By Herbert W. Armstrong

One of the most important doctrines Jesus Christ has put in His Church is that of the "Old" and "New Covenants," why should these be misunderstood? For that matter, why should the Sabbath truth, the Christ has put in His Church, been misunderstood. Noachian covenant, the Abrahamic covenant, what we call the old covenant with the nation Israel, the separate Sabbath covenant of Exodus 31:12-18, the Davidic covenant, etc. In fact it might be of passing interest to know that my first sermon, if it could have been called that, was a message to Church of God people near Jef ferson, Ore., on a covenant that appeared to be news to them — the separate Sabbath covenant of Exodus 31:12-18. Whether worthy to be called a sermon or not, it was enthusiastically received with joy — for those people loved the Sabbath and rejoiced in receiving new light concerning it. However, I am concerned here only about the "Old Covenant and the New Covenant." Covenant defined

Lest me first define covenant. Webster defines the word as "a usual formal, solemn and binding agreement, compact." In the biblical usage a covenant is a contract or agreement, solemnly binding, under which God promises certain rewards or blessings, conditioned on man's promise of performance. A grave mistake very carelessly made is to confuse the word covenant with testament. We must distinguish between the testament and the Old Testament Scriptures. A testament is not a covenant, and a covenant is not a testament. Yet common usage seems to confuse them. It is important, at the outset, to understand the difference. The word testament is defined as an act or written instrument by which one bequeaths property or rights certain of his possessions to another. It may or may not be a conditioned will. It is not necessarily payment or reward for work or obligation performed. The old covenant between God and the nation Israel was NOT a testament or will. It was an agreement by which the children of Israel covenanted with God to obey Him, and God promised material and national blessings and dominance. But He did NOT give — or promise to give — the Holy Spirit and eternal salvation before proceeding further, let's get everything in its proper setting. Adam had to choose

The first man, Adam, was required to make a choice. The super angelic Lucifer, having become Satan the devil, an immortal spirit being of tremendous supernatural power, was there when Adam and Eve were created. In order to qualify to receive God's Holy Spirit — symbolized by the tree of life — and also to restore the government of God to Adam, God had to make the choice of whether to reject Satan and Satan's attitude and way and choose to obey God and the government of God. But Adam chose to reject God and by a fateful decision — for himself and his posterity, which is the whole world. God groaned the man as a sculptor's manikin off from access to the Holy Spirit — except such as God specially called. We need not go into the background to understand. Too often people start viewing biblical teaching in a monumental way, tuning in a movie two-thirds of the way through. We need this background of what went before.

God had called Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel). One of the promises to Abraham was a "seed" — nations, the promised land — material national greatness. Four hundred thirty years after Abraham God called the descendents of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to be a special people of God and to inherit the promised land. Other nations were still cut off from God. God had specially prepared and called Moses. Through Moses God made the preparation to the Israelites. He gave them their choice.

God's proposal to Israel

Proposed to the Israelites: "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians. . . . Now, therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people. . . ." (Exodus 19:4-5).

There was a very large IF in this covenant agreement. But the people agreed to it and shall that the Eternal have spoken we will do . . ." they promised. So the covenant was ratified by blood (Exodus 24:4-8). It was also a marriage covenant by which Israel promised to obey her husband. It made them a separate nation. It also made the law of Moses — a sacred law as a substitute for the sacrifice of Christ to remind them of sin and a ceremonial law of physical works (Greek, ergon in New Testament), rituals, and things to do morning, noon and night — a temporary substitute for the Holy Spirit. But something was wrong with that covenant. Religionists generally seem to blame the wrong on God. What was wrong was the flagrant disobedience of the people.

New covenant prophesied

The prophecy Jeremiah summed it up. "Behold the days come, saith the Eternal, that I will make with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, . . . which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Eternal: but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people!" (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

This prophecy was inspired by one of God's holy prophets to become part of the foundation of the Church of God under the New Testament. And also teaching the Church, this was quoted in Hebrews 8:6-10.

Most Protestant churches teach that the fault with the old covenant was God's law, and that as the old covenant was made with Israel, the new will be made with gentiles — and as the old law, the new abolishes God's Ten Commandments and is based wholly on promises. Our ministers need to know how to meet that erroneous teaching.

The new covenant is made also with the house of Israel and the house of Judah (Hebrews 8:8). A Spirit-begotten genie becomes one of Israel spiritually, of the household of God (Ephesians 2:19). It will remedy the fault of the old covenant (disobedience of the people) and will be made with those in whose hearts is the spiritual government of God, as these scriptures say.

Old covenant a marriage contract

The old covenant was made with the carnal children of Israel and was a marriage contract in which Israel engaged in whoredom exceeding individual human heart.

The old covenant was made with a people on their promise to obey. They disobeyed. The new shall be made only with a Spirit-born Church, a people who were born, through Christ and the Holy Spirit, have overcome Satan (as Jesus did, and as the first Adam failed to do), have been begotten of the Holy Spirit, have already proved their obedience. The old covenant was made with sinning mortals. The new will be made with righteous immortals.

