April Issue Appreciated

"May I try to express my appreciation of the April issue of The Plain Truth? It is so very interesting. I found it hard to put it down until every article had been read. One article especially, 'Will the World Recognize the Returning Christ?' contains such vital information, I kept reading it over and over. Also, 'Why More People Are Becoming Violent,' really contains so much truth, warning us about watching television too much, which is a common habit. There ought to be a law against showing violence of any kind.'"

Mrs. W. C., Hemet, Calif.

"In your April issue is a letter from one N.S., and allow me to say that your reply is entirely inadequate and at least partially wrong. You are wrong in your definition of 'agnostic.' I have consulted three dictionaries and not one states that an agnostic is proud of it. Why did you add those words?"

R. W. H., Los Angeles, Calif.

• Did you ever talk to an agnostic who wasn't?

"I read a write-up printed in the April Plain Truth by N.S. He or she, whichever it may be, is correct that God made a mistake when He created man. I wonder if that person ever read the word of God as it is shaped by their hands alone—God has no part in their plans."

Patrick S., Washington, D.C.

Economist's Folly

"I am employed by one of the nation's leading economists. When I asked his opinion on different articles written in The Plain Truth, especially those about the serious water shortage to come, he scoffed at them. These men ignore the obvious. They are educated, yet blind. To them our destinies are shaped by their hands alone—God has no part in their plans."

Patrick S., Washington, D.C.

Doubters Convinced

"Knowing you have many listeners, and probably receive many letters, I will reintroduce myself. I sent you a letter 2 months ago stating that I doubted the word of God. You in turn sent me several pamphlets. I have read the articles and have completely changed. I now believe in God, and that He will come again to this earth. . . . You have caused me to amend my way of life and I am grateful to you."

Robert L., Saddle Brook, New Jersey

"God bless you. It seems incredible that a magazine as fine as The Plain Truth (Please continue on page 29)
This is written from Portland, Oregon. I had not been here for years. Yet in 1926-27, when I was "angered" into my first real study of the Bible, we were living in Portland.

Most of our readers have read the story. We had been visiting my parents a few days in Salem, Oregon. A neighbor friend of my mother's had engaged my wife in a Bible study. She had asked my wife to turn to certain passages of Scripture and read them aloud. My wife soon came running breathlessly to tell me the exciting news that she had made a wonderful discovery in the Bible. It was going to change her whole way of living.

I could see nothing "wonderful" about her new discovery. To me it was religious fanaticism. I was disgusted—angered. I could not bear the disgrace of business associates learning that my wife was a religious fanatic. I tried to argue her out of it. I couldn't.

In final desperation, I agreed to do a research job on the Bible. She agreed that, if I could show her, in the Bible, that she had been misled, she would give up her new "wonderful" truth.

For six months I researched. I studied the Bible. And not only the Bible—I dug deeply into the many Biblical Commentaries, authored by the "higher critics." I researched history. I checked carefully original Hebrew and Greek words, from the copies of the original writings. I checked shades of meaning of these originally-inspired words in the Greek-English and the Hebrew-English lexicons. I researched the religious and theological encyclopedias. I checked the exhaustive concordances. I delved into the Bible dictionaries.

Most of this painstaking study was done at the Portland Public Library. That was almost 40 years ago! Day after day I would arrive at the Library building waiting for the doors to open at 9 a.m. Night after night librarians had to tell me politely that it was 9 p.m. and the Library was closing. Then I would go home and study. Often my wife would awaken at 1 a.m. and ask me if I wouldn't leave off studying and come to bed.

This afternoon, for the first time in many, many years, I walked over to the Portland Library. Thoughts of 38½ years ago came back, and it seemed as if it were only yesterday I had been there, and I was back for more research today.

The ground-floor lobby was all changed—new information desks, display cases, and things unfamiliar. Two display cases were showing new books, under the caption: "NOTABLE BOOKS—1964." I strolled over to one of the cases. Among the "notable books" published last year I saw "EPIDODE: Report on the ACCIDENT Inside My Skull." Another "notable" book was "BAD CHARACTER." Yes, people would rather read about bad character than good! Another: "CENSORSHIP—The Search for the Obscene." That one should be real "notable."

Another was "LIFE WITH PICASSO." Some little while ago I published Picasso's "Confession," in which he called himself a mountebank who had descended down to the lower levels of public taste and became rich turning out insane "art." I do not know whether life with Picasso was intended to represent an account of life with insanity and degeneracy—but I do know that seems to be the trend of the times!

There was also in the display case a novel: "The Stone Angel." I always thought angels were made of spirit, not stone. Ah, well! Most readers of such "notable" books would never know the difference. They might as well waste their time on that kind of fiction as any.
other. They are bound to waste it, anyway!

And I could not help thinking how Solomon wrote, "Of making many books there is no end." And are not 99.9% of them actually valueless—written out of the vanity of the writer? How much useless, worthless knowledge is stored up in this world? How much false knowledge? How much misleading, deceptive knowledge that is harmful? How much mental poison?

Then I thought of the many Bibles in different languages, and various translations in that upstairs room where I had spent so many hours in study and research 38½ years ago. I thought of the many Bible "helps"—the concordances, lexicons, cyclopedias. There was helpful and useful knowledge stored in this Library, too!

How could the same Library contain so much good, and at the same time so much bad? Of course this is the condition in every large library. I thought of how James wrote about the words we emit from our mouths: "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessings and cursings. My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

I thought I would go up the grand marble stairway to the main rooms on the second floor. Yes, there was the same Science Room—just as it was 38½ years ago. I walked across to the opposite large room to see if the theological works were still there.

And indeed they are—the general encyclopedias precisely where they were—it seemed now like yesterday! Only there was a later edition of the Britannica, and of the Americana, and one or two new encyclopedias added. Next, just as "yesterday," came the religious Encyclopedias—only some were new editions, or had new bindings. Then the Commentaries, Exhaustive concordances, Bible dictionaries, lexicons.

I simply had to pull out a couple of the books, and sit, just as I did "yesterday," at one of the same study tables, and check a few points for a while.

Only, when I attempted to scribble some notations I discovered the oak table top was not smooth as it used to be.

It brought back many memories. I sat there, and for the moment thought of myself as I was 38½ years ago. I was then perplexed—all mixed up—confused and somewhat frustrated. I was shocked at finding the Bible didn't say what I had supposed—what I had been taught as a boy in Sunday School. Then I thought of what has happened in those 38½ years. Of how I finally had consented, after much persuading, to speak before a small group down in Oregon's Willamette Valley—how I had been literally drawn, as if by invisible but irresistible forces into Christ's Ministry—finally ordained—the start of the radio broadcast on 100 watts of power per week. Today it is 28,000,000 watts per week! And today I am 38½ years older and my son Garner Ted has been born yet, when I sat at that same study table 38½ years ago, in the autumn of 1926!

During that 38½ years there has been struggle—there was poverty—there has been constant opposition, persecution, harassment. But during that six months' study my mind was opened to God's truth.

There was, of course, a desperate struggle within which resulted in accepting it, and surrendering totally to God, giving my life to Him for whatever He might see fit to do with it. There has been constant hard work—more study—much writing—countless hours of preaching, counselling, helping others who were willing to see what God had so graciously opened my eyes to see. There has come the mass proclamation of Christ's Gospel by radio, television, and printed page. First, scores were reached, then hundreds, then thousands, now millions! Many thousands have been converted—their lives changed—now on their way, overcoming and growing spiritually, toward God's kingdom with eternal life!

Has it all been worth the struggle? Has it been worth the price Mrs. Armstrong and I have had to pay? YES!!!—a million times over! What real deep, genuine satisfaction and gratitude we can experience, now!! How thankful we are to our God!
Disastrous Weather—WHY?

Death-dealing tornados, rampaging floods, searing droughts—this is today’s worldwide "weather report." Why must it be this way? What does the future hold?

by Gene H. Hogberg

"The devastation is terrible! Ohio looks like it's been bombed!" exclaimed Governor James A. Rhodes, surveying the tornado-torn northwestern section of Ohio. Such was the "Palm Sunday Disaster."

Viewing the twisted mass of wreckage around the Toledo area, Governor Rhodes termed the ruin "fantastic... unbelievable. There is nothing you can compare it with."

But his area wasn't alone. Catastrophic storms hammered the six-state midwestern region of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. The rumbling juggernaut of tornados—at least 37 in number—left in their wake a death toll of 242 and property damage totalling in the multimillions.

Not since 1925 has such a devastating tornado onslaught pummeled the United States. For Indiana alone, it was the greatest disaster in the state's history. For towns and crossroads communities such as Russiaville, Indiana, and Pittsfield Center, Ohio, destruction was nearly total! The only thing left standing in Pittsfield Center is an old Civil War monument.

Floods, Too

As if tornados were not enough, America's agricultural and industrial heartland has had to brace itself for yet another natural disaster—flooding. The worst floods on record in the upper Mississippi River region have poured their ice-jammed waters into dozens of communities in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois. Evacuees have numbered 60,000 so far in what has been claimed the wettest Easter weekend in U.S. history.

The bad weather picture is by no means limited to floods and tornados—and neither is it confined to the North American continent.

All Around the World

"Britain is facing its most serious water shortage of the century," reports the London Sunday Times in its April 4, 1965, edition. "The blame is put on the last three years which have been the driest since 1854... Worst-hit areas are those in the Midlands, round the London basin and in the South-East." Natural underground reservoirs in these areas are lower than has ever been known. The drought is especially severe in South Essex, where thousands of householders and industrial concerns, including the Ford Company's huge Dagenham plant, face drastic water-rationing in an attempt to conserve the rapidly depleting supply.

British Government scientists are very concerned about the drought. One said, "We would need phenomenal rainfall, and we are not going to get it." He concluded by saying, "What everyone is trying hard not to think about is the possibility that next winter could be just as dry as the last."

Australia Parched with Drought

Halfway around the world, Australia, one of Great Britain's chief food suppliers, is facing a drought crisis of national proportions. "Hundreds of thousands of square miles in New South Wales, Queensland, the Northern Territory and Western Australia are parched," reports The Australian (March 3, 1965). Other sources reveal that cattle and sheep are dying by the thousands. One northern Australian stockyard estimated that 15 percent of its cattle have choked to death in huge dust squalls en route to market. Elsewhere, sheep are being dumped on the market for as little as 1s. 2d (14 cents) a head. Dust has lowered the quality of the wool.

The once-rich Alice Springs area of the Northern Territory is now in its eighth year without a good rain. Cattle men there say that only general rains over something like 200,000 square miles of central and southern areas of the Territory can prevent more massive..."
Wid. World Photo

Only man-made thing left standing in Pittsfield, Ind., is only half there. cattle losses. But no rain appears in sight. Weather Bureau spokesmen say there is an almost total lack of moisture in the upper atmosphere.

Despite the prolonged dry spell in the northern and western sections of Australia, agricultural experts are most concerned about a newer drought which has affected a rich dairy- and beef-producing area of the adjoining states of New South Wales and Queensland. These two key states produce more than half the total value of Australia’s agricultural output. Government experts warn that lack of water will make a severe impact on the nation’s economy unless heavy rains fall in the next two or three months.

"Stench of Dead Cattle"

Prospects for rain, however, are bleak. A Reuters dispatch from Sydney dated April 14 revealed that in some towns in central Queensland the rain guages are clogged with dust. No rain has fallen there for two years. "Stock losses, already heavy, may soar to hundreds of thousands of animals unless there is rain."

In neighboring New South Wales, the picture is worsening with each passing day. A reporter for the Sydney Sun-Herald wrote on March 7:

"The stench of dead cattle fills the air from Young to the Queensland border this week as a huge area of New South Wales parches to a record drought. A vast expanse of the main milk and beef-producing belt is already in the most severe 'dry' in memory. Farmers who are blasting holes in dry creek beds to reach water in an effort to save dying herds say if no rain falls by winter the drought will become a 'national disaster.'"

"About the only sleek and well-fed living creatures I saw were the crows feeding off the stinking flesh of dead animals. Dairy farmers and graziers in the Hunter Valley and around Dunghong and Gloucester—an area which never before in farming history has gone more than nine months without rain—have lost scores of cattle, and more are thirsting to death every day."

"The country is... as dusty as the long-term drought-stricken dustbowl of the far west and north-west, which has been years without rain. It is the smell of death, though, and the sight of crows picking the last scraps of flesh from bleaching bones that brings home most starkly the fact that there is dreadful drought right on Sydney’s doorstep."

Southern Africa Also

Other areas of the earth—especially the English-speaking world—are also suffering from weather upsets. South African farmers appealed to the government this March for assistance in facing one of the worst droughts the Republic has had this century. In sections of Northern and Western Transvaal many farmers have been forced to leave their dried-up land and seek employment in the towns. Water has been scarce for the past six years in the Northern provinces. A five-year drought in sections of Cape Province has forced some sheep raisers to cut their flocks by 50 percent. This is beginning to affect South Africa’s economy, wool being one of her largest exports.

To the north of the Republic, "the Rhodesian government is facing a full-scale disaster in South West Matabeleland where for the second year in succession drought is destroying cattle and crops. Eighty thousand people are threatened with starvation" (Sunday Telegraph, London, March 14, 1965).

Brief Rundown All Over

Space will permit only a brief mention... (Please continue on page 23)
Hitler’s Germany to Rise AGAIN?

Events now taking place behind the scenes in Europe spell trouble for U.S. and Britain! In this shocking sequel to last month’s article on Hitler, we give you the MEANING of these undercover preparations for a third World War!

by Roderick C. Meredith

Did you know that recent investigations now indicate that Adolf Hitler may still be ALIVE?

Did you read in the March issue of The Reader’s Digest (U.S. edition) that Martin Bormann, Hitler’s fanatic Deputy Fuehrer, is officially admitted to be alive? That he is directing a vast Nazi underground extending from Germany to such South American countries as Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Chile? That it also has powerful tentacles in Egypt, Spain and Portugal?

Adolf Hitler Alive?

Last month, we showed you the evidence—from responsible persons—indicating clearly that Adolf Hitler did not die, as supposed, in his Berlin bunker. Remember the admission of General Bedell Smith, Chief of Staff under Eisenhower: “No human being can say conclusively that Hitler is dead.”

It was the Russians who occupied Berlin before the American forces. And no less a figure than Russia’s Marshal Georgi Zhukov stated: “We have found no corpse that could be Hitler’s. Hitler had good opportunities of getting away. He could have taken off at the last moment, for there was an airfield and plane at his disposal.”

Remember the conclusive statements of Colonel W. F. Heimlich, former Chief of U.S. Intelligence in Berlin? He was the man directly responsible for conducting the American investigation of Hitler’s purported suicide. After completing his investigation, Colonel Heimlich stated: “On the basis of present evidence, no insurance company in America would pay a death claim on Adolf Hitler.”

