *has* produced a large number of new Party members. In fact, so many have joined that it has become "the thing to do." And while there has been no active discrimination against non-Party workers, many feel obliged to join as a sort of "insurance policy."

But when I asked an East German worker how many of these members had their hearts in the Party, his reply was "Not even ONE!"

And that's about right! Party *membership* may be high in East Germany, but the number who are Communists *IN HEART as well as in name* are few and far between.



Wide World Photo

East Berliners hate that big, ugly wall and everything it stands for. The East Germans' high rate of Communist Party membership doesn't mean a thing. It is only a means of getting ahead.

The East Germans want to be united with West Germany—*desperately*. But they know they are sitting on a powder keg that could have disastrous results both for themselves and the rest of the world if they push their desires too fast and too far. Every East German has a *burning hope* that *some day* he will be united with his brothers in the West—and *the sooner the better!*

What About the Future of East Europe?

We have just had a look into the conditions of the satellites in the Soviet Bloc. Of all the countries *directly* in the Soviet orbit, only Bulgaria was missed (visa requirements did not permit a visit to that country on a short notice and it had to be bypassed). Dramatic changes have taken place in many of these countries just within the past one year.

What is in store for these countries in the future? Will some break away from Russia completely and join the West? Will some stick to Communism but switch to *China's brand*? Is there any way you can *KNOW*? Does *Bible prophecy* give us the answer?

Bible prophecy reveals that in this "crisis at the close," leading up to the

return of Jesus Christ, there will be a definite *dividing line* between Communism on the East and a united Fascist Europe on the West. It's made plain in our free article on "Armageddon" and the astounding booklet *1975 in Prophecy*.

The Bible, of course, does not reveal precisely *WHERE* this line will be drawn.

In the next few years it is entirely possible that some of the satellite countries *will* break away from Russia altogether. East Germany could well become reunited with West Germany. Romania and Hungary are also good candidates to join the West.

Even Poland and Czechoslovakia cannot be ruled out. Poland is 95 per cent Catholic and Czechoslovakia is 75 per cent. This European union will be dominated religiously by the Catholic Church (Revelation 17). If the Catholic Church persuades them to overcome fears of Germany, it is quite possible that both Poland and Czechoslovakia may get into the act.

World events are snowballing. Shocking changes are about to occur in Europe. You need to keep your eyes on world conditions! And as you do, watch East Europe!

The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER SEVENTY-THREE

FROM REBELLION TO IDOLATRY!

HAVING lost his special God-given strength when his hair was cut off during his sleep, Samson finally fell into the hands of the Philistines. They didn't choose to kill him, because they wanted to show him off around the country. To make certain that he wouldn't continue to give them trouble, they intended to deprive him of his sight. (Judges 16:15-21.)

Samson's Tragic Penalty

When Samson saw the red-hot irons being pushed toward his head, he threw every ounce of his vigor into trying to snap the thick leather cords binding his arms and legs. Although his natural strength was most unusual, he couldn't even begin to break his bonds without God's help.

In that awful moment when the hot iron took away his sight, the Danite realized that it was his punishment because he had fallen for Philistine women. Too late, he finally realized he had fallen for their good looks—their eye-appeal—and not for character. God had warned the Israelites that they should not intermarry with the people of surrounding pagan nations because they would lead the Israelites away from following God. The Israelites were to be a special, holy people. (Deuteronomy 7:1-6.)

Amid growing crowds of yelling Philistines, the wretched, degraded, pain-ridden Israelite was paraded out of town and southward to the city of Gaza, the gates of which Samson had previously carried away. There he was bound with chains and imprisoned. Later his chains were loosened just enough so that he could be put to

work at the menial task of pushing a millstone in the grain-grinding room of the prison. (Judges 16:21.) Ordinarily several men were required to keep the heavy stone turning, but the Philistines often forced Samson to move it all by himself until his strength gave out.

In the months that followed, the Danite was a great object of interest and ridicule for his enemies. Thousands, a few at a time, came to the prison to watch him struggle with the millstone. At various times he was taken to important public gatherings so that more people would be able to see the pathetic figure who for so long had been their mighty enemy. Meanwhile, Samson's hair was again growing to an unusual length.

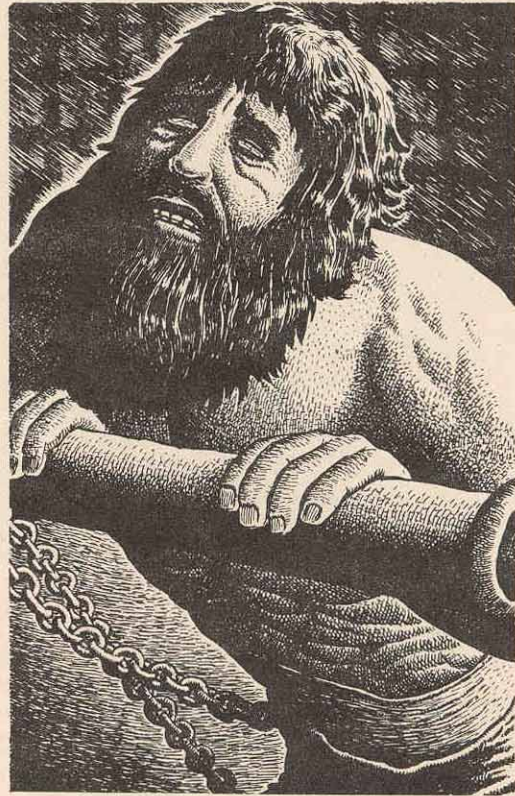
To show their thanks to their pagan god, called Dagon, for helping them win out over Samson, the Philistines planned a special meeting at a large temple in Gaza. The temple contained a huge image of their idol, to which they intended to make unusual sacrifices. It was to be a most extraordinary event at which all the Philistine leaders were to be present. (Judges 16:22-23.)

When the time arrived for the celebration, about three thousand spectators were gathered, including all the rulers, military leaders and other dignitaries and their wives or women friends jammed into the best viewing area. (Verse 27.)

The idol Dagon was a towering monstrosity with a human-like head and torso. From the waist down it resembled the rear half of a fish. Before it was a wide stone altar on which sacrifices were to be made. Pompous Philistine priests stood by to await their part in the ceremonies, some of which were disgustingly lewd.

Debauch and Degradation

Because the emphasis was on pleasure in this special celebration, wine flowed freely all day. By noon so many people were in some stage of drunkenness that there



Day after day the blind Samson was forced to use his increasing strength—as his hair grew to a great length again—in pushing or pulling heavy millstones.

arose a chant for Samson to be brought before them. As the hours passed, the demand became louder and louder.

The priests of Dagon were greatly discouraged by this turn of events. They felt that the high point of the celebration should be the sacrifices and exciting ceremonial rites, and they realized that an appearance by Samson would probably upstage their part of the show. Accordingly, they sent word to the Philistine rulers present, requesting that the loud demands of the crowd be squelched.

The priests were the ones who were squelched, however. It developed that the ones who were most loudly demanding Samson's presence included the wives and companions of the Philistine leaders in the balconies, and it wasn't the wish of the leaders that their ladies should be disappointed. An official order soon went out to bring Samson to the temple.

