WAR IN LAOS continues. Berlin crisis is not the only trouble spot boiling under communist pressure. Here, troops patrol streets against Red infiltration as struggle in Southeast Asia spreads to South Viet Nam.
Personal with the Editor

This is being written at sea. Mrs. Armstrong and I are returning to America on the world's fastest passenger liner, the S.S. United States.

This morning I was reading a news item in yesterday's Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune. It provoked this little chat with our readers.

This is our first morning out at sea on the present voyage. Yesterday morning, in London, we left a group of friends waving, as our special boat train puffed out of Waterloo Station. At 1:00 P.M. we left another group of friends and relatives waving at Southampton docks, appearing to shrink smaller and smaller in the distance as this big liner slowly got under way. We docked at Le Havre, France, about 7:00 P.M., where I picked up the newspaper that stimulated this talk. The ship got under way again about 1:00 A.M. while we were asleep in our room.

Last evening after dinner, as we were docked at Le Havre, the chief steward of the Ballroom and Lounge on the Promenade deck came to our room to shake hands with us. He said he and his wife have been reading The Plain Truth for years, and their children have The Bible Story almost memorized. Their lives, he said, have been completely changed, and they are a most happy family. They live in New Jersey, and hear The World Tomorrow on the air.

Back in my pre-conversion years I was, for some little time, the "Idea Man" on the editorial staff of America's largest trade journal. I was trained to look for ideas, and to adapt them to a particular problem or circumstance. It has, through the years, become habit to apply a thought or idea to altogether different categories.

This news story from Washington, D.C., in The Herald Tribune, concerned the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Robert S. McNamara. But to me, it concerned YOU!

The dispatch stated that the Secretary is popular almost everywhere except in the department he heads, in the Pentagon. President Kennedy, it stated, considers him the "most useful" cabinet officer. The news men have come to approve him. He is liked by Senators and Congressmen. His popularity rating is high with the public.

Then why the lack of enthusiasm among the Army, Navy, and Air Force top brass? Well that brings us to the point I want to make. It seems there is a lack of a well-rounded sense of balance in the rival schools of military service. And this is typical today, in almost all professions and phases of life.

You may not have realized that there is keen rivalry between the various branches of the armed forces. Many Air Force Generals, and some Navy Admirals, are advocates of the "over-kill" and "counter-force" tactics. Some Army and Marine Generals demand that the nation's safety be entrusted to the "mobility-flexibility" program of defense. Other high officers are "drop-the-bomb" advocates. Some want to rely almost wholly on the missile program. Others disagree with all this, and demand specialization only on supersonic bombers.

Each is a specialist. Each thinks his one specialty is the "cure-all" that will win all wars.

It is the same in most fields. This is an age of specialization.

Glance, momentarily, at her fields. It is the same in most fields. This is an age of specialization.

Glance, momentarily, at other fields. In medicine, the day of the family doctor and general practitioner is about gone. Those still in practice (that word (Please continue on page 27)
WAR WITH RUSSIA
This Year?

We're closer than ever since World War II to a frightening NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST! WILL it begin this year? Some experts doubt it—others are apprehensive, worried. The Bible answer is NOT WHAT YOU THINK! Read the amazing prophesied outcome.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

"FORCE WILL BE MET WITH FORCE!" screamed Nikita Khrushchev at the West. With the frightening crisis over Berlin, the resumption of nuclear bomb testing, the unbelievable Russian successes in the race for conquest of space, the world looks fearfully at ominous WAR CLOUDS on the horizon!

The gathering storm is now reaching Southeast Asia!

Is it really coming?
Are we going to WAR soon?

The Berlin Crisis

Several articles in recent issues of The PLAIN TRUTH have given you the straightforward, on-the-spot reports of the real meaning of the Berlin crisis—written from Berlin.

A peace treaty with the East German regime would mean immediate nullification of any agreements between the four wartime occupational powers on free access to West Berlin. Access through the existing highway, rail and air corridors would immediately be interpreted as a flagrant violation of national sovereignty of the East German government.

You have seen the plain truth of what will happen over Berlin, if you read those vital articles. You have heard the voice of the German people themselves who say they will deal with Moscow on their own terms if the West backs down.

The West Germans fervently hope their own government will step in at any signs of further weakness from the western alliance, and save their newfound prosperity from certain destruction.

Khrushchev has said his position will not change.

President Kennedy says the West will NOT give up its access rights to Berlin.

With the two big powers again resuming nuclear testing, flexing military muscles, calling up reserve units, stepping up the draft, stimulating defense programs, a frightening war of nerves is underway.

But why? Why the stir over Berlin? What, exactly, does Khrushchev want?

Your newspapers and other news media look upon the Berlin crisis as only one more incident in a series of maneuvers around the world to keep the West on the defensive, to keep the cold war going, to keep Khrushchev's policy of bluff, threaten and frighten his enemies going. This is partly true—but there is an even BIGGER reason which YOU HAVE NOT HEARD!

Khrushchev is Frightened!

Why the big hurry? Why is the Communist boss in such a hurry to force the issue over Berlin?

Because he's scared!
He sees what you DO NOT! He understands something the West does not! He fears something of which the western world remains in almost TOTAL IGNORANCE!

He sees, just across the borders of his captive slave states, a glittering, gigantic, burgeoning, industrial, booming EUROMART! He knows, as do western officials, the frankly admitted POLITICAL goals of Euromart. He is in a position to really fear a coming UNITED STATES OF EUROPE!

Mr. Khrushchev knows that by virtue of her economic strength, her leadership, her industrial know-how, her geographical position that West Germany is sure to be the dominant power in a United States of Europe.

Deep in the Russian heart is the chilling memory of how German panzer divisions landed through the vital heart of Russia like a sharp knife through hot butter in two world wars! He remembers it was only the severity of the Russian winter that stopped them.

He knows a NUCLEAR-ARMED Germany, at the head of a United States of Europe, a power to surpass even the United States or Russia, would spell almost certain doom to his plans for world conquest!

Khrushchev is not ignorant of the FANTASTIC trading gains of the resurgent German industrialists, of their tremendous and growing economic and political power in Africa, South and Central America, throughout Europe, and in the United States.

He fears a reunification of Germany, with the uprisings which would almost certainly follow in captive Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and other captive communist-dominated states!

Yes—Mr. Khrushchev is a very frightened man! That's why he's in such a hurry over Berlin! He's desperately gambling against time, hoping to engulf West Berlin, thus KILLING the living SYMBOL of a hoped-for German reunification—breaking the German spirit! He hopes to solidify his control over East Germany, tighten the iron curtain between East and West Germany—and swallow up West Berlin into the drab, colorless, grey, monotonous pattern of the rest of his slave empire!

Berlin Crisis Speeding Political Union

Yes, Khrushchev is scared—and yet his stirring up the Berlin Crisis is
has hastening the very thing he fears!

As past articles have aptly reported, the Berlin crisis is forcing the German people one more giant step toward a neutral policy, withdrawal from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and a non-aggression pact with Russia!

Has the whole world forgotten so soon that a non-aggression pact between Germany and Russia was one of the major forerunners of World War II? Germany had to protect her back door! She had to have the guarantee of protection from Russia before launching her aggressive war. Hitler gave the Russians part of Poland in return for keeping hands off while he fought his battles in the lowlands, France, and against Britain.

Mr. Khrushchev will not like a non-aggression pact between Germany or a United States of Europe and Russia, but he will be forced into it. Germany, or the United States of Europe will then be one of the really big neutral powers.

Khrushchev knows the hordes of peoples in white Russia and eastern Europe desperately need the tons of commodities—the production of Germany's vast and fast-growing industry. He wants the trade lanes open to the West for now.

When the United States of Europe emerges, and when the treaties have been signed, Khrushchev will then turn his greatest attentions to Asia! A geopolitical once said the closest route to the West from Europe was through Asia!

Mr. Khrushchev heartily believes just that.

Giant Events Ahead in Asia

Staggering tho it may seem, the Communist boss will soon begin concentrating much more to the East in the years just ahead! When Germany mounts the fulcrum between the east-west teeter-totter, playing her own game of power politics, Russia will be urgently aware of her critical need to completely consolidate the seemingly limitless manpower and potential of the teeming nations to the East.

Yes—let's not be deceived! Let's not focus our eyes on only one crisis!

Have you ever noticed—how you usually habitually ignore certain nations, or even whole continents? Your mind is focused only upon certain areas that are seemingly more and more in the news.

Consequently, you are just not aware of certain countries, and potential trouble spots, international conflicts developing, uprisings underfoot, revolution brewing, racial tensions mounting, or wars beginning—until they happen!

Lately—you have all but forgotten about Formosa, the Pescadores, about Japan's burgeoning industrial comeback—even bigger proportionately than Germany's—about Indonesia, Pakistan, Nepal, Thailand, South Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos. Probably your mind isn't focused much on the Philippines, Malaya, or Burma.

But in this vast part of the world—something really gigantic is brewing!

In these teeming, heavily populated nations, prophecy marches on!

Believe it or not, your Bible shows Russia and Communist China will continue to make major advances in Southeast Asia—and in other vital areas!

Russia is identified in Ezekiel 38. Here, the prophet Ezekiel was commissioned to write a vivid description of a yet future attack Russia is to make— allied with a host of others!

"Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog (the Mongols), the chief prince (better translated "prince of Rosh," margin) of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him" (Ezek. 38:2). This striking prophecy is introduced even more clearly in the Moffatt version, "Son of man, turn to Gog (in the land of Magog), the prince of Rosh and Meshech and Tubal."

Rosh is identifying Russia, with Meshech the original word from which "Muskva" and finally Moscow are only derivatives. Tubal is seen today in the form of "Tokosky," another major Russian city. Here are included the White Russians and the two branches of the Great Russian peoples.

But notice the amazing alliances God says are sure to form! "O Gog, prince of Rosh and Meshech and Tubal, I am against you. I will bring you along, with all your army, horses and horsemen, in full armour, a mighty host all armed with shields and targes and all wielding swords, warriors from Persia, Kush (not 'Ethiopia' as appears mis-translated in the King James version) and put . . . all the hordes . . . in the far north, and many another nation."

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As a matter of personal interest, I have just had a check-up made over at the Ambassador College Press on this ratio, as it is today. It has not changed. Not counting the 50,000 names on the mailing lists at the London and Sydney offices, there are now some 270,000-plus names on the yearly subscription list at the Pasadena office, beside an additional 30,000 copies of the magazine on reserve which will be sent out during the following 60 days to new subscribers. Of this 300,000 in the United States who will receive the current issue, only 29,000 are Co-Workers. Slightly less than one in ten has ever sent a contribution for the support of this now great work.

And today, the policy is still the same. The other 271,000 people on our subscription list (or to be put on within 60 days) not only have sent no contributions—they have never received any request, directly or indirectly, for financial support.

Every month a few send us money to pay for their subscriptions—but this money is promptly returned! When we say that your subscription has already been paid for you—that you cannot pay for your own—we mean precisely that!

From the first, this work of God has been supported by sheer faith in God to supply every financial need for His own work. The 29,000 who do support this work with their honest tithes and free-will offerings became Co-Workers voluntarily.

This present world-wide activity started, in 1934, with less than a hundred Co-Workers. Through the years they have been joined by hundreds, then thousands of additional Co-Workers whose hearts are truly in the work of God—for, as Jesus said, where one’s treasure is, there will his heart be also! Many are astonished. Many cannot understand this. It is not the way of the world, nor of this world’s religious activities—all of whom, so far as we know, either beg for money on the air or put a price on their literature. But the true original Gospel of Jesus Christ is a FREE Gospel. It offers a FREE salvation. It is not commercialized or sold like material merchandise! We have nothing to sell. God’s way is giving, not getting or taking. We give Christ’s Truth to the world, as He gave it freely to us—and as voluntary Co-Workers contribute freely to pay financial costs.

Back in 1934 many told me it could not be done. They said people would never support a ministry that dares preach the unvarnished TRUTH—that tells people their sins—that refuses to be muzzled. I answered that Almighty God is able to provide for His own work. True, only about one in a thousand listeners to any one broadcast will even write in a request for The Plain Truth or other free literature. And only one in each ten of those joins us in supporting God’s Work. That’s about one in ten thousand reached with Christ’s Gospel. Think of it! Each individual Co-Worker gets the Gospel to TEN THOUSAND OTHERS! Today 33,000 students are enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Course. And, besides all this, each dollar today performs other vital work, such as contributing its portion to the colleges in Pasadena and in England, training men and women for their part in this great and growing world-wide work of God.

So, after all, it is remarkable—almost incredible—how much each single dollar does accomplish when placed at God’s disposal for use in His work. Frankly, I know of no other use for money where so much is accomplished with so little!

It was the same, back in 1938. The difference is merely expansion. The work operates on a vastly multiplied
TO THE U.S. & CANADA

WINS—New York—1010 kc. 9:00 a.m., Sun.; 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

WNTA—Newark, N.J.—970 on dial—9:00 a.m. Sun.—8:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.—9:00 p.m. Sat.; 1:00 p.m., Sun.

WIBG—Philadelphia—990 on dial—12:30 p.m. Sundays.

WPIT—Pittsburgh, Pa.—730 on dial—3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

WBMD—Baltimore, Maryland—750 on dial—12 noon daily.

WEAW—Chicago—1330 on dial—9:30 a.m., Sun. (AM & FM), 7:00 a.m., Mon. thru Sat.

WWVA—Wheeling, W. Va.—1170 on dial—10:30 a.m.; 11:15 p.m., Mon. thru Sat., E.S.T.: 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

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KVRC—Lexington, Neb.—1010 on dial—10:30 a.m. every day.

WOW—Omaha, Nebr.—590 on dial—9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Mon. thru Sat.; 5:00 a.m. Mon. thruFri.; 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KFVR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 on dial—7:00 p.m. every night.

WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial—8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat., 9:00 p.m., Sun.

KZ—Denver, Colo.—560 on dial—10:45 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.; 10:30 a.m., Sat.

KCPX—Salt Lake City, Utah—1320 on dial—7:00 p.m. every night.

KBOI—Boise, Idaho—950 on dial—7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 9:15 p.m., Sat. and Sun.

KPHO—Phoenix, Ariz.—910 on dial—6:30 p.m. every day.

CFSN—Edmonton, Alberta—1260 on dial—7:30 p.m. every night.

CKLW—Windsor, Ontario—800 on dial—7:00 p.m. Sun.; 8:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

CFQC—Saskatoon, Saskatchewan—600 on dial—10:30 p.m., Sun. thru Sat.

In French:

CKL—St. Jerome, Quebec—900 kc.—10:30 a.m. Sunday.

HEARD ON PACIFIC COAST, ALASKA AND HAWAII

KGO—San Francisco—810 on dial—9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.; 10:00 p.m. Sun.

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KRAK—Sacramento, Calif.—1140 on dial—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.; 10:30 p.m. Sun.

KFRE—Fresno, Calif.—940 on dial—8:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.; 9:00 p.m., Mon. thru Sat.

KJH—Los Angeles—930 on dial—7:30 p.m., Sunday.

KRRD—Los Angeles—1150 on dial—7:00 p.m., Mon. thru Sat.; 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sun.

KGBS—Los Angeles—1020 on dial—10:00 p.m. Sun.

KBLA—Burbank—1490 on dial—7:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. daily.

XERB—1090 on dial—7:00 p.m. every night.

KNEZ—Lompoc, Calif.—960 on dial—9:30 a.m. Sunday.

KITO—San Bernadino—1290 on dial—7:00 a.m. daily.

KIRO—Seattle, Wash.—710 on dial—10:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m., Mon. thru Sat.

KNBX—Seattle—1050 on dial—12 noon every day.

