What our READERS SAY

The New Color Cover

"I received the new issue of The Plain Truth... What an improvement in looks—but it’s still the same good reading inside. I have just read the article about the Congo. You made it so clear and plain. The conditions there are just terrible. It surely puts fear in a person’s heart."

Mrs. Howard D., California

Two Hats?

"That is a very wonderful picture of Winston Churchill, but—look closely at it. ‘Winnie’ is wearing two hats; a brown one against his head, and a grey one on top of it. I’ve heard a lot of laughable stories of ‘Winnie,’ and England does get cold at certain times of the year, but not two-hat cold! It gets ‘blanket cold’ in San Diego in summer and two-kimono cold in Shanghai, but I never realized it got two-hat cold in England!"

Jolly Jack Realty Co., California

"We looked closely, Jack—and found Sir Winston was wearing a very exclusive and expensive "program" ribbon on his hat brim—a custom common among those who use and can afford a little touch of exclusivity in their barbershavy."

"Congo Chaos"

"I am glad to say that I enjoy your publications, for they give much valuable information as material for my lectures. I am a lecturer on world affairs and on the United Nations. I find your article in the February Plain Truth on the ‘Congo Chaos—Who’s to Blame?’ very interesting and informative. I note that you say that the U.N. is no longer an effective international instrument and never will be."

Edward S., California

Mrs. Armstrong's Diary

"I feel that I would fail in a duty if I didn’t congratulate you on the beautiful appearance of the current issue of The Plain Truth. Also, I have found recent issues of tremendous interest. As for Mrs. Armstrong’s diary—never has a travelogue so intrigued me."

Mrs. F. R., California

"I enjoyed Mrs. Armstrong’s account of your trip so much. I have often wished to see the Holy Land; now at 87 years of age, I saw it through her eyes. As I read it I pictured it in my mind. I am anxious to read the next account of her travels. Thanks for The Plain Truth."

Ida J. P., Missouri

Book a Smashing Success

"Your book GOD SPEAKS OUT on ‘The New Morality’ has given my teenage mind a new conception of basic truths on morality. All teenagers should study it with prayer."

Dan G., Texas

"I received your book some time ago. What a tremendous undertaking! After glancing through it I immediately rushed to a friend who is a biology professor at David Lipscomb College and offered him the loan of it. He had been asked by the elders of the church to prepare a series of lessons on sex education for the teenage boys in our congregation, and I knew he had need of this book. He stayed up half the night reading it. He stated it was beyond doubt the best that has ever been written on the subject and the first he’s ever read that gave God’s views."

Stanley H., Tennessee

"I received the marvelous book GOD SPEAKS OUT on ‘The New Morality.’ This book is the greatest piece of literature I have ever read on the subject of sex relating its divine purpose by Almighty God. I loaned the book to a few of my college friends and the contents are so very delicious that they can’t get enough of this nutritious mental diet. In fact, I can’t get the book back. I would appreciate it very much if you would kindly consider my request and send me another."

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March, 1965

Personal from the Editor

How many of our readers, I wonder, would realize that a basketball game, as illustrated on our cover of this number of The Plain Truth, could be an important part of education?

Before you draw conclusions—wait a minute! Let me give you some facts I'm sure you don't know.

All colleges—at least, certainly, nearly all—have basketball teams. And do they consider basketball games a part of the educational function of the college or university? Probably not. It doesn't rate any academic credits.

But this gives me an opportunity to explain another way in which Ambassador Colleges are different! Yes, and so refreshingly different! So delightfully different!

Through the recent basketball season, we have been having doubleheader basketball games on either Saturday nights or Sunday nights, in our recently completed gymnasium. The gymnasium itself is a part of the new Physical Education Facility—and absolutely the most beautiful building of its kind we have ever seen. The gym is not a giant basketball pavilion, like some of the major universities, with seating capacity for spectators of from 7,000 to 15,000. But our new gym does have bleachers on each side of the basketball court which fold out or telescope back against the walls. They will seat about 1,500.

Let me explain what would be the probable reaction of a student or basketball player from some other college or university.

First, he would be struck with the beauty and the character of the building itself. Even the entrance lobby is carpeted. He might look for the ticket-selling window—and be a little bit flabbergasted because there is none! Think of it! College basketball games—and no admission price! He would find smiling, uniformed student-ushers showing him to a seat.

In the lobby he might be interested by the two, large, glassed-in trophy cases. He would stop to take a look, and among our own trophies given for best performances, he would possibly be a little surprised to see—in such a small college still under 500 students—world-record cups. Our Director of Physical Education, Mr. Floyd Lochner, graduated, and later earned a Master's Degree from the University of Oklahoma. While there, as a student more than 25 years ago, Mr. Lochner won many intercollegiate two-mile races in track meets, and even at a meet in Japan, and was a member of the United States Olympic team that competed at the Berlin Olympics just before Hitler started World War II. Mr. Lochner broke the world record in the two-mile steeplechase. Later, Mr. Lochner began listening to The World Tomorrow, began reading The Plain Truth, and today is a fine Christian man with an equally fine Christian wife; and they have a daughter who will graduate from Ambassador this June, and a son at Ambassador College in Texas.

Our visitor would hear the music of a real good band. And, entering the gymnasium he would see a twenty-four-piece band, all decked out in striped red and white jackets, and with sailor straw hats with red and white bands. He would see the two officials waiting for the game to start, with their official-looking black-and-white-striped shirts—just as in any college, university, or pro game. The two teams would be warming up, throwing practice baskets at their respective ends—each team in a different-colored uniform, such as you see on the front cover—or, in this particular case, it might be the Faculty team at one end, with their
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white uniforms with gold trim and numbers. "Why," he might exclaim, "this looks just like any other college game." But he would have a few surprises coming. The band would stop, and an announcer's voice would come out over the public-address system:

"Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the first game of a doubleheader tonight, between the Faculty and the Freshmen." Then would follow the introduction of the respective starting players of each team—just as in any other college game. And then, from the announcer: "And now will you all rise, and join the band singing the national anthem."

This is followed by applause and some yelling, as the two teams go to the floor, and one of the officials takes his stance to toss up the ball between the two centers, starting the game. The electric scoreboards—one at each end—are set at 20 minutes for the first half, and as the ball is put in play, the seconds began whipping past in bright red colors, indicating the amount of time yet to be played.

Our visitor might be a little surprised to see the caliber of play, the poise and accuracy of the players, as they begin scoring baskets smoothly and accurately in spite of alert, vigorous and tight defense—both teams playing a torrid fast-break game. He might be quite surprised to see the scores building up as rapidly as in a big-university or pro game.

All just like any other college? Well, not exactly!

Our visitor would begin to notice several differences! He would begin to be aware that he was not sitting in a cloud of cigarette and cigar smoke, but in fresh, clean, pure air kept fresh by the air-conditioning system. Then he might be quite amused—if not shocked. He would see in the stands, not only students, some in "rooting" sections, but many whole families, including the kiddies and even babies.

"Man!" he might exclaim, "I never saw anything like that before." Most of those with babies or little children would leave after the early 7 o'clock game, to put the kiddies to bed.

As the game would progress, he would be amazed to see that while the play is fast, aggressive, and determined, there is no deliberate or intentional fouling. Of course, unintended and accidental infractions of some of the rules are bound to occur. But when they do, the one who fouls will usually raise up his arm almost before the official blows his whistle. And, surprise of surprises!—he never sees a player get angry at an official, or make any complaint whatsoever!

At each end he would see a group of girl rooters, dressed in the colors of their team's uniforms—standing on the sidelines. If one of the Freshmen team is fouled, the Freshmen girl rooters will shout in unison: "Sink it, Al, sink it!" But the absolute pay-off would come when one of the Faculty team gets fouled. The girls rooting for the Faculty would shout in unison: "Sink it, Mr. Petty, sink it!" Who ever heard rooters call the player they root for by the title, "Mister?" But our girls do—when the Faculty is playing—but, of course, never for the student players. Really, the first time I heard this, myself, I laughed myself hoarse—almost. Sometimes my son gets fouled, and as he goes to the line, the girls yell: "Sink it, Mr. Armstrong, sink it!"

The students show genuine respect to the Faculty.

When a time-out is called, of course, the band strikes up a lively tune or a rapid march, and the girl rooters on the floor do some maneuvers to the rhythm of the music.

Between halves, there is frequently an exhibition of handsprings, and acrobatic stunts by two of our men students who are proficient in that sort of thing, accompanied by the band.

But now for the real point! We do not play intercollegiate basketball at Ambassador, but instead intramural games. There are the four teams of the four general classes, and a Faculty team. There also are a few girl teams, playing by girls' rules, of course.

We do not give academic credits for basketball, of course. Yet this definitely is a part in the students' education—the way it is played at Ambassador. We have a competent coach, who was a star college player. He will tell you that any one of our teams would win its quota of games should we enter one of the minor college leagues.

Basketball at Ambassador is a character-building activity. Our men are taught to play hard—and to develop skill, but without overdoing it, or devoting too much time to it. Life at Ambassador must be balanced, and time must be budgeted. This activity must not take too much time. But by making the most of every minute, there is ample time to develop basketball proficiency without wasting time.

Ambassador is a character-building institution and, at this college, basketball is used to build character. I have always taught our students that whatever they do should be done well—the very best they can. They play hard—they put their whole energies into it. They try to be both fast and quick—there's a difference. But they try to avoid roughness of a type that might harm or injure other players. I have actually seen our players raise their arms, and tell the officials they had fouled an opponent—unintentionally—when the officials had failed to see it. But never have I seen a player gripe, or complain in any way when an official calls a foul against him—even if the official made a mistake. It is the best of good sportsmanship.

When the game is over, losers will shake hands with and congratulate the victors, with enthusiasm and with smiles! Sure, they play to win, but they expect the other team to try to win, too. Basketball is good, clean recreation—played the Ambassador way—and they realize that coming off with the biggest score is not the most important thing. If they lose, they simply try harder next time—but they have bigger goals than winning a ball game. These games are mere recreation, not the goal of life.

And just to show the students that the Faculty can still teach the students, the Faculty team won all but one of the games in this year's tournament! Even Mr. Lochner, at 52, plays a good hard game. One of these games is a delightful change from the other activities of the day, and Mrs. Armstrong and I are nearly always in attendance.

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Education for LIFE!

There are now THREE COLLEGES on earth where the true, scintillating WAY TO LIVE is imparted. Read here of the CRISIS in education, and the happy solution made possible by Ambassador Colleges.

by Roderick C. Meredith

"Recapture true values." That is the motto of three of the happiest places on earth—the Ambassador Colleges!

For the Ambassador Colleges are truly oases in a desert of ignorance, frustration and despair.

There is a supreme PURPOSE in life, you know. But only at Ambassador, it seems, are students given solid, proven answers to the big questions of life: why are we here? where are we going? what is the real PURPOSE of life? what is the WAY to achieve that purpose?

"Fruits" of Modern Education

Our Western civilization is largely the product of its educational systems. Increasingly, thinking people are beginning to realize and admit that that product is a sick society—a society filled with graft and corruption, with violence and crime. Filled with sadism and sexual perversion, with the growing threat of HUMAN ANNihilation unless our purely technical advances are now matched by an equal increase in the quality of the human character.

A few months ago, one noted educator declared: "We have more educated people than at any time in history; we have more people with college degrees, yet our humanity is a diseased humanity...."

Why? What's missing in education? He concluded: "It isn't knowledge we need; knowledge we have. Humanity is in need of something spiritual."

But where do they receive the kind of education to prepare them for real LIFE—for health, happiness, balance, honesty, decency, courage, self-discipline and real success?

Certainly not in most of the col-
leges of today's perverted society!

Notice this admission by the New York Post: "A college education, it has been said, should prepare young people for life. And to judge from a small-scale survey conducted by the Post on several college campuses around the city, most students agree it does prepare them—for success and survival by dishonesty..."

Scandals involving "cheating rings" of college students around the nation are springing into the headlines. The "corruption" of cheating, dishonesty and immorality have virtually reached epidemic proportions in institutions all over America.

Questioned by a newspaper reporter, one young man replied: "Why is it right for my parent to cheat on his income tax, and wrong for me to cheat on my tests?"

"Cheating goes on all over," argued another. "People cheat on their taxes, big corporations engage in rigging bids and contracts. It's part of our society. Everybody does it. I'd definitely do the same."

Meanwhile, Newsweek magazine reported: "Colleges last week were urged to face up to the facts of life: there are fewer virgins and more sex on campus than ever before...it was suggested since morality is no longer an 'unassailable absolute,' colleges should not dictate values, but should help students define their own standards." (Emphasis ours throughout article.)

Does all this "freedom" to lie, cheat, steal, commit fornication and adultery make the students really happy and balanced?

The answer is implicitly contained in the following news release: "Never before have the colleges been crammed with so many bright students. And never before have so many of them been crowded onto psychologists' couches. According to Dr. Preston Munter, a Harvard psychiatrist, the two facts are not unrelated.

"The psychologists have found that the modern collegian suffers anxiety and tension because of cut-throat academic competition, worries about lopsided intellectual development, is uncertain about moral standards and troubled about the future."

TRUE Education

The above facts certainly indicate a tremendous LACK in the educational systems of this world.

However, there are now three colleges where the real meaning of life—and of present-day world events—is understood and taught. In fact, these colleges publish the very magazine you are now reading—"a magazine of UNDERSTANDING."

Although built upon an underlying foundation of spiritual truth, these institutions are liberal arts colleges—empowered by the state to confer degrees. These three colleges—the Ambassador Colleges—are located in Pasadena, California; at Brickett Wood, near London, England; and a third campus opened its doors this past fall at a beautiful site near Big Sandy, in East Texas.

Students come to these campuses from all over the world—including Britain, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. They come, basically, because they want to find a deeper UNDERSTANDING of the Creator's purpose in our lives and in the swift-moving world events now catapulting mankind to the Supreme Crisis of this age. In this atmosphere of truth and understanding, students are taught to question, to research, to prove and to UNDERSTAND the really BIG questions of life.

An atmosphere of intellectual curiosity and true spiritual boldness permeates the Ambassador campuses. Scores of our students come from other colleges throughout the United States and around the world. Many already have degrees from other major universities such as Harvard, Yale, Oxford and the University of London.

Yet, because the Ambassador Colleges are truly different, they are most enthusiastic about the advantages of an Ambassador education.

Because the student enrollment in each institution is kept relatively small—currently maintained at 550 students or under—many advantages are gained by a personalized type of instruction which is almost nonexistent in the average university or college. This is especially desirable in foreign languages and other similar classes. But it also proves of inestimable value in every course—where real student participation and vigorous question periods make possible a personal meeting of minds between professor and students.

Opportunities at Ambassador

Outstanding instruction is certainly available in foreign languages at the Ambassador Colleges. Students are taught to think and speak in the language they are studying almost from the first period of instruction. The impetus of foreign language dinner clubs, special field trips and opportunities for travel abroad all add to the stimulus by which Ambassador College students are ready to really use the language they are studying much sooner in their college career than in most other institutions.

Unique instruction in historical and literary research is available at the Ambassador Colleges. The geological and historical proofs of creation, of the origin of man, of the real beginnings of civilization are no where else offered.

A most valuable course is taught by the Chancellor, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, in Principles of Living. This course includes the understanding of the real MEANING of life which would never be imparted in any other institution.

The above examples are just a sample of the type of instruction available at Ambassador. Superior instruction and facilities are the rule in our Music Department, and in such courses as geography, international relations and, of course, theology.

Outstanding Facilities at Ambassador

As noted in Mr. Armstrong's "Personal from the Editor" on page 1, the Ambassador Colleges have a burgeoning Building Program which is now making possible exceptional facilities for colleges of our size. Each of the Ambassador Colleges is located in an area of warmth and beauty. Each has unusual facilities which make it excel the others in certain directions.

Our "mother" campus at Pasadena is located within a few miles of some of the nation's great libraries, two world-
famous astronomical observatories, many famous galleries and museums, and outstanding technical institutions where great research projects are always in operation. Downtown Los Angeles is fifteen minutes away from the Ambassador campus by freeway; Hollywood, only twenty minutes away.

Pasadena's famous Rose Bowl and its beautiful Civic Auditorium are only a few minutes' walk from the campus, with other outstanding cultural and recreational attractions also nearby.