When the Danite appeared before the crowd, a mighty surge of derisive remarks and laughter broke out. Most of the people expected their prisoner to be dragged out by several strong guards. Instead, he hesitantly came on stage with a small boy who led him by the hand!

This piece of showmanship to degrade Samson and please the audience resulted in such drawn-out clamor that a high official finally had to appear on the altar to quiet the crowd.

"Let us proceed with the ceremonies to show our thanks to our great god Dagon for what he has done for us!" he shouted. "Then we shall bring back the blind Israelite to perform a few feats of strength for us!" (Judges 16:24-25.)

This pacified the crowd. The speaker motioned for the boy to lead Samson out of sight, and festivities continued.

Samson had been in the temple once before he had lost his sight. He remembered that it was built in such a way that the main structural strength of the building depended on two huge columns.

"Lad, lead me to the two main pillars of the temple," Samson said to his young guide.

"I can't do that," the boy replied. "I was told to stay right here with you until the sacrifices are over. Then I am to take you out in sight of all the people again."

"But I am weary from working at the mill," Samson explained, "and these dangling chains on my ankles are very tiring. If I could prop myself between those two close pillars for a few minutes, I would be a bit refreshed for what I am to do later before the people." (Judges 16:26.)

Samson's Desperate Plan

Samson was hoping the boy would find that the attention of all officers and officials nearby was directed to what was happening out on the altar, so that his young guide would find it easier to do as he was asked.

"Well—" the lad faltered, "it's really only a little way to the pillars, and I don't see anyone watching us. Maybe I could get you over there if you'll tell anyone who asks that it was your idea and not mine."

"I promise," Samson said. "And I think I can give you some very important advice in return for your favor."

The moment Samson was led within touch of the pillars, he quickly felt the distance between them. It turned out, as he had remembered, only a few feet. This suited the plan Samson was devising for getting revenge on all the great Philistine leaders.

"Thank you for doing this for me," Samson said to his youthful guide. "Now I'm going to give you that important advice I promised you. I want you to leave me at once and run out of the temple as fast as you can!"

"Why must I do that?" the lad asked unhappily. "It's my duty to stay with you. If I don't, I'll be beaten!"

"It could be worse for you if you don't leave now!" Samson whispered harshly to the boy. "Go before it is too late!"

The Israelite realized the value of every second. He spent no more time talking. He bowed his head and silently and fervently asked God to once more strengthen him to the extent that he could perform a feat by which he might be avenged for the loss of his sight by the Philistines. It was God's plan that Samson should feel strongly about this personal request, so that he would make the effort and sacrifice He had in mind. (Judges 16:27-28.)



Most of the Philistine leaders had gathered to worship the monstrous image of their god Dagon, supposed to be half human and half fish.

After his prayer, Samson groped out quickly for his young companion, but he felt nothing.

"Where are you, lad?" he called out.

There was no response. The boy, realizing something was afoot, had quietly scampered out.

Samson waited a few moments, then stepped back between the pillars. He spread his hands and feet out and pressed them against the columns on either side so that he was firmly wedged between the two columns. From that point he squirmed his way upward until he was several feet above the floor.

Excited shouts suddenly came to him above the rising babble of the roused crowd.

"Get Samson!" someone suddenly yelled. "He's trying to escape!"

The Danite heard the sound of frantically approaching footsteps. He knew that he had been discovered. Momentarily he expected a spear or a knife to thud into his body. He had hoped to work higher up on the pillars to a point where pressure would be more effective, but there was no more time left for maneuvering. Time was fast running out for a try at one final great feat of strength.

"God of Israel, help me to bring death to these Philistines, even though I have to die with them!" Samson prayed. And then he firmly planted one hand against each pillar.

A Tragic Success

Using all his natural strength, Samson strained desperately against the two pillars. He was at first unable to move them, and relaxed himself a moment for a second try. It was then that God imbued him with superhuman power. Just as some Philistine soldiers were about to reach him and jerk him down, Samson managed to move the pillars. They bowed away from each other, then buckled, the stone blocks slipping out of place to allow all that was above to come thundering to the floor. Samson and the men who were about to seize him were crushed and buried.

The two main columns having been connected directly with and supporting the rest of the structure, the whole temple crumpled and came crashing down within a matter of seconds. The wild shouts of drunken celebration abruptly turned to screams of terror as three thousand people plummeted to their deaths on hundreds more people below. Pagan priests at the altar lost their lives at the same time as the idol Dagon crashed face downward in the dust of destruction.

In those few seconds when so many of the leaders of Philistia were wiped out along with Samson, the Israelites of southwest Canaan were freed for a time from

their oppressors. Without their leaders, the Philistines could do little against the Israelites. In spite of his weakness, Samson's life and his death were not in vain. God used him in a mighty manner for the benefit of his people. (Judges 16:29-30.) Word of the great destruction quickly spread, and the Israelites realized they no longer need have such great fear of the Philistines.

Inasmuch as the Israelites suddenly lost their fear of the Philistines, Samson's relatives boldly went down to Gaza to find and claim his body. They took it back to the territory of the tribe of Dan, where Samson was buried next to his father in the family cemetery near his home town. (Judges 16:31.)

Because God spoke in the Bible so plainly about Samson's weakness for pretty Philistine women, some people have misunderstood the meaning of Samson's life. Samson's accusers have forgotten that God Himself said He allowed Samson to fall prey to this weakness in order to bring Samson into conflict with the Philistines. Read it in Judges 14:1-4. Samson's accusers have also forgotten that Samson was a man of extraordinary faithfulness to God in every way except for this one major weakness—and in a time when most of the Israelites were steeped in idolatry.

Out of his great love for God and for his fellow Israelites, Samson faithfully kept God's commandments and fulfilled all of the requirements of his nazirite vow—except for that one major weakness which God knew he had. Because of the grief



Samson's buckling the two main pillars of the pagan temple triggered the collapse of the whole building. Within the next few seconds thousands of Philistines died in the crumbling ruins.

brought upon him by his love for Philistine women, Samson struggled even harder to deliver his people from oppression than he would have if no trouble had befallen him.

Samson cheerfully, without complaining, accepted the life of trouble and heartache that came upon him in God's service. He laughed at grief and made a joke of disappointment. Who among us has so cheerfully borne grief?

Samson wasn't concerned about his sufferings, because he, like Abraham and God's other faithful servants of old, was concerned about God's salvation and the heavenly city made by God, in which they shall have an inheritance after being resurrected. (Hebrews 11:10, 14-16, 32, 35, 39-40.) These men had faith that God would establish that great city on earth as the eternal home of His children. (Revelation 21:1-4.) Samson's great faith in God enabled him to overcome most of his temptations—and he very likely overcame his fondness for pagan Philistine women and repented of that sin while he was in prison.