KHQ—Spokane, Wash.—590 on dial—9:00 p.m. every night.

KJJ—Portland—1080 on dial—10:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fridays; 9:00 p.m., Mon. thru Sat.

KUGN—Eugene—590 on dial—7:00 p.m. every night.

KFOD—Anchorage, Alaska—730 on dial—9:00 p.m. nightly.

KULA—Honolulu, Hawaii—690 on dial—10:00 p.m. every night.

In Spanish:

KALI—Los Angeles, Calif.—1430 on dial—4:45 p.m. Sun.

TO EUROPE

In English—Mon. & Tuesdays.

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—208 metres (1439 kc.)—Mondays and Tuesdays: 23:30 G.M.T.

In French—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—1293 metres—5:40 a.m. Mon.

EUROPE NO. ONE—Felsberg near Sarre, Germany—182 kc. (1622 m.)—Wed. 5:45 a.m.

In German—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—49 metres (6090 kc.) and 208 metres (1439 kc.)—Sun., 6:05 a.m.; Wed., 7:00 a.m., M.E.T.

TO AFRICA

RADIO LOURENCO MARQUES, MOZAMBIQUE—3301 kc. and 4925 kc.—10:00 p.m., Saturdays; 10:30 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays.

RADIO ELIZABETHVILLE (The Congo) —OQ2AD —5980 kc. (60 m.)—10:00 p.m., Sun. thru Fri.

TO ASIA

RADIO BANGKOK—HSJS—461.5 metres (651 kc.), Monday 10:35-11:05 p.m.

RADIO TAIWAN (FORMOSA)—"The 3rd Network, B.C.C."—BED23 Taichung 1380 kc.; BED82 Chiayi 1460 kc.; BED79 Kaohsiung 1220 kc.—18:00 T.S.T., Wed. and Fri.
scale today. In fact, the letter sent to Co-Workers July 28th, 1938, estimated 100,000 being reached each week with the broadcast. Today, by the same means of calculation, some 16 million are reached weekly. The power of the work has multiplied 160 times in 23 years.

Evangelistic Campaigns

All through these years, the “Three-Point Campaign,” mentioned in earlier installments, was continuing. This consisted of almost constantly holding personal evangelistic campaigns in Oregon and Washington—usually six nights a week—in addition to the radio program, and the issuing of The Plain Truth. A summary of those campaigns might be of interest here.

These evangelistic campaigns had started, as explained earlier, April 1st, 1934, in downtown Eugene. That campaign, held only three nights a week, Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights, carried on until about September. We learned that three times a week was not effective.

Beginning October 14th, 1934, the second campaign was started at the Al­vadora school auditorium, 15 miles northwest of Eugene. This was a six­nights-a-week campaign. It carried on to the end of 1934, and was resumed beginning January 15th, 1935.

Beginning May 5th, 1935, a short two week's campaign was carried on at the Clear Lake schoolhouse, between Eun­gene and Alvadora. Beginning December 1, 1935, the campaign was opened at the Eldridge school, twelve miles north of Salem. This lasted, I believe, six weeks. Meanwhile there had been meetings held in a schoolhouse at Goble, Oregon, about 50 miles north of Portland, campaigns of six weeks or more each time at our own “little church at the end of West Eighth Avenue, in Eugene.” At other times special evangelistic Sunday night services were conducted there.

Then about the first of June, 1936, a big tent campaign of six weeks was held six nights a week in Springfield, a sister city adjoining Eugene on the east. I have recounted in earlier installments how the big tent was taken from us in the middle of this campaign. We finished with a small tent that held a third or less of our crowd.

Then beginning June 15th, 1937, there was a six weeks' campaign in the big tent in Eugene. October 19th to 23rd, inclusive, I held a five nights' evangelistic service at a Community Church somewhere near Eugene. This has gone from my memory—I do not remember where it was located—but...
there is a handbill record of it in the old files.

Also there is a handbill of evangelistic meetings beginning January 16th—the year is not shown, but apparently it was 1939—at Townsend Hall, in Cottage Grove, about 30 miles south of Eugene.

Later, evangelistic meetings were held in Portland, Seattle and Vancouver and Everett, Washington—and, in 1942, in the Biltmore Theatre in downtown Los Angeles.

New Facilities Needed

As the work expanded, through 1938 and into 1939, a few items of new equipment became an imperative need. I do not mean convenient wants—but absolutely necessary needs.

According to usual office standards, we might have thought we needed a better office, with sunlight and ventilation. Remember, as described earlier, we were working all these years in a small inside office, without windows or ventilation. We might have thought modern steel filing cabinets were a need. I was still using cardboard cartons, obtained free at the grocery store, as receptacles for keeping correspondence files. We might have thought that office desks to work on, if only second-hand, were needed. But we were able to work, these years, on a few old tables we found in our little, stuffy, $5 per month office room.

But when the old antiquated neosyle finally was wearing out—about to lay down and cease functioning because of old age—and we were still obliged to crank out The Plain Truth by hand on this piece of primitive mechanism, then a new mimeograph became an absolute need—or else The Plain Truth had to cease publication, and die a natural death along with the neosyle.

So it was, that on February 4, 1939—five years after the first issue of The Plain Truth, a letter to our few Co-Workers said: "I will have to tell you that we are VERY SERIOUSLY IN NEED of a new mimeograph machine. The present one is about worn out, and we are producing this issue of The Plain Truth under difficulties. I can get a very good used mimeograph, almost new, one capable of turning out the large amount of work that is necessary in this office, and will last for several years, for $65. There is not one cent available for the mimeograph, unless some of our friends can send in a special and additional offering just for this purpose."

By April 5, 1939, a letter to Co-Workers found in an old file says: "At last, after many unavoidable delays, we are sending you The Plain Truth. This issue goes to about one thousand NEW READERS. It is still mimeographed, because we have not enough funds to print it, as we did two issues last year. It is a tremendous task, and nearly all the work is done by Mrs. Armstrong, our daughter Beverly who is office secretary, and myself."

In spite of inside office, lack of light or ventilation, lack of desks, filing cabinets and office equipment, the work was GROWING! The Plain Truth circulation was growing. We were not able to get it out every month. There were seven issues in 1938. The June number was only the third during 1939. It was issued as often as there was enough money for paper, ink and postage. Yet already this little mimeographed "magazine" was being read by a few thousand people—and a hundred thousand or more were hearing the very Gospel Christ Himself preached every week—besides almost continuous evangelistic campaigns reaching hundreds.

The few dimes, quarters, and dollars were producing fruits that were to last for eternity.

But now our old second-hand car was about to lie down and die of old age and much use.

Near the bottom of this letter of April 5, 1939, I find this: "Another serious need is a new car. The present one, five years old, is in an Albany garage for lack of a $50 repair bill. We are totally dependent on our car to transport the six of us (self and singers) to Portland and back for the Sunday broadcasts. We have to drive 600 miles every week—2,500 miles a month—in God's work. The present car won't hold out longer. We are doing the very best we can with what we have to do with."

This referred to the 1934-model used Graham car we had purchased as a result of Mrs. Starkey's letter sent out December 21, 1937. But we were not to be able to get another car until 1941.

That old Graham blew con-rods every few thousand miles. But it was destined to suffer some real punishment, with weekly trips clear to Seattle, before we could replace it.

God has promised to supply all our need. But during these years it was surely bare need, not wants—and the needs were not always as great as they appeared to us.

How many of our readers, today, realize how much more than bare needs you are enjoying? Not many have had to struggle along with real bare needs, as we did through those lean years!

U.S. of Europe and War Predicted

The February-March, 1939, issue of The Plain Truth contained another article on the resurrection of the Roman Empire to come. We have warned our radio listeners of this prophesied event since the first year we were on the air—1934. We have shouted this prophecy ever since 1934 in The Plain Truth. This issue carried a full-page map, which I sketched and traced on the mimeograph stencil, showing the territory of the original Roman Empire.

This map circled four of the sea gates which control sea-access to this entire territory. The article stressed the fulfillment of the prophecy of Genesis 22:17 and 24:60, showing how the U.S.A. and Britain were to possess the sea gates of enemy nations. This was part of the national dominance promised Abraham for his descendants. But the article also pointed out that our peoples, since receiving this Birthright inheritance, have turned from our God—our national sins have increased—and God is going to punish our nations at the hand of this coming resurrected Roman Empire, with invasion, captivity, and slavery. These four vital sea gates, the article explained, must be taken from Britain before the "Beast" power—revived Roman Empire—can rise. Britain has, as of today, lost Suez, and exercises no real control over the other three.

This tremendous prophecy was fulfilled, in the form of the insignificant "sixth head of the Beast," by Mussolini very shortly after this article appeared. But the all-important seventh and last

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Will They OUTGROW It?

Should you EXPECT your children to be hateful, rebellious? Is it merely a PHASE when children have temper tantrums, shouting defiance at their parents? Read these SHOCKING, and UNBELIEVABLE quotations from the real culprits behind our mounting wave of child crime!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

“WHat do I do when my child screams ‘I HATE YOU!’ to me,” ask distraught parents. “Nothing much,” answer the child psychologists—except perhaps sympathize with him, tell him how much you used to hate your parents when you were told to do something, and he’ll soon outgrow it—he’s just going through a ‘phase’ which he’ll soon pass.”

Such are the almost UNBELIEVABLE quotations you are about to read!

Today, rebellious, kicking, screaming, tantrum-throwing children are actually being ENCOURAGED to throw demonical RAGES at their parents, because modern child “psychology” has assured a completely gullible age this is merely a “PHASE” through which the child is passing!

The Mythical Phases of Childhood

In the last number, we saw without question where the real guilt lies for our burgeoning problem of criminality among youth, and our heinous methods of permissiveness in rearing our children. We saw teachers, law enforcement officials, and the very word of God indict the PARENTS who have swallowed the spineless teachings of UNeducated THEORISTS.

Now, we need to come to clearly see the false concepts behind the “no punishment” school of “child behaviorists.”

Almost without fail, modern books available on child psychology will group children, according to various ages, into certain “PHASES” or “STAGES” of growth and development.

For a general view of these patterns, let’s notice the following quotation, “Our observations of child behavior have led us to believe that almost any kind of behavior you can think of ... develops by means of remarkably patterned and largely predictable stages.” “Knowledge of these growth stages can help you a good deal and in a great many ways. To begin with, it can give you an idea of what to expect.” (pp. 3-4, Child Behavior, Ilg & Ames).

Should You Expect Disobedience?

Let’s notice the symptoms of some of the phases. “The eighteen-monther walks down a one-way street, though this one-way street can be rapidly reversed. And this street more often than not seems to lead in a direction exactly opposite to that which the adult has in mind. Asked to ‘come here, dear!’ he either stands still or runs in the opposite direction. (He may even like to walk backwards.) Ask him to put something in the waste-basket, and he is more likely to empty out what is already in it. Hold out your hand for the cup which he has just drained, he will drop it on to the floor. Give him a second sock to put on, and he will more likely than not remove the one which is already on his foot. His enjoyment of the opposite may be the reason why it works so well, if he is running away from you, to say ‘bye-bye’ and walk away from him. Then he may come running. “Not only does he not come when called—he seldom obeys any verbal command. ‘No!’ is his chief word” (p. 22, Child Behavior, Ilg & Ames).

To state the “eighteen-monther” does all these disobedient acts simply by virtue of being 18-months-old is a piteous display of idiocy!

The 18-monther WIIll do these things, only if he has been left without any supervision, has never been trained, never been taught the MEANING of obedience, and has been turned out to “pasture” like any animal, rather than reared by his parents.

Let’s really UNDERSTAND.

By having already carelessly ASSUMED any means of punishment or control over a child to be harmful, the child psychologists have laboriously catalogued the “behavior” patterns of children—by merely OBSERVING them.

They have, instead of TRAINING the children, seeing how positive methods of real teaching, instruction and discipline will work, merely “observed” the little children much in the same manner as watching monkeys in cages. They have busily made notes, and collected sage observations. As a result of these widespread “observations,” the modern child psychologists have carefully documented certain definite PHASES in the actions of children.

Let’s notice carefully, however, that these phases are merely the INEVITABLE reactions of UNtrained children, UNdisciplined children, who have been OBSERVED instead of trained! Ask a dog who has been TRAINED to “come here!” and it will OBEY! Give a horse a command when it has been TRAINED, and it will OBEY! But, assure the child behaviorists, you cannot expect such obedience from the infinitely more intelligent, far superior human mind!

My own 18-monthers, when asked to “Come here, dear!”—came here! When asked to put something in the wastebasket—they immediately put it in the wastebasket. When holding out my hand for the cups they had drained, they immediately gave them to me. Given a second sock, they always put it on!

Why?

Simply because they had been TAUGHT to do these things!
This entire quotation will be discussed later, revealing the really serious consequences which may be reaped by any family foolish enough to believe it.

Later, the authors of this particular work, in breaking down one of the supposed "stages" through which all children are to pass (with varying differences according to their own individuality) the authors state:

"Two and a half years: This is an age about which parents may need warning because so much that the child now does naturally, almost inevitably, is directly contrary to what his parents would like to have him do. The 2½-year-old is not, temperamentally, an easy, adaptable member of any social group.

The change in behavior which takes place between two and two-and-one-half can be rather overwhelming, perhaps to child as well as to the adults who surround him. Two-and-a-half is a peak age of disequilibrium. Parents often say that they can't do a thing with the child of this age. . . . First of all, two-and-a-half is rigid and inflexible. He wants exactly what he wants when he wants it. He cannot adapt, give in, wait a little while. Everything has to be done just so. Everything has to be in the right place he considers its proper place. For any domestic routine, he sets up a rigid sequence of events which must follow each other always in the same manner."

Here we are assured, the little, tiny toddling two-and-a-half-year-old human baby, who is totally carnal, entirely selfish, and yet a very sweet and lovable little reproduction of our own selves is just BOUND to act in this prescribed fashion—simply because he has reached one of the "steps" along the ladder of life—the "stage" at two-and-a-half years of age. Parents are assured this child CANNOT ADAPT! That means, if parents attempt to get him to "adapt" they may run the dire risks of "breaking his spirit," "giving him a complex," or any number of perfectly horrible results. Parents are assured the little two-and-a-half-year-old toddler cannot possibly "give in" or "wait awhile!" Therefore, the entire household, whether the father is a truck driver, lawyer, or the President of the United States completely revolves around, waits on, is ordered according to, adapted to, and adjusted to the CHILDISH WHIMS of a little toddling two-and-a-half-year-old baby!

Can such quotations really appear even credible? Isn't it even a little UNBELIEVABLE that adult human beings could POSSIBLY ADVOCATE such a heinous, monstrous, rotten, ABOMINATION in the sight of God?

What would a parent do if he had SERIOUSLY FOLLOWED these idiotic and spineless teachings in some of the following eventualities?

Suppose a little "eighteen-monther" was toddling off the curb, into the path of rumbling, swiftly-moving traffic! If HE IS TO BE NORMALY EXPECTED TO "RUN THE OTHER WAY" IF YOU DARE TO COMMAND HIM TO "COME HERE!" THEN WHAT ARE YOU TO DO?

"Surround him with interesting objects" as the psychologists recommend? How? Is there time?

Do you merely accept the already quoted thought that the child simply "CANNOT WAIT A WHILE" and that he "SELDOMobeys ANY VERBAL COMMAND" and then resign yourself to his IMMEDIATE DEATH???