In his investigation, Heimlich found that a transport aircraft had been found near Lubeck, on the North Sea. When questioned, the crew acknowledged that they were one of several such crews ready to fly the Fuehrer to some remote part of the world.

Other investigators have revealed that an entire flotilla of Nazi U-boats left a secret base about the time of Hitler’s purported suicide. Seventeen of them were never seen again!

Two of them appeared later off the coast of Argentina. They soon disappeared and may have headed for a secret Nazi Shangri-La in Antarctica!

So whether Hitler is hiding in a well-stocked base in the Antarctic, or in the virtual nation the Nazis have established in vast areas of Southern Argentina, he may well still be alive.

This would explain Adolf Eichmann’s bellowing as he went to his death: “Long live Hitler! Long live Germany!”

The MEANING of a Nazi Underground

Last month, because of space limitations, we were forced to conclude with the proof that Hitler did not die in his Berlin bunker and that he, with Martin Bormann, may be the evil genius behind the worldwide Nazi underground.

But many will ask: “What if Hitler is still alive? What if there is a vast Nazi underground? What does that have to do with me—with my life?”

The answer is that Bible prophecy—and documented evidence—indicate that Germany will soon be ripe for another dictator. This time, it will be even more ominous because Germany will dominate in the burgeoning United States of Europe.

This time, then, Germany will not have to conquer Continental Europe and then turn its attention to the U.S. and Britain. This time, she will already have the awesome, industrial, financial and military resources of Europe ON HER SIDE to begin with!

And “this time” will be SOON! Germans recognize Chancellor Ludwig Erhard as only an “interim” leader. The German people are once again becoming restive—looking for another “strong man” or dictator to lead them to glory. The people are universally frustrated over the inability of the Allies—or their own democratic leaders—to bring about a reunification of Germany.

Meanwhile, the Allies are allowing Germany to build a military force of ever-increasing size and potential—VASTLY more powerful than allowed before Hitler’s rise to power in the 1930’s! Now we are even talking of placing hydrogen and atomic weapons in eager German hands!

Germany “Ripe” for a Dictator?

The sinister work of the Nazi underground continues throughout all Europe
and South America. The power of Nazi-type leaders in local and national German politics is steadily, if quietly increasing.

Interestingly, the very man in charge of prosecuting Nazis, Minister of Justice Ewald Bucher, is admittedly a former Nazi himself! He recently became so upset when the Statute of Limitations on the Prosecution of Nazi War Criminals was extended that he resigned!

A graphic picture of the "ripeness" of Germany for a new dictator is contained in a column by Neil H. Swanson in the Baltimore paper, The News American, of July 26, 1964. Notice the real feeling of the German people:

"During the weeks I spent in Germany this summer, I took the risk of being rude. I did not realize at first that, in the frank language of a West German publication, the question 'Can it happen again?' has been asked and studied in Germany again and again and will not cease to occupy the German mind for a long time to come.

"From the Bavarian Alps on the Czech frontier to the last Communist machine gun tower on the Baltic Coast, and from Berlin to the Lower Rhine, I asked the same question of everyone to whom I talked. I asked it of all sorts of people—officials in State and Federal ministries, soldiers, politicians, editors, taxi drivers, waiters, students, teachers. I asked it at least eighty times.

"Sometimes the answer came instantly. Sometimes it came reluctantly and not so quickly, with a careful choosing for reasons for the answer. But every reply was 'yes.' Day after day I waited for somebody to become indignant, to cry out 'no!' Nobody did.

"I still have not lost the feeling of astonishment that grew as the unchanging answers piled up. I do not claim my questions were a scientific poll. I only say the answers were a shock.

"But is this revelation "shocking" to you?

Frankly, it had better be! For the God of heaven reveals in His Word that Germany will soon become the dominant part of a revived "Holy Roman Empire" which is destined to attack and conquer the U.S. and Britain. If our people do not soon repent of our constantly increasing filth, violence, perversity and human degradation, God is going to punish us by World War III such as no other nations in modern history have been punished!

"This time, Germany will be at the head of a European union ultimately composed of ten nations. It will be a religious as well as a political union. It will involve a great false church which will offer its offices to get these nations in Europe to completely unite and trust each other as never before.

"In your Bible, Revelation 17 describes a great fallen woman—a great "whore"—sitting upon "many waters." God reveals the meaning of these "waters" in verse 15: "The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

"As the term "woman" is symbolic of a church (see Revelation 12:1-17; 19:7-8), this clearly depicts a great false church with influence over many nations speaking many different languages.

Notice verse 3: "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of the names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."

Now note verses 9 and 10: "And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space."

"Prophetically, the term "mountain" is used throughout the Bible as a symbol for a kingdom or government. So the "Beast" which the woman rides is revealed as the Roman Empire—with seven "heads" or governments to be sat upon and dominated by this great false church system.

"From Justinian to Napoleon, there were five revivals of this system dominated over by a world-ruling church. As depicted in Revelation 17:10, the sixth head was the little, half-baked, Hitler-Mussolini head. For Mussolini officially proclaimed his Italian Empire the "Holy Roman Empire." It immediately precedes the final "Beast" who is to fight Christ at His Second Coming.

Could Hitler Be the Final "Beast" of Revelation?

Now, the seventh head of this foul system is soon to arise! It will, of course, arise in Central Europe where all of the other Roman systems have existed.

It will be composed of exactly ten nations, or groups of nations—such as the Benelux countries—as revealed by Revelation 17:12: "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings [rulers], which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast."

"The time setting is in the very near future, when man is about to destroy himself from the earth. "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful" (v. 14).

This foul system will rear up its ugly head just before the second coming of Jesus Christ! It will actually reign Him at His coming! Its deceived citizens will be taught that the punishment and plagues of God are the works of the antichrist. For this will not only be a military and political, but a great religious system!

"Working hand in glove with the soon-coming "Fuehrer"—whoever he may be—will be the "False Prophet," head of the great fallen church. And this man will be a worker of miracles!

"And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast..." (Rev. 19:20).

This false religious leader will claim to be the great power of God! "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men" (Rev. 13:13).

"This man may already be on the world scene—not yet allowed to perform his miracles.

Hitler Resurrected from the Dead?

Consider Hitler's obviously "fake suicide." And the need for an inspiring (Please continue on page 44)
Why DO Young People "Go Bad"?

How does a parent detect symptoms of juvenile delinquency in his child? What are the causes of delinquency? Who is to blame for the tremendous rise in child crime? Does delinquency occur in more well-to-do families? Is corporal punishment dangerous? Millions want to know! Here are the REAL answers!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

"YOU'VE killed me! You've killed me!" screamed the mother of a 16-year-old boy, as she leapt out of bed from a sound sleep, a .22 calibre bullet in her heart. Moments later she died—another victim of a blind, unreasoning, useless, seemingly insane killing by a mere youth—her own son.

The boy explained. He had wanted $35 for a used car. His mother refused to give it to him. So he killed her.

And Around the World

In Sydney, Australia, recently, four youths spotted 55-year-old William Henry Hills sleeping on a public bus. They poured alcohol on his clothes and threw matches—incinerating him where he sat!

A dance at Folly Beach, South Carolina, erupted into a chair-smashing, fist-slinging, screaming melee among 5000 persons when the bandleader failed to make a scheduled appearance.

In San Francisco, California, one high school student was killed and another was wounded by a hail of bullets fired from a car into a crowded drive-in restaurant.

Police said the shooting may have erupted among a few Balboa High School students from two neighborhoods representing markedly different economic levels. Rodney Garcia, 17, was killed. John Santiago, 16, was shot in the thigh with a .22 derringer-type pistol. He was taken to a hospital where he told police: "This car... drove up and opened fire... wild fire... they were shooting at random, at anybody. I never saw any of the six before."

When police chased a late model sedan, halting it within minutes of the shooting, they found six boys, ages 15 to 20 all of Berkeley. A sawed-off shotgun was found in the trunk of the car and at least a dozen spent pistol or rifle shells were found inside.

At almost the same moment, police said two youths who became angered when they couldn't listen to their favorite records at a party, rode up and down the streets of Atlanta, Georgia, firing at "everything that moved." Five persons were wounded. Police arrested and charged them with assault with intent to murder. Authorities said the two had a shotgun and a rifle in their possession when they were arrested. A detective said the two youths had left a party following a dispute over what records to play, went home for guns, and "came back and just started shooting." All the victims were innocent bystanders—having had nothing to do with the selection of the records at the party!

But WHY? Why is everyone so on edge today? Why are so many thousands so prone to eruptive violence with little or no provocation? Why do mere youths so often go berserk? Why the summer "beach parties"? The party raids? The "Filthy Speech Movement" on Berkeley's U. C. campus?

Can any sane, sensible, logical answer to these hideous acts of depraved bestiality be given?

Is there any really simple answer to the causes of juvenile crime and violence? Or are the answers ascertainable only at the end of an intricate maze of tangled and complex psychological problems?

Can you, as the average working man, housewife, white collar worker, educator, or teenage get the REAL ANSWERS to the mounting violence among youths today? Or are the answers reserved for those who are specialists in the field of child criminology—social workers, teachers and psychologists.

Too many people are eager to believe there are no concrete answers to anything. You're living in the age of an eager sharing of "opinions," but an almost pathological fear of being positive or absolute about anything!

Currently, educators are telling students there ARE no absolutes! Indoctrination for various classes in colleges and universities usually include a lot of mind conditioning about the utter inaccessibility of anything called real TRUTH! Students are conditioned to failure before they start. They are told there simply ARE no concrete answers to the big questions in life—no absolutes—no positive TRUTHS!

Armed with this little bit of insanity, the average student of law, sociology, science or history finds himself lost in a maze of complex, interwoven, intri-
cate and difficult-to-research problems—convinced before he begins that he will never find anything that is absolutely true, or decisive!

Most parents find themselves bewildered by the continuing din and screech from child psychologists and sociologists, criminologists and law enforcement agents about juvenile delinquency.

Most seem convinced it is something as difficult to diagnose as a strange Oriental disease.

The reason? Simply because too many people have swallowed the idea of German rationalism—adopting the fanciful notion no one can really be philosophers are absolutely sure there are no absolutes!

A Source of Truth

"Thy word is truth," said Jesus Christ (John 17:17). The Bible is the very foundation of all knowledge! It tells you what you are, why you are on this earth, and the real purpose in your life. It is a book that explains, and explains thoroughly about juvenile delinquency.

It tells you the exact nature that is at work in every child, how that nature must be corrected, taught, trained, altered and shaped to become acceptable to a right kind of society. It tells you what pressures will form and shape that nature, and what pressures ought to be avoided by it!

The Bible is the book for children—the book about children. Where they come from, why they are, how to teach and train them!

What Is a Delinquent?

Just what is a juvenile "delinquent"? A "delinquent" is a child who has been stigmatized or labeled by society as "delinquent" simply because he has committed some act or acts which have been deemed unacceptable to normal society—a violation of existing laws.

However, every child has the very same nature, he is delinquent or "model citizen"!

Your Bible reveals that all babies are born delinquent! Think about it. See if it appeals to your "reasoning" and your sense of "logic." Babies are born utterly helpless. Among all creatures, there is no infant that is any more helpless than a human baby. Paradoxically, there is no little creature which is capable of any more greatness, any more refined and higher development than the human baby.

Left to himself, the human baby would literally starve to death, only inches away from his mother! But a little baby is born knowing absolutely nothing! His mind is a blank, he cannot focus his eyes, has no control over his bodily functions or even his bodily motions. A little baby is born needing a bath. He is born filled with self. He is born emotionally unstable, and with a nature that drives him blindly onward in a manner that completely shatters any normal and carefully followed patterns of trained and schooled adults.

Can we get the point?

A baby is born a collection of completely undisciplined and unbridled emotions!

Babies are born to be reared, to be trained out of a condition of utter delinquency!

Let's understand it. Because humanity has lost sight of its God—thrown aside as being useless and of no worth the very foundation of all knowledge, sociologists, criminologists, philosophers and child psychologists have utterly failed to understand what an infant human really is!

As a result, a whole new school of utter permissiveness in education has been ushered in.

From the puritanical discipline of a few generations ago, educators and sociologists have swung to the opposite extreme of utter permissiveness and lack of discipline.

Think about it for a moment. Human babies are creatures of habits. Everything we learn becomes second nature or habitual to us after a period of time. Yet philosophers and educators today are openly advocating a doctrine of no punishment whatsoever for emotional outbursts in mere infants and tiny children.

Most fathers and mothers are given strict warnings that any number of terrible psychological kickbacks such as neuroses, psychoses and various complexes could develop if they so much as lay a hand on their struggling little infants when they are lost in the sheer vicious venom of a hate-filled tantrum!

The child psychologists sternly warn parents punishment is "old-fashioned" and utterly "out of date." They say "punishment" should only appear in our dictionaries as an obsolete word!

The result?

The result is a growing number of youngsters who have not been reared out of delinquency—but have been allowed to remain delinquent in every aspect of their development, from the time they were little babies.

They have never been taught and trained to control their emotional outbursts! They have never had the kind of discipline they so urgently and desperately need. They have never been controlled or governed by their parents. Their parents have allowed any type of filth and swill to enter their unsuspecting little minds from the time they were mere youths—in the form of comic books, television, evil companions, or adventuresome experiences with other boys and girls of the same age.

Probably, the children have known little if any discipline—or, if the parents believed in discipline, it may well have been administered through ignorance and in blind passion and rage—the parent himself being guilty of emotional instability!

How do you answer the question "why?" when asking yourself about the mere youth who shot his mother in the chest? How do you answer the question "why?" when you try to ascertain the reason the four boys set the 55-year-old man on fire? Unless you thoroughly understand what human nature is—understand how it ought to be controlled—and for what purpose, you will never find any concrete answers!

Take the mother who leapt out of bed with a bullet in her heart. Apparently, her child was given over to blind rage when he was denied something he wanted.

But let's go back into the lives of the two of them. Do you suppose the child was always punished when he gave in to his rage and passions? Was he dis-

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What is Happening in Indonesia?

Indonesia has withdrawn from the United Nations. Its people rioted against the U.S. Embassy, forced the closing of the U.S. Library, nationalized U.S. Oil Companies in Indonesia. Why? At the same time she is intensifying her propaganda against Australia, plots to crush Malaysia. This is the second in a series of firsthand reports by our PLAIN TRUTH Correspondent for Southeast Asia.

by C. Wayne Cole

I have just returned from Indonesia. I found the people of Indonesia hungry. Dr. Soekarno's promised "Great Indonesian Revolution" is miserably failing! Foreign aid from the U.S. is largely being spent on military expansion. Very little ever reaches the people to improve their day-to-day lives.