How Idolatry Starts

Samson was one of the last of the judges. In the period when these leaders were in and out of power in various parts of Canaan, Israel was never quite right with God. After Joshua's death the people went so far into idolatry that God gave them no leaders or deliverers for many years. Without leadership or punishment, people degenerated to the point where each person lived as he thought best (Judges 17:6), a condition which led to all kinds of trouble. God had commanded the Israelites for their own good not to do what they thought best, but to obey Him. (Deuteronomy 12:8.) The Israelites repeatedly disobeyed, doing as they pleased—as they thought best—to their sorrow.

For example, to go back to an era before the first judge appeared on the scene, there was a man by the name of Micah, in the tribe of Ephraim, who had stolen eleven hundred shekels of silver (about \$500 or more) from his elderly mother. Considering herself of a religious nature, Micah's mother had in her own way decided to dedicate the eleven hundred shekels to God. She was so upset when she found the money missing that she pronounced a curse on the thief, whoever he was.

When Micah heard his mother pray that some evil thing should overcome the thief, he was quite worried. He, too, in a superstitious way, feared the God of Israel, though he didn't know too much about how to please God. Because his parents had not trained him to obey God, Micah was a thief and a scoundrel. Afraid that some evil thing would befall him, however, he confessed the theft to his mother, and gave all the money back to her. She was saddened to learn that her own son would

rob her, but at the same time she was so pleased to realize that her son was conscience-stricken that, still doing as she thought right, instead of obeying the scriptures, she offered the money back to him. (Judges 17:1-3.)

"I dare not take it," Micah said. "You pronounced a curse on the one who took it, and I don't want that curse to fall on me. You should use the money as you first intended—doing something for God!"

Micah's mother agreed. Micah and his mother weren't studying God's Word to learn how to live. They didn't obey Him, but lived as they pleased and convinced themselves their way was all right with God, as long as they did some little physical thing religiously. Their religion had degenerated to the level of superstition—a man-made idolatry. Micah's mother had spent hours designing a certain kind of image, or idol, that she thought would be pleasing to God, and her first act was to use some of the silver to have such a carved image heavily coated. The metal worker she hired also melted more of the silver down into a solid metal idol for her. Eager to help in this misguided project, Micah carefully created several small idols such as were found in most pagan homes. He also produced a vestment of the type he fancied should be worn by an Israelite priest.

Micah then chose one of his sons, who was full grown, to be a priest. (Judges 17:4-6.) This was another wrong thing to do because only those of the family of Aaron were to be priests in Israel. (Exodus 28:1-5; Leviticus 8:35-36; Numbers 3:10; Deuteronomy 21:5.) No one can appoint himself to God's ministry. (Numbers 16; Numbers 17; Hebrews 5:4.)

Idolatry Caused by Spiritual Neglect

What Micah and his mother were attempting to do, in their superstitious zeal, was to set up their own temple of worship, patterned slightly after what they had heard or supposed it was like at the tabernacle at Shiloh. The farther they got into idolatry, the more righteous they felt. The religions of the surrounding pagan nations had been so mixed in with God's laws over the years that very few Israelites could remember what God expected of them. It was somewhat as it is today with so many church denominations that try to decide for themselves how to worship God. Most of them teach and promote ancient pagan beliefs gotten by hearsay and tradition, as in Micah's case, mixing them with a few true Christian principles—something the Bible repeatedly states is loathsome in God's sight. (Deuteronomy 12:29-30; II Kings 17:15.)

Micah and his mother had no Bible to instruct them and made little or no effort to learn God's laws on the Sabbaths and during the Festival assemblies as

they should have done. (Deuteronomy 6:1-12; Acts 15:21; Deuteronomy 31:9-13; Nehemiah 8:1-3.) Otherwise, they probably would have done things much differently. As it was, Micah in his paganized way felt that he was fairly successful in doing his part to revive respect for God in his part of Israel just as people in false churches do today. He wasn't aware of how wrong he was.

One day a young Israelite stranger stopped at Micah's home, explaining that he was a Levite looking for work. When Micah heard this, he became very excited.

"I've heard that Levites make the best priests!" he exclaimed. "How would you like to work for me as *my* priest?" (Judges 17:7-10.)

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Adam—Man or Myth?

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Flood], being overflowed with water [in a huge catastrophe], perished" (II Pet. 3:5-6).

Armed with Lyell's God-denying principle of uniformity, men began to view the earth's history from a totally wrong concept. The plain Biblical statements concerning past catastrophes were rejected as "superstitious." Why? Because men assumed that, since world-wide devastations were not now taking place, they never had occurred.

This assumption of uniformity, which ignores *any* intervention of God in nature, is not *true* science. It is *intellectual stupidity!*

Scientists, blandly assuming uniformity, advantageously pointed out the wrong ideas theologians had falsely read into the Bible. A climax was inevitable in the mid 1800's between the evolutionists and the theologians.

The Critical Year

1859 was a decisive year. Remains of man and extinct animals from the world God created for man had been found buried together at numerous places. It was undeniable and proved that all remains had been buried at the same time.

In 1859 Lyell and other famous geologists became convinced that man *did*

live at the same time as animals that are now extinct.

These animals were thought to have become extinct many thousands of years before the Biblical date of man's creation. That is, if there had been no catastrophes and if Lyell's assumption of uniformity were correct!

Thus, the blindfold was securely pulled over the eyes of the world's greatest scientists. Adam was reckoned as a "myth" because men's baseless conclusions about the age of so-called "pre-historic animals" did not agree with Biblical chronology.

In the words of one evolutionist: "The battle was over; the great antiquity of man was an established fact. Victorian thought had to adjust itself not only to organic evolution but also to the antiquity of man; 4004 B. C. was forgotten" ("The Idea of Man's Antiquity" by Glyn E. Daniel, in *Scientific American*, November 1959, p. 174).

Once again men failed to use the Bible as the guide. Men failed to consider the allowance the Bible makes for the extinction of many animals during the time of man.

Having already rejected most of the Bible, men proceeded to devise an unholy marriage. For, in 1859 another im-

portant event occurred. Darwin published his book *Origin of Species!* In this book Darwin taught the fable that all life developed through organic evolution.

Darwin's ideas were joined with Lyell's, and the children of this marriage are today's conflicting assumptions of how to trace man's lineage from the animals.

Assumptions are so common and varied that they are as numerous as the authors themselves: "The more authors, the more theories" (*Fossil Men*, Boule and Vallois, p. 512). Confusion can arise only from error!