The authors continue:

"Second, he is extremely domineering and demanding. He must give the orders. He must make the decisions. If he decides, 'mummy do,' daddy cannot be accepted as a substitute. . . . Two-and-a-half is an age of violent emotions. There is little modulation to the emotional life of the child at this age. Therefore, the entire household, whether

cult two-and-a-half turns three"


Fantastic, isn't it? The little two-and-a-half-year-old is extremely domineering and demanding—and HE MUST GIVE THE ORDERS! He must make the decisions for the family! If he decides, THAT HIS MOTHER SHOULD PERFORM SOME TASK FOR HIM, he will not accept 'daddy' as a substitute! Thus, gullible parents are assured that these characteristics of a two-and-a-half-year-old child are just as sure, just as irrevocable as an approaching cold front out of the North! There is nothing they can do about it—it just is "that way!"

These empty theories are simply untrue.

To promote the concept that the "domineering and demanding," "order giving," "extremist," "impossible to deal with," "vigorous, enthusiastic, energetic," "rigid," "stubborn" child of two-and-a-half will CHANGE IMMEDIATELY, and enter another phase when he is THREE is pretty poor comfort to a frustrated, worried, apprehensive, beleaguered parent with a monstrous little REBEL he seemingly is unable to control.

Can you see? Can you really comprehend what is BEHIND this false concept?

The behaviorists have merely put together the carnal, natural REBELLION in a child with his obviously increased energies, co-ordination, scope of activity, increased motor facility, longer reach, and growth in all physical capacities.

OBVIOUSLY a REBELLIOUS, UNTRAINED child of four will be getting into even MORE trouble than a rebellious child of ONE and ONE HALF! OBVIOUSLY the eighteen-monther, who is already REBELLIOUS, and has not had that rebellion driven from him, and who has NOW LEARNED TO RUN, will run from his parents' commands! The child psychologists can very SAFELY predict these "behavior patterns" in untrained, rebellious, resentful, hostile, MONSTROUS little children who have never really known any authority!

Yes, let's really look at what we've read—let's really get PRACTICAL with it, and ask some truly basic questions. Isn't it pretty poor comfort to tell a

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WAR WITH RUSSIA?

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TION in your train” (Ezek. 38:3-6, Moffatt).

PERSIA is still in the same area as anciently. It is the modern nation of Iran.

The “Ethiopia” of the King James version is translated from the original Hebrew word “CUSH.” Herodotus, the Grecian historian, says Cush became divided between the east and west. Today, in the highlands to the north of India, we find the “Hindoo-cush” mountains! The eastern Ethiopians or Cush are the bulk of the people of India.

God goes on to single out Put, falsely labeled “Libya” in the King James version (see margin), but having nothing whatsoever to do with the modern nation of Libya in northern Africa. Put is also identifying INDIA!

Think of it! These striking prophecies, long hidden and concealed from most, are laying bare the shocking facts of coming Communist success in Asia! Your Bible means what it says!

The Asiatic mind is totally different from the occidental mind. It doesn’t reason in the same manner. Try though we may to delude ourselves into believing our dollars, trade missions, military advisors and arms shipments, our hospital ships, our missions, our food supplies are helping stem the tide of the advancing threat of Communism in these eastern nations—WE ARE FAILING!

These simple peoples are impressed with STRENGTH, not talk. They feel a much closer kinship with other peoples of the Asian sphere than they do with the far away “Yankees” with customs, languages and religions so totally different from their own.

The Die is Cast

Experts note the trends in Laos today as definite indication of the way things will continue to develop in Southeast Asia. The present conciliations of the western powers to Russia will only mean, they say, a partitioning of yet another country! That is now a virtual reality in Laos. Germany is divided, Korea is divided, Indo-China is divided—and Laos has been divided between a Communist puppet state and, at best, a luke-warm “neutralist” government to the south, and maintains an unrealistic “cease fire” between the two opposing governments.

Here again is the same old story!

The Russians now have their Trojan horse firmly lodged within the gates of Laos—and are ready to settle down while Reds accuse US of aiding Asians, they secretly—and here openly—fly in supplies to native communist guerrillas.
to subversion, political intrigue, economic pressure, propaganda methods, guerrilla forays, and all the other tools of revolution to finally take over the entire country!

Yes—the die is cast! The United States now finds itself in the distasteful situation of being virtually forced to accept COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION in all levels of Laos Government!

What It's Leading To

But this isn't the worst of it!

The years-old struggle to get Communist China admitted to the U.N. has been abetted considerably by the Communist successes in Southeast Asia. The pressure is on the United States now from its own allies abroad to make conciliatory gestures toward the Communists—to continue trying to TALK with Chinese leaders over the controversial issues of Formosa, the Pescadores and the offshore islands.

The arguments are that once Red China has gained admission to the U.N., she could then be held accountable for any further acts of aggression in Asia—any attacks against the Pescadores or Formosa could then be brought into the open and dealt with accordingly!

But IT WOULDN'T WORK OUT THAT WAY!

When will we AWAKE to the fact that the Communists are the deadly, sworn, arch-enemies of free men? When will we begin to fully realize their leaders DO NOT EVEN REMOTELY DESIRE PEACE?

They want disruption, chaos, unrest, political instability, violent revolution, the threat of war, and war itself to achieve their goals! If Red China is admitted to the U.N., which it almost certainly will be—it spells the most serious defeat ever for the United States in the "cold war!"

Reaching Staggering Proportions

You are going to be shocked at the all-inclusive, MONSTROUS proportions toward which these recent developments are leading!

The moment Red China is admitted to the U.N., Japan will almost certainly officially recognize the Red Chinese government!

Have you already forgotten the foreboding mood of the Japanese nation, only so recently beaten into complete surrender by the western powers? Have you already forgotten that our former president had to cancel his proposed visit of state in rout and ignominy when his press secretary had to be rescued from screaming Communist mobs in the streets of Tokyo?

The Japanese are presently flooding western markets with manufactured goods. Japan is again one of the biggest industrial powers of the world! But Japan is not satisfied with markets to the West ONLY! She realizes she is tied by ancient bonds, by color, partially by religion and especially by geographic proximity to ASIA! "Asia for the Asians" screamed the Japanese warlords in World War II.

Who has Asia now?

Recognition of China by Japan could weaken seriously the present shaky political and economic ties between Japan and the United States. It would lead to ultimate Communist domination of JAPAN, KOREA, and LAOS!

But that's only the beginning!

The Philippines would strongly favor neutralism—weakening ties with the United States! Communism is already deeply entrenched in the Philippines.

Here's what would eventually happen!

Japan, Korea, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, and even INDIA would come under the insidious, slimy red tentacles of the monstrous greed of the freedom-strangling Communist octopus that is encircling the teeming millions of the East!

Your Bible SAYS this will happen!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO THE UNITED STATES?

The United States has had its greatest headaches since World War II over the Berlin crisis, and has lost face before many of the big neutralist countries. Having advanced virtually to the brink of another "Korea-type" war over Laos, the United States would almost certainly have to fight a major battle in either Thailand or South Viet Nam—where, say the experts, the risk of war is even greater than in Laos—if all of Southeast Asia is to be kept out of the Communist orbit!

This is going to lead to further WEAKENING of our economy.

It will mean FURTHER WEAKENING of our national pride and spirit.

It will mean we will continue to be concentrating almost entirely on RUSSIA, on CHINA, and on COMMUNISM (which IS A BESTIAL ENEMY OF THE UNITED STATES AND FREEDOM-LOVING MEN—BUT NOT THE ONLY ENEMY) instead of on a potentially GREATER enemy!

Yes—inconceivable as that may sound to your ears—we are now threatened by an even greater enemy than Communism! This by no means infers Communism is not to be looked upon as an enemy, nor Communist domination to be feared as the most detestable thing that could befall a free people—BUT COMMUNISM IS NOT THE ONLY ENEMY!

What the Bible Says

Notice again the startling prophecies in Ezekiel 38!

God reveals this huge, powerful amalgamation of eastern nations under the Communists will start a gigantic war!

But that war is NOT against the United States!

"After many days thou shalt be visited. In the latter years [the "end times"] thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste [Moffatt: "A perpetual desolation"] but it is brought forth out of the nations, and . . . . thou shalt ascend and come like a storm . . . . thou, and MANY PEOPLE WITH thee . . . and thou shalt say, 'I will go up to the land of unwalled villages, I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates . . .'" (Ezek. 38:8-11).

Yes—this describes a huge Communist advance AFTER THE COMING OF CHRIST!

God describes how His people Israel are to be taken into CAPTIVITY—their cities destroyed (Ezek. 6:6). One third are to die of famine and disease, while another third are to be destroyed by a huge armed attack, with nuclear weap-
ons. The remaining one-third of helpless refugees are to be carted off to foreign countries—to live as slaves of a ruthless conqueror! (Ezek. 5:12).

But—just as a giant war between a revived NAZI-FASCIST power and the COMMUNISTS gets underway, God will intervene!

Jesus said, “And except those days were shortened there would no flesh be saved!” (Mat. 24:22). But God will “shorten” the days—He will SEND CHRIST to stop this earth-destroying war! “For the ELECT’S sake—those days shall be shortened” (Mat. 24:22).

Christ will then GATHER His people—the citizens of the United States and Great Britain, of Canada, of South Africa, of Australia and New Zealand—yes, His people ISRAEL! He will bring them “from the four corners of the earth.” Notice it: “And in that day (describing the beginning of the MILLENNIUM—READ it in your Bible beginning in the 11th Chapter of Isaiah) there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people, to it shall the GENTILES seek” (This is NOT happening now—nor has it EVER happened before—this is a prophecy about the happenings just after the second coming of Christ!) and His rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass IN THAT DAY, that the Lord shall set His hand AGAIN THE SECOND TIME [It happened ONCE ONLY so far—in ancient Egypt] to recover the remnant [the last end-time generation] of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria [Germany] and from Egypt, and from Pathros (Upper Egypt), and from Cush (Ethiopia), and from Elam (Eastern Europe), and from Shinar [Iraq], and from Hamath (in Syria), and from the islands of the sea. And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts [the refugees, the slaves] of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth . . . and there shall be an HIGHWAY for the remnant of His people, which shall be LEFT, from Assyria, like it was to Israel in the day that he came out of the land of Egypt” (Isa. 11:10-16).

Yes—ANOTHER EXODUS is coming!

But THIS time, God’s people will come from Europe, from Asia, from Egypt, from South America and Africa—from all parts of the world!

“Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, the Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the NORTH country, and from all countries whither I had driven them, and they shall dwell in their own land” (Jer. 23:7-8).

Notice it carefully! Your Bible prophesies of an END-TIME EXODUS from captivity of God’s peoples of the United States and the British Commonwealth!

But that mass exodus from captivity is NOT FROM RUSSIA! Russia will NOT be their captors—but Germany, and other major nations allied with her, WILL!

This is real, it is TRUE.

Everywhere Israel is mentioned in connection with the second coming of Christ, Israel appears in a state of captivity—under the Assyrian peoples—modern Germany!

A Definite Sequence of Events

Prophecy sets no dates!

But prophecy DOES show a definite sequence of events! Right NOW, as you read this article, major world happenings are weaving an intricate pattern of events working out the PLAN of (Please continue on page 40)
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Water Crisis Real

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"Having just returned from a cross-sectional tour of Canada's prairie provinces, I found the article, 'Tragic U.S. Water Crisis Here Now!' very informative and interesting. Canada's water problem is very critical also. People everywhere told me wells were going dry for the first time in memory. An 80-year-old man in Manitoba said that 1961 was the driest and hottest year ever. Crops are very poor to non-existent. Large areas of trees are dying out. People were unanimous in declaring that another such dry and hot year would mean disaster."

Man from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Warning to Wise

"Your article in the July PLAIN TRUTH on 'What do You Mean—Salvation?' is a masterpiece. I have read it at least 8 times. It should be read by all who even think of the future."

Man from South Haven, Michigan.

Autobiography Reassures Faith

"Mr. Armstrong's autobiography has confirmed my faith in Ambassador and The WORLD TOMORROW. The way he has had to fight, it is a sure thing he did not do it alone. God had to be with him for him to stay on top and for things to turn out as they have. His life story surely has given me a lift."

Man from Bloomington, Indiana.

Wants Lifetime Subscription

"I am very thankful for the continual supply of The PLAIN TRUTH to me during the past year. It is the only magazine which, as long as it remains in publication, I would wish to read. I am beginning to understand the Bible, which did not seem to be an interesting book at all before. I was suffering from lack of understanding."

Man from Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia, Africa.

Ostrich!!

"I am not well, and have not been for over a year and what was in your magazine seemed to upset me terribly. I never read more than a page or two, in a month. The news makes me very nervous. I feel it's about all I can endure. I have my own small world to reckon with, and am unable to do anything toward world situations. Just hearing how dreadful the conditions are over the whole earth makes me lose much of what small energy I have. Being just a woman with home and husband to do for takes my strength. Recently I have had a heart attack which puts more strain on my nerves. So please take my name off your list of subscribers."

Woman from Kansas.

Editor's comment: Running from reality never has helped anyone. God commands you to be conversant with world affairs and trust Him for deliverance. God help you not to follow this one-time subscriber's example.

Interest Continues to Increase

"Since you sent me my first copy of The PLAIN TRUTH some 18 months ago, my interest in each succeeding copy has increased beyond my own imagination. As I finish one copy, I eagerly look forward to the next. Never in all my days, could I have believed that a magazine could enthrall me as much as The PLAIN TRUTH does."


Thankful for Service

"As a subscriber to your amazingly genuine magazine, I feel impelled to send you my most ardent thanks for the phenomenal service you have rendered by spreading the veritable truth of God. Every issue of your magazine grips me. I do not feel easy until I have gone through its last page."

Person from Karachi, Pakistan.

Twenty-four Readers

"Thank you for The PLAIN TRUTH. Not only do I look forward to getting it each month, but about 23 others do too. I read it and then pass it on to another. It continues through 23 people before I get it back."

Man from Chicago, Illinois.

Editor's comment: Each of these people may have his own personal copy upon request. No magazine retains its value as The PLAIN TRUTH does.

Minister Staggered

"Your PLAIN TRUTH fell into my hands in a doctor's office. I read it and subscribed. I am a Methodist minister, approximately 90 years old, 61 years a preacher. Your all-comprehensive articles stagger my brain."

Man from Arab, Alabama.

Agnostic Wonders

"Last Sunday evening on WOW I heard you discuss prophecies made nearly 2700 years ago by men who were supposedly inspired by some supreme Being. For over 20 years I have been an agnostic. I must confess I was stunned at the impact of your program. The realization that these prophecies also embraced our era left me questioning my own established beliefs. For this reason I am writing to ask you upon which sections of the Bible do you base your theory that within 10 or 15 years we will witness the Lamb's conquest of His enemies. I do not ask this idly. I am deeply interested."

Man from Carter Lake, Iowa.

Wants Correspondence Course Immediately

"I hear your program over Broadcasting System from The Philippine Islands almost every day. I enjoy them very much. Your programs are so inspiring that I intend to join your Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course immediately. I hope you will dispatch my first lesson of The Bible Course by return of post."

Man from Bombay, India.

Begins to See Meaning of Salvation

"I have received the 6th lesson in the Correspondence Course. The more I learn, by doing the Course, reading The PLAIN TRUTH and other articles and by listening to your programmes, the more I realize how confused I really was before. I thought I was a Christian until I realized what a Christian really is. I always told my friends and my family how I was 'saved', little realizing what (Please continue on page 30)"
What the Holy Spirit Can Do For YOU!

Do you know what the Holy Spirit really IS? Do you realize the POWER it can make available to you?

by Roderick C. Meredith

Are you plagued with fears, worries and personal frustrations? Do you have bad habits which seem almost impossible to break?

Do you have an exciting, challenging PURPOSE in life? Or are you often despondent over the emptiness and boredom of the routine existence in which you find yourself?

The Christ of your Bible said: "I am come that they might have LIFE, and that they might have it more ABUNDANTLY" (John 10:10).

