What our READERS SAY

New Readers
"Your magazine was loaned to me, and I found it very interesting. Could you please send it to me regularly?"
CAPTAIN of the Salvation Army, Paris, France

"When I finish reading The Plain Truth I pass it on to the Seamen's Mission. The Padre says that the seamen appreciate it as it is non-denomina
tional. They are all very interested in The Plain Truth. It passes from one sailor to the other and from one ship to the other!"
Reader, Cape Province, South Africa

Willing to Change?
"Thanks for the booklets you sent me a while back, but I do favor the word used by Sir Julian Huxley, that the earth was evolved, rather than created. If you could work this into your philosophy of things, it might bring a great impetus, a wider range of believers. Even you must adjust to a changing world, Mr. Armstrong—and I say this with all due respect. For we know what happens to those who do not change. All survivors in nature adjust to a changing environment; the others pass away."
R.H.A., Riverside, California

- God says: "I change not." And He is not about to pass away! Those who refuse to change, who refuse to obey His Law, will pass away! It's God's Law, not man's environment, that will judge every human being. God is about to change this world's social environment—its civilization. What are you going to do then, R.H.?

What College Students Think
"I am a college sophomore, and I must admit I subscribed to your magazine as a sort of joke. However, I soon discovered it was no joke. The Plain Truth has greatly helped me with my studies. I find your magazine extremely enjoyable and am greatly impressed by your sincerity. The Plain Truth has made me think, reconsider, question."
T.C., Keuka Park, New York

"I am a college sophomore... At the end of this year I will have completed a special program in which I am enrolled, which deals with the 'Humanities.' During this period of time in which I have been enrolled, I have become acquainted with the writings of many philosophers. I never realized before that it was possible for so-called intelligent men to make themselves such fools in their feeble attempts to give a philosophical meaning to life. Christ is called a 'crack-pot,' and the Bible is labeled with such words as 'archaic,' 'weird,' 'out-of-date,' and 'irrelevant.' I have seen students enter the program with a deep spiritual hunger for a meaning to their lives, and end up more confused than ever. I have seen them come with a somewhat stable belief in God, and end up becoming moral bankrupts. The perversion and misuse of the scriptures seems to be the standard, and the correct use has become the exception."
Steve B., Los Gatos, California

Lost and Found
"May I have the Ten Commandments booklet at your convenience? I used to know where the Ten Commandments were found, but not now."
Alice S., Ontario, California

- They're still there—in Exodus 20.

Marriage
"I just finished reading your two articles in the November and December issues of The Plain Truth entitled, 'Our Mad, Mad Marriages.' My husband had read your articles and left them out for me to read. You see, I had asked him only yesterday for a divorce. These things you wrote about are all things I had been taught, but because of the world around us, I have shoved these precious things aside, as had my husband. You've pointed out that with God's help and my obedience (Continued on page 41)"
Personal from the Editor

Our readers will notice another very important improvement in this issue of The Plain Truth. It is printed on a better and very superior grade of paper. No other magazine uses this very superior-type paper.

There is quite a story back of it. The paper mills manufacture only two kinds of paper for the big rolls used on the giant web presses—dull-coated, and full gloss. There are several quality grades of each, but only the two types have, until now, been manufactured.

Neither of these types is good enough for The Plain Truth. We are satisfied with nothing but the best. We have been using the best grade of the dull-coated paper. But it did not reproduce pictures as sharp and clear as the full gloss. Most high quality picture magazines use the full gloss paper. This reproduces pictures in top quality manner, but sacrifices a degree of readability. A strong light will often reflect and shine in the reader's eye.

The Plain Truth puts first emphasis on its reading contents, rather than the pictures. Hence, with only the two choices, we have, until now, chosen the finest quality of the dull-coated paper. But we were determined that The Plain Truth should have both the most perfect readability, and the finest full-color picture reproduction. This was impossible with any paper manufactured.

There is a saying that "the difficult we do immediately; the impossible takes a little longer." We were faced with "the impossible." So officials of the Ambassador College Press went into a huddle with officials of the paper company in Wisconsin which supplies our paper. The paper company experimented by taking a top quality dull-coated paper, adding 25% clay coating (gloss), then compressing it so hard that a roll of this paper now weighs 1700 pounds instead of the normal 1250 pounds as heretofore. The experiment was a success. It produced a superior paper, with sufficient sheen to produce sharper, finer pictures, yet without sacrificing any readability. There is no glare to the reader's eye.