Now, where are we, today? Both Israel and Judah violated their solemn agreement with God (actually who became Christ). As a result, the covenant ran off. Finally God gave Israel a bill of divorce. Yet, even after that He entreated Israel to return to Him — but she wouldn't. To make that Old Testament marriage finally end, Christ, her Husband, died, so that she might be cleansed of her sins and become part of the New Testament. In Romans 11 we read of how converted gentiles are like branches of a wild olive tree, broken off and grafted into the natural olive tree of Israel. But it shows how the natural branches broken off because of sin may also be grafted back into the Israel tree.

What are we under today?

Then what are we under today? The old covenant is ended. The apostle Paul said, " ... God, Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament, not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." (II Corinthians 3:6). Yet the new covenant had not yet been made! Its terms and conditions have been revealed to us through Christ. We ministers preach it. And even though as a final marriage covenant it has not been made with all, in contract language, signed, sealed and delivered, those whom God has called are privileged to have God's law written in their hearts. Through our spiritual life — the life-begotten sin-overcoming Holy Spirit to open our minds to spiritual understanding to guide us in God's ways, and, within us, to empower us to overcome Satan and do the will of God. Some have misunderstood

But some have seriously misunderstood — hopefully not any of our ministers. Seeing (see COVENANTS, page 8).
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david rampant immorality (Jeremiah 5:7-8); juvenile delinquency (Isaiah 3:12); economic troubles (Haggai 1:2, Haggai 1:5); secularism (Psalm 3:5-3); and crime (Ezekiel 1:23).

The second type of prophecy involves the specific movement of the kingdom of the Messiah are least seven such movements that show up in:

1. the decline of the Israelite peoples. This includes the incredible remnant of British and North American, to which we come to look at the moment.

2. the rise of a beast person by to head the united Europe.

3. the invasion of the Middle East by the forces of a united Europe.

4. the moving of the Vatican to Jerusalem. The 6th book of the Bible for prophecy.

5. the preparation for physical destruction of modern Israelite peoples. This entails, among other things, the fixing of all nationalism of any European.

But knowing what to watch for is useless if we don’t know which news sources are likely to report it.

Radio and television news can be social happenings and even show you what is going on, but actual coverage of important news events is based on who is paying. More, television news reporting is often geared toward broadening favor of political liberalism. Television and radio give TV only a small fraction of the range of news that is covered by the

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How to watch world news

Where Jesus Christ said “Watch ye therefore and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things,” God means what He says. We must watch and pray until our authority and wealth will be under

minded irresponsibly.

The religious leaders have suc ceeded in transmitting their fears to a large segment of the Iranian public, who up to this year had rather enjoyed the materialist fruits of Iran’s modernization.

All this now has come to a sccenna hard. In Tehran of the city’s 150 television sets, the miracle of West and “decadence” (and those were shewing maddening political films) have been cut by the military regime beyond repair. Restaurants have switched off their neon signs and stopped selling alcohol, banned under Koranic law. Out of fear none to the southwest and Iraq to the north. The other Persian Gulf states critical to Western oil supplies — Kuwait, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia — are even more vulnerable to communist pressure.

Nearly all of the region’s conflict is passed through the Persian Gulf, or the Persian Gulf region of Hormuz. The Iranian navy keeps this sea lane open — and holds the Soviet fleet at bay.

Thus, an essential stake for the United States is the Gulf and Iran’s Peacock throne. The Telegraph article quoted earlier emphasizes Iran’s pivotal position. “Where Gulf is concerned, Persia is the key.

Since Britain retreated from the area there are more than 200,000 men in the Middle East, as compared to the 10,000 British-Middle Eastern forces in 1947.”

WORLDWATCH

BY GENE H. HOOGEB

PARADISE — The situation in Iran is becoming more critical by the day. It is an alarming situation. An estimated 500,000 Iranians surged through the streets of Tehran on Saturday, in a mammoth anti-shah protest. The next day, the shah, in a rare public appearance, announced that he would not stand for re-election. The shah said his move was to prevent “Death to the shah.” Remarkably, the “Death to the shah” slogans ended without the bloodshed that many feared would erupt.

The biggest news on the outburst was the biggest street demonstration in history. It was led by Mohammad Reza Pahlavi since his father, the shah, took the throne. Mohammad Mo ller and the left-wing political opposition — began the current campaign to oust him 11 months ago. A key political opposition leader, Khomeini, said they were “the best evidence that forces to stop this national movement.”

Dream finished

As far as force goes, raw military power is no match for the shah’s fiercely loyal 430,000-man military. Yet, standards of what a facade of power, the fabric of modern Iranian life is crumbling rapidly. The shah has apparently thrown his first and last chance to reform his country. The New York Times, U.S. News and World Report.

This issue’s column was written by Joff Collins, verse for The Word’s News Bureau.

Letters to the Editor

‘GN’ articles appreciated

Thank you very much for your recent article in The Good News: I always look forward to reading them, and I must tell you that I like them. They have given strong spiritual meat in the pages of your paper. I have realized how much I missed you.

Anna Przylucki, N.Y.

I read the article in The Good News on “The Good News: Now and Then”, and “I Come Into Being.” It has helped me to better understand the Bible and how it is recorded in the book of Revelation. The article was very helpful on this subject as they are very helpful to me in judging the times and the world.”

Frank W., Nashville, Tenn.