Jesus also stated: "God is Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

Are you able to worship God "in spirit"? Do you know what the Holy Spirit really is? Do you fathom the POWER that is available to bless and enrich your life through that Spirit?

These are vital questions you need to UNDERSTAND!

A Christian MUST Have the Holy Spirit

Speaking through the Apostle Paul, God says in Romans 8:9: "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is NONE of His."

In other words, if a man does not have God's own Spirit, he does NOT belong to God or to Christ, he is NOT converted, he is NOT truly a Christian.

Do you have God's Spirit?

Throughout this very 8th chapter of Romans, the Apostle Paul is contrasting the Spirit-led mind with the carnal, or natural physical mind of man which is basically in rebellion against God. Notice verse 6: "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is LIFE and PEACE."

One who is carnal—CUT OFF in rebellion against God and His way, is going to end up in DEATH. But one who is truly spiritual experiences the blessings of life and peace—a type of full life and real peace of mind which carnal people are not able to fathom or understand.

Why does the carnal mind end up in death? "Because the carnal mind is ENMITY against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (verse 7). Here, in plain language, God shows that those who are rebellious against obeying His LAW have "carnal" minds—minds HOSTILE and ANTAGONISTIC against the law and way of Almighty God.

A Spirit-led mind, then, by contrast, would be one that is submissive and obedient to the laws and ways of Almighty God the Creator. As this passage clearly indicates, it is led in that way by the Holy Spirit. And, as Paul states in verse 14: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God"—they are true Christians!

How to Receive God's Spirit

But if the true Christian is one who is OBEDIENT to God and His law through the Holy Spirit in him, how does he receive the Holy Spirit in the first place?

In the first inspired sermon of the New Testament Church, Peter showed the people that they had rejected God, His prophets, and killed the very Messiah. They asked: "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37).

"Then Peter said unto them, REPENT, and be BAPTIZED every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (verse 38).

To receive God's Spirit, one must completely REPENT of breaking God's Law! For baptism is performed "for the remission of sins," and the Bible states: "Sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4).

So to receive God's Spirit, you must REPENT of breaking God's Law in the letter and in the spirit as it was magnified by Jesus Christ. Then you must be BAPTIZED in water as a symbol of your willingness to BURY your old self and rise up to walk in newness of life with Christ (Rom. 6:3-4).

Acts 5:32 speaks of the Holy Spirit, "whom God hath given to them that OBEY him." You must come to KNOW that God exists as the SUPREME SPIRIT PERSONALITY who sits at the controls of this universe—that His way is right and good, and begin to OBEY Him, before you are given His Holy Spirit.

God's Spirit BLESSES You

Now notice the direct blessings, guidance and strength that you can receive through the very Spirit of God. Jesus said: "If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:15-17).

It is a spirit of TRUTH that we receive from God. It guides us to see and understand truth. It is also called a "Comforter." In this forlorn, loveless age, the comfort and peace that is given through a real knowledge of God and His Spirit is truly a wonderful thing.

Later, Jesus stated: "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (verse 23).

But HOW are Christ and the Father going to dwell WITHIN each individual Christian who keeps and obeys their inspired words? It is through the very
Spirit of God—the Comforter—whom Jesus said shall come "that he may abide with you forever" (verse 16).

Christ continued: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (verse 26).

The Holy Spirit is to TEACH us God's truth and help us understand the purpose of our lives and of human existence. It will help us remember the Bible and the spiritual lessons we should have learned.

In other words, God's Holy Spirit will help you understand the Bible, remember it, and live it! It will also help you grow in understanding of spiritual truth and of the amazing prophecies of the Bible that are now being worked out here below! "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you INTO ALL TRUTH: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come" (John 16:13).

One reason more professing Christians aren't able to grow constantly in grace and knowledge and understanding of prophecy is that they are not empowered by God's Holy Spirit to grasp and understand the Bible and to overcome themselves in living it.

The "Fruit" of God's Spirit

People today WANT the blessings that would come from God and His Spirit. But they want to get these blessings their own way! They fail to realize that only by SURRENDER to their Maker and God and through receiving His Holy Spirit can they have the deep inner happiness, peace of mind and joy in life which everyone craves so much.

But if one has surrendered to God in repentance and baptism, He is promised to receive the very Spirit of God—the very life and nature of God which is placed in His begotten children.

Notice the wonderful "fruit" or result of God's Spirit in the minds and hearts of human beings. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5:22-23).

The first and most important result of God's Spirit in the life of a human being is love. This is a world based on competition, selfishness, greed and hate. We are approaching the very epitome of hate—human annihilation through the next world war! The result of God's Spirit is exactly the opposite!

The love that we receive through God's Spirit is not just another form of human love, but, "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us" (Rom. 5:5). What is this divine love that comes from God?

The inspired answer is found in I John 5:3: "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."

How God's Love Is Channeled

The love of the true Christian, then, is expressed in obeying the commandments of Almighty God. This love runs down the riverbed or channel of the ten commandments. First, it is expressed in outgoing concern, adoration and worship toward our Heavenly Father. For Jesus said that the first and greatest commandment is to love God with all one's being (Mat. 22:37).

Next, this divine love from God is expressed in compassion, concern, kindness and service toward fellow man. For the second great command is: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Mat. 22:39).

Through expressing the divine love of God in keeping His commandments—in concern and service toward God and fellow man—comes deep-down joy and peace of a nature that is never experienced by selfish, carnal-minded men cut off from God and the true purpose of their lives. The qualities of long-suffering, gentleness and goodness are simply an added expression of that divine love which need not be expounded here. Notice that faith is one of the fruits of God's Spirit. Again, here is something the world has precious little of today. People seem to believe in nothing but themselves! And they have become mighty discouraged in that vain process. They do not really know God. They are drifting about in an empty, black world. They are helpless and yet they do not know where to turn! God's Spirit will impart a sense of knowing God—a personal contact with Him that cannot be obtained any other way. For His Spirit is His very nature that He places in us so that we can call Him "Abba, Father."

The quality of "meekness" is mentioned next. In this age of hate and violence, this characteristic of humility, and the realization of one's own shortcomings is very sadly needed. It is a quality which enables one to see himself for what he really is—and thereby enables him to grow and become what he should be in the purposes of his Maker. Last of all, but far from least, is temperance, or self-control.

Do you have the strength of character to overcome personal weaknesses, bad habits or a rotten temper? This quality of God's Spirit gives you the power to control yourself! This is one of the most important attributes that could be given to any human being!

The wisest man who ever lived was inspired to write: "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city" (Pro. 16:32).

This divine gift of self-control enables the drunkard to quit drinking, the smoker to quit smoking, the man who is weak to become strong. It gives spiritual backbone and power to men and women who have surrendered their lives to the true God and are faithfully relying on His strength to help them live the balanced, happy, abundant lives which He has promised!

The "Gifts" of God's Spirit

The 12th chapter of I Corinthians is devoted to describing and explaining the "gifts" or spiritual tools which God gives to those in His Church to do the work of the body of Christ, the true Church of God.

Paul states: "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal" (verse 7). In other words, these spiritual gifts are given to each man in order to profit the whole body—the whole Church of God.

Notice these gifts that come through God's Spirit: "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the
same Spirit" (verse 8). The word "word" in this verse comes from a Greek expression meaning utterance or forthtelling. The emphasis is on the minister in God's Church being given the ability to speak or utter WISDOM or KNOWLEDGE—as the case may be. Notice that wisdom is put first. It is most important, for a great deal of knowledge without wisdom could be a very dangerous thing. Wisdom is the ability to understand all of the facts bearing on any situation and make the right decision as to what course of action should be followed. A true minister, or one in high office of authority such as the President of the United States or the Prime Minister of Great Britain, needs a great deal of wisdom. And deep spiritual wisdom comes only from God through His Spirit!

Knowledge, Faith and Healing

This is also true with spiritual knowledge. This involves a grasp of the laws and principles of the Bible—a real knowing of God's will and purpose. This is something that many men have sought after their whole lifetime without ever finding it! But it can come through surrender to God and the receiving of His Holy Spirit.

The other gifts mentioned are faith—which comes only through God's Spirit. Then the gifts of healing—the God-given office and authority to heal the sick as Jesus Christ and His apostles did when on this earth. If you are in doubt as to whether God has taken this gift away from His people, write immediately for Mr. Armstrong's free booklet: "Does God Heal Today?"

The working of miracles is another gift that the world will soon come to realize is still in God's true Church and that He will intervene even physically in our lives and affairs when we ask Him to do so in faith according to His will. The gift of prophecy or inspired preaching is another gift very much in evidence in the true Church of God which is carrying His message to this world as a last witness in real POWER. The discerning of spirits—the ability to discern the attitude or spirit of a person—whether it is of Satan or of God. This should also be possessed by those who call themselves Christians today.

And last of all is mentioned the gift of tongues and the interpretation of tongues. This supernatural gift embodies the ability to speak through supernatural help a foreign language one has not physically and mentally learned, and help preach the Gospel in this way. As the end of this age approaches and even the heathen and those of languages not normally taught in schools and colleges must be reached as a last witness, this gift will undoubtedly be seen and exercised its true way more and more.

God's Spirit Imparts His Nature

The Apostle Paul said: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5).

The very MIND and NATURE of Christ and God are available to the true Christian through the POWER of God's Holy Spirit. We can come to have better WISDOM, and KNOWLEDGE, and FAITH.

As the Apostle Peter stated: "Whereby are ye justified unto exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the DIVINE NATURE, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (II Pet. 1:4).

As the begotten child of Almighty God, you can receive His very NATURE and CHARACTER—just as a human baby receives the exact nature of his parents! You will come to think as God thinks, love as God loves, have the power of SELF-CONTROL as He does and—more and more have His divine KNOWLEDGE, His UNDERSTANDING of spiritual things and His WISDOM to make the right decisions throughout this life now and all eternity!

This should give the true Christian a tremendous confidence and FAITH in God and in His POWER working through those who surrender their lives to Him that is unsurpassed in human experience!

The young evangelist Timothy was written the following inspired words by the Apostle Paul which apply to us today as well: "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of POWER, and of LOVE, and of a SOUND MIND" (II Tim. 1:6-7).

The Power to Actually Live as Christ Lived

Today people are fearful. They are frustrated. Their lives are empty and forlorn. They do not love others and they themselves crave affection. Millions are mixed up and have weird ideas about religion and politics. They are "blown about by every wind of doctrine."

People don't know WHERE they came from, WHY they are here, or WHERE they are going. They DON'T KNOW GOD!

But the Apostle Paul shows us that the very SPIRIT and NATURE of God is NOT one of fear or confusion. Rather, it is the spirit of POWER—spiritual STRENGTH to master our human weaknesses and the temptations of the world and the Devil.

It is the spirit of LOVE—the attitude of worship and obedience and adoration toward our Father in Heaven who made us and put us here, and of concern and kindness and service toward our fellow man made in His image.

The Holy Spirit is that of a SOUND MIND—a mind that grasps the real purpose of human existence in relationship to the plan and will of Almighty God, and sees each trial and test and phase in life in relationship to that purpose and has the WISDOM to make right decisions accordingly.

Would you like to have the tremendous UNDERSTANDING of God and life and the unparalleled strength of CHARACTER that can be had only through the power of God's Spirit?

Then OBEY your Maker! REPENT and BE BAPTIZED by a true servant of the Living God as He has commanded! Carefully read the articles every month in The PLAIN TRUTH magazine to find out more of the details of God's will and to prove to yourself WHERE God is working today!

Don't "kid" yourself. Be honest with God and with the Bible. Seek God and His Spirit with all your might—in diligent Bible Study, in prayer and fasting, and obey each spiritual truth as God reveals it to you!

Seek God's Spirit with all your might. Exercise it. Use it. If you truly yield yourself to God and His will, you will receive it—and it is POWER UNLIMITED!
Will They OUTGROW It?

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parent with the little two-and-a-half-year-old already described that he should be willing to use "endless techniques" and develop "understanding" to help him survive the time until his little 2½ year-old turns three.

Apparently, my own children were so ignorant of these "stages" through which they have been growing they forgot to express the characteristics that these "stages" should have demanded of them! At any rate, our children, at the "stage" of "two-and-a-half" never were domineering and demanding—they never tried to give orders—they never made the decisions—they were never given to temper tantrums—they were decidedly flexible and not at all RIGID. They were able to adapt to any- thing, they were able to give in constantly—in fact, several times a day, and they were able to wait—even days or months should that have been necessary! But more of this later.

The child psychologists, whom J. Edgar Hoover says, "have substituted indulgence for discipline"! All seem to concur on the general unruliness, balkiness, temper tantrums and explosiveness that supposedly accompany the child of from 1½ to three years of age! But behind it all is one of the most important miscalculations of the modern school of child training.

Do Children "Store Up" Emotions?

Frequently, you hear of adults speaking of "getting unwound" by means of recreation or other activity. We talk of being "tense" or "high-strung" or "keyed-up"! So far, so good. This, to a degree, is absolutely true.

Every adult, especially engaged in the type of occupation which demands high-tension mental concentration, needs a "change of pace" once in awhile—to "unwind"! But wouldn't it be a strange society if the adults were given to weird emotional outbursts, in which they seized a gun, shot down five or six helpless bystanders, cudgelled a policeman to death, and then, their feelings assuaged, lapsed into their ordinary and daily routine? A ridiculous suggestion—to say the least! And yet, this is the exact advocation of many who would assure you they are foremost authorities on how to rear children.

It is reasoned that children also need to "unwind"! But, since their minds are not yet intelligent enough to lead them into other recreational activities or diversions, they oftentimes throw a "temper tantrum"! This, assure the child psychologists, is merely a method of "letting off steam" and should be patiently ignored by the parent!

"Anger and resistance are the natural responses to being blocked. Children show this by having temper tantrums when they have to be interrupted to be washed, dressed, or taken to the toilet. They burst out if they are interfered with at play. Hunger and fatigue are other kinds of thwarting situations that produce anger" [emphasis ours] (p. 356, The Complete Book of Mothercraft, Parents Institute).

Yes, anger and resistance are the natural responses to being blocked! That is, they are the CARNAL responses. But simply because they are the "natural" responses to authority—does not make them right!

"At about the age of two, children show anger more often than they are likely to when they are older. . . . If we can somehow interest him in the new thing we want him to do, we may avoid a scene. . . . A negative reaction to commands at this age is so common that the foresighted mother tries to avoid conflict by giving as few orders as possible and making requests instead" (p. 356-357, The Complete Book of Mothercraft, Parents Institute).

What an unbelievable quotation! How does a parent in a restaurant, or in a public market or shop, really put these empty theories into practice? How would you apply this ridiculous suggestion in the following circum-

stance?

You are in a nice restaurant with your wife and children. Johnnie, aged 2½, becomes angry at the food you've chosen for him. While you are trying to politely give the waitress your order, Johnnie begins to SCREAM with anger! He shouts, at the top of his high-pitched voice, "NO! NO! NO! I DON'T WANT THAT!" and, throwing himself to the floor, begins to kick, cry and scream in a frenzy of unbridled emotion!

Do the parents merely calmly smile, placidly ignore Johnnie, and go right on ordering?

IF THEY SHOULD—I DOUBT IF THE OWNER OF THE RESTAURANT PERMITS THEM TO REMAIN IN HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS!

Well, then, do they "somehow interest him in the new thing" they want him to do, and "avoid a scene"?

Not really very PRACTICAL, is it? Do you think the empty theories advocated by today's generation of authority-haters are really WORKABLE?

Here again, the authors assure us a negative reaction to commands is common at this particular age!