This new paper is exclusively ours. It is named "Ambassador Gloss." We feel it is a new break-through and progress achievement in the magazine and printing industry.

Nothing but the best for The Plain Truth! We shall not rest until The Plain Truth becomes, in appearance as well as in value of contents, the finest magazine in the world.

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Did you ever make a mistake? And did you admit it? The fact is, you have done worse—you have sinned! A mistake may harm you, another person or persons, or cause damage to some thing. But sin is against God. And all who ever lived—excepting only the man Jesus Christ—have sinned. It now comes to my attention that I have made a mistake.

The matter of first importance in life is that we confess our sins, repent, and ask forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Secondary to it is to admit our mistakes and rectify them if possible.

We humans were put here on earth for a purpose. The Creator is, as Winston Churchill said, working out a purpose here below. That purpose is that we be born into the Kingdom of God. On our part, achieving that purpose begins with repentance. That is the first step. I took that step nearly forty years ago.

Yet we still do seem to make mistakes. I am here going to confess one I made.

Many of our readers in the United States and Canada noticed a certain
full page advertisement some time ago for the Volkswagen car. I think I have previously commented on it in this column. It was captioned: "If it poops out in Padukah." The text admitted the possibility that a Volkswagen might "poop out" in Padukah. "After all, it's only human!" said the ad. That gave us a chuckle. The point is, however, that it is, indeed, human to err, but to forgive is divine. Yet mistakes should be rectified if possible.

Now I didn't intend to make this particular mistake. Actually, I didn't know that I had made it until it was called to my attention after the preceding number of The Plain Truth had gone to press. It involves something that appeared in the January, 1966, Plain Truth.

Actually, my mistake was one of omission rather than commission. I omitted reading and checking a certain two or three sentences that appeared in the "Short Questions" column of that issue, before the copy was sent to the Composing Room to be set in type. Of course I am forced to refrain from reading most of the articles before they appear in the printed Plain Truth. That responsibility has to be delegated to competent personnel—the Executive Editor, the Managing Editor (it is chiefly his responsibility), or the Senior Editor.

Nevertheless, as Editor of The Plain Truth, I am responsible for what appears in it. We try to maintain the highest editorial, journalistic and ethical standards. The Plain Truth editorial policy requires that anything written about any individual personally, or any organization, company, society, corporation, or organized group, must not reflect against the character, reputation or integrity of that person or group. And, further, that any such mention of a person or group be carefully examined for approval by the Managing Editor, before going to the Composing Room to be set in type.

Now let me make plain what happened.

A reader from Gary, Indiana, had submitted a question. He mentioned a new book, The Passover Plot, which he described as suggesting that Jesus, mistakenly believing he was the promised Messiah, plotted and schemed, contriving events when necessary, to insure prophetic fulfillment. He asked us to comment on this.

The book referred to was authored by Hugh J. Schonfield of England. The author's name was not mentioned in the question sent by a reader of The Plain Truth, nor in the published answer. Yet, Dr. Schonfield feels his integrity might be construed to have been reflected against anyway, by two or three statements in our answer. Therefore The Plain Truth gladly retracts those three sentences objected to, and offers full apology.

In this particular instance, the letter from Gary, Indiana, was channeled into the hands of a young man on the staff, recently graduated from college. This young man devoutly believes in and loves and worships Jesus Christ as his Saviour and his God. I'm sure Dr. Schonfield—and all our readers—can understand how any devout person, reading of an account or book which seemed to him to assault and discredit his God and Saviour might be highly indignant, and stirred to write an answer upholding, and proving the reality of Jesus Christ as the true promised Messiah.

This young man had not seen the book. He did not attempt to quote or refute specific points in the book. Rather, he confined his answer to giving proof that Jesus did fulfill the prophecies concerning Him in the Scriptures, and, further, that He could not possibly have schemed and plotted to obtain such an objective. He was not replying to specific claims, theories, or statements in the book, but rather proving, by Biblical statements, several of which were not mentioned in the book, that Jesus was, in reality proved to be the Messiah, the Son of God.