Let me take the time to thank you and all those who make it possible for us to receive The Good News. We look for the next issue as they are.

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I have heard many small religious groups, usually following one human leader, speak of "our Group," fully believing that their little unit or assembly is a PART of the BODY OF CHRIST, THE CHURCH OF GOD.

Some have left God's Church saying, "I have not left Christ — I've only left that organization. I worship Christ in my own way."

Are they really in Christ? Time is now short. We are in the very last days! Christ is coming soon — to MARRY God's Church. Is Revelation 19? The Church is called 'His Wife.' This verse says, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Her, for the Bride, the Lamb, is coming, and He has made herself ready." (Revel 21:9)

The very eternal life and death question right now is: "Just what is the wife that has made herself ready? Is it one united, organized, compacted spiritual organism — all speaking the same thing — all joined to the One Vine and bearing fruit — all in the organized Church built upon the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, with Jesus Christ the chief cornerstone, having grown into a building — a Holy Temple, in the Lord, fitly framed together and compounded in that which every joint supplieth? or, will it be a conglomeration of disunited "groups" and denominations and a number of isolated "Christians," who have followed Christ in their own way?

Those who have gone off, either alone or in a small isolated man or church, will say: "We have not gone away from Christ — we have only left that organization. We no longer have a part in what is being done, but we worship Christ in our own way."

They might refer to Mark 9:38-40: "Then John answered, "Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and he forbad us, saying, 'We have not gone away from thee.' But Jesus said, 'Let them alone; for there is no man which shall do a miracle in this world, except he be with me.'"

Again, "He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."

But Jesus said, "These are not of me;" and that Church has a few of Christ, whom HE appoints and directs, to compose his church! This effort to deceive, by using a name so close to "Worldwide Church of God," is possibly subject to civil prosecution as an attempt to defraud and receive money under false pretenses.

Of course, God's Church will rely on Christ for protection. However, since it internally incorporated under a name so close to "Worldwide Church of God," it tends to confuse and harm God's Church, steps have been taken to prohibit its incorporating or operating under any name in other states.

4) This disfellowshipped man is not preaching any "gospel" into the world for a witness unto all nations. His preaching is aimed only at you in God's Church, to draw you away from the Church headed by Jesus Christ. He does not preach any gospel to the world to teach those who know not Christ's Gospel. He seeks only to unsettle you who have already accepted Christ's true Gospel. His whole effort is a resentful and bitter one — to "GET" — not to "GIVE."

One member wrote, stating clearly which is God's Church. It is:

1) Where God's truth is. Not with one disfellowshipped for attempting to water down the truth.

2) Where God's true Work is going out to the whole world.

3) Where Christ's chosen apostle is. God's Church is to be paid to God's Church, where Christ is working. Jesus Christ does not work in two "churches," one competing against, and trying to draw members from the other. Christ is not divided! His Church is the one Church — the Body of Christ that Jesus Christ founded in A.D. 31 and raised up to carry on in our time through His own chosen apostle.
PROOF NO. 7
THE REIGN OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

How incongruous! The very thoughts of all themselves—Christians—do not know that the true Gospel is the good news of the kingdom of God. They know nothing of the salvation and future of the earth will be like under the rule of the kingdom of God! They know nothing of the only good news in today's world—of the world's only sure hope.

Don't laugh at the word utopia! It is regarded in today's world as an impossible, impractical word. Webster's dictionary defines utopia as "an imaginary and indefinitely remote place; a place of ideal perfection, especially in laws, government and social conditions; an impractical scheme of social improvement." Jesus Christ was no impractical dreamer. His Gospel was the good news that a coming UTOPIA, the kingdom of God, would be established.

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described as definitely holy and in God’s service.

All nations gathered

Now continue, Matthew 25:32. "And before him [Christ] shall be gathered all nations, and he shall separate them one from another,..." (of course before he and his majestic company of angels and others) and then proceed to the air. This separation refers to the still-living MORTALS — who had not previously been called — who had, up to now, been cut off from God and from salvation. But now, WITH CHRIST on the throne and Satan gone, ALL are spiritually called! Now continue, still verse 32. "Then shall he say also unto them on his left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting punishment — but it is punishment — and the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). True, some few scriptures speak of the fire not being quenched — and the deceived misinterpret this to mean an eternally burning hell. Often I have illustrated this before audiences by placing a small light, burning and lighting it. I say to the audience, "Now watch! This fire shall not be quenched!" Then the remaining ash is on the floor, step on it and quote Malachi 4:5, 6. Not the foot of an angel, but the soles of your feet.

What a FABULOUS POTENTIAL for Satan the devil, and thus qualify to start... Church convention in Canada.

THE VISITOR, to put it mildly, was astonished! He was witnessing something he had never hoped to see.

He was professor of Comparative Religions at one of the world’s great universities, visiting a Christian Convention site of the world’s largest annual Church convention. This, however, was one of the scores or perhaps thousands of such convention sites encompassing the earth. Seven thousand were here assembled for the eight-day Festival.

At once the visitor was impressed by an atmosphere that was strikingly different. And he had visited many church conventions.

Had these people been odd or fanatical, it would have been a new experience. It was well aware of religious groups who generated a temporary emotional fervor in meetings. He was familiar, too, with those that were stiffly formal — and unhappy. But here he was experiencing something unique to his knowledge.