Ambassador College in England is located on the beautiful grounds comprising the estate of the late Sir David Yule. Sir David was one of the Directors of the British East India Corporation—a multimillionaire and leader of his time. His former home and grounds—as our campus at Pasadena—reflect unusual beauty and quality.

Beautiful new dormitories and dining facilities have been completed on our English campus, and an outstanding gymnasium is under construction—beginning this very month. High quality tennis courts and fine athletic fields add to the enjoyment of the full life led by our students both in England and in Pasadena.

Situated in the beautiful "Green Belt" just north of London, our English campus provides a peaceful atmosphere for outdoor sports and country living. Yet it is immediately adjacent to London with the London-Birmingham freeway only about a mile away. Train connections with downtown London are less than half a mile from the Ambassador College. So the great city of London is easily available to our English students—only forty-five minutes from campus.

Our new Texas facilities are still under construction, but the outstanding beauty of the East Texas countryside—with lush foliage, beautiful rolling hills and lakes—already gives evidence of the special charm it will hold for students there. Our own private "Lake Loma" provides fine facilities for swimming, water skiing and other aquatic sports. Outstanding track, tennis and gymnasium facilities are now almost complete.

Frankly, the outstanding zeal and enthusiasm in being "pioneer students" at our new Texas campus has so far exceeded the expectation of all of us!

The Ambassador CHARACTER

The Ambassador Colleges are NOT Theological Seminaries or Bible schools. Most Ambassador graduates do NOT become ministers. Rather, most go into the fields of teaching, writing, business administration and, of course, homemaking.

Amid the signs of decay and death
Throughout our civilization, Ambassador College students are truly prepared for abundant life.

Coming largely from the readership of The Plain Truth magazine and the huge listening audience to The World Tomorrow broadcast, Ambassador students are taught to practice the way of life imparted through the pages of this magazine and over the broadcast.

Therefore, Ambassador Colleges produce honest young people. People who are not only completely honest in financial matters, but are equally honest in classroom situations, in conversation and in their basic dedication—every day of the week—to the purposes of the Creator. Also, true intellectual and spiritual integrity is practiced on the Ambassador campuses as in no other locations on earth! This fact is certainly demonstrated for those who know!

Ambassador students are bold and creative. They realize the crying need to reconstitute much of this world's crumbling civilization. They have the courage to learn and to live the Truth.

Ambassador students are workers and producers. Nearly every Ambassador student works either part or all of his way through college. In this, and all other activities, they are taught to practice the "Seven Laws of Success" as contained in Mr. Armstrong's booklet. They are NOT afraid of work. With this training, they will certainly become the builders and producers of tomorrow!

Many visiting public officials have commented, repeatedly, on the atmosphere of respect and courtesy demonstrated by the Ambassador students. For the students of Ambassador College are constantly and consistently taught respect for all the offices in the governments of this world, respect for the laws, respect for their elders, and respect and love for all fellow human beings. This attitude, when really practiced, says a lot. It, of itself, would completely obliterate all juvenile delinquency from the face of the earth!

That is why, believe it or not, there is virtually no juvenile delinquency whatsoever among the more than one thousand students on the Ambassador College campuses!

Ambassador College produces students who love and serve their fellow man. They are taught to fear, respect, obey, and love the true God—the God of Abraham, the God of the Bible. They are taught His purposes, His laws and way of life. They are decent and disciplined human beings. But they have a goal. They love life! They are heartily, happily, joyously exuberant in living the full and balanced life which they know is intended!

As literally hundreds of visitors have vocally observed, Ambassador students are truly the happiest people on earth!

A Priceless Opportunity

The opportunity to come to one of the Ambassador Colleges should now take on new meaning to any young person of college age. When you understand it, the opportunity is matchless—priceless!

On one of the Ambassador campuses, you will study and learn those things which really count in life. In no other educational institutions on earth can you so fully learn the real purpose of life—and with God's guidance develop your whole being to fulfill that purpose. You will learn how to really live the full, vigorous, productive and abundant life.

The realization of Ambassador's goals and standards fills Ambassador students with zeal, with drive, with purpose!

This makes their college assignments more than just assigned studies, their work more than just a means to room and board, their recreation more than just a passing good time. All these activities take on new meaning and purpose. They become vital steps toward the development of the whole personality—the whole being—as a sharp and effective instrument in fulfilling the real goal of human existence.

This realization, this goal, makes the Ambassador Colleges truly different. There are no other colleges on earth even remotely like them!

A CHALLENGE to Young People

Here is a challenge to all young people in the English-speaking world who want to understand and fulfill the purpose of life.

If you've successfully completed high school or secondary school or plan to do so in the near future, if you appreciate the opportunity to acquire a college education and achieve it in the sound way, and if you aren't afraid of blazing new trails—then by all means write immediately for the Ambassador College Catalog. You will receive full particulars about entering the Ambassador College nearest you next fall.

Be prepared to WORK! Ambassador Colleges maintain high scholastic standards. Prospective students should be prepared to do high-level college work before enrolling.

You may have academic, financial or even parental problems in coming to one of our Ambassador Colleges. Many (Please continue on page 48)
Why is it that religion has begged, cajoled, and with quavering voice pleaded with sinners to accept Christ? Is God trying desperately to get everybody “saved” before it’s too late? Does God really NEED you so desperately—RIGHT NOW? Here’s what your BIBLE says.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

What about it? Is there a great struggle going on here below—between titanic spiritual forces, the forces of God, opposed by the forces of Satan the Devil?

Is God engaged in a desperate struggle with a cunning Devil—trying to save the world, while a contemptuous Satan laughs and gathers in most of humanity on his side?

Is God Fighting the Devil?

The sum total of all evangelistic effort, or missionary work, of altar calls and religious endeavor seems predicated on a fervent race against time!

The Devil seems to be winning, if such a frantic struggle exists. What about it? Have you ever wondered why it is the Devil seems to have all the special tools, the knack and know-how, the ingenuity and craft with which to trap his victims—while God seems to have none?

Think about it.

Society, with its bright lights, entertainment, and pleasures; the movies, TV, novels, records, dances, parties; cigarettes, liquor, sex; money, position, travel—all of this appeals naturally to the average human being! The Devil seems, according to this reasoning, to have just about all the advantages.

But, goes the faulty idea, God has virtually no weapons!

Against the NATURAL desire of the average human for the pleasures of the physical senses, the broken-hearted voice of “religion” seems to say, “No!” “Don’t!” “Give up!” “Go without!” “Abstain!”

Have you ever attended a “good old-fashioned revival,” or evangelistic campaign? Have you heard a house-voiced, perspiring evangelist in broken, quavering tones, while the measured pulse of the choir softly chants “Just as I am,” plead emotionally: “WON’T you come? With every head bowed, with others praying for you, WON’T you step out into that aisle and come down to the altar? Give your heart to the Lord RIGHT NOW, TONIGHT!”

Does God, to you, seem to represent giving up everything that is “fun” and enjoyable—going without the real pleasures in life, while the Devil seems to have a corner on the market of delight?

Such ideas are utterly FALSE!

Believe it or not, there is NO GREAT STRUGGLE TO GET THIS WORLD SAVED—NOW!

Jesus said, “Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword” (Mat. 10:34). He explained, when His disciples asked Him why He spoke to the public in hidden meaning, in parables: “Because it is given unto you [His disciples] to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given... Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand” (Mat. 13:10-13).

But why?

If Christ were so desperately trying to plead with people to “get saved” and escape the wiles of the Devil—would He have deliberately hidden His meaning from them—OBSCURED the very message of SALVATION?

That’s what He said! That’s exactly what He did! Read it, in His own words, “And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand: and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; Lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them’” (Mat. 13:14-15).

Strange words, indeed, if God were desperately trying to SAVE THIS WORLD!

But He is NOT trying to save it, NOW! Christ DID NOT try to save it, THEN!

And, since God is NOT—NOW—trying frantically to save the world, just how badly does He really NEED you?

Does Christ Suffer From Inferiority?

Think about it! How has “Christ” been presented to you?

Usually, when you think of Christ, do you immediately think of DEATH? Do you imagine a DEAD person, hanging on a cross? Or, like many, do you immediately imagine the manger scene—thinking of Christ as a sweet little baby, wrapped in “swaddling clothes” and being sheltered in His mother’s arms? Or perhaps you have a picture of “Christ” in your home—or in your Bible.

Look at the picture. See any POWER there? See any FORCE? Any driving, magnetic, irresistible, positive, masculine ZEAL and ENERGY?

Or do you see, instead, a picture of WEAKNESS?

Ever seen artist’s portrayals of the Devil? If you have, you’ve noticed a “devilishly” handsome look. Dark, intense, alert, piercing eyes—strong, craggy masculine features; powerful
Death by fire—without ever having heard the Message God sent by Jesus Christ. Were these Laotian Buddhists lost forever because they did not "receive Christ"?

jew; jutting, strong nose; the very picture of force and energy!

Christ is pictured as having long hair, as looking almost feminine while the Devil is pictured as having short hair, if any. But take away the halo from the pictures of "Christ," and remove the tail, pitchfork and horns from the "Devil" and look again!

Then read what your own Bible says about it. Notice! "Doth not even nature teach you [inspired the Christ of the Bible], that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?" (I Cor. 11:14.)

Read further! "He hath no form nor comeliness [not outstandingly "beautiful" or "handsome"]; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him" (Isa. 53:2).

Paul said, "For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda" (Heb. 7:14).

Juda means the house of Judah: the tribe of the Jewish people!

Remember also that Christ was betrayed with a kiss! And for the express purpose of "buying that all-important sign, pointing out to his accusers just who he was, the Pharisees paid Judas a great deal of money!

But why the bribe—if Jesus was so outstandingly different He would have been easily singled out in any crowd?

Put it all together. Christ was a Jew. He wasn't any different in appearance from any other Jewish man of His day. He didn't have long hair, and He most certainly did not have an inferiority complex.

But what about the "Christ" you have always just taken for granted?

How have you thought about Him? What have you thought about religion? about altar calls? about "receiving Christ" and "salvation"?

Hasn't it all been a little confusing to you?

No, the Christ of the Bible, the living Christ who is very much alive at this precise second, does not have a terrible inferiority complex. He is not suffering because He so desperately needs all people to believe "on" Him right now, or believe "in" what He did!

But this world is suffering—and suffering because it will not believe what Jesus Christ SAID!

A Deceived World

Without realizing it, you have probably been believing the exact opposite from what the Bible really says. Your Creator tells you this is a deceived world—that a great spirit being, Satan the Devil, has succeeded in blinding the vast majority!

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ... should shine unto them" (II Cor. 4:4). Satan the Devil is called, symbolically, a great dragon, "which deceiveth the whole world!" (Rev. 12:9.)

But how many really believe the plain word of God? How about you? Do you really believe this world—yes, all of it—has been deceived?

Do you believe you could have been? And remember—a deceived person does not know he's deceived—he thinks he knows the truth!

Satan the Devil has turned this world to deception—has caused it to believe in lies! He is called the first liar, and the father of all lies (John 8:44).

So, today, the average person believes Christ came to destroy His Father's laws, to free us from law—to die to get us saved, and that He is trying, desperately, to save the world, today!

And none of this is true!

Christ's death did not destroy the law, did not, of itself, save us! And Christ is not trying to save the whole world, today!

Here's the proof!

What Christ DID Accomplish

Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill!" (Mat. 5:17.)

He came to magnify the law of God, making it far more binding upon us, making it spiritually applicable! If you have not yet read our inspiring booklet on the Ten Commandments, then write for it, immediately.

He said, when asked the way to salvation and eternal life, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments!" (Mat. 19:17.) He came, keeping God's commandments, to set us an example; that ye should follow His steps! (I Pet. 2:21.)

Christ came talking of the love of God. But He didn't leave us guessing (Please continue on page 43)
Suddenly the world spotlight is focused on Asia. First came the Pope's triumph in India. Now the U. S. attacks on North Vietnam. What does it all mean? To get the facts firsthand we sent two members of our Australian editorial staff through­out India and Southeast Asia. The first of their surprising re­ports is published in this issue.

by C. Wayne Cole

W ithout precedent and unparalleled in the history of the Roman Catholic Church—this is Pope Paul VI's view of his trip to Bombay, India.

For the first time since Pope Pius VII left the Vatican in 1805 to crown Napoleon "Emperor of the Holy Ro­man Empire," the Catholic Church has a "traveling Pope." In his second ma­jor trip in a year, Pope Paul VI astounded the world by going to non­Catholic India. The official purpose was to attend the 38th International Eucharistic Congress being held in Bombay.

But the real purpose is too often overlooked!

On-the-Spot Report

To view firsthand the history being made in Bombay, Mr. Donald Abra­ham and I traveled from Sydney, Aus­tralia as observers at the Eucharistic Congress during the days Pope Paul was to attend.

During the weeks prior to the Pope's scheduled arrival in Bombay, some opposition to his visit began to appear. A number of demonstrations were staged. A few ringleaders were ac­tually arrested by the Bombay police. The reasons given for the opposition were that India was not primarily a Christian land. The Pope's visit could also injure the established religions of India.

It was evident, however, that the vast majority of Indians in Bombay, including the hundreds of thousands of visitors from other Indian states—and indeed from countries around the world—were more than anxious to give a tumultuous welcome to Pope Paul VI. They were eager to give a fitting climax to the already-cordial welcome extended to the entire Eucharistic Cong­ress.

Why the Pope's Trip

Why was Bombay, India, chosen as the site for this Eucharistic Congress—the 38th to be held in the history of the Catholic Church?

What immediate and long-range, far-reaching objectives did the Vatican hope to achieve by selecting a city in the non-Christian East?

Why did Pope Paul choose this oc­casion to make his second "flying" trip away from the Vatican? Though he had traveled to the "Holy Land" in January 1964, this trip to India was by far the more spectacular and yet perhaps the less obvious and expected.

We might also ask: What is the purpose of the Eucharistic Congress—Does it have any meaning to you?

For a Pope who seemed determined to break away from being the tradi­tional "prisoner within the Vatican walls," it would seem a logical move to
make the first trip "outside" to Jeru­
usalem and other points in the "Holy
Land."

But it doesn't seem so obvious that the second and more significant trip
should be to India—the land of Hindus,
Moslems, Jains, Parsees, Zoroastrians
and others—with only about 10,000,000
Christians in a country of over
450,000,000 population.

The occasion of the Eucharistic Con­
gress itself was not the sole reason for
the trip. There have been 37 such pre­
vious congresses of the Roman Church.

Yet no Pope has found it absolutely
necessary to attend them. The last
Eucharistic Congress—held in Munich,
Germany in 1960—was a very important
and significant one in fulfilling the
objectives of Catholicism. Yet Pope
John XXIII followed tr adition, and re­
mained absent from the Congress de­
spite his expressed desire to attend.

But now I want to tell you what
Mr. Abraham and I learned in Bom­
bay! 1)

What We Saw

Bombay is a sprawling city of over
4,000,000 population. We attempted to
make hotel reservations for our stay in
Bombay through our Travel Agent in
North Sydney, Australia. But we were
informed that absolutely every hotel
room was already booked—and also
that all guest and rooming houses were
booked to capacity. We were told that
acquiring any suitable accommodations
in Bombay was totally out of the
question. It was explained to us that
three ships had been berthed in the
harbor to serve primarily as housing
for Eucharistic Congress members and
this space was booked to capacity.

We did find accommodations—but
only after a personal search in the city
upon our arrival.

Bishops and priests of the Catholic
Church from nearly every land on
earth—as well as hundreds of thou­
sands of visitors, Christian and non­
Christian, Catholic and non-Catholic—
were jammed into this huge city.
Again, let me ask ... WHY?

Let's Understand

The question of why Bombay, India
—a city widely acclaimed for its reli­
gious tolerance—was selected for this
Eucharistic Congress is partially an­
swered in the Official Handbook of the
Congress. It states:

"A new wind of change is blowing
in the Christian world. Centuries of
sectarian division appear to be tending
to unity and drawing together in an
effort for mutual understanding and
love. It is no accident that one of the
best-known unions of Christian
churches, that of the churches of South
India, came about on Indian soil. The
genius of India has ever been directed
to the reconciliation of opponents... already in India, Christian divisions
are felt less keenly than in Europe or
America. A more intense and fruitful
dialogue between opposing sects is pos­
sible in this warm climate of under­
standing and sympathy." (The
XXXVIII International Eucharistic Con­
26-27. Emphasis mine throughout.)