This is true—ONLY if the child has not been trained correctly from birth! It is true ONLY if the parents have not punished the child, have not had right and correct discipline, have not known how to rear their children properly, but have merely been "observing their children growing up" instead of really actively rearing them! Otherwise, if the child of two years of age has been trained, has been shown the proper and deep LOVE, consideration and care, but at the same time authoritative discipline given from love, and in love, he will NOT, under any circumstances, at any time, burst into anger and shout "no!" at his parents. I have the living PROOF of this fact in my own home!

"It has already been pointed out that a child between the ages of 18 months and three years tends to say 'no' to every suggestion. If he is not constantly being given directions and commands, he has less chance to build up this habit of balkiness.

"If parents could only train themselves not to be shocked when their young children express their anger
by saying 'I hate you' or by calling them names, they would improve their relations with their children. The average father and mother have forgotten the feelings of resentment they had in early life toward their own parents. . . . A child drains off his resentment if he is allowed to express . . . if he is made to feel guilty over these natural reactions, if he has to suppress them or be punished, his feelings may be in a turmoil! But if his parents can say to his expressions of hate, 'Of course you feel that way. I used to, too, when someone made me do something,' he doesn't store up guilt over his conflicting feelings about his father and mother." (p. 359, The Complete Book of Mothercraft, Parents Institute). [Emphasis ours].

Notice it! Parents are encouraged to actively aid and abet their children in breaking God's fifth commandment! God says, "Honor thy father and mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee!" and, "Children obey thy parents in the Lord, for this is right!" But "modern" parents are told to say to their own children "I used to hate my parents, too!" and tell their little toddlers they "understand" why their own children are shouting and screaming in a fit of temper, throwing themselves on the floor, kicking and practically frothing at the mouth while they scream "I HATE YOU!"

The explanation that has been given in this quotation is so frightfully stupid, so horrifyingly naive, and so shockingly idiotic that it leaves one in a veritable quandary.

Listen! The Righteously Indignant voice of the Almighty God thundering at such insipid and satanic teachings from the reaches of His very throne in Heaven! God is angry with such swill.

You can't afford to take these things lightly!

The greatest responsibility ever placed on a human being is that of forming, shaping, teaching other human minds! God warns against many becoming teachers, saying they will receive even sternest judgement! To take the potentially wonderful minds of our innocent youth, frustrating them, twisting them, perverting them, allowing them to be filled with demonic rages, hatreds, temper outbursts is a giant, gargantuan sin!

The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). God is going to punish, in no uncertain terms, for any such great crime against pliable young minds as you have seen the modern child psychologists advocate! May God really help some of you to see it in its clear light!

Habits of Hatred

As has already been pointed out, children learn by the formation of habits! The authors of this particular work contradict themselves when they say:

"Parents are sometimes afraid a young child who is allowed to talk back when he is angry will form the habit of doing this. Actually, being allowed while very young to let off steam this way, without reproach, may prevent the forming of worse habits of sulkiness and obstinacy."

In a section already quoted, they sternly warned that a child must not be given very many directions and commands or he may build up a habit of balkiness! But now they assure us, on the same page, that there is no worry of a child forming the habit of talking back when he is angry!

But does a child really "let off steam" and "drain off his resentment" if he is allowed to express it?

Let's understand! The emotions in a tiny child are not like compressed air in a bottle. Child psychologists have followed the theory that human emotions are much like compressing air in a bottle. The more it is compressed, the more resistance against a cap. Just like a pressure cooker, or a boiling pot of water on the stove, they theorize that resentment and rebellion, building up within the child, needs to "explode" and to "let off steam" every now and then! Actually, they are in total error!

The child who is supposedly allowed to "drain off his resentment" in this fashion is the child who could well be opening up his mind to extremely serious consequences in a spiritual sense—of which the child psychologists know nothing. Such a child will very definitely build up a habit of rebellion toward authority, disobedience, temper tantrums, and hatred. The thought of allowing a tiny toddling boy of barely over two years of age to shout and scream at his own parents "I HATE YOU!" and even encouraging him in it is the exact thing. J. Edgar Hoover talked about when he said our society has been substituting "indulgence for discipline!"

Human emotions do not have "intrinsic worth." Ignorant theorists assume the explosive outbursts and temper tantrums of children are actually lessening the "pressures" within the child, rather than encouraging the sin of rebellion! It is as if you had a bag of marbles, they theorize, each marble labeled "hated!" As you dip into the bag and subtract each marble, you have fewer marbles left in the sack! Thus, they reasoned, as a child is allowed to "express himself" in crazed fits of screaming anger, he has increasingly less chance of doing it again!

"The mother who says she cannot ignore a screaming, kicking youngster usually means she has not found out how to use ignoring as a constructive method. Leaving him and going about her business may work better than she thinks it will. The minute he hasn't an audience his pleasure in the performance begins to die down. Naturally, if she herself is so angered by his temper that her attitude in ignoring him is hateful, ignoring will only cause him to feel more hostile. But if she can treat his anger as not too serious a matter, if she is prepared for it just as she is prepared for other primitive ways of acting in early childhood, like eating with fingers, it will be more likely to subside."


Parents are told this is merely a phase through which the child is passing, and he will soon get over it all.

"In most families the phase in which tantrums are most likely to occur passes and is forgotten. If
Temper tantrums show a complete lack of parents temper tantrums are nothing more than the natural outgrowth of his need for "independence!" is growing, are gravely serious warning sands of children past the bars of of child development, which they will hopeless emoti o nal teachings as these that have led thou­ uncounted millions of others, justice across our land, and have made grow oue of, children allowed to ex­ building a press insane rage at their parents are or recur past the age of five, they child-guidance counselor equipped to discover underlying causes" (p. 548-549, The Encyclopedia of Childcare and Guidance, Grunberg). "... We see that the baby protests against unpleasant experiences by crying. These responses may be considered as emanating from the instinct of self-preservation. "The response ... continues throughout life. This crying of the baby becomes the temper tantrum of the older child and a part of the life-long fight for independence. As such it represents one of the strongest impulses responsible for human behavior." (p. 28, In Defense of Children, Beverly). This very aptly titled book assures parents temper tantrums are nothing more than the natural outgrowth of the first wails of a tiny baby, expressing his need for "independence!" These theories are simply untrue. Temper tantrums show a complete lack of self-discipline—and far from being merely a STAGE through which the child is growing, are gravely serious warning signs of a child totally lacking in self- control. It is just such thoughtless teachings as these that have led thou­ sands of children past the bars of justice across our land, and have made hopeless emotional wrecks out of uncounted millions of others.

Rather than going through a "stage" of child development, which they will grow out of, children allowed to express insane rage at their parents are building a 'mature habit of hatred!' Now notice a refreshingly sound quotation for a change: "Let us—parents, teachers, and all others having to do with the training of youth—see to it that adolescents acquire self-control. Let us save them from the injurious effects of this new-fangled idea that young people can grow up to do as they please. Confusion worse con­ founded will be the state of the next generation if it is generally accepted. If you, as a parent, have done your duty in the nursery and during the pre-adolescent period, I assure you the days of actual punish­ ment will be over long ere your youngsters reach their teens. But if for any reason you have failed in the earlier years, and your children have attained adolescence without learning self-control, then I admon­ ish you not to depend exclusively upon these new-fangled psychologic notions or on any fantastic interpretation of Freudian philos­ ophy, and refrain from chastisement through fear that your children will not develop leadership. Leadership—bah! Who wants a boy to grow up to be a leader of a crim­ inal gang? Indeed, if we go on after this fashion, we can truly say 'what price leadership!"' [emphasis ours]. (p. 141, Piloting Modern Youth, Sadler).

Sound advice, indeed! Read it again!

Stages of Growth

The child psychologists, observing the growth of hundreds of children, have quickly recognized there really are various "stages" through which children pass.

These phases represent increased motor activity, growing bodies, acquired skills, new means of expression and the widening horizons of all children!

OF COURSE there are "phases!" A rebellious child of 8 months may only wail and scream—finally sucking his thumb for comfort! The same child, still rebellious, may shout "NO!" to every parental command and throw violent temper tantrums at age two!

But children are not caged beasts—to be "observed" as they grow. They are precious human lives capable of building real character, and they must be trained!

NATURALLY, an undisciplined, unrestrained child is going to begin to shout "no!" to every command at along about the age of two! He will do this—not simply because he is "two" and is therefore going through a PHASE which demands this type of action—but because he has not been taught to respect and fear authority, and because his increased physical size, increased knowledge of the English language, his in-
"head" is being formed, today, before our very eyes! It is rising out of the Common Market in Europe—out of which ten nations or groupings of nations will combine to form a new U.S. of Europe!

During March and April, 1939, 1,000 new requests were received for annual subscriptions to The Plain Truth! The work was GROWING!

The August issue of The Plain Truth, 1939, contained an article captioned: World War May Come Within Six Weeks. The war started September 1.

In an article in the November, 1939, Plain Truth on "The European War," a paragraph or two may be of interest:

"Finally, remember this war is merely a resumption of the world war. It is not, so far as present events are concerned, directly and specifically mentioned in the Bible prophecies at all. But undoubtedly it is paving the way for prophesied events.

"One of two things may happen: 1) the allies may go on to smash Hitler, possibly with the help of either or both of the United States or Italy; 2) Italy might yet come in on the side of Germany—the battle sector shifting at once to the Mediterranean, especially Egypt (the Suez canal gate), and Palestine, (as described with maps in the February-March Plain Truth)."

Reproduction of pages 3 and 4 of the mimeographed Feb-Mar. 1939 issue of the PLAIN TRUTH. Map points out key gateways Mussolini had to capture from Great Britain.

Into 1940—Still a Struggle
The uphill struggle—climbing constantly in growth of the work in spite of inadequate facilities and financial backing, continued into the year 1940—and throughout the decade of the forties.

The March, 1940, Plain Truth was the first since November, 1939. It was still mimeographed. More than 100,000 people were listening to the message weekly. The Plain Truth circulation was 2,000 copies. Expenses were being held to $300 per month—including our family living of less than $85 per month.

Boys Growing Up
Meanwhile, our four children were growing up. The two girls now were twenty and twenty-two. The boys ten and eleven—Dick about twelve. For the boys, this, I believe, is the happiest age ever enjoyed by any person. Surely nothing to compare is experienced by girls.
I remember so well when I was eleven. My only sister, Mabel, died that year in an attack of spinal meningitis, at age 9. However, a year later my brother Dwight Leslie and his twin sister Mary Lucile, were born. During those years, with other boys of the same age, I took up wrestling—these were the days of our “heroes” Frank Gotch and “Farmer” Burns; we went swimming, skating in the winter, sledding. We dug caves. We had white mice and ferrets, and probably we stuck frogs in our pockets. I rode a bicycle everywhere.

At eleven and twelve a boy has few responsibilities—he devotes himself primarily to “fun”—and yet, he does not altogether take a vacation from disappointments, humiliation and painful suffering. His problems are far more serious to him than they are to Dad or Mom or other grown-ups.

I have recounted how, when younger, Garner Ted had given me a big kiss—and when I asked what he was after now, he replied that was for picking out for him the best mother in the world. He still feels that way. Only I didn’t “pick her out”—we both have always known, somehow, that God chose us for each other. But if our boys had “the best Mom in the world” she was best, except for just one or two things—at age ten and eleven.

For one thing, they had a mother who wanted them to swim—only she did not want them to go near the water until after they had learned how to swim. This problem was far more serious to young growing boys than Mother ever knew.

During the summer of 1940 we were returning to Eugene along the McKenzie Highway alongside the swift-flowing McKenzie River. The boys wanted to do some fishing. Finally, after much pleading, we stopped at a country store, bought a small roll of fishing line, a few hooks, and a bottle of salmon eggs.

Our elder daughter, Beverly, and her fiancé, Jimmy Gott, were with us, and Jim cut two big “fishing poles” from a willow tree and tied the line to them.

From here on, I will let Garner Ted recount for you in his own words the humiliating experience he and his brother Dick suffered—all because of the “best Mom in the world.” Just before rushing to the broadcast studio for today’s WORLD TOMORROW program, Garner Ted Armstrong rapped out the following on his typewriter:

“We were on our way returning to Eugene from a trip, I believe to Blemis’ home, or else up to Belknap Springs—but at any rate, up the McKenzie highway.

“Dick and I (I mostly, I believe) pleaded and pleaded, and finally, we stopped at a country store, and bought a small roll of fishing line, a few hooks, and a bottle of salmon eggs.

(‘Bnev and Jim were along, I remember definitely—because Jim cut us two big club-like ‘fishing poles’ and tied the line to them.)

“So—we were carefully herded over the rocks, with deep pools swirling around through under-cut areas, to the brink of the mighty rushing McKenzie at one of its fastest, deepest points.

“Having known only a little about fishing—I did know you had to get the bait down to where the fish were. We had no split shot or weights, no leaders on our lines, no reels, so casting was impossible.

“Mom picked out the spot where it was SAFEST—instead of letting us go where we thought we might find a fish. There we sat, with the short line, a tiny gold single-egg hook and a bright red salmon egg—skipping frantically along the top of the gigantic rush of tons of blue-white water, on the edge of one of the fastest and deepest rapids along the McKenzie!

“There wasn’t the faintest, remotest chance of ever catching a trout under those conditions—and we both knew it—but at least, we were SAFE!

“As a result—we had pretty sour expressions! (I had already caught numerous trout in the Molalla River up on Grandma’s farm—and had done so by wading to the head of a riffle, and drifting grasshoppers, crickets, salmon eggs or cut-up pieces of chub into the quiet pools behind large rocks—so I knew it would be a miracle if there were any fish whatsoever in this frantically rushing part of the river—they were actually about two hundred yards farther down, resting in the natural ‘feeder pools’ where the riffles quieted.)"

No Hallucinations

On April 2, 1940, I had to write Co-Workers: “The only way I have

FISHING—where there were no fish! At left is Richard David and at right is Garner Ted, ages 12 and 10½ respectively.
managed to keep the work going has been by personal sacrifice—taking money intended for our family living, letting my family suffer. One of my daughters has had to stop school. We are about to lose our home. We have gone without badly needed clothing. I could tell you more, but do not want to talk about ourselves—our heavenly Father knows. We are willing and glad to make any sacrifice. But the point is, we have now come to the end, unless substantial help comes at once. The work cannot be held up by this method of personal sacrifice any longer. As long as it was only us who suffered, I said nothing. But now the Lord's work will stop unless substantial help comes quickly. For the work's sake I must appeal to our helpers. I would starve before I would ask one cent as charity for myself. But I'm willing to humiliate myself in any way for the Gospel's sake."

During the early years of this ministry, as I have noted before, no illusions of grandeur flooded my mind. I had no grandiose visions of conducting a great earth-girdling work reaching many millions on all continents. If anyone had then suggested that this work would grow to even a tenth its present scope and power, I would have regarded it as an empty pipe-dream.

This work has not grown to its present proportions because I planned it that way—but because God planned it, expanded it, empowered it.

I was not without vision. When the broadcast first started, in January 1934, I did envision a work reaching the entire Willamette Valley and probably Portland. After we reached Portland, I did envision going on to cover Seattle, and the entire Pacific Northwest. As the work grew, the vision for the future expanded with it. But this ministry was not started with any such hallucinations, spawned in self-pride, vanity and egotism, as a few ne'er-do-wells who have come to me, announcing: "Mr. Armstrong, I have come to announce to you that I am Elijah that was prophesied to come;" or, "Mr. Armstrong, God has shown me in a dream that I am to be your right-hand man, and soon to take your place." One mental off-balance walked into Garner Ted Armstrong's office recently, announcing loudly, "I am Jesus Christ!"