The professor happened to be sitting next to one of the ministers of the Worldwide Church of God.

These members," he volunteered, "are obviously of stable and solid people, and they seem to radiate an inner happiness that is genuine. Life to them seems to have purpose and meaning. It’s an enjoyable and healthy experience. I cannot find words to describe it.

"Yes," smiled the minister, "we do have effective places, and they do radiate the inner joy you have observed, because their lives have been changed by God’s Holy Spirit, and they are participating in and prayerfully backing the church giving the whole world of Christ’s true Gospel message — the same message originally delivered by Christ Himself.

"But," continued the minister, "we are now living in the very generation that shall see that message fulfilled in God’s time for that message world’s hope to be again proclaimed in power and perfection. When one knows he is having a part in giving a dying world its ONLY HOPE, it Js J, indeed, a gratifying experience. We don’t preach a gospel of doom — but a joyful hope — coming in our generation!"

The story of a unique commission

The Story of today’s Worldwide Church of God is the story of the appearance on earth of the real Jesus Christ more than 1,900 years ago. It is the story of His message from God to mankind. And it is the story of God’s re-creating His people with His Spirit and vitality to carry that message of sure hope to this world’s last generation.

It is axiomatic that for every effect there has to be a cause. There has to be a cause for all the evils in the world today — the widespread immorality, the revolt of youth, the trend toward drugs, the broken homes and rising divorce rate, the escalating crime, the almost universal unrest, the rioting, violence, war.

By the same token, there has to be a cause for the condition of peace, harmony and general radiant happiness the visiting professor experienced.

Isn’t it pertinent to ask why science and technology seem unable to point the way to such a desired state for all human society? To ask why education does not teach the way to a better life — why religion has failed so dismally to make this a better world — why governments, committed to bettering the lot of their peoples, have never found the way to peace?

There has to be a cause!

There is a cause! There is something refreshingly different and it shines forth from multiple thousands of homes scattered around the world. WHAT IS IT?

Why unique

These people are members of the Church of God, known in our day as the Worldwide Church of God. This Church is unique in practicing Christianity as a way of life, as well as a faith — even as it did originally in the days of the first-century apostles.

Its members are motivated with purpose, inspired by knowing the transcendent human potential. They know the true values. They have found the way that makes life only meaningful, rewarding, abundant.

It is the way the whole world ought to be living. And what is that way of life?

It is the way of love — the wholesome way of outgoing concern for self and for goodness and welfare of others. It is the way of self-sacrifice.

It is the way of cooperation, serving, helping, sharing, of consideration and patience.

More important, it is the way of humankind’s moral relations to one another, to the role that God takes in life.

It is the way of life that is the wholesome way of outgoing concern for all good and welfare of others. It is a way of self-sacrifice.

The way of life is the way of love — love to God and love toward man. It was set in living motion by our Maker as the cause of all good. The self-sacrifice is the cause of all evil.

This God-centered way of life — the way of outgoing concern — inspired and empowered by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God — is the cause of the fresh, sparkling happiness the visiting professor sensed at the Church convention in Canada. It does not produce a temporary and artificial exhilaration or pseudo-spiritual jag, but a permanent inner peace, and a faith that is a unique confidence, and stability, which reassures when there are trials and even persecutions. This is a sorely needed but sadly scarce commodity in this confused world today. This way of life is gaining strength among Church of God people in joyful happiness, successful living and abundant well-being!

This God-centered way of life shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." The Bible is the Word of God in writing. Its entire teachings are based on this God-centered way of life — the spiritual law.

The Church of God knew, in the days of the first-century apostles — as it knows today — that the God-centered way of love is an inexorable spiritual law in active motion. It is a law as real as inflexibly relentless even though as invisible as a desired state for humanity, as a way of outgoing concern for self and all good and welfare of others.

It is a law that governs all relationships between man and man and between man and God.

This law of love is summarized scripturally by the Ten Commandments. It may be divided into the two "Great Laws" — love to God and love toward man. It was set in living motion by our Maker as the cause of all God’s self-sacrifice is the cause of all evil.

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This God-centered way...
THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD TODAY

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try. The local congregations were small, in most cases not
more than 35 to 50. There was at that time a limited evangeliza-
tion effort, though mostly ineffective. But now God’s time
had come for His last warning to the nations. To go to the
global world. The great commission be-
comes a far more complex and
storable operation today thus in
the 20th century. The world’s population has multi-
plied many times over. We live in a different, far more mnu-
ical and complex world today.

In 1930 the Oregon members,
in order to revitalize the Work of
God, incorporated under the
name, “Oregon Conference of
the Church of God.”

New leadership drafted

Meanwhile, the conversion of Herbert W. Armstrong had
occurred in the spring of 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong,
wondering “Where is God’s one true Church?” had been
meeting with these brethren in Oregon — but not joining as
members.

Having been a magazine and
newspaper writer, Mr. Arm-
strong, that spring of 1927, been writing in article
form much he had been so experi-
enced in the teaching from the
Bible. Mrs. Armstrong had shown
some of these manuscripts to ladies
of the Church of God. They had
been impressed. Many of them
(manuscripts) appeared on the
front page of the Church’s weekly
paper, The Bible Advocate, published at their national head-
quarters, Stanberry, Mo.