The huge loans Indonesia has managed to arrange with Russia and China are nearly all spent for arms or on showcase projects to impress the world! Even the war reparations which Indonesia is receiving from Japan does little to help the plight of the average person.

An outstanding example of this is Hotel Indonesia—a sparkling, new, giant of a hotel.

A Personal Experience

Hotel Indonesia, built by the Japanese as part of her World War II reparations, is a member of the swanky Intercontinental Hotel Group.

Soekarno uses this hotel as a first impression to tourists and travelers coming into the country. Local citizens are prohibited from staying in the hotel because all guest accounts must be paid by convertible foreign currency.

The hotel is fabulously expensive. I have stayed in leading hotels in many major cities around this world, but none were as costly as the Hotel Indonesia. It is one of Soekarno's sources of revenue!

Just one example: a plain malted milk at the hotel coffee shop costs the equivalent of $1 U.S. by the hotel's exchange standard. If the official government exchange rate applied to the hotel the malted milk would have cost $4.50!

Yet this imposing luxury is only a false front—Djakarta's make-up.

Everywhere Signs of Decay

The vast, sprawling, teeming metropolis of Djakarta—capital city of the Indonesian Republic—shows glaring signs of decadence everywhere! Most of her over 3,000,000 people live in poverty, filth and misery.

Roads and streets are in a general state of disrepair. Most of the homes and living areas for the average person reveal a general disorder and filth.

It is reliably reported that many
people are consuming rats (which are available in seeming endless abundance) as a regular part of the daily diet. This is especially true on the island of Borneo!

Djakarta is one of the world's cities still "sporting" a multipurpose canal running through its midst. The canal is in fact an open sewer. In the main the smelly, stagnant water, running in places several feet deep, is used as a place to bathe and do the laundry.

As utterly shocking as it may be—while traveling on the street by the side of the canal I saw, first, two naked young men swimming and romping in and out of the canal. Next was a squatting young man eliminating in the water. Only a few yards from this some young women were waist deep in the water doing their laundry—and just beyond them a young man was vigorously brushing his teeth. At other times people are frequently seen drinking the canal water. And these are common sights!

But, before we go further we need first to understand what—and who—is behind Indonesia's revolution!

Soekarno—Power Behind the Revolution

To understand the complexities of this so-called "Great Indonesian Revolution" and its irrational foreign policy, you need to become acquainted with the man behind the revolution, Indonesia's "Man of the Century," Dr. Achmed Soekarno. (His name is spelled Sukarno in U.S. journalism.)

Dr. Soekarno, artist, author and glib-tongued, charismatic revolutionary, rose to national prominence during the Japanese occupation of the (then) Dutch East Indies. He was the son of a schoolmaster in east Java. In his young life he managed to accomplish the unusual—he was educated, actually achieving a degree in civil engineering. But, for most of his life he has been a professional revolutionary.

He was a known leading collaborator with the Japanese during World War II. The Japanese awarded him the "Order of Sacred Treasure Second Class" in 1943. He was also elected to the Presidency of the Java Central Council in 1943. His primary function in this office was to recruit Indonesian labourers for Japanese projects. The Dutch reported that Soekarno made many anti-Western broadcasts during World War II. He was accused of being anti-European—anti-white.

The gifted Soekarno came along at a time when the climate for revolt was ripe in the Dutch East Indies. For 300 years the Dutch had done only little to develop the entire archipelago of 3,000 islands today known as Indonesia. Communications and transportation were largely non-existent. Illiteracy was widespread. It has been estimated that only 7 percent of the Indonesian people were literate at the end of Dutch control.

The people had been suppressed and exploited by their colonial masters. They had deep-seated antagonism toward their oppressors. All that was needed to throw off this oppression, they thought, was a leader, a man capable of stirring the masses into a mob spirit. Soekarno, like Hitler or Mussolini, was that man.

During his meteoric rise to national leadership, Soekarno became a national hero. He was looked upon as the great liberator of the Indonesian people. All the hopes, dreams and aspirations of this impoverished people were centered on him. He was regarded as the nation's saviour, and the people—other than small dissident religious groups—served him with devotion. Much of this attitude of reverential devotion still remains today, although large numbers of people—especially the better educated ones—have become somewhat disillusioned.

President Soekarno is an extremely vain person. He considers himself the great architect of the Indonesian revolution! He wants others to regard him as Indonesia's saviour! He basks in platitudes of praise, but balks at criticism. In Soekarno's mind, there has never been anyone quite like Dr. Soekarno.

This was illustrated one day at a party given in honour of a distinguished person. A diplomat, wanting to flatter the Indonesian President, compared him to the Indian Prime Minister (the then) Mr. Nehru. Soekarno huffily corrected the diplomat by declaring that it would be more correct to say that Mr. Nehru compared with Dr. Soekarno! Soekarno suffers from the psychotic condition (as have many other national dictators such as Hitler and Mussolini) known as egomania!

Better Off Under the Dutch

In an attempt to show the world how much he is doing for Indonesia,
Soekarno solicited the Asian Games to be held in Djakarta in 1962. In preparation, millions of dollars were spent on athletic facilities, from tennis courts to tracks, swimming pools to huge stadiums.

This again was all part of Soekarno's scheme to establish his leadership among fellow Asians, as well as to impress African leaders also presently undergoing national revolutions. The only use such facilities get today is the occasional political speech and rally.

But, one of the dangers Dr. Soekarno faces internally is the fact that not all the Indonesian people are in full support of these policies. One man speaking fluent English told us frankly that "conditions are getting worse every day." Many show resentment against the spending of so much money on buildings, sports arenas, stadiums and other such facilities while the people go hungry. As one man expressed it:

"Why have this huge stadium when the people starve?"

We were told by people in Indonesia that the country is a police state. As one well-informed and educated man told us: "The people do not dare say anything that might be construed as criticism against the government. I am fed up with it. The revolution has failed. We were better off under the Dutch."

We noticed a growing feeling against the present government—as well as increasing personal hatred for Soekarno. But the people say little or nothing for fear of their lives.

One Indonesian intellectual was quoted recently as saying: "Don't look only to the applause, look also for the silence."

The government is practicing what has been termed as "Guided-Democracy"—a democracy with various parties in the government but guided by Soekarno. President Soekarno proudly reminds all that he has been elected for life!

This "Guided-Democracy" requires politicians to copy the Soekarno image or they are silently removed. Newspapers are under government censorship and any that persist in criticism are closed.

It is reported that Soekarno has instructed university students to report the names of any professors who do not stay in line—who in fact do not maintain the Soekarno image—fully loyal to the Indonesian revolution. Any who fail to shape up are removed. Knowing that they are expendable—and with meager salaries and only subsistence rice allotments—they quickly get in line.

Soekarno's democracy is a farce. The perpetuation of it in the name of democracy is rank hypocrisy! Soekarno has taken dictatorial steps and is re-
tooling the entire republic to think and act his way—or else!

Military Power Real

To understand whether Indonesia is a real threat, look at the formidable war-machine and arsenal she has developed. She has the largest, most powerful and well-equipped armed force in Southeast Asia. The most up-to-date and accurate figures place the number of Indonesian officers and men at 412,000.

Included in this are 60,000 paratroopers and an army of 350,000 equipped with both American and Russian weapons. She also has 10,000 highly trained marines. Her air force numbers 27,000 men with a truly formidable arsenal of jet warplanes, mostly of Russian make, equipped with modern rocket striking power.

She has a navy with 35,000 men and 250 vessels, including at least 20 submarines, 8 destroyers and 3 large Russian-built, rocket-equipped cruisers. Indonesia has sent hundreds of her military personnel to Russia for training as organizers as well as instruction in the skillful use of her modern weaponry.

In addition to the more conventional type weapons, Indonesia has a sizeable striking power of Russian-built missiles in strategic locations.

Ominously threatening to Australia is the realization that Indonesia is currently building a large jet airstrip in southern Timor at Koepang. This is only 500 miles from Darwin in Australia's Northern Territory! This airstrip, capable of handling the modern Russian-built TU16 Supersonic 4000-mile-range jet bombers, enlarges the ring of military establishments near Australian-controlled New Guinea. This ring hovers over the entire empty northern coastline of Australia in looming peril.

Indonesia is also building bases for guided missiles on two of her small islands (Elmaera and Enawewa) near the southern Philippines.

Currently Indonesia is spending an estimated 60 percent of her national budget on defence. President Soekarno has launched a campaign of “bullets before food” which certainly is succeeding in creating a major power for non-Communists to contend with. But at the same time this is creating serious internal problems for him.

Ostensibly, this impressive array of military might exists as a “police-force”—an armed body—to make sure the policies of the Soekarno-oriented government are enforced throughout the republic. We are told by Soekarno and his aides that the army does not exist for the purpose of expansionist goals. Rather, it is to maintain the peace at home... to quell any and all uprisings... to round up any would-be insurrectionists.

On several public occasions, Indonesian officials have stated that none of the soldiers going into Malaysia as confrontation forces are from the regular army. They are all volunteers, it is claimed. This could well be, since some of the Indonesian troops recently captured by Malaysia reported that they

A crack unit of Soekarno’s 60,000 paratroopers, armed with automatic rifles, passes in review. They are trained, hard, disciplined, and ready for battle.
had received only about two days' instruction, were put in uniform, given a gun—which they did not know how to properly use—and sent off on a raid to

Because the facts show plainly that the Indonesian economy is indeed going from bad to worse.

For years the bulk of all revenue

the Malaysian mainland! When approached by Malaysian troops they quickly threw down their weapons and surrendered.

But we may well ask—why maintain such a large army to put down uprisings if the people are contented and loyal to national policy? The truth is that—like the whole Communist world—Soekarno has trouble at home.

Economy in Shambles

When asked about his country's economic condition, President Soekarno once replied: "So as to enable our opponents to hear it, I will now once again proclaim... Go to hell! Tens of times you claim that Indonesia under Soekarno will flounder, will collapse.... Go to hell! Indonesia will never collapse—God willing. Indonesia will never collapse."

Why is Soekarno so enraged by such a question?

within Indonesia has been spent foolishly on arms. Also, the more than $2 billion in aid she has received over the past 15 years from the U.S. and the Soviet bloc has gone into military build-up. Because of Soekarno's continuing anti-Americanism, the U.S. has all but completely stopped all aid going to Indonesia. Recently, $50 million worth of credit was arranged with Peking, China—but observers are saying this will come largely in unnecessary barter goods—very little to help the masses.

When we went into Indonesia, we had not yet arrived at our hotel from the airport before we were offered Indonesian Rupiahs in exchange for dollars on the black market at fantastic exchange rates.

The official rate places 540 Rupiahs to one U.S. dollar. But on the black market the Rupiah sinks to the dubious value of 10,000 or more per $1. Some other few places such as the Hotel Indonesia, as previously mentioned, wholly dependent on money-economy. If they were, they would surely starve to death. But, thanks to the generosity of the land, each family can manage to stay alive with a little effort. The government admits, though, that most of the 103,000,000 Indonesians are surviving only at subsistence level.

Widespread hunger exists in the main cities where fewer people can "live off the land." It is spreading to the villages and rural areas. Severe droughts in areas have added to this problem.

Official corruption and graft are rampant. A driver in Djakarta told us that policemen will use any excuse to stop a car, or even more a betjak (tricycle rickshaw) driver. As the driver explained, the basic reason is for a pay-off—a bribe.

Most of the betjak drivers (and there are over 80,000 in Djakarta alone) have only their betjak as home. They earn their meager income with it by day

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## Radio Log

### "The World Tomorrow"

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The Middle East Muddle

An Israeli-Arab crisis is brewing! Trigger-happy Arabs continue their marauding commando raids into Israeli territory. Secret German arms deal to Israel, a Jewish-Arab water dispute, religious, political or social differences could trigger a Middle East explosion at any moment.

by Raymond F. McNair

For years an uneasy truce has hovered over the Middle East. Now once again the volatile Middle East is about to erupt! Ominous storm clouds are gathering over that troubled land.

The latest round in the Middle East muddle embarrassed Germany, involved Israel, and all the Arab countries.

What keeps the Middle East so near the boiling point? What's really behind the recent agitation?

What will be the final outcome of this struggle for control over that strategic, vital, oil-rich region?

Israel's Military Success

Strange as it may seem, your Bible reveals what's behind the Israeli-Arab conflict—and the little-anticipated spectacular outcome that will totally change world history!

But first, what's happening right now?

The Arabs have vowed they will crush the infant nation of Israel. They boast that they will drive the Jews into the Mediterranean. But so far, the struggle between Israeli and Arab forces has been disastrous for the Arabs. Two and one-half million Jews are encircled by one hundred million Arabs—a David amidst many Goliaths.

In the 1956 Suez fiasco, it was the Jews who were victorious—not the British or French, Israel's partners in the Suez military debacle. During that war Nasser's terrified troops abandoned their heavy guns and equipment and raced for the Suez, hotly pursued by the Israeli forces. Pressure from the United States and threats from Russia were all that prevented Israeli forces from seizing the Suez Canal at that time.

A prophecy in Isaiah 19:17 reveals: "And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself..."

Nasser—and all the Arabs—are still smarting under the humiliating defeat they suffered at the hands of the Jews!

The self-confident Jews believe they are more than a match for all the Arabs, as the following remark by a young Jewess reveals: "Don't you know," she said, "that one Jew can beat a hundred Arabs?"

On a recent fact-finding tour of Israel, I noticed a group of young 12-
to 18-year-old Jews and Jewesses marching along the road near Megiddo, carrying sticks for "guns"—receiving military drill. Once a Jew reaches 18 he is eligible for intensive military service. Where is this military build-up leading?

Very few realize that the final struggle for control of Palestine—and of the whole world—will not be fought on the battlefields of the big nations like Russia, the United States or Germany. It will be decided in Palestine!

Before we can understand the present Middle East situation—its significance to America, Britain, Germany, and the whole world—we must thoroughly analyze the circumstances and conditions which have led up to this struggle.

Israeli-Arab hostilities really began in 1948. Before this date Jews and Arabs had lived together in relative peace in Palestine.

But in 1948, primarily through American and British backing, the tiny nation of Israel was born! War immediately broke out between Israel and the Arab nations. The Arabs accused the Jews of mistreatment of the Arabs and of expansionist dreams. The Israeli government accused the Arab States of plotting the destruction of Israel.

Arab propaganda asserts that the real basis of the Israeli-Arab problem rests on the mistreatment of Arab refugees, whom they claim were driven out of Israel during the Arab-Jewish struggle of 1948. The Jews stoutly deny this.

While in Israel, I was repeatedly told by the Jews that any Arabs who wanted to remain in Israel and live peacefully with the Jews were permitted to do so. Numerous examples may be seen of thriving Arab communities living in Israel.

The Jews claim they have not treated the Arabs harshly—except when the Arabs became hostile and abusive toward them. Those Arabs who were antagonistic to the Jews either fled or were driven out of Israel. Those who were peaceable still live and prosper in the State of Israel.