All self-important vanity had been rudely knocked out of me by the successive business reverses, being knocked down repeatedly, and made for years to bite the dust of poverty and humiliation. But I had come to receive a new confidence. It was based on faith in Christ—not in self. It was the faith of Christ, which God had given as one of the gifts of His Spirit.

First Vision of World-Wide Scope

But in May, 1940, God had begun to bring into my mind a glimpse of the future world-wide destiny of this work, for the first time. We could not know, then, whether World War II, already under way in Europe, would continue on into Armageddon and the end of the world. We could not know, then, that God would grant another recess in the world war—and for the very purpose of allowing this work of God to fulfill Matthew 24:14 of preaching and publishing Christ's Gospel of God's Kingdom to all the world as a witness, just before the end of this world and the coming of Christ!

But the sense of imminence of the end—combined with the knowledge that this very message must first be proclaimed—inspired a letter to Co-Workers dated May 23, 1940, which asked, in part:

"Dear Co-Workers: We enter, now, the most crucial period of our collaboration in the powerful proclaiming of the Gospel. The zero hour has struck! Whatever is to be done, we must do quickly. Soon we shall not be permitted to carry on this great work. . . . But now, as never before, people will hear! People are stunned by the war events in Europe! Everywhere, people . . . are now turning eager ears to heard! They are beginning to realize the Bible prophecies are being fulfilled—that we are in the very last days! . . . Now is the time when Jesus said 'this Gospel of the Kingdom—the Good News of the coming government by Jesus Christ, the Kingdom of God—shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come!'"

For the first time, I saw the real meaning of that prophecy. I knew of no other preaching of this very Gospel. No where else was this prophecy being fulfilled. I saw, now, that this message was to go world-wide— to all nations. I did not yet envision that this very work would be used of God in its accomplishment. But I did now see clearly that we should step up our energies, and as far as it was God's will to use us in this fulfillment, to expand the work.

I began, much more intensely than before, to focus attention on expanding the broadcast into Seattle. Almost a year before I had taken a trip to Seattle to explore possibilities of obtaining a good time on a Seattle station. But no door opened, then. And, in 1939 it was financially impossible.

A Heart-touching Sacrifice

The Seattle broadcasting was started by an unusual sacrifice made by a man and wife in Clarke County, Washington, listeners over KWJJ. This family had lost all they had in the great drought of 1934 and 1935. They then migrated from South Dakota and had made a down payment on a small farm a few miles outside Vancouver, Washington. The man and a son had managed to build the outside shell of a house. The siding was not yet on. A second floor had been partially laid— just the sub-flooring. There was no stair-way as yet—and no partitions either upstairs or down—just one large room on each floor. The children slept upstairs, gaining access by climbing up a ladder.

This man had, over two or three years' time, saved up $40 over and above bare family expenses and getting this much of a home built. The $40 was saved to buy lumber for the partitions for separate rooms in their house.

When these people heard we were trying to get started on the air in Seattle, they sent me that $40, explaining how they had saved it, and for what purpose. Since we were driving to Portland every week for the broadcast, I drove out to their little farm, to return the money.

"I just couldn't take this money," I said, "when you have struggled so long to save it so you could have a home to live in."

Tears filled the woman's eyes. She shook her head, refused to accept the
money back. "Mr. Armstrong," she said, "of course it would be nice for us to get up partitions and have separate rooms—but that is not an absolute need. We just could not use this money for a temporary material home, when it will help get Christ's Message of a home for all eternity in God's Kingdom to many thousands of people!"

Below appears the Co-workers' Bulletin which told of the new Seattle station opened to The World Tomorrow in 1940.

I realized, then, that it was really God's will that this money be used for His Gospel—and that these people were actually receiving a spiritual blessing in giving it that far outweighed the material benefit of using it for themselves. Incidentally, these people were blessed materially after that, and it was not too long until their house was completed, after all. Jesus Christ said, seek first the Kingdom of God—the spiritual values—and the material things shall be added. God always does add them!

On the Air—SEATTLE!

When I sent out a letter to Co-Workers telling of this sacrifice, and the need to get on the air in Seattle, there was a surprising response. We received
one day in the mail the largest sum we had ever received—$100, for broadcasting in Seattle. It took our breath!

But, a few days later, two more $100 sums came, three contributed $50 each, and several sent in single dollars.

And so, finally, three long years after the broadcast expanded from Eugene only into Portland, it now leaped into Seattle!

From Seattle, I mimeographed a new Co-Workers' BULLETIN, the second such BULLETIN in new form and dress, dated September 17, 1940. The leading caption stated the news: "NOW ON THE AIR IN SEATTLE!"

The program started there Sunday, September 15th, over 1,000-watt station KRSC—twice the power of our Portland station, KWJJ—and serving a larger population.

The exciting story of how we finally were enabled to add the Seattle area to those of Portland and Eugene in the broadcasting work was told in this BULLETIN, and can best be told here in a condensation of that BULLETIN:

There was a sub-head, "HOW GOD HAS ANSWERED PRAYER."

Then: "I want to tell our family of Co-Workers some of the inside story of our finally getting on the air here in Seattle. I want you to know something of the problem we had to solve, the difficulties in our path, and how God went before us, answered prayer, and worked out everything so perfectly.

Answered Prayer

"Radio stations, especially in Seattle, do not want religious programs on their stations. I learned that a year ago when I was up here. I knew nothing but prayer could open the way for us, but I had faith God wanted us to speak His Word faithfully in this Seattle district, and I knew He would not fail us.

"Mrs. Armstrong and I arrived in Seattle late Wednesday afternoon. I did not feel we could afford the high cost of one of the five larger 5,000-watt stations here. This reduced our possibilities to two stations. One, KRSC, has never taken religious programs, and its owner gave me no encouragement when I saw him a year ago. The other station, same power, was throwing all religious programs off their station, didn't want any more, and the price was just double what we pay in Portland.

"It looked discouraging. But I decided to see the owner of KRSC again. He auditioned one of our programs. He became interested, said we had a splendid program that would attract a large listening audience. However, he would not take any outside religious program unless approved by the Seattle Council of Churches. He then called their secretary by telephone to his office to hear one of our programs auditioned. This man was well impressed with our program, and also with The Plain Truth, which he carefully examined. It happened that he was familiar with the truth of our national identity in the House of Israel, and he was glad to see this truth published in The Plain Truth magazine.

"So the owner side-tracked a 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon news broadcast so we could have the same time we have over KWJJ in Portland, and then made me a rate just $1.40 more per broadcast than we pay KWJJ! Since this station has double the power of KWJJ, and is the highest class independent station in Seattle, I'm sure you'll realize how fortunate we were.

"There is but one explanation. God Himself worked it all out. It is surely an answer to prayer. Mrs. Armstrong and I will remain here until after next Sunday's broadcast, which I want to conduct in person, then we shall return home. While here, we are broadcasting by transcription from KWJJ. When we return home we will send transcribed broadcasts to Seattle."

The next sub-head in this BULLETIN was captioned: "LOS ANGELES NEXT!"

The vision of the mission to which God had called us, and in which the living CHRIST was using us now expanded. World events made it clear.

The BULLETIN continued:

"The Lord willing, we hope now to add a radio station in LOS ANGELES next. Such a station would add a QUARTER OF A MILLION people to those now hearing the true Gospel of the Kingdom.

"As I wrote in the last Bulletin, GOD'S TIME HAS COME for this last warning Message to go—and to go to the millions, with great POWER! The whole world is IN ARMS! God now calls us, His children, TO ARMS! THE WARNING MUST GO!"

The next installment will show how we finally did expand to Los Angeles.

Little Miss Mabel Armstrong, younger sister of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, shortly before she died, age 9, from attack of spinal meningitis. She is mentioned on page 22 in this installment.
creased energy and vigor, combined with his increased rebellion asserts itself in this fashion! The same holds true for all of the theoretical "phases" of unbridled emotion, lack of discipline, self-willed disobedience and a destructive pacifism advocated by the child psychologists. We should thank God Joseph and Mary did a better job in rearing Jesus Christ of Nazareth than that advocated by the modern child psychologists of today!

A parent, upset over childrearing difficulties wrote a child counselor who writes a column for newspapers. The parent wrote:

"Lately our small boy, aged 4, has begun to threaten us—ridiculously, of course. 'I'll kill you, you old so-and-so. I'll shoot you dead,' and the like silly talk. Sometimes he adds bad words such as no decent person uses. He has never heard them at home. And he has never heard such threats. What is to be done with him?"

**Answer:** Nothing much. Try laughing at him good naturedly. 'My, my, here's Dennis the Menace. Sure enough. Guess we lost our nice little boy. We'll have to find another one. Maybe Georgie from Aunt Mary's.' Usually, by this time, especially if mother or father has been doing something interesting to attract his attention, the tantrum has evaporated. One thing not to do is to show shock or anger. This child is tense for some reason or other—fatigue, anger at the loss of a toy, annoyance at being interrupted—and, having no words to express his feelings adequately in adult terms, uses what he has. The words do not convey to him the meaning the adult takes from them. They are explosive and his emotions are discharged in them—explosively. Accept this as an indication of his growth and development. In time it will be displaced by another form of expression, a little more acceptable to his parents. Children at this stage of growth profit by hearing good stories. It is time for *Aesop's Fables*. In these simple stories there is drama; evil is there and so is good and the struggle between them is solved to one's satisfaction" (CLIPPING, by Angelo Patri).

The answer given this distraught parent is so lugubrious as to be obviously and completely a total imbecilic miscalculation. It has condemned itself by its very nature. Surely our terrifying crime wave, our mounting juvenile delinquency, the tons of evidence being made available to the public through our various media of mass communication have by now begun to convince some of us of the real danger of these obviously destructive tidbits of child-psychologists' theories!

Now notice what those who are really face to face with the problem advocate. Here, given sarcastically by a leading police department is a SUMMARY of what will happen if the "UNBELIEVABLE QUOTATIONS" you have read in this number are followed!

**The Formula for Delinquency**

Here, according to the Houston police department is a perfect formula for rearing a delinquent child! Remember, it is not only the delinquent with whom we are concerned, but the millions of others who, though not actually running afoul of the law, are disobedient, rebellious, and hostile toward authority. The Houston police department has published twelve rules for raising delinquents. They are as follows:

1. "Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living."
2. "When he picks up bad words, laugh at him."
3. "Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is 21 and then let him 'decide for himself'."
4. "Avoid the use of the word 'wrong.' It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe, later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and he is being persecuted."
5. "Pick up everything he leaves lying around—books, shoes and clothing. Do everything for him so he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on to others."
6. "Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be careful that the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feast on garbage."
7. "Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they will not be too shocked when the home is broken up later."
8. "Give a child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as YOU had them?"
9. "Satisfy his every craving for food, drink, and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustration."
10. "Take his part against neighbors, teachers and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child."
11. "When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying, 'I never could do anything with him.'"
12. "Prepare for a life of grief. You will be apt to have it."

**Quit Categorizing Your Children**

The belief in the "ages" and "phases" of children is more widespread than you may think. Frequently, you may hear parents talk of their children as being "a mama's boy" or a "daddy's little girl." But this is only a part of it. Children are frequently "categorized."

This is nothing more than the parent's excuse used in explaining away certain wrong habits, rebellious tendencies, or lack of self-control and self-reliance. Parents use the phrase "boys will be boys!" to justify their children acting like wild heathens, being generally destructive, wasteful, dirty and noisy! Frequently, an emotionally disturbed child who is drawing within himself, lacks any degree of independance, and is headed toward complete introverted tendencies is dubbed "shy" or "bashful."

Some children are said to be "perfect!" Other children are said to be "im-
Possessing a dog that is known to bite, the owners are instructed to keep him muzzled! Having a child that is given to biting, the parents assure their neighbors their child is "a little biter" but that he will soon outgrow this particular "phase"! Many and varied are the mythical phases of childhood! If you want to rear a child who will defy every supposed "stage" through which he is obligated to grow, according to the child psychologists, simply rear him God's way! He will not throw things at one, kick you at one-and-a-half, scream "no!" at two, throw temper tantrums at two-and-a-half, bite the neighbor's children at three, run away from home at three-and-a-half, be over-bold at four, or neurotic at five! Rather, at all these ages, he will be lovable, obedient, helpful, self-reliant, respectful toward authority, and will, most of all, be living proof that the insipid theorizing and demented arguments about his "phases" are totally untrue!

Let us ask a final question of the child psychologists: "If our children don't scream "NO!" at 2, run away at three-and-a-half or show other signs of these 'stages' of growth—are they sick?"

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**Personal with the Editor**

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"practice" is so truthful!) often call in heart specialists, kidney specialists, eye-ear-nose-and-throat specialists. For child-birth one goes to the obstetrician, and employs also the anesthetist, the pediatrician, and perhaps others.

Then look at the so-called "healing arts" as a whole. Medical men believe only in drugs and knives. The chiropractor tries to cure everything by manipulating the spine. The naturopath has faith only in diet, and none seems to have faith in God—except a diminishing few.

In the field of law, there are corporation attorneys, divorce lawyers, criminal lawyers and a host of other specialists. In England there are the various solicitors, and the barristers.

Look at the field of religion. Not only do we have hundreds of differing and disagreeing religions, sects and denominations, but within Protestant denominations there are the modernists and the fundamentalists—and even among them the evangelicals—and the conservatives. Among Jews there are the two broad divisions of orthodoxy and reformed, beside minor differences. And many of these, too, have their hobbies and pet doctrines on which they place most of the emphasis.

This trend toward specialization experts a pull toward narrow-mindedness—toward mental unbalance. It is causing men to adopt as an approach to all problems and questions the narrow concept of a single fetish. Men, supposing themselves to be highly educated, are becoming lop-sided.

Now this news story about the Secretary of Defense is probably totally irrelevant to your own personal problems or interests. Yet, as a result of these many years of training in adapting ideas or applying principles to other circumstances, I saw in it opportunity to explain to our readers two things: 1) the value of thinking about what you read, observe or hear, and applying the principle or the lesson to other problems or circumstances, and 2) the importance of over-all broad understanding—of balance—of soundness of mind.

It is literally true that most people, today, are unbalanced. They lack vision. Their view is narrow. They tend to see only one phase of a thing, and to go to one extreme or the other, in their thinking, their planning, and their actions.

In connection with this news story, I chanced on a magazine article about the Defense Secretary. Mrs. Armstrong had brought to our room a copy of the current week's Saturday Evening Post, which she purchased at the ship's news stand. In it, Contributing Editor Stewart Alsop reveals Mr. McNamara as a super-brilliant intellectual student-professor type; a former professor at Harvard Business School, a former "whiz-kid," forging his way finally in the Ford organization to become President of the Ford Motor Company, from which office he was appointed to his present job. He is painted as supremely self-confident, decisive, authoritative.

It seems no past Defense Secretary has been able to bring a unified order out of the rival contentions of competing military services. But, after hearing the various views of Chiefs of Staff, the new Secretary is likely to start with three words: "I have decided..."

If you will pardon another digression here, this reminds me of what happened at the end of the first Cabinet Meeting held by President Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln was regarded by the important men of New York and the east as a sort of back-woods second-rater. President Lincoln had selected for his cabinet the biggest, most competent men he could find. These well-known and important men were full of sympathy for the plight of the country, now to be steered by such a "weak" personage as Mr. Lincoln. However, they agreed that they, together, would "save the country" by virtually taking over, and running the government themselves.

At the very first cabinet meeting there was a conflict of ideas. The new President took a vote. There were seven cabinet officers at the time. They were unanimous against the President's proposal. Mr. Lincoln then announced tersely: "The vote stands seven nays, and one aye. The ayes have it! I will notify you when I decide to call another cabinet meeting. Good-day, Gentlemen."

Seven important men were left trying to catch their breath. They had just learned who was running the government.