Under the leadership of Herbert W. Armstrong, that
growth was phenomenal. Then, af-
after years, “there was a great persecution against the
Church, which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered
.......

Work had ebbed

Before A.D. 70 the real Work of God, after obtaining the good
news of the coming worldwide Kingdom of God, had lost its
momentum. Oregon members began urg-
ing Mr. Armstrong to speak be-
fore them. He had refused, say-
ing he had found revealed in the
Bible that the ministry is a pro-
escution. Mr. Armstrong had
made it clear that the Church that has been
reinstated is the Body of Christ.

Under those apostles, the
Church of God, during the next
every few years, was imbued with vital-
ity and power. Its initial growth was phenomenal. Then, af-
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THE SPIRIT OF GOD, DWELLING IN THE HUMAN BODY OF JESUS, HAD STARTED THE WORK OF GOD. AFTER CHRIST’S ASCENSION TO HEAVEN, THIS GROWTH WAS PHENOMENAL. THEN, GREAT PERSECUTION AGAINST THE BODY OF CHRIST BEGAN TO RISE. THE STATE CONFERENCE WAS AGREED TO AND IMMEDIATELY INSTALLED A SEPARATE BODY. THIS OREGON CONFERENCE WAS ANXIOUS TO “GET THINGS MOVING IN PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL.” THE STARIBERRY CHURCH OF GOD HAD ALMOST NO POWER, AND EFFECTIVENESS HAD BEEN NIL.

NOW THEY URGED HERBERT ARMSTRONG TO COME INTO THE MINISTRY AND LEAD THEM IN “GETTING THINGS MOVING.” Realizing Mr. Armstrong had the background, the business experience, the education, vision, knowledge, and energy, they saw the opportunity of getting the Gospel going out into a modern complex world in real power.

This Oregon Conference went to the ministry that had truly come into the Church, Mr. Armstrong was ordained.

A new era, a new life

It was under his leadership
that a new era of the Church of
God’s work started in Eugene. Mr. Armstrong, taking the
Church, injecting it into its new
life and vigor by the spirit of
God that filled him, said: “This
is the Church — going out with
power to the whole world.

Much more than human ex-
pience and know-how was re-
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Once again God was sending
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now sensing the empowerment of
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AMBASSADOR COLLEGE IS UNIQUE!

By Raymond F. McNair
PASADENA—There are approximately 3,000 colleges and universities in the United States. Does America, and the world, need Ambassador? What can this unique college offer that other institutions of higher learning do not give to their students?

The founder and chancellor of Ambassador College, Herbert W. Armstrong, answered this question: "I was never called to help the college business. But in 1947 the need had become imperative to establish an educational arm of the Church on the college level."

It definitely was not because this world needed another college. There were too many of this world's institutions of higher education already! "But the living God had ceased to realize the serious need for a college to train an educated ministry for His Church and other personnel to fill the increasing need for administrative offices."

"For this purpose it had to be God's kind of college—utterly unique in the world. No college or theological seminary extant filled this purpose" (The Good News, July 17).

But exactly what kind of a college would God want for the training of His kind of college—utterly unique in the world? God wanted the students of His college to acquire a well-rounded, broadening education, not a narrow, restricted Bible education. "Too much specialization and preoccupation with the methods of setting and achieving goals has cropped up in the world scenes, and the academic standards have been lowered—partly due to the pressures of militant students of various campuses (especially during the 1960s) who forced revisions that actually tended to downgrade education."

The growth of the University of American University in Washington, D.C., recently summed up the dilemma in modern education:

"Academic standards in higher education have been declining in the past few years. It is a national disgrace."

And quite recently, some of the big universities (like Harvard University and the University of California) are encouraging students to acquire a broadly based, liberal arts education. They are beginning to realize that many students tend to specialize in one narrow field of endeavor and fail to get a liberal arts education. This fact recently led Harvard officials to revise their curriculums so that students will be exposed to more courses in the area of 1) literature and arts, 2) history, 3) social and philosophical analysis, 4) science and mathematics, and 5) foreign languages and culture.

"The trouble is not simply that the sciences have displaced the humanities. The humanities, as currently taught and studied, are as much addicted to specialized scholarship as are the scientific departments to highly specialized research," said Raymond McNair, a resident of La Canada, Calif., who di·
discussed "What is a Minister?" to the faculty and their wives.

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CAMPUS NOTES
AMBASSADOR COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

Headquarters Church members got a taste of college life when the students of Ambassador College held an open house Nov. 5. Mayfair, Terrace Villa and Grove Terrace, all student dormitories, were opened for visitors. A country-style roast-beef dinner followed the open house. Later in the evening a Walt Disney movie, The Apple Damping Gang, was shown. The open house had a western theme, and participants were encouraged to wear appropriate costumes.

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Rumors and their mongers

By Bob Fisher

PASSAGE—Talk about rumor is usually too simplistic. Communication people know that rumor can be a powerful weapon. Someone cares about the person behind the rumors. Rumors are important and significant.