This frank admission reveals the
reasons why the Catholic Church chose
India. 1) To help further develop a
climate conducive to Christian unity!
2) To illustrate the "winds of change"
which are blowing through the Vatican
itself, and through the Catholic Church
as a whole.

Not a change of heart, or a change
of tradition, or of purpose—but a
change of appearance and a change
of method to achieve the purpose!

The primary task of the Vatican is
to make the Catholic Church more attrac­tive
to those outside its walls. To
present the church and its traditions,
its customs, and its teachings in a
light more acceptable to other Chris­
tians and to the world. The goal is to
present the Church in an apparently
new form to the world and to offer
all people the hope of BROTHERHOOD,
of UNITY and PEACE!

This plan has been outlined on a
number of occasions by spokesmen of
the Catholic Church, and by Pope Paul
himself.

Plan of Action

Here is the Vatican's dramatic plan
of action. It involves the choice of a
NAME. First, Giovanni Battista Mon­
tini, after his election as Pope, chose
the name of PAUL.

To quote from TIME magazine:
'Montini's choice [of Paul] was equal­
ly significant. The name is a program
in itself,' exclaimed one Vatican cleric.
Clearly Pope Paul intended to recall
the great Apostle to the Gentiles, who,
said the editor of L'Osservatore Romano, is 'a symbol of Ecumenical unity, venerated by Catholics, Protestants and Orthodox Christians.' It was St. Paul who internationalized the early church; it was Paul, through his dynamic letters, who gave universal scope to the teachings of the Nazareth carpenter (TIME magazine, June 28, 1963).

An authoritative Vatican spokesman disclosed the secret behind the choice of the name PAUL by Cardinal Montini. "The name of Pope Paul VI assumed today by Giovanni Battista Montini had been suggested before his election as a symbol of a fighting, love-inflamed church... Paul is the name of the Apostle of the Gentiles, who spread Christianity in the Greek-Latin world, turning it from the belief of a small Jewish group into a WORLD RELIGION" (UPI Vatican City release, dated June 21, 1963).

You need to realize and comprehend fully the master strategy being undertaken by the Vatican! Few today seem to understand the long-range plan of the papacy. Its dedicated purpose is to establish itself in the eyes of the world as the final arbiter. It must appear as the spokesman for justice, a dispenser of goodwill, an establisher of peace; the proclaimer of the brotherhood of man and the upholder of equality.

And Now—The Papal Trip

When announcing his trip to India, Pope Paul said: "Like the first journey to the Holy Land, this journey to the gates of this immense Asia, this new and modern world, is not foreign to the nature or the requirements of our apostolic ministry."

Pope Paul went to India as "The Missionary Pope." He proclaims himself a "Pilgrim of Love," the "Apostle of Peace"—to spread the sphere of influence, and to strengthen the voice, of the Roman Catholic Church in the world! How successful is he? What does Bible prophecy reveal of his future plans?

Another "God"?

"I came, I saw, I conquered." This dramatic title, given to an editorial in The Free Press Bulletin on December 3, 1964, perhaps best illustrates the tremendous impact Pope Paul's visit had upon the Indian people.

"The humble pilgrim of peace and love has come, seen and conquered," reported the editorial.

"Other gods and goddesses, kings, commissars and presidents have been hailed and welcomed in this land of Gandhi, Nehru, and peaceful co-existence. We have witnessed Eisenhower, Khrushchev and Chou, the Shah of Iran and the Queen of England, Nasser, Tito, Soekarno and others roll in glory through our capital and cities during the mighty Nehru epoch, but this humble Pilgrim of God and Vicar of Christ got a reception which surpassed them all.

"An unprecedented and unparalleled congregation of anything between one and two million people formed a 12-mile long winding human tunnel, studded with banners and tableaux and enlivened by choirs and songs, for the papal procession from Santa Cruz Airport to the site of the Eucharistic Congress at the Oval in the heart of the city; and the maidan itself had been transformed into the world's largest and most splendid cathedral with its modern cubic altar rising to the sky in almost pagan glory like a symbol of universal worship to God."

"Pagan glory"—"other gods"—is this the religion of Jesus, or the rebirth of the Dark Ages in modern garb?

The report continues: "Truly this was a Roman Procession, a Roman welcome, a Roman triumph. A Cardinal standing by my side was carried away by the emotion of the Pope's arrival at the Congress to recall the words of Christ, Where the Church is there I am. Adapting this sentiment to that heavenly moment, he added, 'one may well say that where the Pope is Rome is; for Bombay has with the presence of the Holy Father in its midst today become Rome'" (From Blitz, an Indian weekly newspaper, December 5, 1964).

At the Cathedral

On the evening of the Pope's arrival at the Congress, Mr. Abraham and I stood among the more than 200,000 people in the Oval to witness the attendance of Pope Paul VI at the Eucharistic Congress Cathedral.

The vast crowd of men, women and children welcomed the Pope with hand-clapping and cheering, while a 5000-
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*"The World Tomorrow"

**Major Stations—**

*Heard over wide areas*

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WBRJ—Marietta, Ohio—910 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.

WOW—Omaha, Nebr.—590 on dial, 8:25 p.m. Sun.

KRVI—Lexington, Nebr.—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

WEAW—Chicago—1330 on dial, 10:20 p.m. Sun., 7:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

WEBC—Duluth, Minn.—560 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 6:45 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

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KTBC—Austin—590 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

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WMB—Tallahassee—1330 on dial, 6:30 p.m. Sun., 7:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

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RADIO REDIFFUSION—Bridgetown, Barbados, 9:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat., 9:30 p.m. Sat.

RADIO AMERICA—Lima, Peru—1010 kc.—5:15 p.m. Saturdays.

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In French—

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

4VCM—Port au Prince, Haiti—6165 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

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

In Spanish—

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

RADIO COMUNEROS—Asuncion, Paraguay—970 kc.—8:30 p.m. Thursdays.

RADIO SPORT—CXA19—Montevideo, Uruguay—11835 kc.—4:00 p.m., Sundays.

RADIO CARVE—CX16, 850 kc., and CXA15, 6156 kc.—Montevideo, Uruguay—3:30 p.m., Saturdays.
voice choir sang the papal hymn "God Bless our Pope" as he swiftly mounted the steps to the altar.

In addressing the packed gathering, Pope Paul spoke in English. He said, "As the first purpose of our journey to India is to attend the International today." Nearly every speech and statement bore the theme of "brotherhood," mutual co-operation and unity—with emphasis on the SELF!

God was far off!

Secondary purpose of the Congress was to explore means of helping feed the world’s starving millions. Sessions were conducted for discussion of the hunger problem caused by the exploding world population coupled with famines and other causes of limited production. The importance of this purpose to the Roman Catholic Church is clearly seen when it is viewed in the light of the church’s opposition to mechanical means of birth control.

More Papal Visits to Come

Pope Paul had hardly returned to the Vatican before speculation arose as to the possibility of further papal trips abroad in the near future.

The Philippines, Central and South America were given as possible areas for a visit from the head of Roman Catholicism. This speculation further demonstrates that the "prisoner of the Vatican" is a prisoner no more. It also further portrays the accelerating upsurge of worldwide interest in the Catholic Church created by the papal visits.

Once again, nations are beginning to vie for the Pope’s visit and blessing! Again, we are beginning to see Catholic influence reach forth in the world grasping for world domination!

The world is today filled with mammoth earth-shattering and seemingly insolvable problems—problems of racial violence and massacres, devastating domestic and marital problems, hunger and starvation, national and international strife, civil wars and the ever-present cold war. Amidst the threat of all-out WORLD WAR with terrifying HYDROGEN AND ATOMIC WEAPONS, we see the subtle exertion of increasingly greater and stepped-up influence by the Catholic Church in world affairs.

In the world-climate of frustration, fear and brutal violence and crime, the Pope is setting the stage by his travels and increased influence in the world. He is planning for the time in the very near future when the papacy, presented as the "vicarage of Christ," will offer itself as the means—undoubtedly declared as the only means—to finding solutions to man’s ills. He will promise to bring peace to a weary world and replace hate with love and mutual co-operation. This will supposedly be the ‘love of Christ’ given to the world through His ‘vicar.”

In The Catholic Weekly of April 9, 1964, appeared this bold headline: "Papacy Seen as Key to Easing World Tensions." The article stated: ‘Pope Paul VI, his [Pope John XXIII’s] successor, has expressed the wish to continue the work of Pope John. He wants to promote peace, to support under-developed nations, to insure national independence and the peaceful co-existence of all countries in the world.”

TRULY, without a doubt, the world is in a humanity inextricable mess. Man does not know how to solve his problems and certainly does desperately need the intervention of Jesus Christ to save human life from total annihilation!

BUT, make no mistake about it,
God plainly reveals that Jesus Christ Himself personally is soon to intervene and cut short man's days of hellish debauchery and violence (Mat. 24:21-27). Christ is not going to intervene in bringing peace and love to this world through the office of a man usurping and assuming an office as the supposed "vicar of Christ."

Prophecy Coming to Pass

Bible prophecy is rapidly coming to pass! Never before have the words of the Apostle John in Revelation 17 carried greater significance. Get your Bible and read it for yourself—"I will show unto thee the judgment of the Great Whore that sitteth upon many waters! With whom the Kings of the earth have committed fornication... and upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH... and the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."

Newsweek magazine sums up Pope Paul's visit to India: "Montini clearly had his own personal style in mind when he took the name of the itinerant apostle to the Gentiles. He would be a second Paul. Yet, until his trip to India, not even he could understand the full import of his mission... The Roman Pontiff was no longer the "prisoner of the Vatican"—or of his own inhibitions, he belonged to the world" (Newsweek, Dec. 14, 1964).

You need to be aware of the swift developments now taking place around the world! You need to be informed of the fulfillment of Bible prophecies and to know what God says is now "just around the corner."

You live in an age destined to witness the most calamitous events in the entire history of mankind! Events to lead right up to the return of Jesus Christ as King of kings to establish the Kingdom of God on this earth and to rule the nations with a rod of iron for their own good. Big things are just ahead!

Be sure you read every issue of The Plain Truth magazine; listen to the challenging and inspiring radio broadcast—The World Tomorrow. Also, if you are not doing so, you need to be studying The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. In doing these things you will be informed of world news in advance—before it happens— as revealed in Bible prophecy!

There is hope for this dying world! God has promised to keep man from destroying himself! But, this hope is not founded on the vain theories and attempts of man... No, the hope and absolute promise for mankind is established upon the sure and ever-enduring Word of God! Study God's Word and believe it!

(To be continued)
This is the LIFE! —real ABUNDANT living

Do YOU know how to live FULLY—ABUNDANTLY? In this article, reprinted by popular request, you will learn how you may taste the joys of real abundant living.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Why do religious people often seem to feel that their religious life must be one of giving up all the fun and the enjoyment of living? — that in order to please God, they must endure a life of morbid gloom? They talk depressingly of sin.

Sin to many of these people consists of things that many other people consider to be the most desirable things in life. To them, sin is going contrary to a number of “don’ts.” “Don’t smoke.” “Don’t dance.” “Don’t play cards.” “Don’t go to the theatre.” “Don’t ever touch a drop of alcoholic beverage.” “Don’t do this!” “Don’t do that!”

What’s Wrong With Religion?

A prominent lawyer’s wife once said to me, “I couldn’t ever become a Christian. Why, if I had to give up smoking, dancing, card playing, the theatre, and all the pleasures of life, what would there be left to live for anyway?”

A world-famous philosopher, editor, and lecturer whom I knew — and who also had no use for religion — said that he did not desire to be repressed or to live a life of painful penance. “I desire,” he said, “to be radiant, cheerful, friendly, and to meet people with a smile.”

Apparenty be assumed that such a happy life could not be a religious life.

But strangely, none of these people knew how to live.

Very few have ever found or tasted the true abundant life.

You Were Meant to Be Happy!

Now the Creator who gives you the breath that you breathe does not desire for you to live an empty, depressed, or an unhappy life. You never please the Eternal by giving up happiness or anything that is good for you.

God Almighty has never given you a single “don’t” except those things that are going to harm you, tear you down, bring on unhappiness later. Oh, of course, some of these things give you a thrill, or a little kick out of life temporarily, but there is always a boomerang. They exact a great penalty later, and the price is too high. It isn’t good business.

God forbids those things that are bad for us, the things that are going to bring on unhappiness, and bring on a life of emptiness and gloom. But never does God Almighty forbid one single thing that is for your happiness, your welfare, your real well-being.

I’m reminded of an elderly man who was of the “shouting kind” of religion. He rose up one time in a church meeting and he shouted out a question to those assembled. He said, “Brethren, are you enjoying it, or are you only enduring it?”

Some people endure a solemn, stiff, and formal church service. And some, emotionally inclined, will go to the kind of church meeting where there is much shouting, and much emotional response, merely to have a good time during the meeting. The rest of the week religion doesn’t seem to have a great part of their lives.

Others feel that if they become, as they call it, “saved,” that they must forever after live a gloomy life of giving up everything that they formerly enjoyed, and that their solemn, unhappy lives will somehow please their Creator. Of course, that kind of religion is more or less a superstition!

Christ Brought ABUNDANT LIVING

Let’s get this matter straight. The founder of the Christian religion, Jesus Christ, said that He came to this earth for a purpose.

“I am come,” said Jesus, “that they might have LIFE, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). Jesus Christ came to bring us the “ABUNDANT LIFE.” Do you know what that is?

God Almighty intended the real Christian life to be one of joy.

Do you know that if you have the real Christian life, if you have the Spirit of God within you, it’s going to bring about this result? It’s going to, as we say, “produce fruits.” Now what kind of fruits will be produced in a real Christian life? — not the morbid, unhappy life. Here is the fruit. Here is what will emanate from a real Christian life. It is found in Galatians 5, beginning with verse 22:

“The fruit of the Spirit” — this is the Spirit of God. This is the Holy Spirit that God imparts only to those who are truly converted. “That fruit of the Spirit is love”— first of all is love — and the second is “joy.” Joy is hap-
piness, brimful and running over.

That doesn’t sound like an unhappy, empty, morbid life, does it? Here’s love that will just flow, spontaneously, out from you!

**Life Can Be RADIANT**

The first “fruit of the Spirit of God” is LOVE. Love will mean that your face is beaming. It’s going to mean that you are really giving out. It’s going to mean that you are radiant and happy. Love results in JOY, the second product of the Spirit of God. The third is “PEACE.” Instead of going around quarreling, resentful, bitter, unhappy, and arguing—that’s not peace, that’s a kind of war—you’ll be at peace in your mind and with your neighbor, and with your God!

And the next is, in the King James Authorized Version of the Bible, “long-suffering,” which in more modern English is “PATIENCE.” Impatience makes more people unhappy than almost anything else! If you can really learn the lesson of patience, you’re learning one of the things that will make you happy, and make life worth living.

The next is “gentleness,” and then “goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” That is the fruit of the Spirit. It will spontaneously spring forth from you. That you will be emitting from yourself, radiating from yourself, all the time, if you are a real Christian.

**But Most People Are NOT Christians**

You read in Romans 8:9 that unless you have received from without the Holy Spirit of God, you are not any of Christ’s! **You are not a Christian.**

There are millions of people that profess Christianity that are not Christians according to God’s definition. They’re not Christians at all!

Of course, in a Christian life, there are troubles. There are going to be even persecutions. Jesus Christ was persecuted. He said, “If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you.” That comes from without. That’s something that comes from other people. That doesn’t necessarily need to disturb you inwardly. And the person who does have this inward peace, the person who has this joy and this love and this patience—and who has this tolerance for other people—isn’t going to be too much disturbed because other people don’t agree, and perhaps persecute.

Yes, you’re going to face problems and trials. Those things are good for us. They come upon us for a purpose—to help us develop character. And a real Christian understands. It doesn’t make him unhappy.

**We All Have Trials**

We are going to have troubles and problems, and trials just like everybody else. They come to test us. They come to strengthen, to build our character. And that’s the very purpose of our being—to make us like God. We, like Jesus Christ, can be born into the Kingdom of God. Notice I Peter 4:12-13: “Beloved,” this is speaking to real Christians, “Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you.”