It seems the Joint Chiefs of Staff have learned who is running the nation's defense program—subject, I think, to the President's OK.

But the important thing, so far as Secretary McNamara is concerned, is whether he takes a limited, narrow, one-sided view, or whether he has the vision to take in the WHOLE PICTURE—to see all of the factors concerned, and in their true perspective and relative importance.
And also whether he is able to view a major problem, wherein all of our lives may be at stake, free from prejudicial concepts. Does he have BALANCE—sound mindedness—wisdom?

President Kennedy has surrounded himself with a personal staff of "intellectuals" of the college-professor variety. I am not including Ambassador College professors when I say there is a tendency for college professors to be narrow and unbalanced. In education, as in other fields, we have "progressed" into the era of specialization. The average professor knows, according to currently accepted theories, his own field. Outside of that he may know little.

Education, too, has evolved largely into the realm of speculation. The trend has been to arrive at a pet theory, which may be far from truth; and then, by inductive processes, to reason and to search for supporting evidences to back up the theory.

Few classroom professors are practical men. Their thinking is limited to the narrow confines of class-room, and to books written by other human theorists. For the sake of all of us, it is hoped that these whiz-boys now occupying seats of vast power in Washington are not of this class.

But of immediate importance is the matter of how YOU view things.

Do you really THINK about what you read, or hear, or see? Do you try to avoid prejudice? Do you try to see the WHOLE picture? Are you able to apply the principle involved to other circumstances?

Compare the viewing of any circumstance or problem to looking at a tree. First of all, many people get so close to the tree they cannot see the forest. The tree should be viewed in its true perspective and relation to all the other trees. One reason they cannot see the other trees is that they do not even see but a part of a small branch, or a tiny twig. They focus the whole attention on this tiny detail—perhaps unimportant.

I began, years ago, to train myself to see first the entire forest—then the tree; and then to take into the scope of vision the WHOLE tree; and to proceed, in more detail, from the roots and trunk to the major branches, then the smaller branches, and, finally the twigs and leaves. That way, when I finally set attention to examine the smaller details, they are comprehended in their true perspectives and relationships.

Now apply that principle to the circumstances of LIFE.

Correct View Important

First, take a view of the whole forest. This "forest" includes all that has to do with your existence here on earth—of the world, the entire universe—of the PURPOSE of life—its objective and potentiality.

When you view this "forest," if you really see it all without blindness or prejudice, you have to see, first of all, its First Cause—its Creator—God, because this "forest" is God's CREATION. It is He who makes it GROW. Next you have to comprehend that God not only created—He is, by the very fact of being Creator, also Supreme RULER over all the forces, powers, and circumstances that exist.

The "trees," in this case, may represent all the stars and planets, and the people and nations of the earth. The Bible sometimes views nations, symbolically, as trees. And God is pictured as the ROOT from which the life proceeds. Israel is the olive tree, in Romans 11, and the Gentile nations are wild olive trees. People are the branches.

So you are a branch, or a twig. The main branch of the tree, in Ezekiel 17, is the king or human ruler. The topmost twigs are his children—the princes and princesses, the latter being "tender" twigs.

Jesus spoke similarly when He compared us to branches of a vine—perhaps referring to a grape vine. He, Himself, is the main Vine—comparable to the trunk of the tree. What we produce by being alive—if anything—is the "fruit."

If we are cut off from the Vine, Christ, we cannot produce anything worthwhile, just as a branch severed from the grape vine cannot produce grapes.

Other Scriptures show that all have sinned—transgressed against God's Law—rebelling against God's RULE—and thus they are cut off from God. In Romans 11, even all natural born Israelites have been cut off of their natural olive tree by sin. But, by real repentance from the heart, and faith in Christ and His sacrifice testified by baptism, we may be reconciled to God—the branch is connected to the main Vine, and the ROOT (God), and then the life-giving, fruit-producing "sap" flows through the branch.

In other words, God promises, under these circumstances of reconciliation, our justification of sins that are past, and that into us shall FLOW His gift of His Holy Spirit.

Now look at this world, its professions, its sciences, educators, business men and politicians. They, too, have followed the course of rivalry—of competition and strife—of vanity and greed. In other words, they have transgressed God's Law. They are cut off from the living GOD! Many of them do not believe He exists. To the rest of them He is unreal. They are totally unacquainted with Him. Thus they are cut off from His all-important revelation of vital, essential, basic KNOWLEDGE. This is the knowledge of the PURPOSE of life—of potential human destiny—of THE WAY to PEACE, to universal prosperity, to happiness, and the full, abundant life, as well as life eternal.

They may see a forest. They may realize the forest is in existence. But they do not know HOW it came, or what imparts life and motion and growth. They may see the trees, but not the roots. So, they specialize. They climb out onto their favorite little branch or twig. They become very learned in their specialized knowledge of every insignificant detail of this limited area.

But when you see the roots of the trees of the forest—you see God. And to those who get to know God, comes the realization that the most necessary knowledge—can be acquired only by God's special revelation to mankind. God has given this in the Holy BIBLE. But the natural mind, without God's Spirit, cannot UNDERSTAND the Bible. To most scientists, and world leaders, and even to many leading ministers of religion, it is largely myth and legend. Their "specializing" minds are closed to its truths.

As a major example, the brilliant former whiz-kid, the outstanding, self-assured, intellectual new Secretary of Defense does not know that wars are not won by armaments or military
strategy. He does not know, as the truly enlightened mind may know from what is revealed in the 33rd Psalm, that The Eternal looks down from heaven, beholding all mankind—that He who designed and created human minds notes all that people and nations do—that He brings to nothing what NATIONS plan—that He, alone, determines the outcome of wars—that He rescues the individual or nation that relies on Him from defeat or destruction.

If you have listened for any length of time to The WORLD TOMORROW or read The Plain Truth, you may have noticed that in presenting any subject we try to keep to the trunk of the tree first, always mindful of the root—and then proceed from there to the major branches, then the minor branches, and, finally, the twigs. But I do try to present the little twigs in their true perspective and relationship to the whole tree and the root.

So many people become confused, mixed up, unbalanced, by closely scrutinizing a small branch or tiny twig, but failing to see the tree. Religiously, many make a hobby of a few isolated doctrines or religious ideas. And, failing to see their place in the whole tree, they draw false conclusions and come to believe fables. The important matters they utterly overlook.

Perhaps it is largely because God has caused us of The WORLD TOMORROW and The Plain Truth staff to keep pretty close at all times to the basic fundamentals that He has enabled us to be His instrument thru whom He has made His truth clear and plain to thousands of our readers and radio listeners. Thus God has given many of you a clear and balanced understanding.

Speaking of the education and the science of this world, the Apostle Paul was inspired by God to write to Timothy:

"Warn certain individuals against teaching novelties and studying myths and interminable genealogies; such studies bear upon speculations, rather than on the divine order which belongs to faith. Whereas the aim of the Christian discipline is the love that springs from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from a sincere faith.

Certain individuals have failed here by turning to empty arguments... they have no idea either of the meaning of the words they use or of the themes on which they harp." (I Tim. 1:3-7 Moffatt translation)

In studying any one verse or chapter in the Bible, always be sure to understand it in its setting—its true relationship to the whole chapter—the whole book—the whole Bible.

Just one example of that: Often you hear quoted the 8th and 9th verses of the second chapter of Ephesians: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."

They fail to read the 10th verse, which completely reverses the meaning.

Stopping, as they do, with verse 9, they use this partial passage to teach that "there are no works," as they express it, to salvation—that is, it is not necessary to obey God.

Verse 9, when you read it in its setting, does not teach that there are "no works"—but rather that the "works" do not earn salvation—that salvation comes by grace through faith, and that even this faith is supplied by God. Verse 9 is not doing away with works—it is merely showing what good works do not do—they do not earn salvation. God is not required to pay us salvation, as a debt.

Why cannot good works earn salvation? The answer is in verse 10: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Good works—righteousness—cannot earn salvation, which we thereupon have a right to demand of God—for the simple reason that we are His workmanship. We are the clay. He is the Master Potter. We are the work of His hands.

The keeping of God's law is righteousness—good works. But it is a spiritual law, and the only love that fulfills it is the love of God, which God gives us by His Holy Spirit. So, as our own faith cannot save us—but rather the faith God gives us, so our own righteousness, says God, are as filthy rags to Him. Paul said the Jews were going about trying to establish their own righteousness, ignorant of the righteousness of God. This is His righteousness—not ours. It comes by His love, given us by His Spirit, fulfilling His law.

But of course we have to submit—we have to make the decision—we have to seek His Spirit and His righteousness.

In Christ we become a new creation—a creation of holy, spiritual character—and God is the Creator of this new character—this new person living by His Law. We are thus His workmanship—His creation. And we are created unto "good works"—that is, unto obedience, and divine righteousness produced by God's Spirit in us, by Christ living in us. God has ordained that we should walk in these good works—that is, in God's own righteousness, given as His gift.

This, then, is the true meaning of Ephesians 2:8-10, when considered in true relationship to the whole chapter, to the whole book, and to the whole Bible.

The religious teachers who see only the little twig of verses 8 and 9 alone, drawing their own false conclusion from them out of their own reason and their own spirit of rebellion against their Maker, assuredly fail to see the whole tree and the root of it—and the whole forest.

In the news dispatch which started me on this train of thought, I saw the narrowness of many military specialists. They limit their vision to their one pet branch of the service. Apparently the new "boss" over the services does see the whole tree of military organization with all its departments—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, etc. But does even he see the root of the tree? Is he not in total ignorance of the relationship of the living Creator God to it all?

I saw in the news story this principle. In this little personal chat with you readers, I have permitted myself to ramble a little, but I hope it has been helpful.

We regret that space in this issue prevented appearance of "THE SICK AMERICAN"—a striking article on U. S. health problems. Read it next issue!
It Won't Be Long, Now!

BRICKET WOOD, ENGLAND
written in August.

Today's morning I was listening to the BBC News. Mr. Khrushchev was still threatening trouble over Berlin that could lead to nuclear war. He also dropped a bombshell, fraught with danger to France. He promised to visit the trouble-spot in Tunisia in person, and to give "all forms of aid" against the French at Bizerte.

The news, in short, was full of striving, nerve-shattering tensions. This world is literally full of crosspurposes, struggles of man against man, business against competitor, parent against children and children against parents, social climber against social climber, armed nation against armed nation.

In my personal capacity in God's great work, I have to deal constantly with the world. And, more often than not, these contacts are full of striving—of offense and defense—of thirst and parry.

In the purchase of additional property for the expanding work, wherever in the world, more often than not it is a nerve-wracking business. Those who have the property to sell use every argument, every tactic, to get a higher price than the property is worth—as much higher as they think they possibly can "take us for." I have to parry these thrusts to protect God's work, and God's money.

Business contacts are often a matter of harassing strain and struggle. It seems no one wants an honest, fair deal—everyone is "out for himself"—to get more than he ought to have—to give less than is right.

That is the way of this world. Businessmen flatter, assure you of their sincerity and honesty, and their devotion to your interests and service, then scheme to take every advantage. Out of the same mouth they puff you up with flattery and compliments, and lie to you.

And yet, the masses of ordinary carnal people seem to love this evil world! They resent and put up a hostile guard against even hearing about the peaceful, happy, prosperous, interest-packed, joyous WORLD TOMORROW which the government of God is going to bring.

God Himself says the carnal mind is hostile to God, and is utterly unwilling to be subject to His laws, or His way of life—His rule by His laws! This way of God is the way to everything everybody wants—and the only way.

It is hard to understand! People want these blessings which can come only by God's inexorable laws and through God's Spirit. But people do not want them that way. They want to go the way that leads only to frayed nerves, fears and worries, tensions, wars, fighting and violence, heart-aches, emptiness, boredom, sickness, and death—yet they want THAT WAY to lead them to peace, happiness, prosperity, abundant and interesting living, and real continuous joy. They want to run directly away from the blessings they crave, and yet run smack into those blessings!

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So, let's count it all JOY when trials and tests come. We are on the way toward the glorious Kingdom of God! And every day, now, it is one day nearer!

IT WON'T BE LONG, NOW! And then we shall REST from these useless and stupid strivings and settle down to TREMENDOUS achievements and accomplishments in PEACE, and HAPPINESS, and JOY!

For ALL ETERNITY!

Letters to the Editor
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the word 'saved' actually meant. Now I have seen the truth. I know it is the truth because I can prove it. But to see the truth is a joy which cannot be described with words. Now I know what it is to be really happy."

Person from Durban, Republic of S. Africa.

Editor's comment: Those who have not read Mr. Armstrong's recent PLAIN TRUTH article, "What Do You Mean—Salvation?" should be sure to request a copy. It is now in booklet form.

Watches World Situation

"I am requesting the Bible Correspondence Course, because I have heard you speak many times about the 10 nations in Western Europe. Last week I was reading Time magazine and found what you have been saying for a long time. I think that I had better study my Bible a little more."

Man from Montclair, California.

Received No Bills

"Enclosed find a gift toward your

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ministry. I have received seven issues of The PLAIN TRUTH without being billed or solicited for payment. I feel compelled to contribute this sum to an organization such as yours. What a relief to find someone who is trusting in God exclusively and not looking toward man to supply the needs."

Person from Pennsylvania.

Tithing Self-Defensive

"I am happy to enclose my tithes for last week. My income has again increased and I know it can only be due to my new faith and relationship with Almighty God. My wife is still rather skeptical, but she cannot possibly deny

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A cry of horror and grief went up from the people of Israel. God's sudden, awful punishment reminded them of the manner in which the Creator had struck during the time of the Passover one year previously. Then the victims had been Egyptians. This time there also were Egyptians, because Egyptians who had come in the mixed multitude with the Israelites were in part to blame. But a large number of the offenders were now Israelites.

Israel Cries for Mercy

Because the shooting, exploding bolts of flame struck offenders in every part of all the camps, Moses was quickly aware of what was going on. Immediately, however, there was a rush of officers from all the camps to tell Moses what was taking place, and to inform him that the people were screaming for mercy and asking for Moses to pray to God to stop the fiery explosions. (Numbers 11:2.)

When Moses learned that so many people had already been slain by the fire from God, he immediately went into his tent, fell on his knees and begged the Creator to stop killing the people.

The deadly spurts of flame gradually disappeared after Moses' diligent prayer. Terrified people who had raced wildly about the camps eventually returned to their tents to count their dead.

Next day was a bitter one for the Israelites. Many blackened bodies were buried in the shifting sands of the high desert country. God's wrath had such a deep effect on many of the people that they named the area Taberah, which meant "a burning."
But in spite of this terrible warning to complainers, many of the people continued to murmur about their conditions. Most of them were the strangers who were among the Israelites, but their bitterness spread throughout the camps like some awful, contagious diseases.

The main food of the people was still manna, a wonderful, energizing food direct from God. At Sinai, the gathering of manna wasn't much of a task, inasmuch as the people had plenty of time for doing it. But since leaving the Sinai valley, some felt that it was a burden to have to get up very early to gather the manna, and then start to travel. This, therefore, was one of the things the complainers began to be bitter about. Although those slain by God had been buried only a short time, manna became a subject loudly and sarcastically discussed by increasing thousands. The poisonous thought promoted by these complainers was that manna was a poor substitute for the food they had enjoyed in Egypt.

"Manna doesn't give us enough strength for this tiring journey," was the unhappy comment from the grumblers. "What we need is meat!" (Numbers 11:4.)

Mankind then, as now, was very prone to the power of suggestion. More and more Israelites who had the best of intentions fell victims to the influence of the lustful, untruthful remarks circulating about the camps.

"Manna can't take the place of the food we had in Egypt," the whiners kept saying. "If we don't have more of a variety of food, we'll lose our appetites and become Some of the people loudly began to demand flesh to eat.
thin and weak! Probably many of us will even die!