Phenomenal Economic Growth

In spite of repeated Arab threats to annihilate Israel, this tiny country has continued to mushroom under an economic boom—unparalleled anywhere in the world! Israel's economic growth and phenomenal prosperity worries the Arabs, turns them green with envy.

The total annual value of Israel's goods and services has been rising steadily since 1950 at the rate of 11 percent a year. This 11 percent is the net rise—after rising prices are taken into account.

This rate of economic growth is about twice that of most European countries—nearly three times the U.S. rate of growth. If this rate of growth continues, Israel's per capita income is expected to pass Britain, France and West Germany in eight years' time.

Israel's foreign exchange position is very good. Its foreign exchange holdings in gold add up to $600 million.

What are the decisive factors in Israel's phenomenal growth rate—since the founding of this tiny nation in 1948?

The biggest factor is undoubtedly financial help from abroad. Most of this help has come from America. Over 1.1 billion dollars worth of aid has been given Israel by the U.S. Government; and private sources have given or lent Israel even more than has the U.S. Government. Example: in 1964 the United Jewish Appeal contributed $83 million to Israel—about $75 million coming from the U.S. Private transfers of $98 million to Israel's citizens—mostly from Americans—were made the same year. Besides all this, private investment of approximately $133 million came from outside Israel in 1964—$80 million of that came from the U.S.

Another key factor in Israel's economic growth has been her national aid from West Germany. Israel has received large reparation payments, but these were completed last year. West Germany's "personal restitution" to private citizens in Israel who suffered from the Nazis, however, still continues. This "personal restitution" amounted to $139 million in 1964.

The third major factor in Israel's fantastic economic growth is that the Israeli people have a strong motive to work hard. Jews from all over the world helped fight the 1948 war in order to keep Israel on the map. They are willing to work hard and sacrifice in order to maintain an independent Jewish State.

A fourth important factor in Israel's success story is that her people are innately an intelligent people—many be-
ing highly skilled in technical and academic fields.

Israel's cultivated land area has doubled in the past 15 years and her farm production has quadrupled. She now exports citrus fruits, eggs, peanuts and cotton.

During this same period her industrial output has increased six times over. Israel is now producing many hundreds of items: electrical appliances, ceramics, cement, chemicals, all kinds of machinery, tires—and she is the world's No. 1 exporter of small polished diamonds.

Israel is the only Middle East country which can boast that it is commonplace for middle-class people to possess their own cars.

High Taxes Finance Arms

Taxes are very high in Israel. The main purpose of taxes is to support her massive military program.

Her big defence budget makes high taxes necessary. Example: motor car taxes run 250 percent! It costs over £1,000 ($2,800) to buy the smallest British-made car, the "Mini." Anyone who earns £1,000 a year or over must pay a 60 percent income tax. And any Israeli wishing to go abroad for a holiday must automatically pay up to £60 to the Government in "travel tax."

But the Jewish people accept these high taxes as the price they must pay to maintain their independent Jewish State. At last, the wandering Jews have a home—their first national home for nearly 2,000 years!

And Israel has grandiose designs. Plans for prosperity and expansion are seemingly boundless.

Her recent project of diverting waters from the Sea of Galilee into the Negev Desert, two hundred miles away, is proof of her ingenuity and industry. The Arabs, of course, accuse Israel of stealing Arab water, and have threatened war over this.

But last June the Israeli Government, without official announcement or fanfare, opened this water pipeline.

In retaliation, Nasser called an Arab summit meeting to consider ways of countering Israel's manoeuvre.

The Arabs decided to divert the headwaters of the Jordan before they reach the Sea of Galilee—thus depriving Israel of her source of water.

Israel's Prime Minister, Levi Eshkol, warned the Arabs that the Jews will not stand by idly while the Arabs do this. These waters from the Sea of Galilee are Israel's "life blood." Any Arab moves to choke them off will meet immediate Israeli retaliation.

It may take up to four years for Arab plans to divert the Jordan River to materialize. It is clear, however, that this seething-pot of Arab-Israeli strife may boil over at any moment.

German-Israeli Arms Deal

The latest flare-up in the Middle East, however, was not over the Israeli-Arab water problem. Germany's arms shipments to Israel sparked the latest Middle East crisis. In one way or the other, most of the major nations of the
they let Nasser know that West Germany was about to establish diplomatic relations with Israel. (Even though Bonn has developed many ties with Israel since 1948, she has never formally recognized the State of Israel.)

When Nasser heard this, he threw another of his tantrums! Angry Arab mobs destroyed German Embassies and property in various Arab lands. To slap back at West Germany, he announced that if she recognized the State of Israel, he would recognize the Communist Government of East Germany.

This was political dynamite! This deft manoeuvre by Nasser struck panic in the West Germans. If Cairo recognized East Germany so might the 12 other members of the Arab League. This would make reunification of Germany more difficult, and would undermine Germany's position in the Arab world.

Erhard promptly sent his Special Envoy, Kurt Birrenbach, flying to Jerusalem to begin proceedings toward establishing diplomatic relations with Israel. To his amazement, Birrenbach found the Jews were not overly eager to establish diplomatic relations with Germany.

They had certain conditions which they wanted the Germans to agree to. Anti-German feelings still lie bone-deep in many Israelis of European origin. They realized that Erhard's decision to recognize Israel was prompted more by his desire to get even with Nasser than by a sincere desire to do the right thing toward Israel.

The Israeli government wanted the Germans to:

1. Extend the Statute of Limitations, which was to expire in May, 1965. (Because of foreign pressure Germany has now extended the Statute of Limitations to January 1, 1970!)
2. Return to Germany the scientists who are the backbone of Nasser's fledgling rocket program.
3. Keep her promise to supply arms to Israel (Germany balked on this).
4. Establish a German Embassy in the divided city of Jerusalem, rather than in Tel-Aviv.
5. Help to guarantee Israel's present frontiers against future Arab aggression. (Israel hopes soon to establish diplomatic relations with Germany and to obtain associate membership in the Common Market later.)

This dangerous diplomatic muddle of Middle Eastern affairs turned out to be a bitter, difficult-to-swallow pill for all concerned. Though Nasser got what he wanted—the cancellation of German arms to Israel—yet he was very much disturbed by West Germany's decision to establish diplomatic relations with Israel. Nasser knew that West German recognition of Israel would greatly strengthen his arch-foe. "If the Jews win this battle, then the Arabs had better go and bury their faces in the mud," complained Nasser.

Nasser persuaded the 13-member Arab League to pick up their Ambassadors' diplomatic bags and leave Bonn. He wanted all of the Arab States to back him to the hilt and completely ostracize West Germany—cutting off all diplomatic, economic and cultural ties with that country. Most of the Arab nations, however, were not willing to back President Nasser that far. About 10 percent of their trade is done with West Germany, and they were not willing to sever this lucrative economic tie with her.

West Germany, in her recent dispute with Nasser, lost prestige in the eyes of the world and invoked the wrath of the Israelis as well as the Egyptians. Nasser referred to the West Germans as "the world's biggest Imperialists."

Everybody Blames America

In the ensuing diplomatic mess, Germany blamed the United States for cajoling her into the arms deal with Israel in the first place. They also blamed America for letting Nasser blackmail Germany. The Israelis blamed the U.S. for not making Bonn go through with her arms deal. The Arabs blamed the U.S. for backing Israel and Bonn—against Nasser. So just about everybody blamed the United States.

Anti-Americanism is definitely on the rise in the Middle East. America has tried to straddle the fence—aiding both Arabs and Israelis. This has succeeded only in incurring the wrath of both parties—especially the Arabs.

Now the United States finds itself
in the dilemma of being asked by Israel, as well as by Jordan and Saudi Arabia, for American arms. Thus America finds herself up to her neck in the Middle East muddle.

What will be the outcome of this gigantic Middle East mix-up? The ultimate outcome of this perplexing problem will drastically affect America, Britain and her Commonwealth, the Continental Europeans and virtually the whole world!

Since 70 A.D., the Jewish people have not had a national homeland. Jesus Christ had predicted that the Jews would be driven out of Palestine and scattered throughout the world. He said: "And they [the Jews] shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

Yes, Jesus Christ was able to look down into the future and accurately predict that the Jewish people would be scattered throughout the world, and that the old city of Jerusalem would remain trodden down under the heel of the Gentiles until the "times of the Gentiles" were fulfilled. Many prophecies show that the "times of the Gentiles" have not yet ended. The greatest proof that the "times of the Gentiles" have not yet ended is the simple fact that the Gentile Arabs are still in possession of the old city of Jerusalem. They will remain in control of this city until the Second Coming of Christ, at which time He will deliver Jerusalem, the Jews and all Israel from Gentile domination.

"Jerusalem a Burdensome Stone"

God's Word reveals that all nations who get involved with Jerusalem will get their fingers burned. Notice this amazing prophecy which is "for Israel."

"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it" (Zech. 12:2, 3).

This prophecy clearly reveals that many nations will ultimately marshal their armies into the vicinity of Jerusalem. It clearly shows that all those who get involved in the Arab-Israeli problem will be "cut to pieces."

The time when all nations will war against Jerusalem is immediately preceding the second coming of Jesus Christ. The Messiah "shall save the tents of Judah first" (verse 7). Notice verse 9: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that came against Jerusalem."

The 14th chapter carries on with this prophecy! "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. "Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle" (Zech. 14:2, 3).

"His [Christ's] feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives . . ." (verse 4). A great earthquake will at that time rend the Mount of Olives in two from east to west (verses 4, 5).

The time-setting is clearly revealed in the latter part of verse 5: "And the Lord my God shall come [Second Coming of Christ] and all the saints [caught up to meet Him — I Thes. 4:13-18] with thee." Verses 12 and 13 depict the horrifying annihilation of the armies which gather against Jerusalem. "Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth" (verse 12). The 13th verse reveals there will be a dispute and subsequent falling out among the armies that came up against Jerusalem. They will fight among themselves and utterly destroy one another.

The Jews Will Also Fight

Verse 14 clearly reveals that: "Judah also shall fight against Jerusalem."

Yes, all of the nations of the whole
earth will assemble their armies at Jerusalem, Palestine, at the second coming of Christ. Zechariah 12:2 shows they will be in "siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem."

Verse 9 describes Christ's Millennial rule over the Kingdom of God: "And the Lord shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one." Jeremiah 3:17 shows that Jesus Christ will rule the earth from Jerusalem, Palestine, at that time. See Psalms 2:1-12; 46:8-10; 47:1-9; 73:8-17. These and many other scriptures show that the Messiah, Jesus Christ, will then rule all of the nations of the whole earth. "And He [Christ] shall rule them [the nations] with a rod of iron" (Rev. 19:15). Revelation 3:26, 27 shows that the then-made-immortal saints will rule with Christ over the nations of the whole world. Also, see Revelation 5:10 and Daniel 7:27.

Will Britain and America have their armies at Jerusalem at this time? No! Here's why: many prophecies show that between now and the second coming of Jesus Christ, Germany will rise up to its full military stature and will help to form a United States of ten nations in Europe. This United States of Europe (referred to in prophecy as the "Beast") will be dominated politically by Germany and religiously by a great universal Church system.

Because of the sins of our people, God will let this German-dominated United States of Europe invade, conquer and carry captive the peoples of America, Great Britain, the Commonwealth, and some of the democracies of Northwestern Europe.

Incredible? No!

Did not the mighty kingdoms of old all fall?—Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome? (If you wish to know where Britain and America are mentioned in the prophecies, then write for Mr. Armstrong's free booklet, *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy.*)

So the prophecies make it clear that the peoples of America and Britain will not even exist as nations at that time. Consequently, they will not have an army at the time when the nations gather to fight against Jerusalem. They will have previously been invaded and conquered.

But "Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem" (Zech. 14:14). The battle at which this fighting will take place is often called the Battle of Armageddon, even though it should be called "the battle of the great day of God Almighty." It takes place—not at Megiddo, which is about 50 miles northwest of Jerusalem—but at Jerusalem, in the "Valley of Jehoshaphat" (Joel 3:1-2, 9-20).

Pro-German Arabs

Will Germany have an army at Jerusalem in this great battle which is described in Zechariah 14? Yes!

During World War II, Hitler annihilated about six million Jews. Since both Germans and Arabs hated the Jews, they had at least one thing in common. The Nazis tried very hard to gain control of the Arab countries during the last war. They desperately wanted control of the Suez Canal and the Middle East. They wanted to control the Suez lifeline to the East and they also desired to control the rich oil fields.

Mercifully, however, God prevented the Germans from gaining control of those key Arab lands. Many reports show that there was a strong pro-German movement among the Arab countries even during the last World War. Since World War II the West German Government has fostered this pro-German feeling in the hope of it being advantageous to her both economically and politically.

This German-Arab friendship is revealed in the fact that many of the former Nazi scientists and technicians have fled to Egypt. They have been granted asylum in that country and have formed the heart and core of Nasser's guided missile program. Numerous reports have mentioned strong Nazi backing in Iraq and other Arab lands.

The prophecies clearly reveal that the German people will once again be the main spark to ignite World War III. A very remarkable prophecy is found in the 83rd Psalm. It speaks of a number of nations who will be "confered...

against" God and His chosen people, Israel. It mentions the people of "Edom" (modern-day Turkey), "Assur" (the father of the people of Assyria—the modern-day Germanic tribes) and peoples of "Moab," the "Hagarenes," "Gebal," "Ammon," "Amalek," the "Philistines," the "inhabitants of Tyre" and "the children of Lot." Most of these names refer unmistakably to Arab peoples dwelling in the Middle East today.

The kingdom of Jordan, as an example, is primarily comprised of the descendants of "Lot" through his sons, Moab and Ammon. The capital of Jordan is "Amman"—named after Lot's son, Ammon. Verse 8 says, "Assur [the modern-day Germanic peoples] also is joined with them: they have helped the children of Lot."

Continue: "They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance" (verse 4). But God will cut short this terrible time of hellish destruction ("Jacob's troubles") described in Jeremiah 30:7, Daniel 12:1 and Matthew 24:21, and will send Jesus Christ at last to prevent mankind from annihilating himself.

More and more we see anti-American and anti-British feeling displayed by Continentals—by the Germans, the French, the Italians, the Spaniards and others. Ultimately these Continental countries will unite and will come to terms with the Arab nations while this Continental union of nations invades and conquers the Anglo-Saxon peoples of America, Britain and her Commonwealth, plus the Scandinavian peoples.

German-led Europe Will Conquer Egypt

Meanwhile, there will be a military conflict between this United States of Europe and Egypt. This is made very clear in the longest prophecy in the Bible, the 11th chapter of Daniel. (If you would like a complete explanation of this 11th chapter of Daniel, then write for our free article entitled "The Middle East in Prophecy." It will explain this thoroughly.)