But, in his zeal, and even righteous indignation in feeling his Saviour and his God had been impugned and misrepresented he did make two or three statements which Dr. Schonfield feels could be construed to reflect on his honesty and integrity as an author and a scholar. When the typed copy came to Dr. Hoeh's desk for checking, he read it from a different point of view than Dr. Schonfield later did. He viewed it from the Christian's point of view—and that of our readers. He honestly did not feel that, in context, these three statements Dr. Schonfield objects to would, in the eyes of our readers, discredit him as a scholar or reflect on his personal integrity. Different people may approach and view statements from different points of view, and thus arrive at different conclusions.

But now, on learning of Dr. Schonfield's contention, and that it caused him pain and concern, Dr. Hoeh has expressed to me his sincere regret that he allowed those passages to remain in the printed copy. Since Dr. Schonfield feels hurt, he sincerely apologizes to him, and I join Dr. Hoeh in extending my personal apology and that of The Plain Truth. And we gladly retract the objected-to statements, which were: "From the foregoing, it should be abundantly clear that what the author contends is impossible." Further, "What kind of imagination worked forty years to come to the conclusion that all this could have been a massive plot—the greatest trick in history?" And, thirdly, "Who could possibly believe such a preposterous book? Probably not even its own author!"

The crux of this matter is not a question of whether The Plain Truth accepts or agrees with Dr. Schonfield's theories, statements and conclusions in his book. Emphatically we do not. To totally disagree is our right and our privilege. But just as emphatically, we do acknowledge Dr. Schonfield's right to his opinions, convictions, ideas, theories, views and conclusions. It is not our intention to question his sincerity in his conclusions. God made us all free moral agents. He allows all humans to be either right or wrong. Dr. Schonfield has as much right to publish his views, arguments and conclusions as we have to publish ours.

The young man was writing from the sincere and honest feeling of regret that his Saviour had been accused of plotting and scheming. His mind was

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I SAW GEMINI 8 BLAST-OFF

America's Space Program is making giant strides toward the moon! President Johnson, after viewing the blast-off of the two space vehicles March 16, predicted Americans will be on the moon BEFORE 1970! WILL men survive on the moon? What lies BEYOND? Where is the race to conquer space LEADING? What is ahead for the millions on EARTH?

by Garner Ted Armstrong

Cape Kennedy, Florida

I have just this moment come to the news room atop the Cape Royal Building here in Cocoa Beach after witnessing the spectacular lift-offs of two huge rockets, bearing aloft two space vehicles. One of them carried astronauts Neal Armstrong and David Scott.

It Was Awesome

I had not realized how shockingly different it would be to stand here seeing, firsthand, another of America's space spectacles in the making.

I have viewed several such launchings on television. But somehow the calm, professional voice of a news announcer and the Gemini Control personnel do not convey the breathless, frightening, stark reality of what is happening.

For about two hours, I had been alternately checking my camera, chatting with one of our Plain Truth photographers, sent here for this twin countdown, and listening to the progress reports blaring over the loudspeakers at Press Site No. 2.

We were about 2,000 yards from the launching pads of the Atlas-Agena rocket and from the larger gantry of the huge Titan booster being readied to blast astronauts Neal Armstrong and David Scott into orbit.

When it was announced we were within 15 minutes of the launch of the Atlas-Agena, I'll confess I felt a good deal of tension building up.

Suddenly the lounging, waiting attitude was gone from the dozens of photographers and reporters around me.

The official accreditation list showed these men and women were from Japan, Germany, Spain. They represented big British newspapers, the U.S. News and World Report, Paris Match, Time, Life, Newsweek, CBS, ABC, NBC, and dozens of radio stations, TV stations, and publications. These people were professionals at this kind of thing.

But none of them were nonchalant.

Eyes glued on the gleaming silver "bird" poised on its launching pad, now emitting clouds of white vapor after having been loaded with liquid oxygen, I rechecked my settings on my Leica M2 with its big 200 millimeter lens.

"Three—two—one," came the calm, steady voice over the loudspeaker.

"Ignition!"

I wasn't quite prepared for the suddenness of it—and the sound!

With belching clouds of brilliant white and orange smoke and flame, the gleaming metal needles seemed momentarily to disappear—moments later, the deep flat crack of a stuttering series of explosions hit us as with a physical blow—shaking the ground under our feet; literally shaking us internally!