Some people, when some of these trials and these problems come, think nobody else has ever had anything come upon them like that. It’s some strange thing that is peculiar to them. That is not true! Every other person on earth is having problems. Everyone is having troubles. They have things to meet and to overcome, solutions to work out, the same as you do. It’s not strange. And so here is the teaching of God. He says:

“But rejoice;” yes, rejoice inwardly in these things, “inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings.”

Christ suffered, but Christ also said to His apostles, “My joy I leave with you.” “I am come,” He said, “that you might have life, and that you may have it more abundantly.” And He came to give us the abundant life. He had that kind of life. He was happy. He was filled with joy, even though at the same time He was a man of sorrows—and why?

Because He LOVED all human beings, and He saw the way they were going. He saw how they were destroying themselves, how they were bringing unhappiness and emptiness, fear and worry, poverty, sickness, disease and sufferings on themselves. He thereby shared their sufferings. He was a man of sorrows. He was sorrowful for them. But He was a man who was happy inside. He was setting us an example of the kind of life that we should live. So we read here:

“Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”

**Why We Can Always Be Happy INSIDE**

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled.”

There isn’t one person in 10,000 professing Christians who really knows and understands what that incorruptible inheritance really is. It is far greater—filled with far more splendor and glory, and far more happiness—than you probably have ever imagined. That is what is in store for you if you will surrender your life to God. It’s up to you!

Peter continues, saying that we are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready “to be revealed at the last time.” That means a time yet future, ahead of us just now, only a few years future in our time, at the second coming of Christ. Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth once again!

“Wherein,” continues this scripture, “ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations” or trials and troubles that come upon us: “that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth”—because this trial of our faith is developing character that will never perish. It’s more valuable than gold.

When a trouble comes upon you, instead of griping, grumbling, moaning, and being unhappy and miserable about it, realize that something is come upon you to try you, to develop character, to develop something real and genuine in you that you will carry with you for all eternity.
But when troubles come, do you rejoice in them? Do you realize that something is come that is more valuable to you than a great sum of gold? Or do you grumble and complain and wish that such things had never come?

Jesus Christ came so that our lives should be changed from what they are. They are to be changed from drifting, going the easy way, acting according to impulse—which builds no character, which is putting nothing into us that we can take with us, nothing that is real, that is lasting and permanent—to the life that finds the true values. He gives us a life that does meet and overcome obstacles and temptations, a life that is just filled with happiness, brimful and running over with joy, the real abundant life. We realize what is being accomplished, where we’re going. You have a goal if you are Christ’s. You have an objective. You know where you’re going; you see the progress you’re making. It gives you a thrill of happiness.

MATERIAL Blessings, Too

And, incidentally, if your life is the right kind that God desires, which is for your good, if you seek first the Kingdom of God, which is your objective in life—or should be—and His righteousness, the right ways of life, He says that all these material things shall be added.

God, perhaps, may not add material things early in life. He may not add them right away. It may be some little time, but He will give you all the material goods and necessities that you really need, and even a great many of the luxuries, if your life pleases Him. Yes, you can have those things when you know how to possess them and how to use them.

What is an abundant life? What is abundance? Here is the definition: “possessing an overflowing fullness.” It means great plenty—great plenty of life and real living. It means exuberance. It means abounding. That’s the kind of life that Jesus Christ came to reveal that we could have.

Not very many people understand it. Not very many people understand what real Christianity is. Not very many professing Christians know what a real Christian life is. They’re making themselves so unnecessarily unhappy.

The true Christian life, then, possesses an overflowing fullness of the things that are the fruits of the Spirit of God—an overflowing fullness of love (it’s God’s love, it’s a genuine, spiritual love), a fullness of joy, and of peace, and of faith, of meekness, of temperance. Does your life possess those things? Have those things come into your life to fill you?

I know that you fall a great deal short of all of that. Everybody does. We all still fall short. But that’s our goal! That is the life that we shall live in the Kingdom of God. That is the life that we should strive for, and with God’s help, we can gradually grow more and more into it.

That is the challenging life we grow into, the life of God’s spirit within us—that is the HAPPY life, that is the JOYOUS life, and the ABUNDANT life.

Where Do Our Resources Come From?

The abundant life must be a life that has abundant RESOURCES. If you have these resources, they have to come from somewhere, because if you look within, you will find that they are not there! We have some resources within, but they fall far, far short from the kind of abundant living that Christ reveals and I’m telling you about. You don’t have this kind of resources within and you can’t obtain them from the “around.”

Look around you. You can’t obtain them from other people because they don’t possess these things either.

GOD Above Is the Source

We can have abundant resources if we know where to go to obtain those resources. But material wealth does not give anyone those resources. It can only add to them.

You don’t have them within. You can’t get them from the “around.” But you can receive them—only from the above, from God Almighty. God Almighty is the great Giver, not only of life, but of life more abundantly. God is the Giver of the great resources. He is the Almighty.

God Almighty has a great deal of power to give you, to impart into you. You can receive from Him abundant FAITH, the resource of power, faith to drive out fear and worry, faith to drive out discouragement before obstacles, to know that it’s going to work out every problem; power where you are now weak, to give you love to cover up and to drive out the bitterness and the resentment when other people do you wrong.

The LOVE of God will cover all of that and drive it out. God will give the resource of wisdom that you now lack. God has all knowledge and all wisdom. God says if any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally. And if you really believe, it shall be given, and understanding too! And then zeal and energy—real living, driving energy that is needed to do the work that you must accomplish.

It Can Happen to You, Too

I am going to mention something personal. To conduct this work I lead a
very busy, driving life, and expend a
great deal of energy. A physician friend
of mine once asked me: "Mr. Arm-
strong, I don't see how you do it.
Where do you get this energy? How
do you keep going so long and under
so many hours of strain and stress, and
still have that driving energy?"

I told him, "It's one of the re-
sources that I get from above."

Do you know that I have not had to
see a doctor or a physician because of
ill health in 35 years. Of course, I find
it necessary to observe the LAWS of
health and practice moderation in all
things. It requires self-discipline. And
then God gives good health.

You, too, can have these resources
that make you happy. These are the
things that we all need. These are the
resources that can come only from God.
And these are the resources that will
produce those fruits of love, and joy,
and of peace, and of patience.

Most lives today are empty, absolute-
ly empty! They are filled with bore-
dom, with frustrations and fears.

It is as you read in Isaiah 55—
"Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come
to the waters, and he that hath no
water, come, buy wine and milk with­
out money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea,
and without price."

Everyone is really thirsty for the
good things of life, for the happiness,
the pleasant things and, to some ex-
tent, even exciting and thrilling things
in life that we could and should have.
But most lives seem empty. The well
is dry, and they're thirsty.

"Wherefore do ye spend money for
that which is not bread? and your la-
bour for that which satisfieth not?"

The Holy Spirit Provides
the Power

What do you drink in? Jesus said
that if you drink of Him, "He that
believeth on me, as the Scripture hath
said, out of his innermost being shall
flow rivers of living water"—not stag-
nant water, but living water, sparkling
water. "BUT THIS SPEAK HE OF THE
SPIRIT, which they that believe on
Him should receive"—the Holy Spirit
of God.

The Holy Spirit of God is pictured
as living water. It comes into you.
You go to Christ to receive it. You
don't bottle it up and put a cork on it.
It flows out from you. The Holy
Spirit flows out in love, peace and joy,
radiating from you. There is no other
way to find these resources. There is no
other way to live a happy life.

The laws of God are a way of life.
The Bible in its whole is a way of
life. Jesus Christ said that we must live
by every Word of God. If you live by
every Word of God, you will live ac-
cording to the way of life that God has
laid down in this book, the Holy
Bible. It is the way of life that is the
abundant life. It's the way of the
happy, the cheerful life that simply
radiates. It radiates sunshine and happi-
ness, and it's always happiness within.
The well is not dry. It's filled!

Now here is what this kind of life
will mean. It means that you will be
radiant. It means that God's Spirit in
you will radiate cheerfulness and smiles,
friendliness toward others, love, sincer-
it, good health, vigor, calm courage,
good-will, and interest in others, in-
stead of being so self-conscious, with
so much over-interest in your own self.

If the Spirit of God is in you, you
will be plain and simple, you will put
on no airs. There will be no posing,
as most people do in the world. You
will be natural, and not pretending.
You will be honest and frank and un-
affected, clean in mind and in body.
You will be humble. There won't be
self-confidence. There will be faith in
God, instead.

You will be humble, but you will
have the FAITH and THE POWER
of God, whose power is unlimited. You
will be strong through this faith of
God.

There will be no weakness, but great
strength. You will have wisdom, and
you will have courage. You will have
everything, every resource you need.

You will be ready always to say, "I
don't know," if so it be. You will be
ready, always, to admit error when it
is so proved, to confess wrong and to
change to what is right, wherever you
are wrong. You will be ready to accept
correction and reproof, and to act upon
it, no matter how humiliating or pain-
ful. You will diligently study to learn
the right way and to live it, and you
will study the Bible to find it. You will
face every obstacle that comes along—
every difficulty, every problem and
trouble—unafraid, in the full faith of
God, looking to Him for wisdom and
knowing that He will guide you and
deliver you out of it.

The Attitude of a Christian

Here is the kind of attitude you will
have. You will wish others to live their
lives, too, up to their highest, their
fullest, their best. You will be con-
cerned for their welfare.

You'll try to help others every way
you can, never to hurt or to injure.
You will never meddle. You will never
dictate, interfere, or give unwanted ad-
dvice, or speak ill of, nor give gossip
about others. Never will you go around
gripping, complaining, and murmuring
that things make you and others un-
happy.

You will always be willing to help
others by giving them a chance, and
mainly you can help others by helping
them to help themselves, by encourag-
ment, by setting a good example, by
thus inspiring and uplifting others,
giving advice only when it's wel-
comed, and when they want it and are
willing to open their minds and to re-
cieve it.

You will haveto the line of the one
supreme goal of life which should be
to inherit the Kingdom of God, to be
really born of God into the very family
of God. You will be relentlessly pur-
suing this goal with zeal, with enthu-
siasm, with drive and with energy fired
by godly ambition, with hope, with
faith, living by every Word of God.
The Bible will be the authority that
you obey, the authority that you look
to for everything in your life.

You will be overcoming your own
human nature and the world, resisting
Satan, drawing nearer to God by con-
stant daily Bible study and by prayer,
and by occasional fasting and prayer.

That is the Christian life. It's the
happy, the abundant life.

It's yours for the asking. It's yours
for the willingness to confess your sins
to God and to repent of breaking His
laws. It's yours if you're willing to do
what He says. God help you all to un-
derstand.
At Last! — visiting ancient Jerusalem, crossing "no-man's land" to the newer Jerusalem in Israel, touring the Holy Land, Turkey, Athens, and Rome.

INSTALLMENT 69

I'm sure every true minister of Jesus Christ has dreamed of visiting Jerusalem and the Holy Land and so have millions of others as well.

This cradle of three religions had always seemed, somehow, to be a mystic, almost unreal land far off — scarcely part of this same earth. Now we were to be privileged to actually visit this land we had heard so much about, and read about ever since we were old enough to read the Bible.

And we were to learn that it is, indeed, a real land right here on this same earth on which we live. The land there is composed of the same kind of earth we have always lived on. It made the Bible come alive! The Bible—the records of Abraham, Moses and ancient Israel, David, Jesus Christ, the Apostles, suddenly became REAL!

During this tour of the Middle East, Mrs. Armstrong kept a diary. Had she not, many if not most of the interesting details of that tour would have faded from memory by now. Her diary was published in three installments, in the October, November and December, 1956 numbers of The Plain Truth. I have felt that her diary belongs in the Autobiography at this point.

Part II of Mrs. Armstrong's diary took us by plane back west to Damascus, said to be the oldest continuously inhabited city on earth, where we saw the "Street called Straight" where the Apostle Paul entered Damascus after the living Christ from heaven had stricken him down with blindness. We toured by car through the ruins of Baalbek, site of the ancient temple of Jupiter; through Lebanon to Beirut on the Mediterranean. I remember seeing the Biblically famed Cedars of Lebanon — and we now have five large and lovely specimens of those Cedars on our college grounds of Ambassador College in England. Her account carried us by car down the Mediterranean coastline to Tyre and Sidon and back; then by plane to Amman, capital of Jordan, flying over the winding Jordan river en route. Then by car, on an all-day drive down the old road to Petra. There is a new straight highway today. It had not been built then. We had a full day and two nights at Petra, dwelling Baghdad; by car to the ruins of ancient Babylon.

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in a cave in the rocks. It was a full day's drive back to Amman.

So now the third part of the diary picks up at that point.

Mrs. Armstrong's Diary
PART III
by Loma D. Armstrong

We arrived in Amman, Jordan, May 7, 1956 in the evening, tired and dusty. We then picked up our bags we had left at the hotel and, after looking in vain for mail from home, continued toward Jerusalem.

From Amman to Jerusalem

This trip was so very interesting. The country is more beautiful and every bit of the way filled with the history of the Israelites—with their wars, not only with the pagan nations around them, but among themselves.

We saw the place where Absalom was killed. It is no longer a wooded area, but today a bleak land denuded of trees. There are no oak trees. Remember how Absalom tried to escape the armies of David by riding on a mule through the area called the wood of Ephraim; how his long hair was caught in the thick boughs of a great oak before he was slain by Joab?

We were through Jericho where God caused the walls to fall as the Israelites marched around the city.

We saw the mountain from which Moses viewed the Promised Land before he died.

Every mile of the way was breathtaking. We were seeing in our imaginations, again, the tribes of Israel before and after they reached the Holy Land, then a land of rich vegetation, a land flowing with milk and honey; but now, because of their sins and their idolatry, it is a land under a curse. The only trees are those recently set out. Most of the land in Arab hands is uncared for.

Nearing Jerusalem

We went through Bethphage and Bethany. Bethany is where Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived and where He raised Lazarus from the dead. When Jesus went into the city of Jerusalem, He often went to Bethany or out to the Mt. of Olives to spend the night.

We passed the Garden of Gethsemane on our way to the hotel in Jerusalem which was situated outside the walls of the city. We looked forward to a good bath and a good bed after the long day's ride from Petra. We were quite disappointed however. After viewing the bathroom in connection with our rooms, we felt it would be cleaner to go to bed without a bath. So, after washing ourselves in sponge baths we tried to rest in very uncomfortable beds.

We arose early, anxious to see all there is to see in ancient Jerusalem. The old Jerusalem of Jesus' time is not there now, except a few places where excavations have been made thirty feet below the present surface. Many Catholic shrines exist over deep holes or caves. To get to them one has to go down a steep stairway through dank, dark passageways; then there is a cave or hole where candles are burning and where people are kneeling, kissing rocks or cave walls. They believe these shrines to be the places where this or that happened in the life of Christ.

One such place, called the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, was crowded with people all overawed and all worshiping a stone. Some were rubbing their hands over it and then over their bodies. Another had an airplane bag (the Pan-American bag that is given with purchase of ticket) that he was rubbing over the stone. Another man lifted himself up and scooted around on the rock, rubbing his hip over it. Perhaps he expected healing from this procedure. Everyone backed out of the place crossing himself. We were waiting at the low-entrance incline and watching all this idolatry. We were disgusted and yet so sorry for their ignorance.

The Site of the Crucifixion

Afterward, we saw the real place where Christ was crucified and the tomb in which He lay. It is not in Catholic hands and is not within the walls of Jerusalem, but rather at "The Place of the Skull" which is located at Golgotha. The "skull" in the hillside is plainly visible. The tomb below has been recently excavated. The Scripture says in Matthew 27:33, that Jesus was crucified at "The Place of the Skull."

"The Place of the Skull" is not the "Via Dolorosa" as claimed by the Catholics today. Along this narrow, dirty street, visitors are taken and it is claimed that miracles have happened.

The original level of the ancient city of Jesus' time was twenty to thirty feet below the present level. Two walls have been built in different places since the original wall around Jerusalem and only a small part of the old wall has been excavated. The base of the old Damascus Gate has recently been excavated under twenty feet of debris.