This marvellously detailed prophecy is mainly concerned with the dividing

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Disastrous Weather—WHY?

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tion of other weather upsets around the

globe, such as:

—The catastrophic cyclone and gig-

gantic tidal wave which struck Ceylon

and southeastern India last December,

leaving an estimated 1800 dead. It was
called the greatest tragedy ever to hit

Ceylon.

—One of the worst floods in India's

history last August which left 500,000

homeless in the state of Bihar and de-

stroyed 80 percent of the area's vital

rice crop.

—Ominous new warnings filtering out

now from behind the Bamboo Cur-

tain that China is facing its worst crop

failure since disastrous 1961. Radio

broadcasts from all parts of China's

grain belt tell of "battles, great ob-

stacles and difficulties" with weather

and insects.

We mustn't forget other recent cata-

strophes in the United States and Canada

either:

—The disastrous "Christmas week

floods" in Oregon and northern Cali-

fornia. The Eel River flood was so bad

it was said it could happen only "once

in a thousand years."

—The bone-chilling cold snaps and

blizzards which paralyzed sections of the

eastern and midwestern U. S.;

—State-wide summer droughts along

the eastern seaboard (New York's worst

in 138 years);

—The 1964 hurricane season (Cleo,

Dora and Hilda) which was the worst

in 15 years.

—The intensifying water shortage in

the Great Lakes basin. Lakes Huron

and Michigan are at all-time lows and

Lake Ontario will soon be there.

Shades of the Dust Bowl

While attention has been diverted to

these and the even more sensational

upsets of the past few weeks, however,

a much more serious and far-reaching

situation is building up in America's

Plains States.

The dust bowl is returning!

An ominous drought area is now cov-

ering parts of six states, approximately

the area of the notorious "dust bowl"

of the '30's. Some pockets within the

bowl are even drier than in the '30's.

Foolish optimists, thinking today's "bet-

ter farming practices" will save the

region, believe the problem will just

"blow over." Instead, facts show that

precious topsoil is blowing away.

Texas dust recently has darkened skies

as far away as Pennsylvania!

Government disaster loans and other

subsidies are enabling many farmers to

hang on. New techniques of farming

(such as "emergency tillage"—plow-

ing at right angles to the wind) have helped

somewhat—for the time being. Soaring

values for land capable of being irri-

gated are also encouraging others to

"wait it out." But irrigation is no savior

if it doesn't rain. Water tables through-

out the area are falling from one to

seven feet a year. Reservoir-irrigation

projects are in danger. For example,

the water level in the Conchas Reservoir

north of Tucumcari, New Mexico, is so

low that farmers will not be able to

draw on it for irrigation.

Let's Understand Why

There is no need to go on listing

tragedy after tragedy. What is important

is that we understand what these totally

abnormal conditions mean. Few people

will admit that the Bible has anything
to do with present-day world problems.

Fewer still realize that Jesus Christ said

these utterly chaotic weather upsets

would be ONE OF THE MAIN SIGNS

pointing to His return. His disciples

knew that He was going to come again,

unlike the vast majority today. They

asked Him what conditions would pre-

vail before His coming. "What shall be

the sign of thy coming," they asked,

"and of the end of the world?"—this

age, this society of man governed con-

trary to the laws of God (Mat. 24:3).

Ezekiel never reached the peoples of

ancient Israel with this prophecy. They

had gone into captivity well over 100

years before this time. This prophecy is

for our peoples, the descendants of the

House of Israel, today!

Why is this complete national destruc-

tion, starting with the hammering blows

of violent weather, to come upon our

lands? "Because you have not lived by

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pictures and maps on
next three pages.)
Right, Jacksonville, Florida — shattered pavement caused by hurricane Dora which struck in late 1964.

Above, India — Five hundred thousand left homeless in one of India’s worst floods on record!

Above, England — one of the worst March blizzards created impassable drifts on main roads. Right, drought conditions in Germany.
Natural Catastrophes Devastate Earth!

Blizzards, droughts, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornados and typhoons are devastating every inhabited continent! Your Bible foretold these catastrophic weather patterns. Read the accompanying article for the reasons why natural calamities are striking this world.

Mankato, Minnesota—one of the worst spring floods caused many counties in several states to be declared disaster areas.

Top, Yugoslavia—residents of Zagreb had to flee the city which became buried by as much as ten feet of water. Bottom, England—a heavy 24-hour rainstorm caused floodwaters in many parts of the English countryside.
DISASTER AREAS!

Above is a composite map showing the weather curse over a four-year period! The black areas indicate counties which were declared disaster areas or received emergency loans as a result of drought, flood, freezing, tornados or other destructive weather occurrences.

The composite includes the years 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963. It does not include disaster areas of 1964—nor the recent tornados, blizzards and floods which have devastated large sections of the United States this year. The recent floods, tornados, blizzards would blacken additional counties in southern Minnesota, northern Indiana and northern Ohio.

To the right are maps for individual years, showing which counties were affected in each of the four years.

The weather "warrior" continues on its rampage—destroying a little here and a little there. The United States has been able to absorb much of the destruction. But how long can this nation stand the continued and cumulative onslaught of tornados, hurricanes, floods, droughts and other natural calamities?

Maps courtesy of United States Weather Bureau.
Middle East Muddle

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up of the Greek kingdom which took place after the death of Alexander the Great. Ultimately Ptolemy (to the south) ruled Egypt, Palestine and part of Syria, and Seleucus (to the north) ruled Syria, Babylon and the territory as far east as India.

Thereafter the Ptolemys of Egypt are referred to as the "king of the south" and the Seleucidae of Syria are referred to as the "king of the north." This prophecy finally comes to the time when the Romans took over Palestine and thereafter ruled Syria, becoming the "king of the north" (verses 36-39).

Since the Emperor of the Roman Empire (who ruled over the countries of Continental Europe) became the "king of the north," obviously the leader of the coming United States of Europe will be the modern "king of the north."

Notice the following prophecy: "He [meaning the leader of the soon-coming United States of Europe] shall enter also into the glorious land [Palestine], and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

"He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape."

"But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps."

Thus, we see that the "king of the north" (the leader of this coming United States of Europe) will ultimately invade the land of Egypt.

But bad news from the Communist nations northeast of Palestine will trouble him (vs. 44-45). The "king of the north" (elsewhere called the "Beast") will then launch an attack upon his enemies intending "utterly to make away many." He will erect his palace between the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean in the glorious holy mountain (Mount Zion) in Jerusalem, Palestine. But he will "come to his end." Zechariah 14 and Revelation 19:14-21 reveal that this "Beast" comes to his end by the supernatural hand of Jesus Christ at His second coming.

Nasser has tried vainly for years to unite the weak Arab nations. But Almighty God has prophesied that Egypt will never again become a mighty nation. This is made very clear in Ezekiel 29:15, "It [Egypt] shall be the basest [lowest] of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them and they shall no more rule over the nations."

Egypt now has about 50,000 troops in the Yemen where she is fighting. Nasser hopes to kick Britain out of the Yemen and the Persian Gulf—then destroy Israel! But thus far his military campaign in the Yemen has gone badly.

After Ezekiel wrote this prophecy, the kingdom of Egypt was invaded on numerous occasions. It still continued to exert a certain amount of influence. But God had said that Egypt, which possessed the longest ruling dynasty of any city or nation up to that time, would lose that dynasty and would become a very low, second-rate nation. History records that Egypt was conquered and ruled over by Alexander the Great, and was then ruled over by the Ptolemys, of Greek descent, after Alexander’s death. Egypt was finally conquered by Rome, then by the Mohammedans, then by the Turks. Still later the French ruled over Egypt, then the British. Ex-king and playboy, Farouk, who died in exile in March of this year—after having lived a riotous life of dissipation—was not an Egyptian by blood. He was an Albanian.

God had prophesied, "And there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt" (Ezek. 30:13). Since the time that Alexander the Great conquered Egypt, a native Egyptian prince has not ruled that land. Egypt has been ruled and dominated by foreigners for well over 2,300 years—even since the time of Alexander the Great.

On June 18, 1953, Egypt became a republic. But the army officers who took over Egypt were Arabs, and Nasser is an Arab—not an Egyptian! Thus for 2,500 years Egypt has been a very base nation without a native prince.

A national magazine recently mentioned that the people of Egypt have the lowest standard of living of any nation on earth today. This further corroborates the prophecies which said that Egypt would remain the basest of the nations.

If you would like these prophecies explained in much greater detail, then be sure and write immediately for our free booklet entitled The Proof of the Bible.

Egypt’s Punishment

What will be the outcome of this Middle East muddle and what will be the outcome of the German-Israeli-Arab crisis?

The prophecies clearly reveal that more serious trouble is brewing in the Middle East. Nasser is stirring things up to a fever pitch. The Middle East is dangerously close to another explosion.

Though the rift between Germany and the Arab lands is not yet complete, prophecy shows this break will one day become total. A German-dominated Europe will take over Egypt—including the Suez Canal!

Shortly afterward, however, Jesus Christ will return literally to this earth and will teach the Gentile nations how to worship and obey the true God (Zech. 14:16-19). If the Egyptians refuse to worship Christ, God will send the plagues of drought and pestilence, to bring Egypt to submission. "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles."

"And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain."

"And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith
the Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

"This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles" (Zech. 14:16-19).

A Happy Outcome!

A prophecy in Isaiah 19 shows that God will finally bless the people of Egypt and Assyria (the modern-day Germanic peoples) along with the people of Israel. At that time God will say, "Blessed be Egypt, my people, and Assyria, the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance" (verse 25).

At last, the nations of this earth will lay down their swords and will pick up pruninghooks instead. They will begin building instead of destroying. This wonderful Utopian picture is vividly depicted in Isaiah 2:1-4; 9:6-9; 11:1-9; Micah 4:1-4. The nations will finally learn to love, honor and respect one another.

There will be no more anti-American, anti-German, anti-Arab or anti-Semitic feelings, as is clearly revealed in Zechariah 8:20-23, "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; it shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts: I will go also. Yes, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord." This has never yet happened! "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you; for we have heard that God is with you."

Yes, believe it or not, Gentiles are going to "take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew" asking the Jew to take them up to Jerusalem so they can learn of the true God.

Today all the nations of the world are totally deceived by Satan (Rev. 12:9). Most Christian-professing people have been deceived into thinking they don't need to keep God's commandments. The Jews have also been deceived. They still reject Christ, although some do know that obedience to God's Ten Commandments is necessary. The truth is that it is just as important to keep God's commands as it is to accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. Bible prophecies reveal that the Jews will accept Christ at His Second Coming (Zech. 12:10-14).

Yes, God Almighty will mercifully step in and intervene in the Middle East struggle, thereby preventing mankind from annihilating himself. Jesus Christ will return to this earth in great power and glory, and will at last usher in the Kingdom of God upon this earth (Mat. 24:30; Rev. 11:15).

He will "rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Micah 4:3). "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9).

During the Millennium, people will have the scales stripped from their eyes. "The veil that is spread over all nations" will be removed (Isa. 25:7). At last the nations will see that God's way of obedience to the Ten Commandments is the only right and good way. "For the law shall go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Micah 4:2).

Christ will rule the whole earth and will teach obedience to the righteous laws of Almighty God. The nations will at last have learned the only way to real health, happiness, peace and ultimate eternal life!
What our READERS SAY
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Truth should be mailed free. I am so accustomed to being overcharged for so-called Christian publications that to have a real Christian magazine at any price would be a bargain—but free!! Not that I'm suspicious (well, a little) but I suspect all your literature must be paid for by voluntary contributions, and you don't solicit, but merely accept as God wills. The Lord is with you."

Ronald M., Los Angeles, California

"I have enjoyed your magazine for a long time. I first subscribed to it only to prove you were wrong. I am thankful that I tried, for my belief was strengthened when I failed."

Man from Ohio

God Speaks Out on "The New Morality"

"I have been receiving The Plain Truth for some time and have appreciated each one so very much. It not only enlightens us about the truth, but also keeps us well informed on world affairs. I didn't believe it when you said you would mail it free and postpaid, but you certainly have proved it to me after sending it regularly now for several years! I love that new color cover! I also received your wonderful book God Speaks Out on 'The New Morality.' Thank you for this gift. This is truly the most intelligent approach on the subject I have ever read or heard of. There should certainly be a copy in the library of every home. How we grasp for the answers to these problems, when only we need to turn to God's word! It's all there, as you said. Thanks from the bottom of my heart for sending me this book. I have a teenage daughter and I know her life will be better because of it."

Mrs. V. A., Portland, Oregon

THE BIBLE ANSWERS
Short Questions FROM OUR READERS

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

Why did Jesus forbid Mary to touch Him after His resurrection, but permit others to do so?

Jesus was not a whimsical, capricious individual. There is a very definite reason for everything Jesus did!

We read in John 20 that Mary Magdalene came to Jesus' tomb very early, before sunrise Sunday morning, "when it was yet dark" (verse 1). She was startled to find that the large stone covering the entrance to the grave had been rolled away.

Filled with dismay, she reported this to the disciples, and Peter and John investigated. But they could not find Jesus' body (John 20:2-10). After the two disciples left—still early in the morning—Mary wept for sadness, thinking someone had stolen Jesus' body.

Seeing her misery, Jesus revealed Himself to her, in order to comfort her. But He told her, "Touch me not." Why?

Jesus continued, "For I am not yet ascended to my Father..." (verse 17). Jesus had not yet risen to God's throne in heaven to be accepted by the Father as the firstfruits from the dead. Turn, now, to your Old Testament for the full explanation in the book of Leviticus.

"Speak unto the children of Israel," God told Moses, "and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then shall ye bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow..."
of Jesus Christ. Notice!

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept" (1 Cor. 15:20).

After His resurrection Christ had to ascend to the Father, to be accepted by Him. At this time He had not yet ascended. That is why He would not permit Mary Magdalene to touch Him. Notice further what He told her, "I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God" (John 20:17).

After Christ was accepted by the Father in heaven, He returned that very same day and revealed Himself to the disciples. Now it was all right for them to take hold of Him and worship Him. He revealed Himself to the two Marys even while they were on the way to see the other disciples, "And they came and held Him by the feet, and worshipped Him" (Mat. 28:9).

After Christ had been accepted by the Father that morning as the firstfruits from the dead, typified by the ancient wave-sheaf offering, He permitted the disciples to touch Him.

In Luke 16:16 I find that the law and the prophets were "until John." Does this mean that they are now done away?

Many false ministers today teach that God's law is abolished—done away. Here is the truth! It is time the record were set straight!

Some try to prove God's law is abolished by citing Luke 16:16. Luke quotes Jesus Christ as saying, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it."