People talk about what is in their immediate lives. We have our dreams, our lives to this Work. We are concerned about our jobs, our health, our family. We care about the triumphs and the troubles. We discuss them both. We want our brothers in Christ to understand the leadership—what they are doing, thinking, planning or even dreading. Because those activities will affect the Work and us.

We do not discuss what is of no interest to us.

If our hearts (and tearooms) are in the Work, we will boldly talk about it. And so we should. The problem, of course, is how we talk about it. As Herbert Armstrong has said about everything from shotguns to sex, it is not the thing, but the misuse of the thing, that is wrong.

And talking about the Work and the people in it has been misused—badly.

Why?

The demand for news

First we must remember the old marketplace principle of supply and demand. If demand for news exceeds the supply in normal channels, interested parties begin to rely on each other for information. So any barriers that hinder the rapid dissemination of news such as censorship (in a government or a boardroom) or physical barriers (earthquakes, war, etc.) encourage rumors.

Investigators, in studying rumors, have found that people deprived of accurate information tend to speculate. Either individually or with other interested parties, they pool what information they have to form possibly unreliable estimates of the whole story.

There are other reasons. Events are discussed for purely entertainment value. Just to keep the life and the conversation interesting.

Another common reason is to be sure that norms are not broken. The trouble is, the misinformed who study these things usually distort the news by distilling it ("leveling" in rumor argot) because they feel it may not be true.

People have a natural tendency to gossip or spread the word that conflicts are diminished.

Shaky at best.

An ego trip for some

For some it is an ego trip to know something others don't. Of course, if those around them are unaware of their ignorance, the joy of knowing is diminished. So, a bit of hating is called for. The techniques vary from stupid to stupid. They are never sophisticated. They are never legal. They become the whole rationale to the one who receives it; unless he can pumped more out. But not, that will be his meal for that day. He will add that piece of conversation to different sources in an attempt to form a more complete picture. In doing so, he will share his bit (a kind of bartering) in discussions with others. The more "others" the better.

The technique is to cut it and tear it up.

To fabricate or supply rumors reveal more about themselves than they do about the truth of what they seek to report. He said He will have a little more time to talk about it in the future.

Matthew 12:35

The age of cynicism

There is still another reason. This is the age of cynicism. Most of the things that come up these days have been uncovered, so many "facts" have been fraudulently, so many stories dramatized or made to be, that we are so hardening our hearts to the gossip and doubt and disbelief there is none in innocuous statements.

And the outlook does not belong in the Church. If it is, we are not overcoming the world, it is overwhelming us. We are accepting the attitudes of a dying society instead of the world of God.

If we infer that Church leadership is suspect or evil, that they are deliberately and an evilly motivated, we are actually saying that Christ is not ruling His Church as He should.

Christ pictured Himself to John (Revel 1:12-13), as the middle of His church with the apostles and the prophets totally involved! He wanted the Church to know that He is aware, active and present.

Responsibility demands accountability

When something or someone makes us uneasy or gives us wrong information, we must ask ourselves if we can learn and grow from it, as a s a tool of wisdom. We must ask all the same thing, but God holds the apostle responsible that what they speak a tact that the message is not right.

And the apostles had been taught by Christ.

Apostles held responsible

But the various individuals did not decide for themselves what to say, believe or speak—nor did the apostles. The apostles are responsible for the doctrines given to the Church, that there be no divisions. We must all speak the same thing, but God holds the apostle responsible that what they say all speak a tact that the thing is right!

But there was no "Doctrinal Council" group of other ministers or lay members who voted on doctrine and practice. Christ gave all that to His Church through His apostles!

When Christ comes—soon now—His wife shall have made herself ready and will enter in with Him to the marriage—the NEW COVENANT—and the DOOR WILL THEN BE SHUT (Matthew 25:10). Others who were alone, or of various "groups" will then come and knock on the door. He will be there—but Christ will say, "I KNOW YOU NOT" (verse 12).

God's Church has sorely needed a spiritual reawakening and revival. But the recent Feast of Tabernacles gave evidence that the needed revival is well underway; it must continue, for very soon, now, the Church will have to have made herself ready!

brotherly relations is found in Leviticus 19:18: "Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." It is the Law of the Lord.

The Jewish scholars expounded the same law in a similar way by saying, "Let the honor and the property of your fellowwoman be dear as to you as your own. Our name of their brothers hasn't been as dear to us as God's law it should be. And that is the basic yardstick He uses in judging us in human relations. That should be a sobering thought.

Jesus prayed for unity

Jesus Christ's last night on earth as a human being was an emotionally mixed event. He knew He would not be physically present with His Church till His return. He knew the weaknesses, faults, power struggles and selfish attitudes of those about the table with Him—and of those who would come later. He knew they all had pride, that ancient adversary of peace and harmony in the Church, and He knew they would "be..." as close and respectful as the Father and the Son.

There is no finer example or standard for measuring unity.

All that has happened over the last several months is just a prelude to Christ's prayer is probably the most frequent activity of today. We should all be praying for oneness—especially now.

Most things take action as well as prayer before they are accomplished. Unity is no exception. It takes positive action to produce unity by everybody.

Words can bring division

If words have divided us, words, coming from a right spirit, can help bring us together.

To begin, every member of the Body of Christ should honor his position as be as dear to him as his own.