A brilliant white-orange stream of fire, glowing as fiercely as the sun, streamed from the tail of the missile as it rose. Slowly, gracefully at first, and then with almost sudden vulgarity it popped, stuttered and clattered its way skyward. The flat thunderclaps of sound and shock waves were completely different from what I had always supposed, watching similar lift-offs over television.

It was like an incredibly rapid series of flat, sharp, clapping explosions, rather than the steady, dull roar you might expect; such as in a big jet airplane.

In only moments the big silver bird was gone. As the brilliant orange light finally winked out of view, the loudspeaker said, monotonously, that the missile was performing perfectly, was now fifty miles up and fifty miles out from the Cape. It had traveled one hundred miles in just barely two minutes!

It was awesome!

In only minutes, the announcement came that a perfect orbital pattern had
been established for the Agena space vehicle, within one mile of the intended one.

The Second Countdown

Now came the more than one-hour wait while another countdown continued. It had proceeded for weeks and days simultaneously with the one we had just seen concluded. The minutes proceeded to click monotonously, inexorably by.

We learned the astronauts were already inside the Gemini capsule—which we could see as the black nosecone section of the huge missile to the east of us.

The bright red steel framework of the gantry was moved away from the missile, and it stood poised on the pad as the countdown continued.

We were waiting for the Agena to complete one full orbit of the earth. Then the two astronauts would be inserted into a similar orbit to facilitate "docking" with the Agena space vehicle.

Mr. Clayton, our regional photographer, and I moved our cameras to have a clearer view of the big Titan missile. I wondered how our staff photographer, Mr. Lyle Christopherson, was faring at his press site over one thousand yards closer to the huge missile.

As we waited, I couldn’t help but wonder what are those two men over there thinking? Strapped on their backs, atop a mammoth bullet, loaded full of highly volatile liquid oxygen, knowing in minutes they will be hurled clear out of the mantle of air, surrounding the earth, propelled at speeds of over 17,000 miles an hour!

What kind of men are these?

What are they thinking?

But, as I mused upon it—I knew. Their minds were totally on their jobs. They were thinking about their instruments, various systems, their step-by-step functions they had so carefully rehearsed for so many months and weeks.

Truthfully, they weren’t “thinking.” Not in the sense that you and I “think” prior to watching such a mission. They were now performing—they were doing—they had no time to muse, or to let their minds wander philosophically about what was happening around them.

“What kind of men are these?”

These are dedicated men. Trained, qualified, competent men. These are men with a vision, a bright, intense, urgent goal before them!

The thought came to me with more of a deadly seriousness than ever before—these men mean it! These men aren’t playing! They are serious! These men are going to the moon!

Glancing up to see the old familiar crescent, now glowing dully on this sun-drenched day of March 16, I think how much closer the moon seems than ever before. Looking at the stark line of reddish gantries, standing like mute sentinels in their line along this brush-covered, narrow, sandy beach; glancing to my left and seeing the unbelievably huge building in which will be assembled the gargantuan Apollo missile—I am struck with the frightening intensity of purpose I see here.

The men of NASA, the military men and all the technicians associated with this mammoth undertaking, are filled with zeal and purpose.

They are alert, crisply active, dynamically alive. They speak with sharp confidence, they ooze knowledge of their job; they move about with purpose.

I looked at the single building rising more than 500 feet from the flat sand spit, with the components of the largest missile we have built—a missile to dwarf these giants I see before me—a missile whose blast must be ten times more awesome than what I have seen today—realizing that monster of metal will soon be hurtling out with three men toward the moon—again I am struck with the deadly purpose of this space program.

But just what is their purpose? To “learn more” about our environment, they say. To advance man’s knowledge about his universe: about the composition of other planets, about the possibility of life on other planets.

And, obviously, the tremendously important nationalistic goals are a prime consideration. The overwhelming prize of psychological and propaganda victory goes to the first nation to succeed in putting men on the moon, and bringing them back alive.

The far-reaching military consequences of such a feat are far more urgently important than the purely scientific considerations.

World Rule at Stake

Reduced to simple terms, pulling no punches, really admitting the truth about what you see happening in this frightening world of ours, rulership of this earth is really at stake!