What did Jesus mean? Did He mean that the coming of John the Baptist did away with God's law?

Jesus Himself explains in the very next verse, "And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than for one tittle of the law to fail" (verse 17). What an amazing statement! Have the starry heavens or the planet earth passed away? Are they no longer in existence?

Jesus said it would be easier for them to perish or be destroyed than for God's law to pass away or perish.

How clear that God's holy, immutable law is still in existence! It is in force, today, exacting an irrevocable penalty upon all those who transgress its precepts! Those ministers who teach contrary to God's law—those who repudiate His commandments, those who teach rebellion—are flying directly in the face of the Almighty God—and will be held accountable!

Prophesying of these false ministers, David wrote: "It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law!" (Ps. 119:126).

But what, then, did Jesus mean? When Jesus spoke of the "law and the prophets," He was referring to the entire Old Testament. The Old Testament scriptures are often called the "Law and the Prophets." The first five books of the Bible are known as the law, written by Moses; the books of Joshua through Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the twelve "minor" prophets comprise the "Prophets"; and the third major section of the Old Testament was known as the "Writings."

Jesus, therefore, meant that the Old Testament scriptures alone were preached from before the coming of John the Baptist. That was all they had!

The New Testament had not yet been written! The Gospels had not yet been recorded. The New Testament epistles of Paul and the other apostles would not be written for years. Therefore, until the coming of John, only the Old Testament scriptures were preached throughout the land of Judah.

But then John came on the scene of Palestine. He preached a new message. He was the forerunner of Jesus Christ, preparing the way before Him, the voice of one crying aloud in the wilderness (Mark 1:2-8). John thundered to the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and all the people of his day, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Mat. 3:2).

This was the first time the gospel of the Kingdom of God had been preached! John was the first one to proclaim it, preparing the way for Christ Himself. But what gospel—good news—did Christ preach? "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, teaching 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).

Christ preached the same gospel! This is why He said, in Luke, that from the time of John the Baptist the gospel or good news of God's coming Kingdom was proclaimed. This does not mean that the Old Testament is done away, but rather that the prophecies of the Old Testament are soon to be fulfilled! As Jesus said, "the time is fulfilled and the kingdom is come!" (Mark 1:14-15). We are living in the days immediately prior to the second coming of Christ and the establishment of the Kingdom of God upon the earth! (See Isa. 2:1-4; Dan. 7:18-27.)

It is up to each one of us to repent, to strive to obey God, to forsake sin, so that we can be among those who "press" into God's Kingdom! Only those who forsake sin, thoroughly repent of sin, and begin obeying God's holy law will be in the God Kingdom!
What is Happening in Indonesia?

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A close look at the evidence plainly shows that even Soekarno himself is inadvertently preparing for the eventual Communist control of Indonesia!

In the military organization which thus far has been credited with keeping down Communist agitation, Soekarno has had to largely buy loyalty. The military leaders have never had it so good. So long as they remain pro-Soekarno they live in luxury. General Jani, Army Chief-of-Staff, lives in one of Jakarta's largest houses cooled with 14 air-conditioners. Another important military leader has been quoted as saying, "I have a car, a stereo, rice, clothes for the kids. Why should I stand up against the President and risk disfavour? Don't expect me to be a hero."

Dr. Soekarno has thus far managed to hold his strong-armed dictatorial powers only because his army is well-paid, well-fed, well-clothed and well-housed. His soldiers have come from under-fed, under-nourished, backward and uneducated families. They receive a uniform — which gives an Asian — and Gentiles in general — a feeling of importance. They are trained in specialized fields, given a weapon (which increases the sense of power), plenty of food, and good living conditions. They have never had it so good. Why should such men revolt against their "benefactor"?

But, in the face of continuing economic deterioration, there is an increasing undercover infiltration of Communism into the upper echelons of the military organization. The Communists are beginning to express openly that they are capable of doing a more efficient job of overhauling Indonesia's economy than the Soekarno government. They are beginning to talk about "when" they take over!

But, since Soekarno is not able to operate these huge industries, he is forced to retain the former management in order to keep the wheels turning. The main reason Soekarno made this move was to retaliate against the cut-back of U.S. aid. The action also conforms to the national policy to drive all vestige of Western influence from Indonesia.

Becoming Ripe for Communist Take-over

President Soekarno is now in his mid-sixties. He is ailing in health. As he said, "My kidneys are stone factor­ies and unfortunately not diamond mines." The actual seriousness of his physical condition is not certain.

But, this one thing is sure—he is thinking about what is going to happen to Indonesia after his death. He knows the present Indonesian revolution is the result — the embodiment and personality — of one man, Soekarno himself! What will happen after he goes?

The poor, who constitute the vast bulk of the populace — see Communism as a way of "evening up the score"! A way of getting back from those who have taken from them.

We may say: "But that is not the way communism in fact works!" Yes — that's right. But, a poor, ignorant Asian doesn't know that. To him the Communist propaganda line sounds right. It sounds right when he is told that Communism is a way by which all can share in the wealth! That here is no worse under Communism than it is under the present form of rule, whether it be nationalism, democracy or whatever.

The masses know they are hungry. They can see their children dying from malnutrition, diseases and degenerative ailments! They can also see the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer as so often happens when greedy man rules his way. With control of mass communication media by govern­ment agencies, all the people hear is anti-Western, anti-capitalistic propaganda. In their ignorance and with a total lack of any true facts, they are unable to sort out the truth from that maze of propaganda. And, let's face it — our Western system of giving aid and assistance has miserably failed in educating the masses. We have failed to reach the right people, in the right way, at the right time.

The half-starving masses in the Asian countries — and Indonesia is certainly no exception — own very little or nothing at all! And, if you have nothing — nothing can be taken from you by Communism! Even the life one has is one of poverty and misery. "So what if we die now? It just means our misery is sooner ended."

The people who are opposed to communism are the shopkeepers, the business people, the landowners! They visualise Communism taking over their lucrative businesses which they all too often use to exploit their own fellow man.

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The half-starving masses in the Asian countries — and Indonesia is certainly no exception — own very little or nothing at all! And, if you have nothing — nothing can be taken from you by Communism! Even the life one has is one of poverty and misery. "So what if we die now? It just means our misery is sooner ended."

The people who are opposed to communism are the shopkeepers, the business people, the landowners! They visualise Communism taking over their lucrative businesses which they all too often use to exploit their own fellow man.

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The increasing influence of Communism—as well as the changing attitude of the Soekarno-oriented government toward it—can surely be seen by such slogans as "Nasakom" (nationalist, religious and communist). Dr. Subandrio, First Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, spouts: "Communism belongs to the Indonesian identity!"

It is an admitted fact that the takeover of U. S. oil companies, the move to oust the U. S. Peace Corps, pressure to sever U. S. diplomatic relations and to expel all U. S. newsmen, are all Indonesian Communist Party (PKI) instigations. President Soekarno is finding more and more interest in the demands and attitudes of the Communists. In fact, the confrontation against Malaysia which began in 1963 was originally a Communist idea. Soekarno liked it and has made "Konfrontasi" the "catch-word" of all Indonesia!

Soekarno and his aides have openly and repeatedly stated in recent months that Indonesia and Communist China belong together—they have related and common ideologies. Think what would happen in Southeast Asia were Indonesia—with her 103,000,000 people—to go full-swing into the Communist camp. The massive giant—Communist China—would dominate the entire area. Then in a strategic location below all the mainland portion of Southeast Asia, would be a Communist Indonesia (the fifth largest country in the world) hemming in all the small, non-aligned Asiatic nations now in political turmoil. With Australia and New Zealand—having a combined population of less than 16,000,000—a lone remaining as bastions of the "hated white imperialists"! What could these two small nations do when so hopelessly outnumbered?

Concern to Australia

Australia is being caught between the proverbial rock and the hard place! Australia's closest neighbour is Indonesia—an overcrowded, underfed country with national and international views, political concepts and national purposes very much different from hers!

But by force of geography, population, military power and the threatening position of the massive bulk of Communism, Australia cannot ignore Indonesia. Yet at the same time Australia's mother country—England—is inextricably committed to the support of Malaysia—Indonesia's immediate arch-enemy. Thus, Australia in fact is also an enemy to this close, threatening and dominant neighbour—Indonesia.

So as a result we see Australia trying to woo Indonesia's friendship while at the same time supporting Malaysia with military aid and armed troops in North Borneo and on the Malayan mainland.

Dr. Soekarno has repeatedly stated that "Indonesia is a peace-loving nation." He has dogmatically avowed that Indonesia has no expansionist ideas! Indonesian officials have repeatedly "assured" Australians that they need have no fear whatever that Indonesia will one day have designs to move against Australian territory, whether it be the Territory of Papua New Guinea (East New Guinea, under Australian control) or the Australian mainland!

And yet regardless of President Soekarno's assurances, the official Indonesian news agency, Antara, recently quoted a claim made by Pakistani historian, Allma Noor Ahmad Quadri, that Northern Australia and New Zealand were once part of Indonesia!

Antara quoted the Pakistani claim as stating that Northern Australia and New Zealand had been centers of Muslim habitation, but that the "plundering European pirates and sea-dogs" had come in the 17th century, and eventually no sign of Muslim life and culture survived in these regions.

The significance and seriousness of this claim will be realised when it is understood that Indonesia used this same approach when making its claims to (formerly) Dutch West New Guinea!

Australia and New Zealand need to take heed and wake up!

Political Foolishness

As if Australia didn't have enough to worry about in seeing Indonesia's arms development—Australia is actually adding to her own problem. At the present time an air communications network across Indonesia, costing 11 million pounds, is being built by Australia. This is a Colombo Plan gift.

Further, Australia is giving to Indonesia road-building equipment, equipment for port construction and transmitters for shipping communications, as well as for Radio Indonesia—transmitters over which can be broadcast anti-Australian, anti-British and anti-U. S. propaganda. The intention of these gifts is that they might be used for peaceful and constructive purposes. But many defence experts are leery—knowing how easy such facilities can be converted to military uses in acts of aggression.

In this crazy mixed-up dilemma, while Australian experts have actually been in Indonesia supervising the installation of these facilities, the official renunciation by the Australian government continues against Indonesia's confrontation. Also Australia openly continues to increase her involvement in support of Malaysia.

Ironic though it is, the air communications network is built with Australian money, supervised by Australian technicians; but once it is operational, any use of it by the RAAF will constitute an invasion of Indonesia's air space, contrary to Indonesian regulations imposed against Australian military aircraft.

Future Ominous

Yes, make no mistake about it! Indonesia is an enemy to Australia, to the United States, to England and to free people everywhere.

Shuddering is the thought of Indonesia going Communist. Then—once this happens—we will see other smaller Southeast Asian nations who have been held in the Western camp fall like a row of dominoes—one after the other.

Next issue, this article will be continued—giving much-needed information about Malaysia and the Indonesian confrontation against this new national federation.
Hannah, wife of Elkanah the Levite, was at the tabernacle praying when she was startled by the harsh voice of Eli, the high priest. He accused her of being drunk. (I Samuel 1:12-14.) Prayer was so rare in Israel that Eli did not realize Hannah was praying.

Having become lost to her surroundings because of her fervent request to God for a son, Hannah opened her eyes and looked up to see the priest frowning down on her.

"I assure you, sir," Hannah said respectfully, "that I am not in a drunken condition."

A Change of Attitude

"But you have been acting very strangely," Eli told her. "There are certain young women who stay around the tabernacle for wrong purposes. If you are one of them, I prefer that you leave."

"I am not one of them," Hannah explained. "I am sorry to have given you the wrong impression. If I seemed to have had too much wine, it was because I have been very unhappy. I am childless, and I was bringing my problem to God. I told Him that if He would give me a baby boy, I would give up the baby so that he could become God's servant for the rest of his life!"

"That is indeed a worthy purpose," observed Eli, who was not convinced that Hannah was telling the truth. "If it's a son you want, where is your husband?"

"He is the man Elkanah, sitting over there at that table," Hannah answered,
pointing to a little group eating by themselves. "Unfortunately, I must share him with another wife whom you see there. The children around them are hers."

"I am beginning to understand, my daughter," said Eli. "I am sorry I spoke to you as I did. I should not have misjudged you, but there have been so many young women come here for no good that I considered you just another one of them. Return in peace with your husband to your home. I believe that God will grant the request you have made of Him." (I Samuel 1:15-17.)

This encouragement from the high priest of Israel was a great help to Hannah. She was so inspired with hope that she cheerfully returned to her husband's table to join in the meal. Elkanah was elated to note her change of mood, but Peninnah was perplexed and troubled. She saw nothing good in Elkanah and Hannah being in such a happy state.

Next morning, after making a last offering, Elkanah returned home with his family. Although most of Israel was in an ill spiritual state, there were many such as this Levite who made a special effort to observe the annual Holy Days God had instituted. They were more obedient to God than millions and millions of English-speaking Israelites are today. Why? Because church-goers today are told by their leaders to have nothing to do with God's Holy Days that He set apart to be observed forever—and that means the present day as well as back then. (Compare Leviticus 23:1, 41 with I Corinthians 5:7-8 and Acts 18:21.)

When Elkanah went back to the tabernacle a year later, Hannah didn't go with him and Peninnah and her children. It wasn't because she didn't want to go. It was because she had given birth to a son. She named him Samuel, which meant "asked of God." (I Samuel 1:18-20.)

A Good Reason to Stay Home

"I shouldn't go to Shiloh until after our son is weaned and trained," Hannah told her husband. "When he is of the proper age, I shall deliver him to the high priest for a life of service at the tabernacle just as I promised."

"If you think you should stay home, so be it," Elkanah agreed, "but I shall miss you while we are away."

Hannah was sad to see her husband leave, but at the same time she was relieved to be out of Peninnah's presence for a few days. Peninnah could no longer chide her for having no children, but this envious wife had now developed other types of caustic and unkind remarks with which to try to keep Hannah uncomfortable. In spite of these things, Hannah was happy because of her son.

Hannah didn't go to Shiloh the following year or even the year after that. In
Elkanah and his family returned to their home in the hill country of Ephraim.

those times a child was often two years old before it was weaned, a custom that prevails today to some extent among various peoples in the Middle East.

When Samuel was at last taken to Shiloh, he was probably nearly three years old. Besides the usual meat to be offered, Elkanah took three bullocks, over seven gallons of flour and a leather bag of wine—often called a “wine skin” in modern translations of the Bible. These extra things were to be used in the consecration offering having to do with little Samuel. (I Samuel 1:21-24.)

As soon as they arrived at the tabernacle and made an offering, Hannah took her son to Eli, who was still high priest. So much time had passed that Eli didn’t at first recognize her.