From this place can be seen "The Place of the Skull." No one can fail to see the resemblance. There is a low eroded forehead, two deep hollows that make the eyes, a nose, and near the ground level, twisted lips.

We viewed this skull from a spot near the tomb in the garden; then walked past an ancient winepress to enter the tomb.

It was impossible fully to realize where we were—what we were seeing! To actually visit, to really see, and to walk into the sepulchre from which Jesus rose immortal from the dead—the actual spot where the angels sat, at the right of the entrance—was an experience we couldn't fully comprehend until later.

It is an unfinished sepulchre; only one tomb was completed. Two others were partially finished. We saw the stone where the angel sat and also where the linen cloths lay that Peter and John saw as they stooped down and looked into the tomb.

We walked in the garden where Mary met the resurrected Christ. We saw the place where the stone had been moved in the groove to cover the opening of the sepulchre. Near all this are evidences of rocks split by earthquakes. All of this, at the foot of Golgotha, was excavated in the year 1893. This is the place where Joseph of Arimathea hurried to bury the body of Jesus before the High Day Sabbath drew on.

The Sepulchre

This tomb is at the foot of "The Place of the Skull." There is a garden surrounding the tomb. It all is as the Bible describes, while the place in the
city called the Holy Sepulchre is under a Catholic church, down a steep stairway, through dark rat-runs to a hole in the ground where there is a rock.

We visited many places in the old city where churches and shrines were built over spots purported to be where Christ did this or that. All have their boxes out for money. They probably are fakes.

The ancient city of Jerusalem was destroyed. The Arab city now in existence on the site is filthy and crowded. Their Mosque or "Dome of the Rock" now is at the site of the temple Solomon built.

Inside this "Dome of the Rock," which is built on Mt. Moriah, is a huge boulder surrounded by the dome. This boulder is covered and protected by glass on the circular hall around it. There is an entrance to a cave below this rock to an ancient threshing floor. There we found Muslim women bowing, kneeling, and touching their heads to the floor in their worship. On top of the rock, they claim, is the place Abraham led Isaac to sacrifice and near the place where the ram was caught in the bushes.

Near the "Dome of the Rock" is the "Gate called Beautiful" where the lame beggar was healed by Peter and John. We were driven out to see the Valley of Hinnom (Gehenna) or Hell as the King James Version of the Bible has it.

We drove to Bethlehem to the church built over the place claimed to be the stable where Christ was born. This also is a deep hole under the church, down steep stairs, through dank, dark rat-runs to a cave—not a stable or anything resembling a stable or manger where Christ was born as given by Scripture. Here was an idol in a cradle. There were also numerous candles and odd lamps burning; and people were also kissing walls and floors and crossing themselves.

Adjoining this is a Greek Orthodox Church over another hole they claim is the birthplace of Christ. Here there was another idol in another cradle and other candles and other people kissing stones, floors, and walls. Our guide told us that the two churches, or the Priests of the two, get into real fights sometimes. Each church has out its money boxes and each watches the other in jealousy.

We drove by Rachel's tomb on the way to and from Bethlehem and stopped there for a few moments. She died here at the birth of Benjamin.

When Not to Eat "Lamb"!

When we returned to our hotel, we were tired and hungry. I tried to eat. Muslims do not eat unclean meats but the "lamb" they served had been a lamb many years ago. Although I lost a lot of weight, I don't believe I'll be able to eat "lamb" again for months or maybe years. From Egypt on, everything has been "lamb." Strong, smelly tough lamb! Everyone and every place smells of sheep, goats, and camels. I wonder if I will ever be able to get the sheepy, goaty, camelly smell out of my memory!

The next day we went to the top of the Mt. of Olives. This was a real inspiration. This is the place where Christ spent much of His time, and the mountain from which He ascended into Heaven and on which His feet will again stand when He returns to this earth a Glorified Christ and King of Kings. We who overcome and are faithful unto the end, will be there with Him. I may never again see the Mt. of Olives in my mortal life but I expect to see it again then with Him.

We walked down into the beautiful Garden of Gethsemane among the ancient olive trees—some over two thousand years old. We walked in the place where Christ prayed and sweated great drops of blood in His agony before He was betrayed by Judas. It is impossible to express the thoughts, the sensations, and the inspirations that one experiences here. It is so cold on paper, but to be there and experience it makes it all very real. To me the Bible is a new book now —so alive and real!

Our time in the old city of Jerusalem, under Arab control, was up. We were driven to the Mandlebaum Gate where we were to pass out of Jordan into "Israel"—the Jewish section. Yassar took us to the gate and through it to a small shed which is the Arab border customs house. Just outside are cement tank traps, tangled barbed wires, and many bombed-out buildings.

From here on for 100 yards was "no man's land."

Entering Israel

No Arab was allowed to help us across to the "Israel" side; so Yassar stood on a cement tank trap waving to us as we started out on foot across this precarious ground. Mr. Armstrong and Dick were loaded down with bags. I had the two cameras, Dick's blue airplane bag, my hat-box, and handbag. Watched behind by the Arabs and in front by the Jews, we caught the feeling of animosity that exists between the two enemies. Soon we were faced by a sand-bagged shack on the Jewish side. We were watched thru a small window used as a place to shoot any intruder.

A Jew met us when we had finally
made it across "no man's land" and helped us into the Jewish Customs. We had to call American Express from here and found out that our guide for this land of "Israel" had gone to Tel Aviv. We then called a taxi and went to our hotel—the "King David."

What a change! It was like suddenly entering a new world.

All was different here. The streets are clean and wide. The children playing on the lawns are clean and healthy looking. It was such a relief to be out of the Arab country.

The hotel is beautiful and clean. The luxury of baths in clean bathrooms and eating in a clean dining room was such a wonderful feeling. The lack of good food and the little I took of it in the Arab countries caught up with me and I spent one day sick abed.

Our tour over all "Israel" was so different from the Arab countries. There were no more Arab robes, nor diseased, crippled, and deformed people. These were more like the people of our country, yet they are not from America but from the countries of Europe, Asia and Africa.

We spent a couple of days seeing the Jewish side of Jerusalem. It is a comparatively new city, and very modern. It probably was open field in Jesus' day. None of the old historic Jerusalem is in Jewish hands.

After a visit to the tombs of the Sanhedrin and to the town where John the Baptist was born, we drove to Tel Aviv, over the ancient territories of Judah, Benjamin and Dan. Tel Aviv, of course, is on the Mediterranean seacoast. From here, stopping only to check for mail, we proceeded north along the coast through the ancient lands of Dan, Ephraim, and into Manasseh, then northeast over into the Valley of Jezreel and to Megiddo. This place is the "Armageddon" of Bible prophecy, where the future battle of the "Great Day of God Almighty" is to be fought. In this valley more battles have been fought than any other place in the world. Once again "the blood will flow to the horses' bridles" at this place. In the distance, across the valley, we could see Mt. Tabor.

Approaching Nazareth—Where Jesus Lived as a Boy—

We continued along the highway northeast to the town of Nazareth, where Jesus lived as a boy. Nazareth is located on a rather steep hill. The ancient city of Jesus' boyhood is gone—buried underneath today's city. The present city is now and has been for hundred of years occupied by Arabs. The Arabs have built their city with adobe and stone.

Again we were taken to a dirty black cave over which is a Catholic church. They claim it to be the boyhood home of Jesus. There was another they called the home of Mary's girlhood. But Jesus was a carpenter; Mary's husband was a carpenter; and they did not live in dirt caves. Here again were fakes for money-getting.

Our guide here, though an Arab, was a Catholic. He was very antagonistic after we refused to believe that Jesus lived in a cave.

We were taken to a synagogue, however, that had been excavated. This was—and this time we could believe it—the very synagogue where Jesus did attend and where "He stood up to read" (Luke 4:16). It's a small place. It was a moving experience to be in the same room where Christ used to attend and speak on the Sabbath.

After another Arab lunch in Nazareth, we drove past Cana of Galilee where Jesus performed His first miracle.

As we neared the Sea of Galilee, we stopped and viewed it first, from a high hill. The Sea is approximately 800 feet below sea level.

As we drove over all this country between Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, and the Sea of Galilee, it brought again to life the New Testament. Jesus walked over these hills along this way. He too viewed the blue Sea of Galilee from this high point, for it is on the way to Capernaum.

We drove along the seashore where even today the fishermen launch their boats and mend their nets. This is where Jesus called Peter and Andrew, and where they left their nets and followed Him.

We went over the hills where He fed the five thousand, and we could view the place, across the lake, where He cast the demons out of the two demoniacs, and the swine ran down the steep embankment into the sea.

We passed through Magdala, the
home of Mary the Magdalene, and then on to Capernaum. The town is gone but the synagogue has been excavated. It is in ruins now. It is a much larger place than the one in Nazareth. Here again, though, the Roman Catholics have a high iron fence around the place and expect money to be given for looking at it.

Jesus devoted a large part of His ministry to this region around the lake of Galilee, especially around the northwest portion of the lake where we were, and it was a very impressive experience to be there on the very spot.

It was growing late in the afternoon, so we drove on across the valley of Jezreel again, forking northward, arriving in Haifa in the early evening. Haifa is a very busy seaport city, located on a bay overlooked by the north tip of Mt. Carmel. We registered at our hotel and went for a walk around the city. A United States Cruiser was in port, and we saw a number of American sailors.

A Jewish Wedding

When we returned to the modern hotel for dinner, we found that hotel guests were not being admitted to the main dining room, located on the lower level below the street-level lobby. A Jewish wedding feast was in progress and the wedding guests completely filled the large main dining room.

Hotel guests were being served in a smaller room on the same floor. It was filled, and we had to wait in this lower-level lobby some thirty minutes for a table. This gave us opportunity to observe a little of the Jewish wedding feast. This was most interesting, after having twice passed by Cana of Galilee that day, where Jesus attended a Jewish wedding more than 1900 years ago, and turned the water into wine.

We learned that Jewish weddings are elaborate affairs. The bride and groom came out in the lobby to have their pictures taken while we were there.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong in the Valley of Esdraelon, with Megiddo nearby. Megiddo is now a militarized zone. In Scripture, it is called Armageddon, meaning "armed Megiddo."

We spent the night in Haifa. Next morning we were driven all over the city, and stopped to go through a Jewish industrial fair being held there at the time. Here we saw displayed exhibits of the various products now being manufactured in the new nation "Israel." It was an eye-opening revelation. It seemed to us that the Jews who have returned to Palestine are now manufacturing there almost every commodity and gadget that they need to be self-supporting. We saw literally thousands of different items of modern Jewish manufacture, for home, farm, office or factory.

Then we were driven up on Mt. Carmel which overlooks the city.

We ate lunch on Mt. Carmel where Elijah lived. We drove past the place where Jezebel and King Ahab lived when she was thrown out of the window and the dogs ate her. We also saw the place of their summer palace, and the place where Elijah dared the prophets of Baal to call down fire to burn up the sacrifice, and where God, at Elijah’s prayer, sent down the fire that not only burned the sacrifice but the altar, the stones, and the dust. We were over the hills and dales where the prophets of Baal were slain.

From there we proceeded south and visited one of the Hadassa farms where Jewish children, from all countries,
On top of Mount of Olives is this giant, gnarled olive tree, left, which may have been there at the time of Christ's ascension. At right Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong at the Jews' Wailing Wall in Old Jerusalem. Here, for centuries, Jewish pilgrims bewailed the loss of their homeland.

many of them orphans, are entered at the age of ten and schooled and trained until they are eighteen. It was a fruitful and beautiful place.

The children do all the work—care for the buildings, the chickens, the stock, and the farm. The supervisors train them to do each job well. They are so happy there that even though they sometimes leave for a visit to their homes they are always in a hurry to return.

We took pictures of this place. The overseer turned on a beautiful fountain for us and showed us the flowers. We took pictures of them in color.

Some of the boys took Mr. Armstrong and Dick to show them the stock. They are all very proud of their place and their work.

As we drove through the fertile fields, I stopped and picked some of the lovely lavender hollyhocks that grow wild everywhere along the roads.

Much of our journey from Haifa to Tel Aviv was along the Mediterranean Sea. It was such a beautiful trip.

We visited a communal farm between Haifa and Tel Aviv where families live and have everything in common. These are very productive farms, and because the land of Palestine has had its rest, it is very fertile.

These people live in large buildings and have a common dining hall, kitchen, and living room. The barns and dairy are nearby, while the fields go for miles in all directions.

They drive out in the morning to cultivate the land. Each group has its certain work to do.

That American Tourist Again!

When we reached Tel Aviv we found a modern city. It was Friday afternoon when we arrived. Our hotel was a beautiful modern building on the seashore. When we entered the dining room here again was the woman whom we had seen and heard at Baalbek, Amman, and again at the King David in Jerusalem. It seemed wherever we went she was there. We did not want to start a conversation with her or rather have her try to start one with us, so we veered off to another corner of the dining room.

Our rooms here were very nice. On leaving us after taking up our bags, the boy said "Shalom." Each time anyone greeted us this was the word they used.

We had a new experience the next day. Everything all over the city was closed. It was the Sabbath—no buses, no street-cars, not even any mail delivery to the hotel. Yet the Sabbath is not observed as a sacred day. The only synagogue we saw was a small one. All streets within two or three blocks of it each way were closed to traffic. However, the other streets were full of people out walking or on the beach swimming, surfboard riding, and playing games. It is a day used for their pleasure.

The land now called Israel is being rebuilt by Jews who are leaving God entirely out of their plans. The biggest building in all "Israel" is at Haifa and is named after the idol god Dagon. It is the tallest building in all the city and the great letters "Dagon" extend across the top of the building.

I sat on the beach at the rear of the hotel and a Jewess from New York was there with a Hadassah group. She talked to me of the wonderful things they were doing for the children and of the general upbuilding of the land of Israel. But, when I tried to talk of the part their religion had in the building of the country there was no answer. She just was not interested. God is not in the picture at all.

We had driven out to the ruins of Ashdod, a totally ruined and deserted Arab town since 1948. Thence we went to desolate Ashkelon where some of the ruins of the ancient city have been excavated and where part of the ancient wall still stands. God said that this city would be completely destroyed and it was.

We drove to Ekron where we took pictures of a group of Yemmenite

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"This WAS Their Finest Hour"

Never before in the history of the world have so many felt so indebted to one man—Sir Winston Churchill. No funeral was ever attended by so many dignitaries. Many now realize the last of the world's truly great has passed into history. But few understand its prophetic significance for Britain's future.

by Raymond F. McNair

"Churchill is dead!" The world bowed in silence as those three significant words echoed around the earth on Sunday, the 24th of January.

Churchill, at ninety, had lived a long and full life. He was blessed by seeing his great-grandchildren. As of the patriarch Abraham, it could also be said Sir Winston "gave up the ghost and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people" (Gen. 25:8).

Fifteen years ago, on Mr. Churchill's seventy-fifth birthday, he was asked if he had any fear of death. "I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter," quipped Churchill.

Shortly before Sir Winston's death, he sat gazing intently into a log fire. "I know what it's like to be a log: reluctant to be consumed, but yielding in the end to persuasion," he mused.

Some Wept Openly

After lying in a coma for nine long days, while a grieved world kept vigil, the ninety-year-old, lion-hearted warrior finally surrendered to his last enemy—death. The plucky old warrior, unconscious, had given up his struggle. Instantly all the turmoil and battle of his 90 years was over.

Condolences poured into Britain. Presidents, prime ministers, kings, heads of state, religious dignitaries and countless others from 111 nations—all expressed their sincere regret at the loss which Britain had suffered.

Here in Britain, the sense of bereavement was very evident. The usual mask—behind which so many Britons characteristically hide their emotions—fell away. Some wept openly.

Flags were lowered to half-mast not only in Britain and the Commonwealth nations, but also in the United States.

The Government arranged a State funeral for Sir Winston Churchill—an honor shared only by one or two commoners during the whole of Britain's proud history.

On Wednesday, January 27, Sir Winston's body was taken to Westminster Hall where it lay in state until Saturday so that hundreds of thousands of Britons could pay their final tribute to the man who had inspired them to victory in World War II. At times people were queued up four abreast for over a mile. My wife and I, on behalf of Ambassador College, were privileged to pay our respects in memory of Sir Winston Churchill as he lay in Westminster Hall. God commands us to show "honour to whom honour" is due (Rom. 13:7). "Honour all men... Honour the king" (I Pet. 2:17). Churchill was greater than any king of his era.