Any earthly nation which could first master the very space surrounding the earth, proving itself capable of building huge space platforms—even building military and scientific bases in space, and on the moon itself—and keep others from doing so, would find itself possessing such overwhelming military superiority that no other nation would dare mount an attack against it.

Don’t deceive yourself. This is an obvious truth to thousands of military men in many nations around the world.

They know!

What you are witnessing today is a kind of preliminary jockeying for a position prior to a potential fantastic military clash!

And when I think of another scene, on a future day—in another nation far away: with hundreds of personnel watching a whole line of huge, white, gleaming missiles poised next to their gantries—hearing the blaring of a loudspeaker in some foreign language as the countdown proceeds inexorably toward blast-off—then rockets hurtling across the skies, landing with deadly purpose on their targets more than half a world away in less than one hour’s time!

When I think of such a war scene as this—I shudder!

And, unless some totally unforeseen event occurs to prevent it—just such a scene could take place—and the target could be London, Sydney, Johannesburg, Boston, Houston, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, or New York!

But there is a way to prevent it—it doesn’t have to happen.

But it will, unless a totally unforeseen event prevents it.

Meanwhile, the real purpose of the
Above, Gorner Ted Armstrong in front of Agena Target Vehicle model. Right, Mr. Armstrong in press area before blast-offs of the unmanned Agena rocket and the Gemini 8 spaceship.
space program is military. It reaches far beyond each one of these individual steps into space. No wonder the drive, the zeal, the dedication, the patriotism these men have.

Yet, staggering though it seems, God Almighty has set a far greater goal before you. Probably it is not the purpose you have set for yourself!

What is your goal, your private search? Where are you going? Why do you live?

These astronauts can answer these questions concerning themselves. They have one immediate objective—and their whole beings are completely wrapped up in it. They may not have spent much time thinking beyond that one immediate step—wishing to crowd their minds with as much knowledge and experience as possible for the successful performance of each mission, rather than thinking of the bigger ones ahead.

But they have a goal, however unclearly defined. And they are completely and irrevocably dedicated to it.

You Have a Goal

Actually, you have a goal in life. You were born for a purpose—you were born to rule!

The whole purpose in human life is revealed by your Creator in His Word. That knowledge is given to you, freely; if you don’t resent it, don’t fight against it, don’t rebel against your God.

If you’ve never read of the overpowering purpose in your own personal existence, then write immediately for our revealing booklet, Why Were You Born? Find out!

And, believe it or not, your goal is so far beyond that of any astronaut there is simply no comparison. "High-sounding words"—some will say. But it’s true.

Jesus Christ of Nazareth did walk this earth—and you can prove it. He did rise from His tomb, and you can prove that! (Write for our booklets on the Resurrection, the Crucifixion and Easter.)

And out there, beyond the space vehicles swinging around the earth, that very same Jesus Christ has begun His countdown!

His great program has already begun, and is just as inexorably ticking off the seconds and minutes toward the time when, at the command of the Almighty Supreme-ruling God, He will launch Himself toward this earth!

Scoff if you will—the great God has allowed you to deceive your own self, to admit into your mind only what you want to believe—but you are reading fact for a change—not fiction!

The great God has come down to this earth, and has seen the frantic efforts of man to conquer the heavens. And that great God has said, "... and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do!" (Gen. 11:6.)

And as I see these massive efforts taking place before my very eyes—I realize the frightening truth of that statement.

Unless God would prevent it, man would go out into space!

But in doing so, he might destroy this earth!

But Christ predicted, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should be no flesh saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened." (Mat. 24:21-22.) Moffatt translates it: "saved alive."

God Almighty will intervene. He will not allow the genius of man to backfire, destroying all life from this planet! That is His promise to His elect!

The Contrast

But paradoxically, with such an absolutely overpowering purpose before us, most professing Christians are asleep.

What a contrast.

Here at the Cape, and over at Houston, and around the world at tracking stations and aboard recovery vessels, is a great team of men dedicated to their jobs, working with serious, practiced, steady purpose!