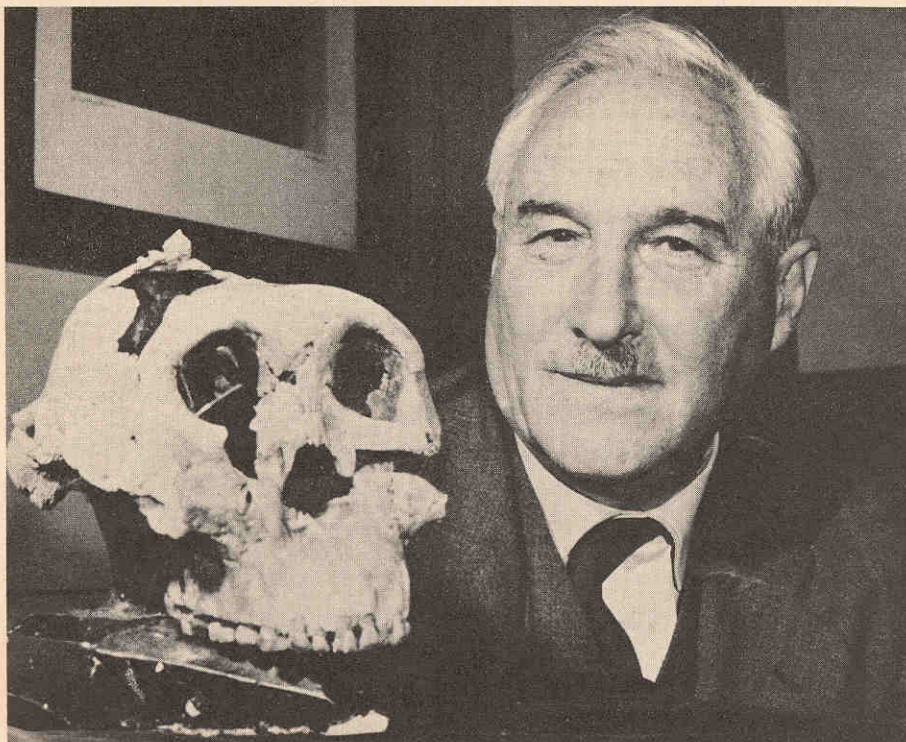
Lyell's theory of uniformity supplied Darwin with the *time element* the theory of evolution needed. For, without vast amounts of time, it was thought that evolution could not take place.

Lyell's uniformity idea alone could not account for evolution. It needed a *METHOD* of evolution. Darwin's idea of natural selection seemed to supply the method.

Lyell became an evolutionist upon reading Darwin's book.

Darwin's Theory Admittedly a Myth!

In reality, as modern-day scientists are forced to admit, Darwin's theory could not account for the existence of the different kinds of animals. At best, it could account for only a limited



Wide World Photos

Having rejected the Biblical record, man vainly tries to locate "missing links" between himself and the animal world. Fossil above (Zinjanthropus), previously assumed to be a "missing link," is now admitted by its finder, Dr. Leaky, to be a "nonhuman vegetarian."

change in a plant or animal—an adaptation to a different environment so the animal or plant "kind" could continue to survive.

Darwin's theory of natural selection cannot account for the existence of characteristics such as legs, fins, eyes, hands, etc., etc., in an organism that has not previously had such members. Evolutionists must now admit this fact.

Yet, remember that it is upon Darwin's theory that Adam's existence was supposedly disproved!!

Listen to what one evolutionist confesses: "We owe to the *Origin of Species* the overthrow of the myth of Creation, especially the dramatic character of that overthrow. Yet the overthrow itself led to...the myth of Darwinism, which obscures what happened" (*Scientific American*, May 1959, p. 66).

Darwin's theory—now admittedly a myth and unable to prove the theory of evolution—was used to "overthrow" the Biblical account! Is this logic?

Yet, men still assume evolution to be true! All the discoveries of prehistoric man are still viewed through the eyeglasses of evolution and uniformity.

The result: the present-day belief in man's animal origin.

Uniformity An Assumption

A recent meeting of the American Geological Society also graphically re-

vealed another amazing admission of present-day scientists.

A well-known paleontologist, Norman Newell, sums up the matter by confessing: "Geology suffers from a great lack of data, and in such a situation, any attractive theory that comes along is taken as gospel. That is the case with uniformitarianism. Geology students are taught that 'the present is the key to the past,' and they too often take it to mean that nothing ever happened that isn't happening now. But since the end of World War II, when a new generation moved in, we have gathered more data and we have begun to realize there were many catastrophic events in the past, some of which happened just once" (*Newsweek*, Dec. 23, 1963).

It is no longer possible for the believer in uniformity to by-pass the stark facts of "many catastrophic events in the past." Plainly, the facts show mass extinction. Scientists are without excuse! They refuse to go back and re-evaluate the Bible record. They refuse to do anything that might obligate them to believe God!

Can you begin to see what would have happened if God's Word had been used all along as the guide for interpreting these facts? The remains of men and extinct animals, for just



Paleontologists, above, are carefully excavating fossil mammoth and elephant bones in England. With the keys of knowledge given in God's Word, man could understand the enigmatic history of past life on earth (Ps. 119:105). Instead, men guess themselves astray.

one example, would have been seen in their proper perspective. Men *could* prove God's Word by studying the world around them (Rom. 1:20). The correct timetable of events—and the events themselves in many cases—would be known, if only men would turn to the source—the Bible!

But, instead of doing this, as this same *Newsweek* article went on to say, "...many geologists at the recent meeting of the American Geological Society were advising the rehabilitation of catastrophism, without recourse to a supernatural agent."

The power of God's Word is still shunned and ignored! Man does not want to retain God in his knowledge. He does not want God's revelation about Adam's creation in his educational system.

And no wonder. The blame is on those who professed to teach God's Word. The present state of affairs—that of theology turning to the theories of evolution and uniformity to explain man's origin—is a direct result of *theologians* ignoring the truth of the Bible and preaching lies!

When wrong concepts could no

longer stand the test of time and fact, disbelief in the literal meaning of the Genesis record was bound to result. Instead of confessing their ignorance about the Bible and turning to it with open minds, most theologians and ministers have been sucked into the whirlpool of the God-denying theories of uniformity and evolution. They are victims of their own devices!

Make no mistake about it! The Bible nowhere teaches the theory of evolution. It teaches just the opposite and makes it very plain that the teaching of evolution denies the Word of God! It is the same basic fable once taught by ancient pagan philosophers who did not want to retain God in their knowledge (Rom. 1:18-32).

The foolish theories about man's animal origin will soon be forgotten. In just a few short years the whole earth will be filled with the faith that was once delivered unto the saints (Isa. 11:9).

Man will be set free from the shackles of ignorance and superstition about his origin. Adam will be restored to his rightful place in the annals of human history.



Wide World Photo

Soviet citizens saw this scene inside the spaceship while the three cosmonauts were in orbit. The view was transmitted from TV camera to Russia and relayed on regular TV channel. This picture, showing Col. Komarov and scientist Feokistov, is a photograph of a TV screen.

get WORSE, not better. The breakup of and delinquency, and all types of CRIME will continue to grow WORSE, not better. Weather will continue to get WORSE—not better (even though there may be a few "good" years ahead of us yet). The United States will *continue* to suffer from unheard-of drought, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, dry cycles, early frosts, dust storms, which will continue to ravage our crops.

Gradually, our economy is going to get into more and more *serious* trouble.

Abroad, the picture is going to WORSEN—not grow better. We will finally get *kicked out* of Viet Nam. We will finally get kicked out of all of Southeast Asia. It appears VERY unlikely that Communism will ever be ousted from Cuba. But in spite of our own setbacks—Communism will be forced to RETREAT!

But not because of the United States.

A NEW POWER is to emerge on the world scene which will do business with the Communists, make deals with the Communists, trade with the Communists, and frighten the Communists enough that a great many concessions will be made in Eastern Europe.