The final funeral services were held in London's jam-packed St. Paul's Cathedral. Nearly 400,000,000 people viewed the funeral services as they were relayed to the world via Telstar.

An estimated half-million people stood shivering in the bitter east wind as the funeral cortege made its way from Westminster Hall to St. Paul's Cathedral, then on to Tower Pier. There the coffin was placed onto a motor launch and taken up the River Thames to the Waterloo train station. From there it was taken by train to the Oxfordshire village of Bladon where the final burial took place. Thus ended
the final journey of the man who has been variously called "The greatest Englishman of all time," "the man of the century," "a man of destiny."

But what made Churchill great? What prophetic significance does his death have for Britain—and the world?

Why Churchill Was Great

Britons honoured Sir Winston Churchill by giving him a State burial. It was the first in which a ruling Sovereign ever attended the funeral of a commoner. What called forth this honor?

Certainly one of the reasons was his tireless, outspoken defense of freedom against all tyrannies—especially Nazism and Communism. He put principle above politics. He saw despots as they were. Before others recognized the international threat to peace, he eloquently spoke out against such tyrants as Hitler and Mussolini.

The Scripture says, "He that saith unto the wicked, thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, and nations shall abhor him"—these are the appeasers, of whom we have many today. "... but to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them" (Prov. 24:24, 25).

This Scripture was actually fulfilled in the life of Sir Winston Churchill. He sounded the alarm against the wicked Hitler and Stalin. When the storm clouds of World War II began to loom black and ominous over Europe, Churchill trumpeted numerous warnings in the House of Commons. Nobody paid any attention to the "Blenheim Rat," as his enemies called him. At that time, there were men in influential positions both in Britain and on the Continent who didn't think Hitler and Mussolini were such bad fellows after all. Britain's pre-World War II Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain had even been deluded by the scheming Hitler into signing the Munich Pact in 1938. Upon his return to Britain he waved this signed agreement explaining that it brought "Peace with honour... peace in our time." He had been politicking and, having disregarded principle, had sold out the Czechs to Hitler.

But Churchill was bitterly outspoken. His was the only voice in the political wilderness of those days—crying out against the Munich Agreement of 1938. He shouted: "We have sustained a total and unmitigated defeat ... This is only the first sip, the first foretaste of a bitter cup which will be proffered to us year by year, unless, by supreme recovery of moral health and martial vigour, we arise again and take our stand for freedom as in the olden time."

Corporal Hitler—"A Maniac"

Churchill knew Corporal Hitler was a madman. He referred to him often as "a maniac of ferocious genius."

When Hitler carried his murderous carnage throughout Europe, it soon became clear that Churchill had been right after all. Hitler was bent on hellish destruction—the conquest, if possible, of the whole world.

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain had been wrong. As the Nazi ava-
It was on the 10th May, 1940. Almost exactly the same time Germany launched her blitzkrieg invasion of France and the Low Countries. Mr. Churchill, now Prime Minister, rose to meet the crisis. He later wrote of that day: "Thus, on the night of the 10th May, I acquired the chief power in the State... I took it all as it came, but I cannot conceal... that as I went to bed at about 3 a.m., I was conscious of a profound sense of relief. At last I had the authority to give directions over the whole scene. I felt as if I were walking with Destiny, and that all my past life had been but a preparation for this hour and for this trial... I was sure I should not fail."

From the outset, Churchill bluntly announced the sailing would not be easy. He made this crystal clear in his maiden speech as Prime Minister in the House of Commons in May, 1940. "I would say to the House, as I have said to those who have joined this Government: 'I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat.'... You ask: 'What is our policy?' I will say: 'It is to wage war by sea, land, and air with all our might, and with all the strength that God can give us; to wage war against a monstrous tyranny, never surpassed in the dark, lamentable catalogue of human crime.' You ask: 'What is our aim?' I can answer in one word: 'Victory! Victory at all costs, victory however long and hard the road may be: FOR WITHOUT VICTORY THERE IS NO SURVIVAL.'"

It was with such rousing speeches as these that Churchill fired the hearts of Britons and of free peoples throughout the whole world. There were many weak-kneed people in the world in those days. There are today. The world needed a lion-hearted leader to inspire them with confidence. Churchill was the man whom God had sent for the job. Where is such a leader today?

What of the deadly perils which Britain faced when Churchill became Prime Minister in May, 1940? How did Sir Winston meet them?

France Lasts Less than a Week

Mr. Churchill was dumbfounded to see the avalanche of the Nazi armour score a signal victory against the British, French and Belgian forces on May 14—just a few days after he became Prime Minister. At half past seven he was awakened by a telephone call from the new French Premier, Paul Reynaud, who excitedly told him: "We have been defeated! We are beaten!"

Churchill refused to believe it! What! The great French army vanished on the fifth day of the battle? Impossible!

Churchill later wrote, "I did not comprehend the violence of the revolution effected since the last war by the incursion of a mass of fast-moving armour."

The success of Hitler's blitzkrieg panzer divisions surprised even Hitler himself. His troops kept rolling through France, Belgium and Holland with such speed that the Belgians, the French troops and the British Expeditionary Force were in deadly peril of being trapped and utterly annihilated. The Allied armies in the north of France were, by the 24th May, compressed into a small triangle—with seemingly no hope of breaking out.

It was at this juncture that the German armour, now within sight of Dunkirk and poised for the final kill, received a strange and—to the soldiers in the field—inexplicable order to halt their advance.

Hitler had ordered General Von Rundstedt and General Guderian to halt their advance on Dunkirk. His orders: "Dunkirk is to be left to the Luftwaffe"—Germany's air force (Guderian, The Panzer Leader, p. 459).

In utter consternation, the German Chiefs of Staff stood idle.

Some in the German army wept. Here was complete victory within their grasp! They knew they had the power to annihilate every last Allied soldier. But still, the insane command of Der Fuehrer must be obeyed. Thus the powerful German army which had encircled Dunkirk was hand-tied—under strict orders from Hitler not to crush the Allied army as it departed from the beaches of Dunkirk for England.

Churchill's prayers had been answered!

The "Sitting Ducks" Escape

Thus over 335,000 Allied soldiers—a third of a million—were permitted to escape while the might and fury of the Nazi army was miraculously restrained.

Mere "sitting ducks," sheep for the slaughter, totally incapable of saving themselves—God intervened to save them. God determined the outcome of World War II so that the true Gospel of the Kingdom of God could now be preached (Mat. 24:14) and published (Mark 13:10) in all the world—as a final witness. And then will come the close of this era of man's misgovernment in a nuclear holocaust.

Not only did God cause Hitler to listen to the foolish advice of his Air Chief, Goering—so the Allied army would be saved—but He also sent just exactly the right weather needed to get this army safely back from Dunkirk to Churchill's England.

At Dunkirk, "God withheld the wind." The English Channel became very calm. So calm in fact that even tiny little boats were able to make this journey safely. Then cloudy, foggy
weather set in, a divine "smoke screen."

Millions at the time, and since, have realized that there was something miraculous about the events at Dunkirk.

When Churchill became Prime Minister, Britain was at the lowest point of her fortunes in her long and proud history. She had come to the crossroads of her national existence—to her darkest hour.

"We Shall Never Surrender"

In June, 1940, shortly after Dunkirk, the lion-hearted Churchill again roared words of defiance before the House of Commons.

"We shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end. We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air. We shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills. We shall never surrender."

Churchill was dumbfounded when France surrendered in June, 1940. On the day France capitulated, Churchill again spoke before the House of Commons.

"If we can stand up to him (Hitler), all Europe may be free and the life of the world may move forward onto broad, sunlit uplands. But if we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, including all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age made more sinister, and perhaps more protracted, by the lights of perverted science. Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that, when we shall essay to speak again of the affairs of men and women, if we do so in thanksgiving to God: "That this House do now... give humble and reverent thanks to Almighty God for our deliverance from German domination." In their finest hour, Britain, under Sir Winston's guidance, gave God official thanks and the honour and glory for Allied victory.

Churchill knew that it was Almighty God who had saved the Allies at Dunkirk, and who had prevented the Germans from developing and using the H-bomb in the closing months of the war. He knew that it was God who gave the Allies the victory. What he did not know was the real purpose of that victory—to provide these few years that the gospel of the Kingdom of God might go to all nations as a final warning via The World Tomorrow broadcast.

Please turn to inside back cover for additional pictures of Sir Winston Churchill's epoch.

What our READERS SAY

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copy of this valuable book so I can introduce it to the principal of our college and have it donated to our college library. 'The New Morality' is the greatest literary source of sex education for our polluted, sex-mad society."

Donald N., Bahamas

"My husband and I had separated and I had filed for divorce when I received your book, 'The New Morality.' After reading the book, I knew where and why our marriage had failed. I decided to invite my husband for dinner and left the book on the coffee table where he would see it. After he read the book we decided to try once more, against the advice of my pastor. My husband has been home for two months now and we can truthfully say, this has been the happiest time of our marriage."

Mrs. S. L. W., Michigan

"I subscribed to The Plain Truth about a year ago and look forward to
it every month. I have also received my copy of God Speaks Out on 'The New Morality.' I think it is the best book I have ever read, other than the Bible. I have read it twice and am about to start for the third time. It's a shame that every man, woman, and teenager in the world can't have a copy and work toward applying its contents."

Mrs. George H., Iowa

"God Speaks Out on 'The New Morality' is a required reading selection for our Family Relations class in college. Would you please send me a copy? I need it as soon as possible since it has already been assigned for us to read."

Mrs. W. S., Oklahoma

"I am returning the book, God Speaks Out on 'The New Morality,' so you can send it to any that are helped by it. I was disappointed in it—that is why I have returned it. The theme is sex. It is full of sex talk. When do you find such talk in Scripture, except to warn against dwelling on it?"

Lady from British Columbia, Canada

- Did you read it—or just make up your mind after a glance?

"I just received your book 'The New Morality,' and would like to mention I believe there is an error on page 18. You said, ‘God did not equip humans with instinct.’ I believe most humans have an inner instinct to know what is right and what is wrong."

Owen S., Kansas

- If that were true—we wouldn't be in the mess we're in, would we, Owen? Read Jeremiah 17:9 and Romans 8:7.

"I am very impressed by the book God Speaks Out on 'The New Morality.' I recently sent this book to my son who is stationed in Morocco. He has enlisted in the Navy for 4 years, with 3 more years to serve. I am very depressed by letters I recently received from him—they are filled with the drunken parties they have, and clashes with the law over prostitutes. Is our military so lax that our boys can get drinks at the service club, go into town, get loop-legged and cohort with prostitutes, come back to camp and recuperate from a hangover? I am desperately hoping your book 'The New Morality' will be read several times by my son and his buddies, and that they will be benefited from it."

Mrs. Charles G., Kentucky

"Your new book, God Speaks Out on 'The New Morality,' is one of your best. May God protect you from some of the remarks of an unbelieving public. You're a very courageous man, but then you have God on your side. Some parts of the book made me chuckle, others made me cry. It was looking back on 14 years of ignorance and heartache. You're so right about the proper age for marriage, as I was married when I was 16 years old and my husband was 19. May God bless you and your staff richly for a job well done."

Mrs. Betty D., Indiana

About The Plain Truth

"I am a retired newspaperman and author. I consider your magazine The Plain Truth to be the best in the United States. I think you are pleasing God."

Gene D. R., Tennessee

"I have been in prison since August 17, 1963. I have completed one sentence and am now awaiting trial on another charge. During the month of June, 1964, I happened to pick up a discarded copy of The Plain Truth and mostly out of curiosity began to read it. Since then, I have enrolled in your Correspondence Course and have almost completed my 4th lesson. Prior to this, I cannot describe my attitude, life and character, except to say that it was depraved, warped and violent. But, now God has changed all that. I am a new man. Thank God for your help, inspiration, and guidance."

Mr. C. S., Georgia

"Dear Editor:

'I think it an absolute disgrace to print Sir Winston Churchill's picture on the cover of The Plain Truth."

C. F., Hastings, Nebraska

- And so is your attitude. Read Matthew 7:1.

On New Cover

"The full-color cover on the latest Plain Truth is breath-taking, especially when compared with the first mimeographed 1934 edition. Keep up the good work."

L. L., California

"When my copy of The Plain Truth arrived today with Sir Winston's picture on the front, I knew my English friend would start reading it if I had a copy sent to her. Please start sending to this address. I've already called her and explained it is to be mailed as a gift for her. She will appreciate your words about Mr. Churchill."

Mrs. Marie J. F., California

"I just received the February issue of The Plain Truth with the beautiful colors on the cover. It is very attractive and I know you are happy with it. The... Short Answers' part seemed to come alive for me, especially in your answer to the atheist in Chicago."

Sherwin G. G., Texas

"I am starting my college education at Southern Colorado State College, but find that I have some extra time to observe, think, and learn. I am confused by the stuff the churches put out, and the fact that so many of them claim to be the 'True' Church. When I find a church that seems like the one for me, it doesn't do much to help me. I have, however, an island in the midst of confusion—The Plain Truth. I can understand what you have to say, and I agree with your personal opinions. I agree—The Plain Truth apparently IS the plain truth."

Robert M. H., Colorado

- And they're not even our personal opinions—but God's.

"I have been taking The Plain Truth since 1958 and haven't been
charged as much as a penny. It sure is free, as you say.'

Joshua W., North Carolina

"Please send me some of your free booklets. It does not matter which ones, I intend to read and study everything you suggest. . . . I am happy and surprised that your booklets are free! The only free thing we have left is the fresh air we breathe. My husband and I tune at 6:00 a.m. for your program, and it's worth getting up for."

Lady from Manitoba, Canada

"I was a cigarette smoker for 54 years. I started at age 13 when I went to work in a shipyard. Since I retired 2 years ago I was smoking 3 packs a day. You had an article on smoking in The Plain Truth. I'm happy to say I am now a non-smoker. Thank you again."

Ernest C., Michigan

"I have just received my Plain Truth. I do enjoy reading it and I don't see how you can put out such a beautiful magazine without charge to each one that receives it. I would like to pay for mine, as I do enjoy it very much."

Frances J., California

• Read the little box on "How your Plain Truth subscription has been paid."

"Will you please send me 3 copies of The Plain Truth About Child Rearing. It is truly an inspired work. I recently took my dog to Obedience Classes because I did not know the techniques of dog training, yet, like most other parents, I had to train my children with little knowledge of the techniques of good child training. Your book supplies this knowledge."

Reader from New South Wales, Australia

"I lost Lesson Number 2 of the Bible Correspondence Course. The children got it somehow and tore it to pieces; but they don't take them anymore. We don't have quite so much trouble with the children since we got the book, The Plain Truth About Child Rearing."

Man from Manitoba, Canada

From Around the World

"Having received your wonderful magazine, The Plain Truth, for three months now, I feel I should write a sincere 'thank you' for having saved my life. The magazine has answered most of the questions which have been agitating my mind for years. Ever since I started reading your magazine, I realized a great change in my life. As a nurse, I was attending a patient in bed when I heard your address on the radio. Could you please put my name on the list of your regular subscribers?"

Nurse from Hants, England

"You may be glad to hear that many of my student friends of Wesley College, Ghana, like your magazine and would like to own some. The magazine is so popular in this school that I intend to establish 'The Plain Truth Society' here this term. And, I assure you, it will receive maximum response. I am glad to inform you again that no less than ten people read my magazine to the extent that the last person refuses to return it to me. I feel proud of the staff and management of Ambassador College. More grease to your elbow."

Student from Ghana, West Africa

"There is so much unnecessary and sordid material in the newspaper, it is a pleasure to weigh the overwhelming flood of world events in the light of the Word of God, in a digestible and orderly presentation. In short, your Plain Truth helps to bring order out of chaos and is a help to Bible study in the 20th Century."

Man from Wiltshire, England

"As God commanded, I tithed to prove whether He would prosper the tither, and now I'm reaping the benefits. I have been successful in securing a better job and my wages have almost DOUBLED. Truly God does keep His word. The money seems to stretch to cover all my financial commitments. Never before have I been financially better off; nor have had the peace of mind which comes from knowing that you can make ends meet."