“I am the woman who was here praying by myself a few years ago, and to whom you spoke because you thought I was drunk,” she explained. “Perhaps you will remember that I told you that I was pleading to God for a baby boy, and that if God would give one to me, I would dedicate him for his whole life to the service of the tabernacle. God heard and answered my prayers, just as you said at the time that you believed He would. Here is the boy. I have come to the tabernacle to turn him over to you!” (I Samuel 1:25-28.)

Eli remembered Hannah. He knew that it required much courage for a mother to give up her only child. It occurred to him to refuse to accept such a young lad, so that he might spend a few more years with his parents, but he realized
that it would be even more difficult for the mother to bring Samuel back again.

When the time came for the consecration offering, Hannah voiced an unusual prayer of praise. She was so thankful for what God had done for her that she was happy even for the opportunity of giving up her son. (I Samuel 2:1-10.)

After the time of worship was over, Elkanah and his family returned to their home, leaving little Samuel to be reared and instructed in the simple duties he would at first be required to perform at the tabernacle.

**The Priesthood Profaned**

At this time matters were anything but right at the tabernacle. Eli's two sons, priests next in rank under their father, had the same duties and authority as those of Aaron's two sons when the tabernacle was at Mt. Sinai. Those two, Nadab and Abihu, met sudden death when they overstepped their authority. (Leviticus 10:1-2.)

Hophni and Phinehas, Eli's sons, were swiftly heading for a similar fate. They were committed to serving God with fear and reverence, but they had become increasingly greedy, careless and immoral. They were careful to try to hide their evil conduct from their father, but they didn't seem to care what God thought of them. They were far from fit to be priests, but God allowed them to carry on for a time, just as He often allows sinful men to continue in their ways. If every person were struck dead the moment he first sinned, there would be nobody living. But there is always a point at which God deals with those who continue to break His laws.

According to the Creator's instructions for making peace offerings at the tabernacle, a carcass was to be divided three ways: the part for God, including the fat, the part for the priests, including the right shoulder and breast, and the portion that was left, which was to go back to the one who offered it. Only God's part was to be roasted on the altar. The rest of it was to be boiled for the priests and Levites and for the family making the offering. (Leviticus 7:11-17; 28-34; II Chronicles 35:13; Ezekiel 46:20, 24.)

Hophni and Phinehas didn't go along with such rules any more. When a carcass was brought in as a sacrifice, they seized their share of the meat before the rest of it was taken to be used elsewhere. Often they would roast their part of it before God's part was burned on the altar. Furthermore, they would go to the huge seething pots that had just been filled with raw meat to boil, and yank out as much as they wanted of it with large, three-pronged hooks. They would thus take much of the meat belonging to persons who had brought it for offerings. Everyone could see they were violating God's ordinances. Those people who were bold enough to
object to this unlawful practice were told that the priests would do as they pleased, even if they had to get their way by force.

This situation was so difficult that even the most zealous Israelites came to abhor the offerings they knew they should make. (I Samuel 2:11-17.) They feared to complain, having been warned that no one should accuse a priest of doing wrong. (Exodus 22:28; Acts 23:5.) The conduct of Hophni and Phinehas was damaging to Israel, just as the disobedience of today’s religious leaders is doing great harm to our people. The priests’ sins within a short time led to the spread of idolatry (Judges 8:33), after the death of Gideon.

A year after Samuel had been dedicated, his parents came to Shiloh as usual. There they saw their son busy in his service at the tabernacle. He was dressed in a special shoulder garment that caused him to look very official, for a young boy.

It was a happy week for Hannah, who spent many hours visiting Samuel. She gave him a coat she had made, and for a number of years afterward she brought him a new coat each time she and her husband came to the tabernacle, which was during the fall at the Festival of Tabernacles. The parents of Samuel had no difficulty attending God’s Festival each year as it was still a time of peace under Gideon, shortly before an Ammonite-Philistine invasion. (Judges 10:7.)

God Rewards the Generous

During one of the festivals, Eli asked a special blessing on Elkanah and Hannah because of their giving their only child to the service of the tabernacle.

"Reward this couple for bequeathing their firstborn son," the high priest asked of God. "Make it possible for them to have more children."

God answered Eli’s request. In time Hannah gave birth to three more sons and two daughters. Having a total of six children, she no longer felt secondary
to Peninnah, who by that time had given up her efforts to appear as the superior wife. (I Samuel 2:18-21.)

As Samuel was growing into a young lad who was of increasing worth at the tabernacle, Eli was reaching an age at which he realized that his life could end any day. He had hoped that his last years would be peaceful, but for a long time he had been receiving indirect reports of his sons' conduct. At first he gave little heed to these rumors, but when they began increasing, he knew he would have to speak to Hophni and Phinehas. Eli's intention wasn't turned to action, however. He dreaded the unpleasant task of reproaching his sons. As an excuse, he kept reminding himself that the rumors possibly weren't true.

That was before he received an anonymous tip that his sons were carrying on in a shameless, wanton manner with some of the women who stayed in the tabernacle area. Eli had noted evidence of this flagrant misconduct by Hophni and Phinehas, but he had chosen to overlook it. Now that the people were beginning to be aware of it, he realized that he could no longer delay rebuking his sons.

"I have been receiving some alarming reports about things you have been doing here at the tabernacle," Eli grimly announced to Hophni and Phinehas next time he saw them alone.

The two priests glanced at each other with expressions of righteous indignation.

"Who are those who dare tell lies about the priests of Israel?" Hophni demanded.

"The people have no right to judge us!" Phinehas muttered.

"Both of you would probably be better off if they did," Eli told them, frowning. "However, it is God who judges us, and I know you have much to fear from Him for the outrages you have been committing. Don't you realize that you are causing the people to sin because of your bad examples and by your driving them away from the tabernacle? If your misbehavior were only against man, it would be bad enough. But you have been defying the Creator whom you have been chosen to serve! Unless you give up your evil ways now, God will take your lives!" (I Samuel 2:22-26.)

"Those who have accused us are the ones who should repent!" snapped Hophni as he turned to stride away with Phinehas.

It was plain to Eli that his sons only resented his remarks, and had no intention of changing their ways. He knew that further words would only be wasted. He was painfully aware that if he had been properly strict with them years before, this calamitous situation probably never would have occurred. There was only one course left now for the good of Israel. That was to put Hophni and Phinehas out of
Because both were guilty, Phinehas and Hophni were irritated by their father's reminder. Their capacity at the tabernacle, and replace them with two priests next in line for such offices. That, however, was something that Eli didn't quite have the courage or inclination to do.

**Eli Is Warned**

Not long afterward an unusual stranger came to the tabernacle to talk to Eli. When Eli saw the man, he was somehow uncomfortable in his presence. There was something about him that made the high priest feel as though the fellow could read his innermost thoughts, and that he was aware of all that had been going on at the tabernacle. When the man spoke, Eli was startled to learn that he *did* know what was going on.

"When your forefather Aaron was in Egypt, God chose his family for the priesthood," the stranger reminded Eli. "At that time God gave definite instructions concerning the offerings and the manner in which the tabernacle was to function. I have been sent to tell you that God is well aware that you and your sons have failed miserably in running matters rightly. You honor your sons above God— which is idolatry. You have allowed them to steal from those who brought offerings so that all three of you might gorge yourselves." (1 Samuel 2:27-29.)

"Even though God promised that the priesthood should be in the family of
Aaron forever—and set your family in the priesthood—the Creator can't go on using men like you as His most high-ranking servants. You will die soon, but not before you see an enemy come on the Israelites to take away their wealth. As for your sons, they will both die the same day, and not long from now. Then God will choose from among Aaron's other descendants a high priest who will be faithful. Others in your family will come and beg him for food and for work. Furthermore, all your male descendants shall die before they are of middle age. Consider these things, and how you have brought them on yourselves!” (I Samuel 2:30-36.)

When the stranger finished speaking, Eli was so upset that he was speechless. He was shaking as he watched the man stride away from the tabernacle and disappear.

At this time Samuel was probably about twelve or thirteen years old. He was of increasing help to Eli, who was a heavy man in his last years, and who needed someone in attendance because of the high priest's having difficulty in moving about. For this reason Samuel's bedroom was close to Eli's in the high priest's quarters near the tabernacle, so that the lad could quickly wait on Eli in the event he needed help during the night.

One night Samuel was awakened by a voice speaking his name. Thinking that Eli had called, the boy ran to the high priest's bedroom.
“Here I am, sir!” Samuel whispered out of the darkness. Eli’s loud breathing ended with a sudden snort.

“Is that you, Samuel?” the high priest muttered sleepily. “Why have you awakened me? I didn’t call you. Go back to bed!”

Samuel returned to his room, puzzled as to the source of the voice. Before he could fall asleep, he distinctly heard his name spoken again. He jumped up and once more announced his presence to the sleeping priest, who again informed him that he had not called.

Samuel returned to his bed. He was too perplexed to get back to sleep. (I Samuel 3:1-7.)

“Samuel! Samuel!” a voice startled him for the third time, strangely seeming to come to him from all directions.

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Why DO Young People “Go Bad”?  
(Continued from page 8)

ciplined, dealt with firmly whenever he had a tantrum as an infant? When he was denied sugar, candy, a trip to the store, a new toy he wanted—was he allowed to show venomous hatred? Was he allowed to throw a tantrum, to spit his abuse at his mother, to show plenty of signs of keen disappointment by pouting, crying, screaming or kicking? It is very likely, he was.

Normally disciplined, thoroughly trained and conscientious youngsters do not suddenly seize a pistol and blast the life out of their own mothers while they lie sleeping in their beds!

No, the murder of the mother was the final outgrowth of a long series of unrestrained emotional outbursts on the part of that boy!

What about the four youths in Sydney? Probably, for years, the boys had been allowed to view over television hundreds if not thousands of knifings, strangulations, incinerations, cases of arson, burglary, robbery. They had witnessed hundreds if not thousands of murders in all forms, westerns with flunkies falling off horses by the dozens, war movies or science-fiction thrillers. Probably, they had fed their minds on weird comics, pornographic literature and dirty books, with plenty of gangland-type teen-age violence thrown in.

What is it that grips the minds of four boys on a public conveyance to the extent they think it would be literally fun to set a sleeping human being on fire?

If you were able to ask them certain questions, you would find—and you might as well be willing to admit you would find—a long history of brutality to animals, total disregard towards the feelings of others, unbridled and unrestrained vent to passion and emotion!

What about youngsters who are filled with rage, and begin shooting at anything in sight simply because they cannot hear a record of their choice? Look back for years into their lives—and you will find parents who fought; who were committing adultery—cheating on one another; who themselves were given to blind passion and emotional rage; and who never disciplined their children in a right and a correct manner, teaching them to control their emotions!

Don’t kid yourselves that the answers to these atrocious crimes are only at the bottom of years of research of thousands of case histories of teen-age crime! They are not. They are right on the surface—obvious and evident for anyone who has the wit to look. A simple understanding of human nature as it is revealed in the Bible would give you the concrete answers as to the causes of juvenile crime and delinquency.

Again, what are the causes of juvenile delinquency? Stubbornness, emotional instability, destructiveness, defiance, for example.

But these are the “symptoms” of HUMAN NATURE!

You were born stubborn, rebellious, emotionally unstable, defiant and destructive! Unless or until you have deliberately and carefully with calculated aforesaid by wise and discerning parents been reared out of such blind and uncontrolled passion—you may still be filled with stubbornness, resentment, rebellion, and emotional instability!

What About the “Good Boy”?

Acts of violence are not limited to youths who have been reared in tenement districts, or who have come
from underprivileged or broken homes.

For example, recently in California, a 16-year-old boy sat on a bluff over U.S. Highway 101, and began pumping high-powered rifle bullets into cars passing below.

An hour and a half later, two persons were dead, several injured. One of the injured died later, bringing the death count to three. The mother of the 16-year-old was quoted as saying, "I just can't understand it. I'd like to talk to those poor people who were shot at. But what can I say?"

Police Captain Robert D. Sudlow said the parents described their son as "a good boy, a good student, with no mental problems."

They did, however, indicate they had "an argument" with the boy the previous day, but that "it wasn't anything important."

Friends in his home area of Long Beach described the 16-year-old as a "quiet, serious-minded boy" who played saxophone in the high school band and tinkered with boats and autos for a hobby. A schoolmate said, "No one can believe it, it doesn't make sense!"

The father was quick to state, "Our family is very tightly-knit, we do almost everything together."

According to the family, there was absolutely no reason for the crime. The father claimed "the gun is a tremendous puzzlement to us," adding "we are not a gun family."

Then why did a 16-year-old boy steal money from his mother's purse, taking the keys to the family car, hide himself on a grassy slope, and begin shooting murderously at innocent victims on the road below? A 5-year-old passer-by was shot in the head. Another tiny boy, age 3, was shot in the head but not seriously hurt. Police, finally closing in on the sniper, saw him rise to his feet and yell something, then heard a shot. As they cautiously advanced on the scene, they found the sniper lying on the grassy slope from which he had murdered three and injured ten, having put an end to his inexplicable outburst of violence by putting a bullet between his own eyes.

His father finally said, "Obviously something snapped—I wish someone would write an article about the pressures society puts on these young people."

But was the boy really a "model son"? Were they REALLY a "tightly-knit family"?

Had the father directly supervised the boy in all his activities? Was he reared to be quiet, polite, well-disciplined, always answering immediately and obeying instinctively his parents' commands?

Was he taught the tremendous value of human life? Did he literally fear, with a healthy sense of respect and awe, law enforcement agencies, his teachers, adult leaders in his community?

When his father bought the deer rifle, was the boy trained and taught by the father about gun safety? Were his personal activities among his playmates completely supervised by the parents? Reading between the lines, from what was not said in the newspaper articles, the answer becomes rather obvious.

Increasingly today, hair-raising atrocities are being committed by "studious, quiet, serious-minded boys." Yes, it is time someone wrote articles about the "pressures" society puts on these boys—but it is also time someone wrote an article expressing to PARENTS that society puts only as much pressure on their children as they, the parents, allow!

It's time you took a few minutes of your day to read our booklet on The Plain Truth About Child Rearing. It's time you found how, in a single generation, all of our public school systems jumped the tracks of sanity and went off into the new school of permissiveness advocated by William James and other philosophers.

It's time you found out who the REAL culprits are behind the scenes of juvenile crime. And, more important, it's time you found out what to do about it in your own home—and what your Bible says is sure to happen in the future. So write for our booklets on child rearing, and the article How To Have A Happy Marriage immediately.

Make no mistake! We have allowed a generation of headstrong, rebellious, volatile, hostile, emotionally unstable, permissive youths to grow up in our midst—and we shall pay the piper!
The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

How this self-written story of Mr. Armstrong's life came to be called an "Autobiography." Influence of Benjamin Franklin's Autobiography — and conclusion of Mrs. Armstrong's Diary.

INSTALLMENT 70

Before picking up the story-flow where we left off in Installment 69, I would like to intervene briefly with a few comments.