That new power will be a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE!

The United States of Europe In Prophecy

Centuries ago, God gave Daniel a mysterious vision. He saw a huge

The SPACE RACE

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marines—she probably WOULD run the risk of waging war against us at any moment!

Why doesn't she? Simply because the risks are too great *at this time!*

But believe it or not, your BIBLE reveals Russia will NOT now, or EVER attack the United States!

But another enemy will!

Most of the world, totally dazzled by the spectacular achievements of the Russians—mostly believing in the "big lie" of Soviet strength and power, has been buffooned into accepting the Soviet "image" as being a massive Red tidal wave of invincibility.

This is simply untrue.

There is emerging, right now, in Central Europe, a NEW bloc of power that is going to stagger its builders, frighten the Soviet Union half to death, and change the course of history!

And it's all prophesied!

Here, in a nutshell, is what WILL happen!

The United States and the Soviet Union will *continue* to fight the space race. Today, the United States is so geared to an enormous new industry of aerospace that it has become the nation's largest industrial employer (LIFE, September 25, 1964). We can't AFFORD to disarm—even though we still carry on the farce of "disarmament talk" with the Russians at every opportunity.

In the meantime, while our artificial economy is continually kept alive by huge government contracts, loans, Federal aid, grants and subsidies—our REAL economy will continue to deteriorate! Your Bible predicts *worsening* social conditions in the United States. Race tensions and hatreds are going to get WORSE, not better. The breakup of homes and marriages will continue to

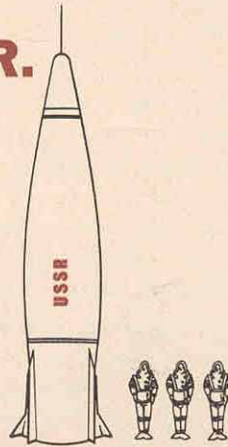
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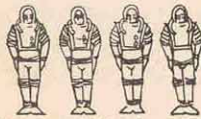


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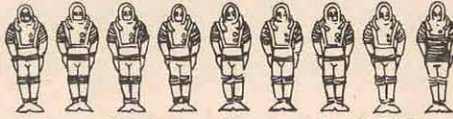
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458 HOURS

**Sole Soviet woman cosmonaut has
more time in space than combined total of
all U.S. astronauts.**

image, which all scholars have long since recognized is symbolic of the world-ruling Gentile kingdoms from ancient Babylon down to Rome, which has ten toes mixed of iron and clay. Read the entire second chapter of Daniel.

Notice it! The "toes," representing TEN KINGS or ten military leaders of nations, are to be smashed by a great stone which is symbolically cut out "without hands." That rock, that great stone is Christ!

What ALL Bible "scholars" seem to have ignored is that this prophecy is to continue right on down into our day—and beyond! The prophecy showed an end-time REVIVAL of the very same system in our day. It shows, directly, and inescapably, that this final resurrection of ten kings is to

be smashed by the return of Jesus Christ himself!

Compare this amazing vision with the 17th chapter of Revelation. In it, you will see John describing a great BEAST! That beast is the ancient Roman Empire, which was finally dominated by a mysterious woman, arrayed in harlot's clothing. This woman is a symbol of a great fallen CHURCH.

Read the whole chapter with your own eyes—and see the frightening portent for the future!

Your Bible says the ten "horns" of this same beast "are TEN KINGS." John was told these ten kings will give their power to the "beast," or the one central power which holds sway over all the ten! It is to continue for a very SHORT time in history, only "one hour" in Bible prophecy. Again,

notice the remarkable exactness of this prophecy in interpreting and helping explain the second chapter of Daniel! There are TEN kings, or military leaders over TEN separate nations—but all COMBINED into ONE great religious-political system!

Just as in the book of Daniel, where the stone (which represents Jesus Christ) smashes the union of ten kings—so, in the book of Revelation, these ten kings are prophesied to FIGHT Jesus Christ and His saints at His coming!

Remember! From the time of the ancient Roman Empire until now, there have been several successive revivals of that same system. Each, in its own turn, failed. Hitler and Mussolini formed a weak revival of the same system, which brought about World War II. Mussolini called it the "Holy Roman Empire!" And your Bible predicts there will come ANOTHER resurrection of the SAME SYSTEM, involving the same nations and others, as well, in the next few years!

It's Already Started

The European Common Market is a giant step in just that direction. Already, six nations with terribly deep



Wide World Photo

The U.S.S.R. is also far ahead in spaceship design. Advanced design enabled the three cosmonauts comfortably to wear ordinary clothing instead of hot, uncomfortable space-suits while in orbit. Headgear with earphones, modeled above by scientist Feoktistov, was only special garment needed.

differences and antagonisms of the past have begun to ally themselves more and more closely together. Under the recently effected Franco-German alliance, two of the most notorious enemies on the European continent have buried the hatchet, and are cooperating fully together in welding together this new power bloc that will soon challenge the United States of America and the Soviet Union for first place in world power.

Ultimately, there are to be TEN nations who, through great difficulty and gradual effort, will become weakly allied together. The one "unifying agent" which will hold them bound together for a short duration of time will be RELIGION!

Jesus Christ spoke a dire warning when He said to WATCH FOR the *abomination of desolation* spoken of by Daniel the prophet! He described an ABOMINABLE thing standing in the "Holy Place"—in Jerusalem, Palestine! He talked of Jerusalem becoming an armed camp—and also a center of one of the greatest religious revivals the world has ever seen!

Read the second chapter of II Thesalonians. In it, you will see described a great super-religious figure who will actually purport he is God Himself! Through his call to all the wayward churches of the world, great UNITY will be effected. But it won't be of Christ—or of God. Rather, it will be a satanic COUNTERFEIT, cleverly masquerading under the guise of the name of Jesus Christ, working its own diabolical plan to unite the world under one supreme leader!

If you have the wit to see it—*THAT VERY MOVEMENT IS UNDER WAY RIGHT NOW!*

In the past one or two years, some of the most truly hair-raising and fantastic record-breaking, history-shattering events have taken place.

A pope visited Palestine. He decided to build a religious edifice in Palestine. He is calling for Christian unity. He met with the leader of the Greek Orthodox Church. Leading Protestant figures are praising the pope's efforts. Everywhere, there is talk of UNITY in the air.



Wide World Photo

Receiving heroes' acclamation in Moscow, cosmonauts wave to crowd from atop Lenin Mausoleum during welcoming ceremony. On left is cosmonaut Valentina Nikolayeva-Tereshkova, Soviet woman who has more time in orbit than all American astronauts combined. Next are Dr. Yegorov, scientist Feoktistov, Col. Komarov and Premier Kosygin.

The six nations of the Common Market are much more closely allied together than ever before. The Franco-German alliance is becoming more of a reality. Western Europe continues in the most phenomenal industrial boom in all of the world's history.

Can you see it? Do you understand it? Does it begin to make sense to you?

ALL of these major happenings which are destined to change the very course of your life were PROPHESIED!

It's time you were WATCHING world news, and *understanding* it—as never before!