B. D. G., Cheshire, England

"I received from my friend a copy of your magazine, The Plain Truth, last month, as if by a miracle. I never thought that such magazines existed in this time, when most of the local magazines contain the latest fashions, sports, crimes, politics, and wars. Your magazine contains the teachings of God, plainly explained, and the meaning of the future to come."

Jose C. M., Philippines
AFTER coming from Moab to Bethlehem, Naomi and Ruth ran very low on money. (Ruth 1: 19-22.) Just when Naomi was becoming very concerned about matters of food and fuel, Ruth came to her with a most timely suggestion.

"It's spring harvest time," she reminded Naomi. "Just this morning I watched women gleaning barley in a field not far from here. Why shouldn't I go tomorrow to one of such fields and glean the barley that the reapers drop? Perhaps I could bring back much grain just for the taking!"

God Provides for the Poor

Gleaning was the gathering of any produce that was left behind when harvesting took place. It was not stealing. One of the civil laws given to Israel stated that whatever the harvesters left of value in fields, vineyards or orchards could be claimed by the poor, passing strangers, and widows. As poor widows, Naomi and Ruth had a legal right to share in the gleaning. (Leviticus 19:9-10; Deuteronomy 24:19-22.)

Naomi was pleased and encouraged by Ruth's enthusiasm. She knew this could be the difference between going hungry and having enough to eat—at least for the present. At the same time she didn't like to see a comely young woman like Ruth venture out by herself among strange harvesters.

"Go if you wish, my daughter," Naomi finally told her with a smile. "But try to find a field not too distant, and don't follow closely behind the harvesters unless you get permission from the owner of the field or his foreman." (Ruth 2:1-2.)

Next morning Ruth took a large cloth bag and set out for a field where barley
was being harvested. When she arrived, she noted that a great part of it had already been worked over, and that the harvesters were at quite a distance away. She felt that they were so far ahead of her that no permission would be necessary to pick up what she could find. Nevertheless, she sought out the field foreman to ask if she could glean, and was told that she could.

By the middle of the day she had filled her bag less than half full of barley that had been overlooked or dropped when it had been bundled. In her zeal to accomplish more, she failed to notice that the workers had stopped for the noon meal at a tent just ahead. She looked up to see some of them staring at her. One or two of the women harvesters motioned for her to join them in the shade of the tent.

At that moment Boaz, the owner of the field, rode up on a horse and eyed Ruth with even more interest than the harvesters showed.

"God be with you!" he called to the workers with enthusiasm.

"May God bless you!" was the cheerful response from the people in and around the tent. (Ruth 2:3-4.)

Such friendly and sincere greetings showed that these men and women had a high regard for each other and for their Creator, and knew that it was God who watched over them and provided their needs. When an honest man like Boaz was a community leader, the people always had a higher regard for their Creator than when evil men were looked to as leaders.

"Who is that young woman?" Boaz asked his foreman as he glanced at Ruth. "I don't recall hiring her."
An Unexpected Acquaintance

“She’s not working for you,” the foreman explained. “She came to me early this morning to ask if she could glean, and I told her she could. She’s the Moabite woman who lately came here with Naomi, the widow of Elimelech. She has been here working all day, except that she spent a few minutes getting acquainted with the women in the house before starting her work.”

Boaz walked over to Ruth, who at first thought that he was angry with her for some reason.

“If you must glean, young woman,” he said to her, “I trust that you won’t go to other fields. Stay behind my women harvesters, and you won’t end the day empty-handed. And don’t be afraid of any of my men. They’ll have orders to treat you with the greatest respect. You are welcome to any of the privileges that the people have who work for me.” (Ruth 2:5-9.)

Ruth was so overwhelmed by this unexpected treatment that she fell on her knees before Boaz and bowed her head to the ground.
"Why are you being so considerate?" she asked. "I am a stranger here, and there is no reason that I know of to show such favor to me."

"Ah, but there is," Boaz replied gently, helping her to her feet. "I have heard about how well you have treated your mother-in-law, and how you chose to come here with her instead of staying in Moab. She has told all her friends about your goodness to her. May our God reward you for what you have done, and may He protect you for looking to Him for your way of life!"

"Thank you," she murmured to Boaz. "You have made me feel as though I am as welcome here as one of your workers."

"I am happy that you want to be with us," Boaz smiled. "Now please come into my tent and have lunch with us."

Ruth was a little ill at ease among so many strangers, but she was pleased when the owner of the field sat among his workers and passed food to her. He even had one of his helpers prepare a package of food to take home to Naomi. When the meal was over, Ruth expressed her thanks and quickly slipped back to a spot well behind the harvesters. (Ruth 2: 10-14.)

As soon as she was gone, Boaz instructed his foreman to tell the workers that the new gleaner should receive special privileges.

"Let her go wherever she wishes, even if she wants to glean at the heels of the harvesters," the foreman was told. "It might even be a good idea if they purposely dropped a little grain now and then."

The foreman nodded solemnly, but shook his head and grinned knowingly as soon as Boaz had turned away.

A Cheering Bounty

That afternoon Ruth surprisingly found that there were many more stalks of barley left on the ground than there had been in the morning. Close to evening she had emptied her bag several times by the threshing shed. Night being not far away, she worked hastily to beat out the grains on an unused part of the floor. To her great satisfaction the result was about eight gallons of fine barley—enough to make many loaves of bread after the chaff was sifted out and the grains were ground. (Ruth 2:15-17.)

Ruth easily swung the tied bag of grain over her shoulder and left for home just as it was growing dusk. It wasn’t difficult for her to carry in such a manner. If she tired of carrying it that way, she was quite adept at balancing a load on her head.

When she showed Naomi the grain and the package of food, her mother-in-law was pleasantly surprised.
"What welcome bounty!" Naomi exclaimed. "Where did you go to receive such special favor? May blessings come to the one who has treated you so well!"

"I went to a nearby field where barley is being cut," Ruth explained. "The foreman over the workers told me I could glean, but during the morning I was discouraged by the small amount of barley I had gathered. Then the owner of the field arrived on a handsome horse. He invited me to eat in the harvesters' meal tent. He even asked me not to glean anywhere except in his fields. In the afternoon I picked up so much barley that I was able to thresh out all the grain you see. And this package of food is especially for you from Boaz. That's the name of the owner of the field." (Ruth 2:18-19.)

Naomi was happily startled at this last bit of information.

"I know who Boaz is!" she exclaimed. "He is a close relative of my dead husband, and a wealthy and God-fearing man! God has been good to direct us to him. You would indeed be wise not to be seen in any other fields but his. You can be sure that you will be safe if you stay on his property."

Ruth was surprised and happy to find that her first day's gleaning had resulted in eight gallons of fine barley!
Ruth gladly stayed in the fields of Boaz for the full harvest time of barley and wheat, which was for a month or so. (Ruth 2:20-23.) Meanwhile, she was treated with special attention by Boaz, insomuch that there was an increasing affection between them, though neither of them expressed it very much in words. Each could see that the other was a person of very high moral standards. As for her gleaning, Ruth daily brought home so much grain that the two widows made a small income by selling part of it.

During several weeks of harvesting in Boaz' fields, Ruth went home almost every evening with what would have been considered an unusual amount of grain, even for the best of gleaners.

From the glowing reports Ruth brought home about Boaz, it was plain to Naomi what was taking place. She planned to do what she could to push the situation into full bloom, lest it fail to fully develop naturally.

Boaz was spending most of his time at the threshing shed, where his crew was removing chaff from the grain with the help of strong evening breezes. Naomi knew that the workers didn't go home until after midnight, and that Boaz then slept in the shed to save time in going to his home and back again to work just a few hours later. Besides, he preferred not to leave his large stock of grain unattended, what with thieves constantly prowling about.

**Naomi Plans Wisely and Justly**

"You know that I want what is best for you," Naomi reminded Ruth, "and continuing to live here with me in this small home isn't the best for a young woman who should have a more promising future. Boaz cares deeply for you, but he hasn't mentioned marriage because you haven't shown him that you're greatly in favor of it."

"I am very happy here with you," Ruth told Naomi. "As for Boaz, I don't want him to think that I'm too bold."

"But you should make him aware of how you feel," Naomi continued, "and
One had only to watch Ruth, whenever Boaz came near her in the field, to know what she thought of him.

the sooner the better. I suggest that you use your best perfume, put on your prettiest clothes and go to the threshing shed where he'll be staying tonight. Watch from outside till he has gone to bed. Then slip inside and lie down at his feet’’ (Ruth 3:1-4.)

Ruth was startled at the suggestion. When Naomi saw her expression of wonder, she hastily reminded her that it was an Israelite custom and duty that the nearest eligible male kin of a dead husband should marry the widow in the event she had no children, so that she might have the opportunity to have offspring through the family that had chosen her. (Deuteronomy 25:5-6.)

"Boaz realizes just how he is related to you," Naomi observed. "I'm sure he will understand your good intentions and treat you fairly."

At first Ruth didn't want to do what Naomi suggested. To her it seemed a bit too forward, but the more she thought about the matter, the more she was convinced that this was something that should be done in accepting the right ways of Israel.
"I shall do as you say," she finally told Naomi. (Ruth 3:5.)

Before midnight Ruth went to the threshing shed, careful not to be seen by anyone. The workers had gone, but there was a light inside the building. She peered inside to see Boaz finishing a late meal and relaxing with a mug of wine. She watched him wearily stretch out on the straw-covered floor, lean his head against a sheaf of barley, pull a blanket over himself and snuff out the oil lamp. Ruth patiently waited outside until she could hear the slow, deep breathing that indicated sound sleep. Then she slipped quietly inside, lifted the part of the blanket over Boaz' feet, and carefully and silently lay down with the blanket partly over her. (Ruth 3:6-7.)

Even though Boaz had fallen into a deep sleep, Ruth's presence awakened him. He was alarmed when he felt something warm and alive pressing against his feet. Could it be some kind of animal seeking a snug place, or was it some intruder who meant him harm? There was enough moonlight being reflected from the roofless part of the threshing floor to make it possible to see dimly. Boaz slowly pulled his blanket toward his head, gradually exposing the object at his feet. He blinked in disbelief when he realized that he was uncovering a woman curled up on the floor. He was even more startled when he recognized her.

"You!" he blurted. "What are you doing here, Ruth?"

Ruth glanced up in embarrassment, then dropped her gaze to the floor.

Boaz—A Man of Honor

"I'm here to remind you that you are my closest of kin among men in Israel," she answered in a quiet voice. "I understand that according to your custom, you may marry me, since my husband was your close relative. Spread your blanket over me to show if you are willing to be married!" (Ruth 3:8-9.)
Boaz was so surprised that words failed him for a few moments. This added to Ruth's discomfort.

"May God bless you for this wonderful compliment to me!" Boaz exclaimed, reaching over and putting his hand on Ruth's veiled head. "When I first met you, I thought that you were a most unusual woman because of your beauty and humility. But now I have reason to think even more of you. Everyone in our city knows you are a virtuous woman. You could have chosen younger men even among the wealthier ones."

Encouraged by these words, Ruth forgot her embarrassment and raised her eyes happily and expectantly up to Boaz.

"It's true that I am a relative of yours," he continued. "But I am not your nearest of kin here. There is another man living in this area who is more closely related to you than I am."

Ruth's smile faded. There was an awkward silence as the woman from Moab realized that in a way she was talking to the wrong man!

Boaz awakened after midnight to feel some moving thing pressing against his feet!
"But Naomi, my mother-in-law, thought that you—" Ruth's voice trailed away as she stared ruefully at the floor.

"Don't worry," Boaz said softly. "Leave this matter to me, and I'll take care of it tomorrow. Just lie down where you are and rest until morning." (Ruth 3:10-13.)

Ruth lay at Boaz' feet till nearly daylight. When she was about to leave, Boaz spread her sheet-like veil out on the floor and poured a sizable gift of barley on it. Pulling up the corners, he tied them snugly together, thus making a bag of the veil.

"This is a big load," he said, "but I know you are capable of handling it. I also know that you are known as a virtuous woman, so there's no reason to risk spotting your good reputation by telling anyone except Naomi that you have been here to talk with me."

Ruth arrived home before anyone was stirring that morning and related everything that had happened. Her mother-in-law didn't seem too concerned about another man being more closely akin to them than was Boaz.

"I don't know the intentions of this one of whom Boaz speaks," she said, "but don't be upset. If Boaz promised you that he'll straighten matters out, then that's what he'll do."

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lady of Baalbek who did get in the hotel where the Germans were.

We had to avoid her. She caused trouble wherever she went. At the King David while in Jerusalem, she had several waiters trying to soothe her ruffled feathers and finally before we left, the headwaiter had been called to try to calm her. We scurried out of sight of her in this hotel.

It’s the complaining or boasting Americans that cause people of these countries to hate us.

Our guide was a woman—a Greek Orthodox, and our driver was a man. We drove to the museums, then past the Palace and back to the hotel for lunch.

During our visit in the museums, our guide was disgusted with us and frustrated at our lack of enthusiasm over the icons and Greek Orthodox religious trappings and pictures. She would exclaim, "Isn't this beautiful?" over some idolatrous picture and receive no response from us. Finally, when it became so tiresome, as we went through the pagan temples, Mr. Armstrong told her what he thought of paganism and gave her a good explanation of what life is all about. She heard the Gospel for the first time in her life.

We went to the Market Place where Paul disputed with the Athenians. We also saw Mars' Hill where Paul told the Greek wise men at the Court of Areopagus that they were too superstitious and declared to them the true God. We went up to the famous Acropolis and spent some time there.

Our stay was not long in Athens, but we were able to see all the Bible places connected with Paul's ministry.

GOD Doesn't Need YOU!

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about what kind of love is GOD'S love! Notice! "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not grievous!" (I John 5:3.)

John was inspired to write, "And hereby we do know that we know Him [know Christ!], if we keep His commandments!" (I John 2:3.) He went on to say, 'He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:4).

Paul was an instrument of Christ's. Christ spoke through Paul (Gal. 2:20). Notice what Paul was inspired to say about whether the law was "done away!" "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, 'Thou shalt not covet'" (Rom. 7:7). Paul showed how the law pointed out what sin is, and said, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

Sin is the breaking of God's law—His Ten Commandments. (I John 3:4).

Paul said, "For we know that the law is spiritual" (Rom. 7:14).

He said, "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good!" (Rom. 7:12.) He said, "I consent unto the law that it is good!" (Rom. 7:16.)

Do you still think Christ came to destroy His Father's laws?

Not if you believe and tremble before the sacred Word of God, you don't!

Does Christ's DEATH Save Us?

What about the broken-hearted appeals of religion, today? Have you seen
the signs on rocks, barns, billboards, and automobiles—"Christ DIED TO SAVE sinners"?

Probably, you have. But that is not in the Bible! Shocking as it may sound, the Bible nowhere says we are saved by the death of Christ! Now read carefully what the Bible does say.

Let's understand!

When we break God's laws, which were given us for our protection, our blessings, our good, we become sinners! And sin cuts one off from God!

The only way we can ever be forgiven our sins, and be reconciled to God, against whom we have sinned, is through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ!

"Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Christ died to pay the penalty for sin!

And everyone has sinned (Rom. 3:23). Paul wrote, "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly!" (Rom. 5:6).

"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

But does the simple acknowledgement of Christ's death save us?

Can a person be truly saved—be given an eternal inheritance, just by confessing he believes Christ did live once, and that He died?

Not according to the Holy word of your Creator!

"Much more then, being now justified [having our past sins forgiven] by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him... For if, when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we SHALL BE SAVED BY HIS LIFE!"

Yes, it takes a living High Priest, and a soon-returning King to really save us!

It takes the shed blood of Christ to forgive and atone for our sins, but it takes a living Christ to resurrect us, or to change our vile bodies into His glorious form (Phil. 3:21).

Forgiveness, reconciliation, justification come with Christ's blood. But final salvation, the gift of eternal life—being conducted into His Kingdom, changed from flesh to spirit, that is accomplished by His Life!

Do you still believe Christ's death "saves" sinners? Not if you believe the Holy Word of God, you don't!

Did Christ Try to Save the World?

Obviously, if Christ tried to save the world then, He lost the battle.

Still obviously, if Christ is trying to save the world now, He's fighting a losing battle!