This Autobiography, up to this point, has not been written at one continuous sitting—as most books are written. It began in 1957. It has been written at intervals, an installment at a time—always at least a month apart. I am very late getting the present installment to the printers. This is written at intervals, an installment at a time—always at least a month apart. I am very late getting the present installment to the printers. This is written at intervals, an installment at a time—always at least a month apart. I am very late getting the present installment to the printers.

Benjamin Franklin's. This handsome volume was given to me by Dr. Herman L. Hoech. I had started my fourth reading of Franklin's Autobiography, had progressed about a fourth of the way through, and the book had apparently been picked up and placed on a library shelf by Mrs. Armstrong. For perhaps two months it had been out of sight—out of mind.

Does Anyone Read a Preface?

Sitting down in my comfortable club chair to peruse a few more pages about 6:30 this morning, I realized I had skipped past Carl Van Doren's Introduction in this particular edition. Most people, I think, do pass by Prefaces and Introductions in books. That is why, in my recent book on sex and marriage, at the last minute I changed the Introduction to the heading, Read This First. I hope it induced a reading.

But now I want, at this juncture, to make a few comments brought to mind by Mr. Van Doren's Introduction.

It reveals the origin of the very title, "Autobiography." Starting with the statement that Franklin's is the most widely read of all autobiographies, he mentions that Franklin himself never heard, nor saw in print, this title.

Origin of Word: Autobiography

He had called the manuscript his Memoirs. Incidentally, I have seen the very original manuscript which Benjamin Franklin wrote, with his own pen. It now resides only a short walk of a dozen or fifteen city blocks from my own home. It is now owned and displayed by The Huntington Library, here in Pasadena—one of that famous Library's most prized exhibits.

But since this book (I hope these installments may be published later in book form) is called my Autobiography, I thought our readers might be interested in knowing how the title Autobiography originated.

Benjamin Franklin's Autobiography was first printed, not in English, but translated into French. It was first published, unauthorized, a year after Franklin died, 1791, in Paris. It was titled the Private Memoirs of Benjamin Franklin. It was next published in 1792 in German, then in Swedish, before it was published in English—and then only as a translation from the French, in London, 1793.

For some years and successive printings the book was called his Life Written by Himself. In fact, the word Autobiography means just that, condensed into one word instead of four.

The new word, Autobiography, first appeared early in the 19th century, originated from the Greek, and meaning, the account of a life written by the person who lived it.

I will end the diversion here. I simply felt that this explanation of the title of what many have been reading for more than seven years might be interesting.

The past three installments have included Mrs. Armstrong's diary of our Middle East tour starting from London April 18, 1956 and returning May 25.

Installment 69 cut off just before our return to London. It was Thursday, May 19th. We had been in Rome. On this day, we drove to Naples, leaving Rome along the old Appian Way by which the Apostle Paul had entered Rome, after landing from his shipwrecked voyage near the Bay of Naples.

It was a moving experience to get out of our rented car and walk a few steps over the same cobblestones on which Paul's feet had walked more than 1900 years ago.

I will conclude, now, Mrs. Armstrong's account, from the diary she kept at the time, of the Middle-East tour.

Conclusion of Diary

by Loma D. Armstrong

After seeing Naples, we drove to the ruined city of Pompeii. This was the most startling place we have seen. In the year 79 A.D., Pompeii was completely covered with ashes from Mt. Vesuvius. It was a city of twenty thousand people. While thousands escaped from the city to the sea, hundreds perished in their homes and in the streets.

In the year 1860, excavations began.
We walked down the narrow cobblestone streets worn by chariot wheels and saw public buildings still standing. Only the walls remained. The roofs were gone—fallen in from the weight of the ashes and cinders.

We entered the doors of many homes and saw, in some, their household gods. These were near the entrance to the homes.

We saw the bodies of the victims that have been found preserved in the ash. These were in the museum. Even the expression on their faces are preserved. One dog still with the chain around his neck was twisted with his head under his body, showing the agony it suffered before it died.

There are two loaves of bread preserved and hardened. Here was bread two thousand years old.

There was also the body of a woman with her arm over her face to protect it. An expression of stark fear and agony was on her face. Some of the bones of the hand and leg were showing through the encrusted body.

We walked past their pagan temples and through the city center. One has to visit the place to really understand. It was overwhelming. One feels shocked beyond expression and has a great pity for these people, even though they have been dead over eighteen hundred years. It is impossible to realize that it happened so long ago when you are there and viewing their bodies.

We drove back to Rome. On the way we passed a funeral in one of the villages. The hearse was a highly decorated, immense, horse-drawn affair; and the whole funeral procession was more like a parade.

When we entered the suburbs of Rome, we got into a traffic jam that seemed hours before we moved. When finally we began to inch along, we found what had held up traffic. It was a life-sized statue called Mary that was on a brightly lighted truck used in a political campaign. An election was coming up and the Catholics were urging everyone to vote to defeat the Communists.

It seemed that wherever a statue called Mary was seen in Rome, many worshipers would stop and stare in worshipful awe. They will even stop city traffic.

Statue of Peter!
We went through St. Peter's Cathedral again, once more watching people as they pass the statue which may be either Simon Magus or Jupiter Olympus seated in the cathedral, kissing its big toe. One after another they kissed the big toe, even lifting up little children. Whether diseased, dirty, or clean, all were crossing themselves and kissing the toe that was now worn shiny from years of this procedure.

A halo has been placed over the head—or perhaps it's called a crown, and huge keys made and fastened in the hand. It is now called "St. Peter" with the keys to the Kingdom of God.

We went through the treasury in the church and saw millions of dollars worth of jeweled religious robes, crowns, and all sorts of things. Among them was the triple crown of the Pope. In some jeweled objects were bones, small bones, or piece of bone from some Pope or "Saint."

We went through the Vatican Museum on two different days. It was our third visit to these places.

Home Again!

We were glad when we were able to leave Rome and once again fly (even though I dislike flying) to England. We flew over the Mediterranean, and then over the Alps. We flew very near Mt. Blanc and that was awe-inspiring and beautiful. It is the highest mountain in the Alps. All the flight across those snow-capped mountains was so beautiful that I almost relaxed.

It was beginning to become dark as we flew over France and the English Channel.

When we arrived in London, George Meeker, from our London office, was there to meet us. It was almost like arriving home.

Our long, long trip over Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Turkey, Greece, and Italy was over. The English seemed like home folks. London looked so good.

Here we finally had letters from home and at last good clean food and comfortable beds, and, of course, George Meeker.

Hitler's Germany to Rise AGAIN?
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event to unite the people of Europe under the coming leader of the final Reich. To inspire their undivided allegiance to the leader of the great false church, WHAT GREATER MIRACLE could be claimed by the coming FALSE PROPHET than that of pretending to resurrect Adolf Hitler from the dead—perhaps from "purgatory" itself?

The German people would be electri-
fied! All Europe would stand aghast! Political changes and alliances between nation and nation, and between church and state, could then be effected with lightning speed!

The meaning of Hitler's fake suicide?

Its meaning could shock an awed and astonished world within the next five to seven years! Its meaning could precipitate the end of this present age and the second coming of Jesus Christ!

If a fake resurrection of Adolf Hitler is claimed by the "great whore" of Revelation 17 and her false prophet, the electrifying sensation produced by the return of Adolf Hitler to power could quickly bring about a full-scale revival of the "Holy Roman Empire" or United States of Europe far sooner than is already called for by plans now being put into effect. This time guaranteed by religion sitting in the top seat.

For over thirty-one years, The Plain Truth magazine and The World Tomorrow broadcast have stood alone in warning the world of this coming Beast power and its Satanic mission! God's servant, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, has stood alone in warning that prophecy declares that America and Britain are going to be attacked and conquered by this power unless we repent of our national sins!

In fact, with the information then at his disposal, Mr. Armstrong outlined as far back as September, 1948, the definite possibility of a fake resurrection of Adolf Hitler by the coming false prophet!

Surprising?

The MEANING of Extended Statute of Limitations

You may also be surprised to learn the real meaning of West Germany's recent act in extending the time during which Nazi War Criminals can be prosecuted. As we reported last month, this law normally would have expired on May 8 of this year. Now, however, it has been extended so that these mass-killers may be prosecuted only until January 1, 1970.

Do you know what is significant about that date?

It is a most interesting date because Bible prophecy indicates that the final attack on the U.S. and Britain by this coming "Beast" power could easily be launched perhaps as early as the spring of 1972—or earlier if this final work of preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is cut short.

Thus, if Hitler is still alive, he would legally be able to appear at the last moment—electrifying all Europe—and still have a year and more to consolidate his power before launching the attack against the Western Democracies!

Surprisingly, your Bible indicates this very thing! "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder..." (Rev. 17:8 KJV).

All Bible students have long known that "king" and "kingdom" are used interchangeably in Bible prophecy. The king representing the kingdom. So it is here. Throughout Revelation, the term "beast" refers both to this final dictator and also to his government—the revived Roman Empire.

Therefore, when God shows that all the world is going to stand aghast and "wonder" when they see the final beast appear—and when God says this beast "is not, and yet is"—this sounds very much like a vivid description of Adolf Hitler's apparently "disappear-
Hitler points to the German's goal in World War II—a 1000-year Reich lording it over the world!

The Old Hitler—and the New

Will a magnetically dominant religious leader, swaying a vast professing Christian church, claim to "resurrect" Adolph Hitler? Next, will this supreme religious authority crown Hitler and set him over a United States of Europe—as the prophesied final Beast of the Revelation? Finally, will these two men together fight Jesus Christ at Jerusalem when He returns? Read the accompanying article for the shocking possibilities concerning these events soon to unfold on an unsuspecting world!
Will He Come Back?

Hitler hypnotized the masses of Germany. Is he alive to do it once again?

And if Hitler does return, he will have far more acceptance than most people even dream! The statistics of many surveys in Germany—by German newspapers and magazines—certainly prove this.

As recently as February 27, 1963, Hessian Attorney General Fritz Bauer said in an interview, "Yes, if Hitler would come upon the scene today, he would not be rejected by the German people." [Emphasis ours.]

The future holds a great many surprising revelations! But you need to realize that only the great God of heaven—the God of your Bible—can give the real understanding of the momentous times in which you live! And, very frankly, you need to realize that only The Plain Truth—"a magazine of understanding"—can give true understanding as the instrument of Almighty God in warning His people.

So "watch and pray"—as Jesus said—that you may truly understand, and be counted worthy to escape these terrible times that are coming soon!
Disastrous Weather—WHY?
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my laws nor followed my orders, but have followed the practices of the nations around you, therefore—it is the sentence of the Lord the Eternal—I am against you, I am; I will inflict punishment upon you before the eyes of the nations [complete ignominy that all of our enemies and hired "allies" will view in abhorrence] and do to you what I have never done before, a thing that I will never do again, owing to all your detestable misdeeds” (Ezek. 5:7-9, Moffatt Translation).

God, who controls the weather, and would intervene on our behalf if we as a nation turned in utter repentance to Him, is going to allow weather disasters to hit us so hard that we learn once and for all that it just doesn't pay to transgress the commandments and laws He gives us for our good.

With the weather God blesses or curses a nation (see Job 37:1-13, and Nahum 1:3-4). He told our forefathers after He had rescued them from the slavery of Egypt that if they were obedient to His laws, He would be with them in their national development—and the weather would be one of their greatest blessings. Disobedience on the other hand would bring nothing but drought, misery, hunger and every frightful curse under the sky. Read this for yourself in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28.

These same promises apply to the descendants of Israel today. In fact, they hold true for all nations throughout all eras of history. God does not change. His laws stand fast forever (Heb. 13:8; Psalm 119:160).

Man Is Fighting Success

Our rebellious peoples, however, are paying increasing penalties for continuing to go their own way, apart from the righteous laws of God. The title of a recent article in a national news weekly showed this vividly. It read, “Man vs. Nature: Still a Losing Battle.”

How true! Yet God never intended man to be versus—against, in pitched battle with—nature! God designed nature to be a blessing to man. He never intended people to have to spend sleepless nights sandbagging their communities against impending floods. He never intended whole villages to be sucked up into monstrous tornadoes.

Man has brought it all upon himself!

God is the Creator of nature. In addition to His supreme royal law—the 10 Commandments—He has set certain natural laws in motion, laws of the land, and laws dealing with our finances. Man has broken them all with impunity!

God created the world. He owns it. God, then, is the Landlord; we are the renters. Maybe we have not thought of it in that way before, but it is true. And what have we done with His property?

First, we have ruined it by overwork and exploitation. Wherever man has been he has finally turned a beautiful earth into a desolate wilderness or an arid desert. We have not learned to care for God’s property. We have taken from the soil and given little to the soil in return. We have never allowed good farm land to rest—until it becomes too late to restore its fertility.

What fools men have been!

Second, we have not paid our rent to our Supreme Landlord. Yes, you owe God rent, whether you are a farmer, laborer, businessman or housewife. You are using His soil, dwelling on His land, spending His time for your own livelihood. For permitting you the use of everything He created on this earth, He demands only a fraction of the amount which human landlords demand. God gives you 90% of what you acquire, and He asks only 10% in return. That 10% He calls a tithe. The word tithe means a tenth.

Our people have been robbing God of His rightful rent. Says the Creator: “Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it’” (Mal. 3:9-10). This is God’s promise.

God promises to bless any nation that trusts Him and faithfully obeys Him. Our nations have not done that, and for that reason we face a national catastrophe in a few short years!

But you as an individual can receive God’s blessings and protection in the years ahead. For the truth about tithing, write for the free booklet, Ending Your Financial Worries.

Human Solutions Fail

Yes, unless our nations get in harmony with God’s laws of success and abundance, we can expect no relief from our miseries. All of man's own attempts to harness the vagaries of the weather are doomed to failure.

God is in control!

Notice Amos 4:7-9: “And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city”—floods—“and caused it not to rain upon another city”—droughts—“one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied”—No, our huge multibillion dollar projects now planned to transport needed water from rain-surplus to rain-short areas will not save us—“yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.”

No “improved tornado warning systems” can rescue us. No more dams or flood control projects will do the trick. What will happen to the billions of gallons of impounded water when the gigantic quakes prophesied in your Bible (Mat. 24:7) rip huge dams to their foundations?

These are things to think seriously about. The prophesied end of this age is at hand. Natural disasters are increasing—and their horrible crescendo is not far off. You need to see where your salvation lies. The puny efforts of man will be totally ineffective in the frightening years ahead. Turn to God, trust Him, obey Him as He reveals His truth to you. Herein lies your only salvation—and it is a SURE salvation.
Tornados struck several states—including Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Arkansas. This was only part of the weather rampage which threatens this nation as well as other parts of the world. Read the accompanying article for the prophesied outcome of this violence in the weather.

TORNADO
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