When someone's name comes up in conversation, make your words convey the love and respect due a brother in Christ. I am not suggesting you go to extremes here. You can disagree with someone respectfully. (The British have developed this art to a fine science. For them, it is a duty of civilized men!) The key to this is in the spirit. If we present He would put forward sound reasons for his position. Words that are at least valid as you.

Next, the supply of news from of such different sources makes it a high priority to give as much public attention to a rumor as you did to present the demand. That the supply will ever equal the demand. That is impossible.

Many rumors involve finance, Sin that spins itself out, as Mr. Rader has been equally candid in his replies.

So that everyone can benefit from the discussion of how the things are publicized and published in the New Testament. Regular reviews of things planned for the future. This openness and candor will help to stop the rumor mill.

Keep division out

The practice of fracturing into camps within the Church must stop. That is what Satan is all about. He wants us to view with suspicion and miss those that were not members of their "spheres" group! There should not be "we" and "they" within the Body of Christ. We should all be "us."

Christ gave clear command to keep the Church together. He said, "If your brother shall trespass against thee, thou shalt bring him unto judgment before thine assembly, and in the presence of two or three witnesses at least shall the testimony of sinning perso..." (Matthew 18:15, 21) which means he has to give you a chance to listen. He wants the things you say to be true and not baseless remonstrance. He is so full of love for you. He wouldn't want to harm you. He would want you to be happy.

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CHURCH NEWS

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VARIED ACTIVITIES

The St. John's College Agency Regional Office in MANHATTAN, held an open house for the Manhattan brethren on Thursday, Nov. 9. About 200 people came to see the new office facility, which was opened last August. The office occupies half of the sixth floor of the Federal Savings Building. In addition to Legat D. Vilaage, Makita, a burgeoning business and commercial metropolis in the country, guests were guided through the administrative offices and given refreshments. The Manhattan office was established in 1982.

EFFERT ALFOS, New York area coordinator, reported that a barbecue at his home so Mr. Atlas could produce the speakers: Michael Oram, Robert Price, and mints, toastmaster John Ward introduced the triple Latin hustle, the newest disco dance currently being performed in the United States. Monday, Dec. 18, 1978

OPEN HOUSE — Members of the Manila, Philippines, church helped themselves to chicken sandwiches, canapes and apple juice during the Manila Office's open house Nov. 5. From left are Besa Fajado, Enri Camacho and Arosa Bagulo and C.O. Pangilinan. (See "Church Activities," this page) [Photo by Jon Rusti]
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BIRTHS

ALVAREZ, David and Louise (Littleton) of Chicago, Ill., girl, in Swedish American Medical Center, Oct. 5, 1978;重 9 pounds, 3 ounces, 56 inches long, Mr. and Mrs. David Alvarez.

AVILA, William and Sue (Read) of Phoenix, Ariz., girl, in Phoenix Memorial Hospital, Oct. 26, 1978; 7 pounds, 3 ounces, 22 inches long, Mr. and Mrs. William Avila.

BARLOW, Thomas and Lisa (Kress) of Alexandria, La., girl, in Alexandria Medical Center, Oct. 29, 1978; 9 pounds, 10 ounces, 20 inches long, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barlow.

BEER, Lloyd and Susan (Street) of Secaucus, N.J., boy, in Hackensack Medical Center, Nov. 9, 1978; 8 pounds, 3 ounces, 19 inches long, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beer.

BUTLER, regulations, and Cheryl (Bedecke) of Oklahoma City, Okla., girl, in St. Anthony Hospital, March 17, 1978; 9 pounds, 18 inches long, Mr. and Mrs. William Butler.

CANCELO, John and Diana (Staghetti) of Farmington, N.M., girl, in Farmington Memorial Hospital, Oct. 12, 1978; 5 pounds, 13 ounces, 19 inches long, Mr. and Mrs. John Canello.

CAPP, Caryl and Condoleezza (Tippett) of Regis, Colo., girl, in Laramie Memorial Hospital, Sept. 23, 1978; 5 pounds, 11 ounces, 19 inches long, Mr. and Mrs. Caryl Cap.

CRISP, Gene and Nancy (Honig) of Allentown, Pa., girl, in St. John's Hospital, Oct. 31, 1978; 9 pounds, 10 ounces, 20 inches long, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Crisp.

CRUZ, Tony and Janet (Lento) of Seattle, Wash., boy, in Holy Family Hospital, Nov. 1, 1978; 7 pounds, 10 ounces, 20 inches long, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cruz.

FRIEND, Gary and Angeline (Ryan) of New York, N.Y., girl, in Bellevue Hospital, Oct. 27, 1978; 8 pounds, 13 ounces, 19 inches long, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Friend.

HAYER, Tyrone and Annette (Tigges) of Bound Brook, N.J., girl, in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Nov. 24, 1978; 7 pounds, 7 ounces, 20 inches long, Mr. and Mrs. Tyrone Hayer.

HULTZMAN, Mark and Lisa (Novak) of Puyallup, Wash., boy, in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Nov. 17, 1978; 7 pounds, 2 ounces, 20 inches long, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hultzman.