If you do not yet have your free

Western scientists are struggling to beat the U.S.S.R. to the moon. They do not grasp the Soviet aim. Soviet Russia is not trying to master *outer* space, but *inner* space—the space in which ships orbit the earth. Soviet spaceships are designed to be suitable for military use while orbiting the earth. Soviet space exploration and publicity are an effort to cow Eastern Europe and gain control of inner space as a defense against potential German-West European nuclear rearmament. German scientists *know* Russia's aim. They realize the dreadful potential of orbiting warships loaded with tons of nuclear missiles. That is the reason they fear and distrust the U.S.S.R. and that is the factor that will drive Europe finally toward unity.

copies of our booklets, *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy, 1975 In Prophecy, The Book of Revelation Unveiled At Last, Who Is The Beast?, The Mark of The Beast, The Key to the Book of Revelation*, ask for them immediately.

You should have every one of these vitally important booklets, and be checking them thoroughly and closely with your own Bible!

No matter how fervently we may wish to believe otherwise—no matter how much we might care to "kid" ourselves, no matter how fantastic some of these prophesied events may seem—THEY ARE SURE—THEY WILL HAPPEN—YOU ARE GOING TO LIVE TO SEE THEM BEGIN TO DEVELOP BEFORE YOUR EYES—SO SAYS YOUR GOD!

It's time you were *warned!* It's time you took heed! Are you WATCHING (Luke 21:36) as Christ said you should? Are you checking, proving, researching, studying to come to KNOW the truth?

Keep listening to *The WORLD TOMORROW* program—STUDY *The PLAIN TRUTH* and every booklet you can write for. And, if you haven't done so already, write for your first lesson of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course! The whole course is free, without tuition cost.

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

HERE are the *Bible* answers to questions which can be answered briefly in a short space. *Send in your questions.* While we cannot promise that all questions will find space for answer in this department, we shall try to answer all that are vital and in the general interest of our readers.

"I have read some of the recent reports linking cigarette smoking with lung cancer. Do you think one must deny himself the pleasure of smoking in order to be a Christian?"

R.S., Chicago, Illinois

The United States and British Governments conducted exhaustive research into this modern medical problem. Each has issued a revealing report of its findings—and certainly no one was surprised. The facts linking smoking to lung cancer were already *concretely established* and *well known* to the public due to the research of the American Medical Association. One would have to be blind to the mountain of evidence in order to deny the truth of the matter!

It is tragic to see grown men and women enslaved by the smoking habit. Of course, few people will admit that they have a "smoking habit." Most will assure you they could quit at any time—but somehow they never do! They have plenty of excuses but no reasons!

Smoking has mastered them. They are ruled by their sensual lusts, instead of expending the effort necessary to rule over their bodies. To allow one's body to be conquered by a weed—and one's health thereby dissipated—is idolatry!

God Almighty has something to say in the pages of the Bible concerning this vital matter. What God reveals is made plain in a free article, "*Should a Christian Smoke?*" Write for it immediately if you haven't read it. In it

you will find the straight-from-the-shoulder, plain truth of your Bible.

"How did we get the Bible? Can we be sure that the original Hebrew and Greek Scriptures have been accurately preserved to our day?"

G.P., Sydney, Australia

God works through human instruments.

God worked through a human, physical nation in preserving the Old Testament. That nation was the house of Judah, the people we call Jews today.

At Mt. Sinai, God gave the lively oracles to the "church [the physical nation Israel] in the wilderness" through Moses (Acts 7:37-38). Out of the twelve tribes, God chose and commissioned one tribe, the Jews, to be the preservers of His "oracles," His Word. In Romans 3:1-2, Paul wrote: "What advantage then hath the Jew? . . . Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God." The Jews have carefully preserved the original, inspired Hebrew Old Testament for us to this day. The basic reason, of course, is that only the Jews have kept Hebrew as a living language. All the other tribes lost their language and do not speak Hebrew today.

Matthew, one of the twelve apostles, and the writer of the Gospel of Matthew, knew the Jews had been given a commission to preserve God's Word.

That explains why Matthew wrote his Gospel account first in Hebrew.

(See Adam Clarke, Vol. V, p. 33). Paul, at a later time, wrote the book of Hebrews to the Jews in the Hebrew (Church Hist. of Eusebius, Bk. VI, ch. 14). Both these apostles wrote in Hebrew to allow the Jews the opportunity to preserve the record of Christ, the Messiah. But the Jews *as a nation* rejected both Christ and the record of His Gospel and life.

Although the Jews were willing to preserve the Old Testament, they wanted no part of Jesus Christ. ". . . Paul . . . testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean . . ." (Acts 18:5-6).

Since the Jews would not preserve the story of God's own Son, God led the apostles to use another language—Greek—for the New Testament record. He did not force the Jews to preserve and copy the New Testament record. God inspired the apostles to use the most widespread language of their day, Greek. It was a highly developed, precise, accurate language, and known throughout the Roman Empire (*New Testament Greek for Beginners*, Macken, p. 2).

Of all the many nations that spoke Greek in New Testament times, only the Greeks speak their native language today. That is why for many long centuries, the inspired original New Testament was copied and preserved in the Greek world for us today.

God has made it *His responsibility* to see that both Jews and Greeks have carefully copied the Scriptures from generation to generation. God has not left it to men to decide what is His Word.

Now, in this twentieth century, God has raised up a Work in the house of Israel—in the English-speaking world—to carry the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to all nations. Neither the Jews nor the Greeks were willing or able to fulfill that commission. To carry out His Work through *The World TOMORROW* broadcast and the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH* God has had His Word translated into the leading modern languages from the original Hebrew and Greek. Now all may hear and—if they are willing—understand!

FLASH! EXTRA!

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it strong? America cannot. We are in a trade war with Western Europe as it is. De Gaulle cannot unite Europe. Germany cannot—for no European has

forgotten Germany's part in two World Wars. The last possible hope for a united Catholic Europe, to safeguard the Roman Church in a world filled with atomic weapons, is the pope.

Papal Claims

The pope claims to stand above the petty national quarrels of Europe. To draw attention to this claim, Pope Paul VI has chosen to speak out against the one power that still dominates Western Europe—the United States. That is why he charged the United States and its British allies with "one of the fiercest and blindest gestures" of war at Monte Cassino!

The pope knows Europeans will never unite unless they have a common fear—a common leader—a common scapegoat!

This month of October has witnessed the beginning of a carefully laid plan to vilify America—and our British allies. Western Europe is being stirred up to action! For 30 years *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast and the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH* have been warning of a united Europe that will conquer the English-speaking world! It's made plain in our booklet "1975 in

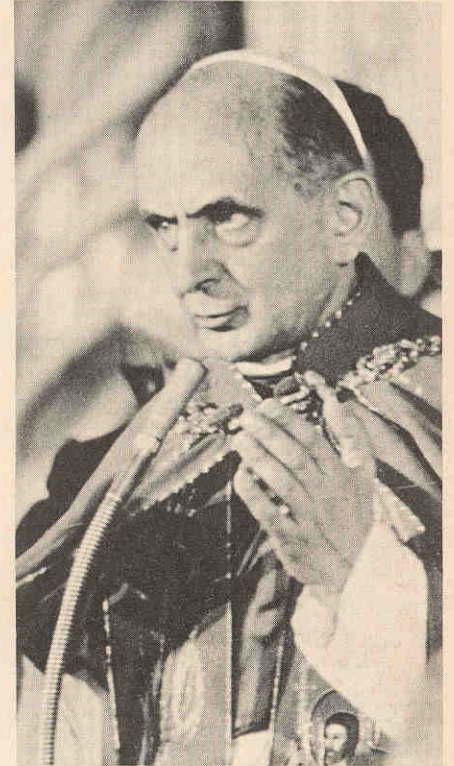
Prophecy!" Write for it immediately if you haven't already read it.