Such foolish remarks caused an increasing number of Israelites to doubt that manna was anything more than what was required to barely keep people alive. At the same time, the complainers kept reminding others of the wonderful foods they had enjoyed in the past.

"Remember the crisp, succulent cucumbers and the sweet, mellow, mouth-watering melons we liked so well in Egypt?" they asked of all who would listen. "If God can give us so much of this tiresome manna, why can't He also produce foods like those? Why are we denied simple, delicious vegetables like garlic and onions? Or even leeks, those plants with the unusually luscious flavor? We need such things to build our morale, and we need meat to build our strength!" (Numbers 11:5-6.)

**Bitterness Grows**

When reminded by his officers of the ill feeling that prevailed, Moses was distressed. He knew that some of the people would always complain, regardless of what the conditions were. But so much complaint, right on the heels of the mass slaying by God, pointed to nothing but growing trouble.

The bitter attitude grew by the hour. Officers came to Moses more frequently with reports that there was even wailing and crying by Israelites who felt that God was being unmerciful to them by denying them the foods they craved—especially meat. A wave of self-pity and semi-hysteria seemed to be passing over all the camps.

Moses was sick with discouragement. He told his aides that he didn't wish to be disturbed for a while, and went into the inner part of his tent to pray.

"What have I done," he asked God, "to cause this trouble to come on me? How can I be a father to all these thousands of unruly people? Must I try to carry them, like babies, to the land You have promised them? How can I stop their growing demand for other kinds of food?"

"Do you feel," God asked Moses, "that this task I have given you is too great?"

"I only know," Moses replied, "that the wild demands of thousands of people are too much for me. I can't see any way of taking care of what they ask for, or of handling them while they are in such an extreme state of mind. If I fail to give them the foods they are demanding, they are likely to get entirely out of control. If You allow that to happen, then please take my life now. I don't want to be here to witness such rebellion." (Numbers 11:10-15.)

"The people are overcome with false pity for themselves," God told Moses. "You must not be likewise. If you feel that your responsibility is too great, then choose seventy of the strongest leaders and most honorable men among the older men of Israel
and have them come to the tabernacle. There I shall meet you, and shall give them the special understanding I have given you. They will then realize how you are being troubled by the people. They will help you by pointing out to the people that you are right in what you require of them, even though those requirements may at times seem harsh." (Verses 16-17.)

"Will this cause the people to cease their complaining?" Moses asked God.

"No," God answered. "But from then on none of them can honestly say that I haven't given them fair warning for anything that may come because of their disobedience. Warn them to stop their complaining and prepare for a feast of flesh. Tell them that this feast won't last just one day, two days, five days nor twenty days. Tell them it will last a whole month, and that they shall have so much flesh to eat that it will become sickening to them. Tell them that as they have complained so much because of not having anything but manna, they won't be able to hold the flesh on their stomachs."

"But how can you provide meat for over two million people for a whole month?" Moses inquired. "Must all our flocks and herds be slaughtered to take care of the appetites of the people for flesh? Or do You have some way of bringing in a huge amount of fish from the Red Sea?"

"Why do you seem to doubt that I have power to take care of these matters?" God inquired. "Go do as I have commanded, and you shall soon witness what I have planned." (Numbers 11:18-23.)

Moses at once told his officers to tell the people that God had been greatly moved by their complaints, and would send them so much flesh that they would wish they had never asked for it.

This news brought great excitement to nearly every camp. Many people ran from tent to tent, loudly and joyfully repeating what Moses' officers had told them. This, they imagined, was something to celebrate. Before long musicians had gathered here and there, and there was singing and dancing in many areas.

Most of the celebrants were interested only in God's promising them meat for a whole month. Very few seemed to be concerned by His remark that they would regret asking for it.

Seventy Elders Chosen

Meanwhile, Moses chose the seventy elders who were the most capable, and called for them to meet before the tabernacle. After the group of carefully picked men had arrived, Moses went into the tabernacle and fell on his knees to await God's presence. It wasn't long before the cloud settled down over the tabernacle.
"From this moment on," God said to Moses, "the seventy men you have picked will have a special gift of understanding. They will have greater respect for Me. They will realize without any doubt that you are My chosen servant, and they will have greater respect for you. They will have a better attitude and more correct outlook on matters having to do with the people's reaching Canaan. They will have the ability to show at least some of the Israelites how wrong they are in complaining against you. Thus you won't feel that you are so alone in your struggle to keep the people obedient."

It happened just as God had foretold. The elders began to talk among themselves with great harmony and understanding. When Moses came out of the tabernacle to join them in hours of brotherly conversation, there was a most unusual spirit of harmony and wisdom. Later, when the elders went back to their various camps, their special understanding greatly enabled them to help the people in many matters. (Numbers 11:24-25.)

Two of the seventy elders chosen by Moses, Eldad and Medad, weren't able to get to the tabernacle. But they, as well as the others, were at the same time imbued with the special understanding that was a gift from God. Fired with inspiration, these two men walked out among the people and made moving remarks proving God's and Moses' authority.

"Why do you complain and why do you listen to those who complain?" they asked the people. "God is very displeased by what has been going on. Unless there is a great change of attitude soon among the people, many of you will die within a very short time!"

A large crowd gathered around Eldad and Medad. Bystanders regarded the two with anything from mild interest to amazement as the two elders prophesied of things that had to do with God's future plan for the Israelites, and in such a manner that very few listeners failed to show the greatest respect for them. (Verse 26.)

Months previously, when Moses had earnestly prayed for the Israelites to win in a long battle with attacking Amalekites, a young man by the name of Joshua had led the Israelites' army to battle while Aaron and Hur held up Moses' hands as Moses prayed. (Exodus 17:8-13.) This same young man happened to be present when another young man ran and told Moses that Eldad and Medad were speaking to the people. Joshua realized at once that the two couldn't have spoken so well and in such an informed manner without inspiration from some source.

This troubled Joshua. He felt that two men making such an impression on the people might cause the Israelites to seek a new leader.

"You should send men to stop them, sir!" Joshua warned. "Otherwise, they could
cause many people to regard them as leaders, and this could cause trouble for you at
this time when the people are showing so much disobedience."

Moses wasn’t worried, however. He realized that this was a case of God having
given Eldad and Medad special understanding along with the sixty-eight other elders
who had been chosen to help bear a part of Moses’ responsibility.

"Don’t be concerned that they’ll be any trouble to me," Moses told Joshua. "In
fact, I wish every Israelite could be inspired with their God-given understanding of
what it means to all of us to obey." (Numbers 11:27-30.)

The Quail Arrive

After the elders had returned to their camps and Moses had gone to his tent, a
strong southwest wind came up. It increased to such velocity that the people began
to be concerned about their tents being blown down. Most of them forgot about their
tents, however, when they noticed a peculiar dark streak gradually growing larger on
the southwest horizon. This strange sight caused great concern among the people. Some
thought it was merely a low cloud or a bank of fog, though fog in that desert area
would have been quite unusual.

Even Moses was puzzled when his attention was brought to it. But when he
noticed an increasing number of birds flying swiftly to the northeast, he abruptly
realized how God was about to supply the meat the Israelites had been demanding. He
remembered how God had sent flocks of quails (Exodus 16:11-13) when the
people had first complained about having to steadily eat manna.

"Have it announced to all the camps at once that God is now providing all the
flesh for which the people have been begging," Moses instructed an aide. "Tell them
that God isn’t giving it to them to supply any need, but that He’s giving it to them
as a lesson of obedience they’ll soon understand."

The dark cloud grew more swiftly. It was only a little while later that the sky
became blackened with a tremendous flock of quails. Many of them flew only three or
four feet above the ground. Many fell to the ground exhausted and ran about the
ground, trying to get their tired bodies into the air again.

While some excitedly slaughtered birds, others hastily plucked them. In spite of
the strong winds, the camps soon became alive with an unusually large number of
fires over which quails were hastily roasted.
After months of existing mostly on manna, the Israelites were so excited because of receiving meat that they tore and bit and chewed at the flesh of the birds as though they had been starved. They took turns catching, roasting and eating, but it required

Many of the Israelites wolfed down the roasted meat as though they were starving!
many hours for all of them to get their fill of the roasted quail.

All that day the strong wind persisted, and flocks of quails passed over the camps continuously. The excited people flailed away at them, knocking the birds to the ground, snatching them up to swiftly prepare them for roasting or to pluck and salt them for eating later.

As sundown approached, it was expected that the wind would die down and that the birds—if they continued to pass over—would manage to fly at higher altitudes. But the strong wind continued all night. And all night, by the light of bright camp-fires, the Israelites went on batting down all birds within reach.

Next morning the wind still hadn’t abated. Flock after flock of quails skimmed over the camps. There were so many fowl that they were seen fifteen to twenty miles on both sides of the camp areas. The wind continued all that day, and hordes of birds with it. There seemed to be no end to them. By this time many people were still downing them, but not with the eagerness of the preceding day.

Near sundown the wind finally started to subside. The flocks of quails became smaller and smaller, until no more, even single stragglers, were seen to pass over.

Thousands of weary quail-catchers slumped upon their beds. Regardless of their obvious desire to get even more fowl than they could use, they were relieved when there were no more to try to get. After two days and one night of bird-bagging, the camps were full of thousands and thousands of tons of fowl. Besides the millions of quails already eaten, there were piles of them between tents, countless numbers strung up to dry and huge amounts being roasted, boiled, fried or barbecued.

Not everyone had tried his hand at bagging the quails because not all the Israelites had lusted for meat. But there were more than a half-million able-bodied men in the camps, and few of them refrained from the sport of quail-catching. One can get some idea of the amount of fowl brought out of the sky by using the figure 500,000—the number of men who probably gathered the birds—and multiplying it by the smallest amount of birds bagged by anyone during the time the quails passed over the camps. The smallest amount was what ten burros could carry!

The taste of roasted, succulent quail flesh was a welcome treat to the Israelites. But perhaps it wasn’t quite as wonderful as many had expected. When one builds up a lustful, consuming desire for something, it often turns out to be more desirable in one’s imagination than it does as a reality.

Thus it was with so many of the lustful ones of Israel and their quails. Those who had been so bitter, unreasonable and anxious in demanding meat were the very ones who started gorging themselves even before the birds were ready to eat. They seized the half-raw, smoking fowl in both hands and set about devouring them as
starving vultures would attack a newly discovered carcass. There were even a few
who were craving meat so strongly—and these were mostly among the strangers
with Israel—that they tore the feathers off the birds as soon as they were caught
and proceeded to consume them raw.

As for God’s promise to supply the Israelites with meat for a whole month, the
Creator more than kept His word. The huge amounts of birds bagged by the Israelites,
if properly preserved, would have lasted much more than a month—even if eaten
greedily by the more ravenous Israelites.

The Punishment Comes

But something began to happen to cause the Israelites to suddenly lose interest
in quails.

People began to get sick.

From all points in the camps came the increasing moans and groans of those
who had gorged themselves. Their digestive systems, used to the mild manna month
after month, were heavily over-taxed by the great amounts of half-chewed flesh that
had been swallowed hour after hour.

To the horror of friends and relatives who helplessly watched them, the scream­
ing, agonized victims rolled convulsively in their vomit, then lapsed into unconscious­
ness that was soon followed by death.

More and more died this horrible death as the hours wore on. By the time the
self-inflicted plague had come to a halt, an area not far from the camps had become
a vast graveyard!

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Letters to Editor

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the way in which myself and family
have prospered since I have begun to
repent.”

Man from Horden, County
Durham, England

Proves All Things

“I received The PLAIN TRUTH on
Monday. And I say if more people
would take the time to read it, they
would be astonished to learn what the
Bible really says. Some tried to tell me
you were a false preacher. But I know
when Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong gives
us a message I have my Bible and always
follow him in the Bible reading. He
surely isn’t false.”

Reader from Lenoir, North Carolina.
Editor’s comment: All of us need to
prove the Word of God. A man’s opin­
ion of another individual is just that—
an opinion. Remember, only the Word
of God is the test for truth.

Finds His Purpose in Life

“At this time last year I was wonder­
ing what was the purpose of life. De­
spite my attendance at church services,
I felt hollow; but today life is different.
Our Heavenly Father has revealed to me
the purpose of life, and the great plan
He has for mankind is being unfolded
before my eyes through the Correspond­
ence Course.”

Man from Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Hears Broadcast Again

“I used to be a listener of Herbert
W. Armstrong 15 years or more ago. I
lost contact with the radio sermons be­
cause of interference on the radio sta­
tions. Then I heard Mr. Armstrong’s
son preach this morning and was so
much impressed that I’m not going to
miss a broadcast if I can help it. I was
also very happy to know Herbert Arm­
strong is still living and preaching.”

Man from Nashville, Tennessee

Learns She Was Wrong

“I thought I was a good Christian
before I heard any of your broadcasts,
but have learned that I was a long way
off the track.”

Woman, Ontario, Canada
WAR WITH RUSSIA?
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God here below. The coming of our Lord and Saviour, JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH is NOT AS FAR AWAY AS YOU THINK!

Ezekiel writes in surprising time order.

In his 36th chapter, God inspired him to describe the regathering of captive Israel. The 37th chapter pictures the end-time RESURRECTION of physical, national Israelites to be given a time of trial and test, and have a FIRST OPPORTUNITY for salvation. Then, in the 38th and 39th chapters, God reveals WHEN, and WHERE RUSSIA WILL STRIKE!

Think of it!

CHRIST will be on earth—setting up His world-ruling government!

The WEALTH of the world, the abundance of the world will be in Palestine. The Asiatic hordes will covet that wealth—they will attempt to TAKE it, by FORCE! But God says, "... I will turn thee back, and leave but the SIXTH PART of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel ... thou, and all thy bands ... and I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. Thou shalt fall upon the open field ... And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and ... shall burn the weapons with fire, and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord Eternal" (Ezek. 39:2-10).

Read ALL of both these amazing chapters of Ezekiel!

Can your mind comprehend it? Can you begin to really understand?

Surprising though it may seem, Russia will NOT attack the United States. Nuclear war with Russia will NOT come over the Berlin Crisis. But another, unrecognized but very real enemy, WILL attack the United States and Britain!

Unless our peoples come to their senses, turning to their CREATOR in real repentance, with heart-rendering prayer, asking God's FORGIVENESS for their HEINOUS and MONSTROUS personal and national sins—GOD WILL ALLOW OUR PEOPLES TO BE CARRIED AWAY CAPTIVE!

Make no mistake! America and Britain are truly in mortal danger—NOW! GIANT happenings of GARGANTUAN proportions are just around the corner! GREAT WARS are yet ahead—and YOU need protection! Your family, your home, your children need not suffer! God shows a way of protection for YOU AND YOURS!

As we have been reporting in the Plain Truth magazine for over 27 years, our peoples are standing in mortal danger!

We are being gullibly "taken in" by a very real fear of Communism, which SHOULD be feared, but all the while allowing that fear to BLIND us to an even more IMMINENT danger—a GIANT NEW WORLD POWER that is arising in Europe right this minute!

It is plainly in YOUR BIBLE! God has SPOKEN! His word is SURE! Watch the months and years ahead! Watch how Russia will begin paying much more attention to the major eastern countries, how tension gradually lessens in central Europe, how a time of "peaceful co-existence" begins between a coming United States of Europe and Russia, how a great economic deal is spawned between this coming world power and Russia!

Yes, WATCH! LISTEN! Be AWARE of world happenings—and know what YOU can do in these terrifying times yet ahead.

To those who are actively performing the very work of God on earth, Jesus says, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly!" (Rev. 3:10-11).

REMEMBER the admonition of your Saviour! "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36).