JACQUES, Danny and Veska (Edgar) of

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main emphasis is still on getting a good, broadly-based, liberal-arts education. Here, only a few courses are tailored toward helping students learn how to live — how to live an ccountable, full, happy, productive lives. At Ambassador, students not only stress the development of the intellect, but are equally conscious of developing the personality and character of the students. This is far more important than mere mind development.

In order to develop a well-rounded, truly educated, happy student, we realize it is necessary for students to have many different types of experiences. Most of the students at Ambassador are working their way through college, and most of this student employment is provided by the college.

Also, during the college year, various trips are planned for the broadening of the student’s life. A number of students annually take trips to Europe, the Middle East or to other parts of the world to further broaden their knowledge of this planet and of its peoples.

Currently, we are planning to send a number of Ambassador students to work during the summer of 1979 on an important archaeological site in Jerusalem.

Ambassador’s Most Location

After taking a look at beautiful sunny Southern California, where temperatures are agreeable to mental and physical activity most of the year.

Within only minutes from the college, students can be at one of Southern California’s beaches, climbing in the mountains or experiencing beautiful desert life.

Ambassador is ideally situated from a cultural standpoint. Mr. Armstrong has long stressed the importance of students learning to appreciate much art, and other forms of culture. Within easy reach of the college are a number of interesting museums, libraries and concert halls.

Ambassador Auditorium is the finest for its size — seating about 1,250 audiators in the world and regularly plays host to well-known performers such as Arthur Rubinstein, Vladimir Horowitz, Pearl Bailey and Gene Kelly.

The student body of Ambassador College, a coeducational institution, is not too large. Last year, it numbered about 1,200, but with that number the family-like atmosphere at Ambassador still enjoyed. Currently, admissions are restricted to an undergraduate enrollment of about 550.

Under the present program, the Ambassador students are living happy lives filled with purpose and determination. There are many interesting extracurricular activities (athletics, intramural and club sports, debating, science clubs, music clubs, art shows, sing-alongs, forums, assemblies, special lectures and top-tal contests) to fill the lives of Ambassador students with interesting variety.

We at Ambassador College sincerely believe we are blessed with the most beautiful campus on earth! Ambassador has twice been given the award for having the most beautiful campus in America. With beautifully landscaped grounds and a skillful blend of newly designed and architecturally pleasing college buildings (Ambassador Auditorium, the Student Center, Ambassador Hall, the Administration Building) and the on-campus aesthetically pleasing dormitory buildings, which once served as valuable quarters for multi-millionaires, Ambassador students are truly privileged to work and study in the most beautiful living environment to be found on any campuses in the world.

Why does Ambassador University need the world need Ambassador College?

Simply because Ambassador is the only place on earth where God’s Word (not some denominational creed) and the atehistic concept of evolution) is taught faithfully. Here the Word of God is truly the foundation of every class, every activity — courses for the Fall 1979 semester are as follows:

General College Courses:

English Composition and Fundamentals of Physical Science and four courses of physical education.

Elective courses:


Introduction to Computer Science, Programming, Principles of Management, Preparatory English, English as a Second Language.

Elementary French, History of the United States, Ancient Israel, Biblical Theology, Introduction to Western Civilization.

Two semesters of Greek/Latin Literature in Translation, American Literature, Survey of History of Christian Thought.

Two semesters of Introduction to Anthropology/Archaeology, Immigration to America, Religion and General Psychology.

Two semesters of either Mathematics, Calculus or Fundamentals of Physical Science and four courses of physical education.

Additional required courses:

English Composition and Fundamentals of Physical Science and four courses of physical education.

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OBITUARIES

CHICAGO, III. — Stella Makara, 65, died Nov. 11 after a heart attack. She was a member of God’s Church since 1958. Mr. Edelbach is survived by his two sisters.

Mr. Makara is survived by six children: Stephen, Ronald, Louis, Jeanne, Janice and Janice. 11 grandchildren, and two sisters.

NANET, N.Y. — Betty Ann Hendricks died Oct. 24 after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, and her six children, four grandchildren.

Wendy C. Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Brown of St. Joseph, Mich., and Lauren G. Berg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Berg of Sheboygan, Wis., are married Nov. 14 in a private marriage ceremony. Both received a Baptist education and are members of American Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis.

The Good News of the marriage is based on the Bible and is witnessed by the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, Jr., by marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. James Long, by marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Long, by marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Long, by marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shriver, by marriage.

The couple now reside in Sheboygan, Wis.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Lauger, by marriage.

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NEWS OF PEOPLES, PLACES & EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

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The preconference planning meetings, which will include discussions on manpower, will be held Jan. 10 to 12.

PASadena — A fine is an office in the Hall of Administration caused the building to be evacuated the morning of Dec. 23.

Because of unusually cold weather, employees had moved a portable heater into the office, and its extension cord apparently over-heated, igniting wiring, draperies and creeds.

Richard Sedleier, correspondence course director, was visiting the office about the time the fire was discovered and managed to quench the blaze before firemen arrived. The building was evacuated as a precaution.

The building’s insurer, Mr. Sedleier with a $100 check Dec. 14 for his quick action, which prevented potentially major damage to the office and building.

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"Alcoholism is a family affair," said Mr. Hampton. His advice to those attending the seminars is to find out what they can do to help the person who drinks too much. "Because you care, become aware," he said.

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