It is much later than you think! Let's awake! The days for proclaiming this warning—for proclaiming the true Gospel of the Kingdom of God—may be cut short. Prophecy marches on!



Wide World Photo

De Gaulle aims at French dominance of Free Europe. He has three motives: 1) preventing German revival to greatness, 2) exalting France to its "rightful place" in history, 3) exalting Charles de Gaulle before he dies. Here we see De Gaulle on his recent Latin American trip stirring up interest in his plans for French influence in the Latin world.



Wide World Photo

Pope lambasts U.S. and Allies for "fierce violence."

Vital "Keys" to Success in Prayer

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Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords! It is praying and longing for the time when God's holy and righteous LAW—as embodied in the Ten Commandments—will be the *actual* standard for daily life everywhere. It is asking that God's *character*—His *law*—His *love*—be written in our hearts and minds here and now in preparation for a part in the coming *world government*.

It is yearning and aching for the time when real PEACE will be restored—when the desert will blossom forth as a rose. Then there will be no more starvation and want—in the prophesied time of "restitution of all things" (Acts 3:19-21).

If you are not familiar with the

Bible concept of "thy kingdom come," then write *immediately* for our free article: "Just What is the Kingdom of God?"

This section of your personal prayers, of course, will normally be the longest and most detailed. Here you should ask God to help you *understand* and SURRENDER to His will—the will of your very Creator! You should ask Him to help you *study* and *understand* the Bible.

You should ask God for His divine help in bearing the "fruits" of the Holy Spirit: *love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance* or, better translated, SELF-CONTROL (Gal. 5:22-23).

Through *prayer, study, meditation*

and the *exercise* of His spiritual help, learn to express the *love*, the *affection*, the *praise*, the *obedience*, the *service* and the sense of *adoration* which you should have and feel toward your "Father" who sits at the controls of this universe in heaven. *Ask* Him for—and *exercise*—these spiritual attributes.

Also, ask His help, inspiration and guidance in expressing the love, joy, warmth and affection which you should to all your fellow men. Ask Him to help you be longsuffering and gentle. Ask for *meekness* and *humility* and for the power of SELF-CONTROL over your temper, weaknesses and lusts!

Beseech God to help you *yield* your will to Him and to grow spiritually so that you may say with the Apostle Paul: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of [not merely *in*] the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20). Ask God for this *living* FAITH of Jesus Christ to *trust* God totally—to KNOW that His way and His law is right—and that He stands behind and *backs up* His will, His laws and His promises to those who serve Him!

Through *fervent prayer*—through this type of *earnest meditation*, *surrender* and *study* of your Bible—learn to literally WALK WITH GOD as did Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Christ.

When you pray "thy Kingdom come," *understand* the meaning of what you are asking, and *do your part* that the tremendous MEANING of this request may become a reality in the future *government of this earth*, in the lives of all men everywhere and in your own personal life, character and spiritual growth and power.

Ask for Your Needs—and Confess Your Weaknesses

"Give us this day our daily bread." Although certainly not put first, this request is necessary—and we can sincerely ask God to supply our *daily* needs as long as we are seeking first His Kingdom and His *righteousness* (Mat. 6:33). In these personal requests, you can break down the de-

tails to fine points and ask God to guide you to do *your part*. Then *believingly* ask Him to intervene where necessary that you may live the kind of life you ought in order to be a "light" to others.

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

All of us need to sincerely *recognize* and REPENT of our sins, our shortcomings and our innate REBELLION against the laws of God and man! Too many modern religionists seem fearful of facing up to this reality, but looking our real problems in the face—acknowledging them and, through God's help, TURNING AWAY from them is the only real solution.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

In this passage, the original Greek is more correctly rendered: "Bring us not into sore trial, but deliver us from the Evil One." For *God tempts no man* (Jas. 1:13), but He DOES permit us to fall into trials and troubles of our own or Satan the Devil's devising if *we are not keeping close to Him and seeking His help and guidance*.

Knowing the *deceitfulness* of our human nature, we should *pray regularly* as did Jeremiah, "O Lord, CORRECT me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing" (Jer. 10:24). Learn to sincerely ask God that—if you can't learn a needed lesson any other way—He will *rebuke* and CHASTEN you, correct you, *fashion* you and *mold* you, and make you fit to live FOREVER in His Kingdom!

Close With Praise and Adoration

"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

As Jesus' inspired *outline* of prayer begins with praise and adoration of God, so does it close. This reminds us, again, *to whom* we are praying and the CHARACTER and OFFICE of the true God who rules over the nations of men!

A wonderful example of this inspired instruction regarding the opening and closing of a prayer is found in the prayer of Daniel when he cried out for the deliverance of the people of Judah (Dan. 9:3-19).

Notice how Daniel began: "O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; *we have sinned*, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled . . ." (vs. 4-5).

Again, notice the heartfelt appeal to God which Daniel made at the close of this fine prayer—a prayer which was *heard* and ANSWERED!

"O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name" (vss. 18-19).

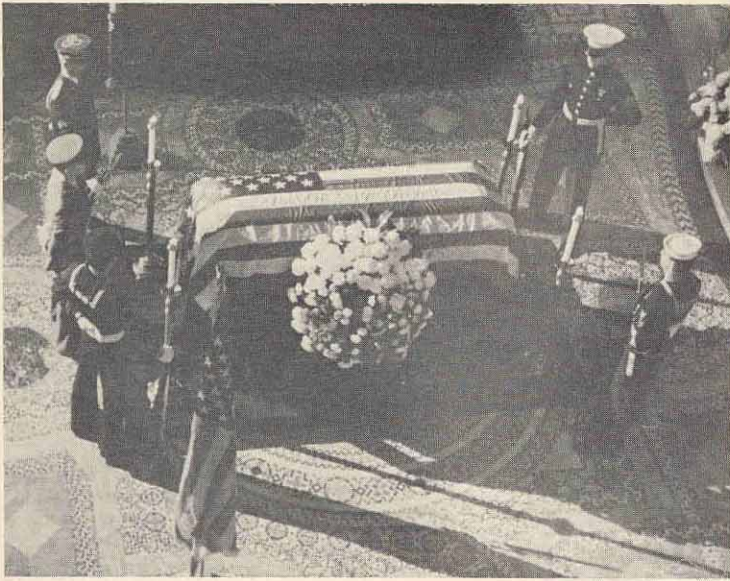
Not only praising God's name, His *office* and *authority*, but having this right ATTITUDE of total *repentance*, *submission* and *obedience*—this is another vital "key" to answered prayer!