But is Christ so weak?

Not at all! This just is not the only time of salvation. This shocking truth is made plain in a free article entitled "Is This the Only Day of Salvation?" Write for it immediately.

The Devil is only allowed a certain span of time to work on human nature—to appeal to carnal vanity, and the lusts of human flesh! Satan is able to accomplish only what the great Creator allows!

God is the RULER! Christ is the soon-coming King of this earth! He will rule it, with a rod of iron (Rev. 2:26-27).

Christ came to deliver a message to His disciples (John 12:49), and to commission them to preach it to the world (Mat. 28:19-20).

He even predicted most people would not repent, and be converted!

"If the world hate you [He said to His true followers], ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love his own: but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you" (John 15:18-19).

He predicted, "I have given them thy word [He was praying to the Father] and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (John 17:14-15).

He said His true servants would be ridiculed, impugned, injured, even martyred for the truth they would preach (John 16:2; Mat. 24:9).

He warned His servants, "...beware of men; for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; and you shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles... and ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved!" (Mat. 10:17-22.)

Do you still think Christ had any illusions about saving the world, either then or now? Not if you tremble before the very word of that Christ, you don't!

So, after all, just how badly does God really need you?

What Is God Doing, Today?

Obviously, He's not conducting broken-hearted appeals—not struggling desperately to plead, whine, argue, beg or wheedle people into repentance! Jesus did nothing of the kind—nor did Peter, Paul or other Apostles—nor is the living Christ, through His true ministers, today! He is not trying to save the world, NOW!

But God is warning this world!

Jesus Christ gave His servants an awesome responsibility!

He commissioned them to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, as a warning, as a witness against them! (Mat. 24:14.)

The world is bearing that warning message, and with increasing power and force every single year!
God thunders to us a stern WARNING about the future. He warns us where our frightful crime, divorce, lusts, hatreds, bigotries and violence are taking us!

He commands us to REPENT, before it's too late!

But He doesn't have to beg. He doesn't need to bargain!

Almighty God demands TOTAL surrender—absolute and unconditional!

"Repent, or ye shall all likewise perish," said Jesus Christ (Luke 13:3, 5).

"Repent ye, and believe the Gospel," He said (Mark 1:15).

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

To those who will repent now, Christ offers a free salvation—a conversion NOW—and a responsible place with Him, in conducting the most vitally important work being accomplished on earth. And He offers more—He offers a change—at Christ's coming—from mortal to immortal, and a position of rulership with Him in His soon-coming RULE on this earth!

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne" (Rev. 3:21).

"And he that overcometh, and keep-eth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations; And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father" (Rev. 2:26, 27).

But He's not begging. He's not pleading. And He doesn't really need you.

No, YOU NEED HIM!

You need Him DESPERATELY, you need Him BADLY, you need Him URGENTLY!

Christ doesn't need to ask you—you need to ask Him! Christ doesn't need to plead with you—you need to plead with Him to grant you real broken-hearted repentance—to fill you with His precious Holy Spirit!

It's time you asked and answered some mighty serious questions!

Just what is a true Christian? And what is real repentance? Just what is salvation, and how do you really receive it?

We have booklets on all three subjects. You need to prayerfully study those booklets, and also the revealing booklet on WATER BAPTISM! Find out just how earnestly YOU NEED God, and exactly why! So before you forget it, WRITE for those booklets, if you haven't yet read them. And remember, if any of you do feel YOU need to talk to one of God's own called and chosen ministers about your own private spiritual needs—we are readying, once again, our summer tours. Each summer, teams of ministers and advanced students from Ambassador Colleges call upon, and visit with thousands of persons in their own homes—all over the world!

But we never call upon anyone who does not specifically request a visit.

We only want to help, to serve—but not to force God's truth upon anyone who does not sincerely want it. So if you would like one of our teams to call upon you in the coming months—please write and let us know immediately.

But whether you want to be visited or not—BE SURE you read these vitally important booklets. They're FREE, of course!
How to be Sure You Have REPENTED

Do you REALLY have a personal contact with the One, True GOD? How do you know? Have you been BAPTIZED? Perhaps you are one of many who would like one of our baptizing and counseling teams to visit you this spring or summer.

by Roderick C. Meredith

W hat should a true minister tell you if you ask him how to be "saved"?

What steps should you take in order to truly "know" God—and have His direct guidance and blessing?

If you conducted a private poll among many professing Christian ministers all over the world, you would receive literally DOZENS of differing answers.

Some of the ministers would feel a little sorry for your childlike assumption that you could have "direct" contact with God. For, to them, God is the "essence of good" or the "divine thought-principle" which emanates throughout the universe.

These reasonings proceed from the fact that most of this world's society—including this world's religion—doesn't know the True GOD!

This is a tragedy.

Prove the Things That COUNT

Never say you "don't have time" for the truly BIG things in life. You do have time—uncounted minutes, hours, days and years. How you use those precious minutes is the very KEY to success in life. Learn to TAKE TIME for these—gladly and thankfully.

Take time, for instance, to prove that there is a real, literal, personal Being who sits at the controls of this universe. He has created the heavens and the earth—and now He rules over His creation.

Prove to yourself that this God EXISTS.

Do this, first of all, by writing for our free booklet: Does God Exist? and the free article: Seven Proofs God Exists.” These articles give you the basic keys by which you can know—and know that you know—that God lives and rules the universe from His throne in heaven!

Then there is another basic point to prove. You must come to absolutely know that the Bible—in its original writings—is directly inspired of God! For Jesus said: “It is written, that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of GOD” (Luke 4:4).

Unless you literally believe the Bible, you have no basis for proof—no standard—no authority whatsoever—for your "ideas" on religion or the really BIG questions of life. Have you ever realized that before?

Everybody can have "his opinion." Everybody can have his own "personal philosophy." But only the Bible really answers with authority the questions of where we came from, the purposes and laws of life, and where we are going after death. Only the Bible reveals the real PURPOSE of human existence!

You need to think about and understand that.

Then, you need to really prove that the Bible is, indeed, the very inspired Word of God. A mighty important step would be writing for our free, illustrated booklet: The Proof of the Bible. As you study this booklet, look up the references given, enlarge upon them, use your own mind and powers of observation and come to know that God exists and wrote the Bible as His instruction book for man!

Learn that the Bible carries divine AUTHORITY! Learn that, in the Bible, God says what He means and MEANS what He says!

There is a third basic point to prove. Billions take it for granted—but don’t really UNDERSTAND it.

That is the fact that Jesus Christ of Nazareth was and is the Son of God—the promised Christ—the Saviour of the world. That is the fact that Jesus literally PAID the penalty of your sins—and that His sacrifice will be applied if you are willing to accept Him as Saviour and as Lord and Master as well! If you would like help in proving the truth about this matter, then write for Mr. Armstrong’s free booklet entitled: Just What do You Mean Salvation?

In any case, be sure that you have PROVED that Jesus Christ was and is the Messiah, the Son of God, and the Saviour of those who believe and obey Him. This is something you must KNOW—not merely take for granted or "suppose."

Having proved the above facts, you then have the basis for coming to know God and to be truly converted to become His Son.

How to be Saved

What should a true minister of Jesus Christ tell you if you ask him how to be "saved"? He would tell you the
SOME THING that Jesus did and that the Apostle Peter did! But would you believe him?

Notice: "Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: REPENT YE, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:14-15).

Jesus came preaching a definite message. The message was about the coming world-ruling government of God. It involved OBEDIENCE to God's commandments and His way of life. It involved REPENTANCE from past sins and rebellion against God's government. It involved BELIEF in God, in Christ and in that MESSAGE as the right way of life.

Again, notice Matthew 19:16-17. A young man came to ask Christ the way to eternal life.

What did Jesus answer?

"Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS." Then Jesus began to name some of the Ten Commandments to show what law He was referring to in this statement.

Certainly Jesus' message involved definite obedience to the Ten Commandments of God. His message about the coming Kingdom of God was literally filled with teachings about surrender to and obedience to the will of God and the great law of Almighty God as summarized in the Ten Commandments.

The first point in Jesus' message, however, was always to REPENT of disobedience to God and His law. "REPENT: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mat. 4:17).

Again: "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

The Apostle Peter stated: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

And in his inspired sermon on the Day of Pentecost when God's Spirit was first poured out, Peter commanded: "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" (Acts 2:38).

This means YOU!

Through this very article—and through all The PLAIN TRUTH magazines you have read and The World Tomorrow broadcast to which you have listened—you are being invited or "called" to OBEY your Maker! The choice is up to YOU!

But the first condition is to REPENT!

Your Bible describes how "the sorrow of the world worketh death." But it states: "For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of" (II Corinthians 7:10).

Godly repentance means that you are willing to QUIT SINGING—to quit disobeying God's laws and ways! It means you are ready to unconditionally surrender to Jesus Christ as Lord and Master. You are willing to let Him live His life in you—through His Holy Spirit.

What It Means

Accepting Christ as Master means you are willing to literally live by every word of God as contained in the Bible. Since the Bible is inspired and "is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16), you will be willing to let the Bible correct you where you are wrong. You will get your "ideas" of religion from the inspired INSTRUCTION of God's Word rather than the teachings and traditions of men!

In repentance, you repent of sin. What is the Bible definition of sin?

"Sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). That is the Bible definition of sin—breaking God's Law!

So to really be converted, you must REPENT of breaking God's law. Remember that in the New Testament, this law was magnified by Jesus Christ—particularly in Matthew 5 and the Sermon on the Mount. We are to keep not merely the letter, but the spirit or intent of God's law in every phase of our lives.

But to do it we need divine help. That is why we must SURRENDER and yield to let Christ literally live His life in us through the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul explains: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

Once we have come to THIS KIND of sure repentance and surrender to God, then we should BE BAPTIZED. The very word "baptize"—coming from the Greek baptizo—means to immerse, to submerge, or plunge into.

As God's word clearly explains, the very symbolism of baptism pictures a BURIAL. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:3-4).

Going down into the water is a symbol of BURIAL. Shaking or "sprinkling" water over somebody, dabbing or "dipping" water onto them or spraying them with a fire hose—these do NOT picture a burial in any sense whatever!

Why don't people want to do it THE WAY the Bible obviously describes? Why don't they do it THE WAY every scholar admits Jesus himself was baptized?

Have You REPENTED?

If you have, indeed, come to the place of repentance and yieldedness described above—you will easily be able to supply the correct answer.

As a sailor being buried at sea, so is your body literally buried, temporarily, under the water as a symbol of your acknowledgement that you have SINNED. In this manner, you acknowledge that you have come under the penalty of sin which is DEATH (Rom. 6:23). You are baptized "into Jesus Christ" as an acknowledgement of this and of your FAITH in His sacrifice in your stead. So you need not remain under this death penalty, but rather be reconciled to God, receive His Holy Spirit, and ultimately become BORN of Him in the resurrection—which being raised from the water of baptism also pictures (verse 5).

Never forget that before real conver-
sion comes real repentance. You had better humble yourself until you can sincerely repent as David did in Psalm 51: "Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin," David cried. "For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me."

Notice that David did not try to justify himself—he acknowledged his sin freely and asked for forgiveness. He continued: "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight."

God didn't have to argue or "reason" David into admitting his guilt! As Job, David had come to see himself as he really was and to abhor himself. And you are no better!

When you are finally ready to repent of breaking God's laws, of following human traditions, of conforming to this society and its ways, then here is what God requires of you. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Ps. 51:17).

When that time comes, you will quit arguing and reasoning with the ministers through whom God shows you by the "fruits" that He is working. You will not grudgingly hang on to your own ideas any more. You will not get your "feelings" hurt at the correction and exhortation of God's chosen servants—the only ones who are preaching His warning message as a witness to all the earth!

At that time, you will be humble and teachable like a little child—not assuming that you are a spiritual giant before you even start on the road to real conversion.

You Are Responsible to ACT

If you have come to realize that this is the very work of God—preaching Christ's message as a witness to this dying world—perhaps you would like to write us about being baptized. Each spring and summer we send out teams of ministers trained at one of the Ambassador Colleges to baptize people all over this earth.

If you know that you are ready to make an unconditional surrender to God through Jesus Christ—to serve Him, to obey Him, to let Him live His life in you through the Holy Spirit—then write an air mail letter to Mr. Armstrong, telling us that you want to be baptized this spring or summer.

Those of you in Great Britain, Europe and those in South Africa should write to our London address; those in Australia, New Zealand or Southeast Asia should write to our North Sydney address; those in Canada, to our Vancouver address.

If you have any questions or wish more information on the proper mode of baptism, then write immediately for Mr. Armstrong's free booklet: All About Water Baptism. This helpful booklet will cover nearly any question you may have on the subject.

Most of all, remember that the precious understanding of God's Truth which you are being granted carries with it a great responsibility. You need to exercise the spiritual courage to act on the tremendous knowledge which the God of heaven is now giving you! With all your heart, seek for His love, wisdom and faith which He will put in you through the Holy Spirit.

The result of this kind of conversion will change your life more than you can humanly know or imagine!

Education for LIFE!

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A student has had to "take the bull by the horns" and overcome opposition of every kind to attend Ambassador Colleges because they truly are different.

However, if you have the kind of determination we want to see in Ambassador students you will find a way to come!

All of you in the United States and Canada who wish the college catalog with full particulars about college enrollment, write immediately to The Registrar, Ambassador College, Box 111, Pasadena, California. Those in Britain, Europe, Australia, and South Africa, write to The Registrar, Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, St. Albans, Herts., England, for the prospectus of the college in England.

Ambassador College students are required to go the extra mile to make a success with us.

But while the students of this mixed-up world sink into a morass of immorality and despair, seeking vainly for help from psychologists and psychiatrists, Ambassador College students are receiving an education for life—full, happy, balanced and joyous life.
Britain and the World Mourn Death of Churchill

With the death of Sir Winston Churchill, Britain and the world saw the passing of its last great leader, whose courage, strength of will, towered over the world. Today a moral and spiritual night lies over Britain.

God directly used Sir Winston Churchill to save Britain and America in World War II. That victory made possible this world's final chance to hear the good news of the Kingdom of God through The WORLD TOMORROW program. When this Work has completed its witness to the nations utter spiritual darkness will close in upon Earth's inhabitants just before the dawn of Tomorrow's New World.

It was Churchill's courage, determination and moving speeches which bolstered up British morale and spurred America to war. In his greatest fighting speech he challenged gutter-snipe Hitler:

"We shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end. . . . we shall defend our island whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills.

"We shall never surrender.

"Even if, which I do not for a moment believe, this island or a large part of it were subjugated and starving, then our empire beyond the seas . . . would carry on the struggle . . . until, in God's good time, the New World, with all its power and might, steps forth to the rescue and liberation of the Old!"
**At the Ambassador Colleges... Education For LIFE!**

There are now THREE COLLEGES on earth where the true, scintillating WAY TO LIVE is imparted. Read here of the CRISIS in education, and the happy solution made possible by Ambassador Colleges. See page 3.

**GOD Doesn't Need YOU!**

Why is it that religion has begged, cajoled, and with quavering voice pleaded with sinners to accept Christ? Is God trying desperately to get everybody "saved" before it's too late? Does God really NEED you so desperately—RIGHT NOW? Here's what your BIBLE says. See page 7.

**We Saw the Pope!**

Suddenly the world spotlight is focused on Asia. First came the Pope's triumph in India. Now the U.S. attacks on North Vietnam. What does it all mean? To get the facts firsthand we sent two members of our Australian editorial staff throughout India and Southeast Asia. The first of their surprising reports is published in this issue. See page 9.

**This is the LIFE!—real ABUNDANT living**

Do YOU know how to live FULLY—ABUNDANTLY? In this article, reprinted by popular request, you will learn how you may taste the joys of real abundant living. See page 17.

**The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong**

At last!—visiting ancient Jerusalem, crossing "no-man's land" to the newer Jerusalem in Israel, touring the Holy Land, Turkey, Athens, and Rome. See page 21.

**"This WAS Their Finest Hour"**

Never before in the history of the world have so many felt so indebted to one man—Sir Winston Churchill. No funeral was ever attended by so many dignitaries. Many now realize the last of the world's truly great has passed into history. But few understand its prophetic significance for Britain's future. See page 27.

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