Close your prayers with a sincere acknowledgment—in a spirit of *worship*—that all real and lasting GLORY and POWER belongs to God—and that the right to all *government*, *authority* and *kingship* belongs to Him who *CREATED* us all in the first place!

If you wish for a more *detailed explanation* of *when*, *how*, *where* and *how long*—plus *seven conditions* to insure answered prayers—write for our free article: "The ANSWER to Unanswered Prayer!" You will find it *most helpful*. So *request* it—*study* it—and *use* it!

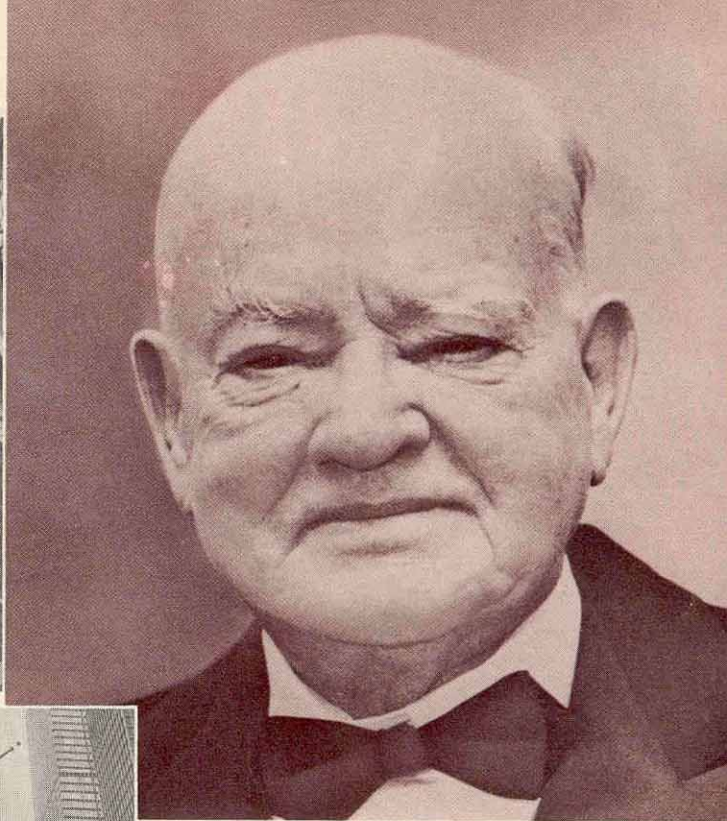
To live life to its *fullest*, to have the *divine help* of the true God who LIVES and RULES, you need to PROVE His existence and active power—to BELIEVE Him as you pray—to put your whole HEART into seeking and crying out to the God of Jesus Christ—and to follow the *inspired outline* of prayer given by the Son of God!

Do this! You will have *answers* and *intervention* in your personal life such as you may never have dreamed possible in a mixed-up world where the true God of the Bible often seems so far away.



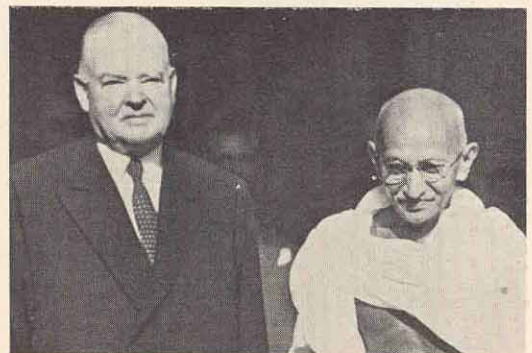
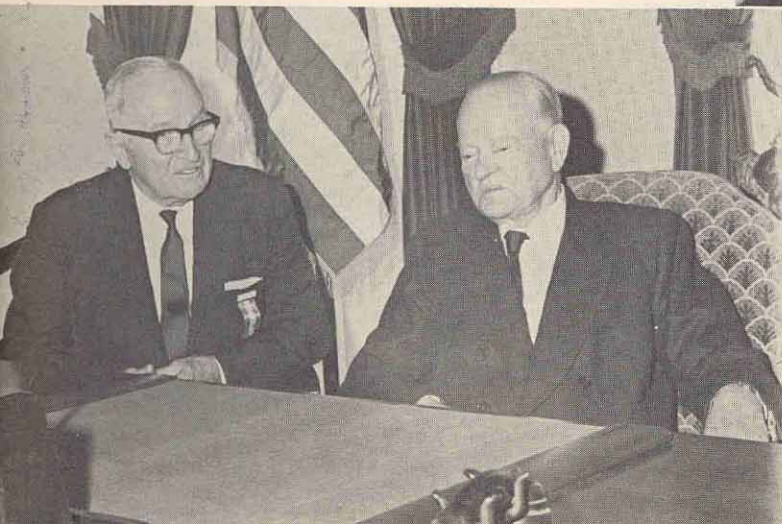
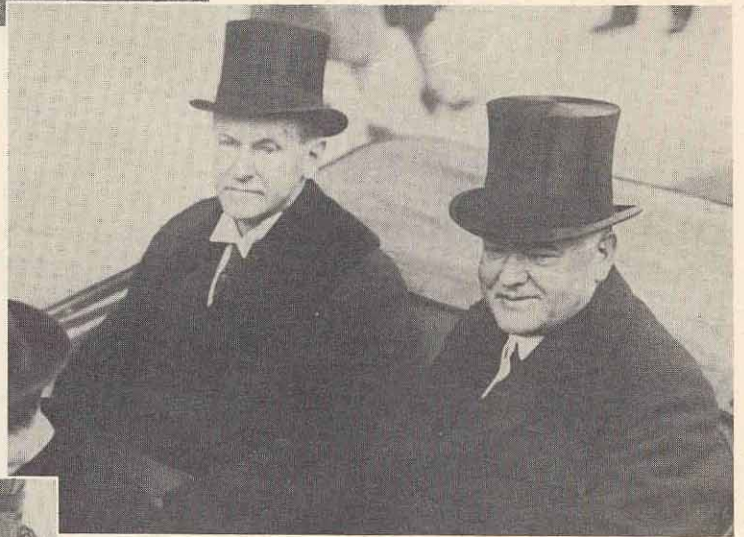
IN MEMORIAM

Former President Herbert Hoover's flag-draped casket lies in state in New York City. An honor detail stands guard. America's 31st President died at age 90 on Oct. 20, 1964. Flag flies at half-mast outside his Waldorf-Astoria suite, where he died. One of America's noblest elder statesmen, he twice served humanity in alleviating hunger after World War. Below, Mr. Hoover met with late General Douglas MacArthur on Governors Island in 1957.



Below, Herbert Hoover (right) rides with Calvin Coolidge to the former's inauguration at the Capitol, March 4, 1929.

Bottom, left, former Presidents Hoover and Truman at Hoover Presidential Library in West Branch, Iowa. Bottom, right, Hoover met Mohandas Gandhi in New Delhi, India, during his 1946 world tour inspecting food conditions.



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