Astronauts Armstrong and Scott undoubtedly have had to really sacrifice. Their personal lives have suffered. They have had to learn to go without some of their personal pleasures, to spend time away from their families, to give up many personal desires. They have literally sacrificed their whole beings to this space program. Even their play, their leisure, their "off" moments, their relaxation has a purpose. When they read, study, chat, their whole beings are completely absorbed and wrapped up in their jobs! Their minds are filled with this space shot. They have been going over and over the routines they'll need to remember during critical moments.

"Yes, but they're trained professionals." some might think. But they're not! They are complete novices.

This is their first space mission! This is something they have never done before!

They have spent countless hours practicing, simulating, imagining, comparing with the written accounts of those who have already traveled this frightening route!

What if you knew you would, in a certain short inexorably-approaching period of time, be bringing a twin-engine aircraft down on an unfamiliar air-strip in heavy fog? It's possible!

But how diligent would you be in your study? How carefully would you practice in a link trainer, or witness motion pictures of others doing the same thing? How much would your mind be filled with all the technicalities of your instruments, your various emergency systems, your alternatives in case of carburetor icing, or in case one engine fails, or in case one of your instruments should fail?

You would dedicate yourself to your task. And if you did, you would probably make it all right.

But all that—just to accomplish a safe landing under difficult conditions? Just for the preservation of this life?

Contrast the great calling God has placed before you!

The Goal Christ Promised

Christ has promised co-rulership with Him in the world tomorrow!

The whole goal of a Christian is to
you have about the grueling emergencies of information from many of those who have already qualified before you! You have plenty of eyewitness testimonies which their lives are made!

With our cameras again ready, and the moment of launch approaching, the same hush fell over the crowd of cameramen and reporters as the second blastoff of this most technically difficult twin countdown continued.

This time I found myself breathing a little faster than before—realizing two men were strapped in the black nosecone of that giant bullet just 2,000 yards distant!

Again the countdown. Again the white-orange ball of flame and the delayed explosion as the sound and shock wave reached us. Again a white-hot brilliant jet of flame from the tail of the huge rocket as it barked and stuttered its way into the blue sky leaving a curling trail of white smoke as the second-stage engines cut in.

Even as the massive "G" forces were building up during liftoff I was quickly snapping, cranking, and snapping again the shutter of my Leica M2. Then the voice came over the loudspeaker that Neal Armstrong reported all systems functioning normally.

In contrast to the tremendous excitement I experienced in watching the launch, and photographing it, the astronauts were coolly calling back on the performance of their flight as they were shot upward.

The Abortive End

The twin countdowns and launchings proceeded perfectly, and what seemed to be the greatest achievement in space-age technology yet was under way. But (Continued on page 46)

Personal from the Editor

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filled with one thing—to exonerate with proof what seemed to him an assault on his Saviour whom he worships. I say that by way of explanation. But nevertheless I am sincerely sorry that statements which Dr. Schonfield feels reflected against his personal integrity—even though his name was not mentioned—were allowed to slip into a magazine zealous of maintaining the very highest of ethical standards in every way.

It was not, and is not, the purpose of The Plain Truth to injure Dr. Schonfield or any man, but to uphold the truth of the One who gave His life for Dr. Schonfield as well as for us, and all mankind.

Let me state—and I do want our readers to realize—that I, personally, do not question Dr. Schonfield's integrity and sincerity as a scholar and author. Nor do our Editors. Nor did we intend it to be so construed by our readers. Most emphatically I do not agree with his conclusions. To me, and, I feel, to all Spirit-begotten Christians and to the whole vast Christian world, these conclusions are absurd, utterly in error, and thoroughly repugnant.

The Word of God says all nations have been deceived. A man who knows he is wrong and deliberately misrepresents is not deceived. The deceived person is sincere—believes, though falsely, he is right. With all the different religions, philosophies and concepts in the world, believed by even the most scholarly and the most sincere, it is self-evident many of high personal integrity are, nonetheless, deceived. The Jews—and Romans—who crucified Jesus were deceived. Jesus said so, when He prayed saying they knew not what they did. Many Jewish people have been deceived ever since. A deceived person is a sincere believer in something false. But I love Jewish people. God loves Jewish people. Jesus loved Jewish people enough to die for them. I have no sympathy with anti-Semitism, or racial
antagonism. God loves sinners (all have sinned)—but He never condones sin. There is a vast difference. That is God’s spirit. I am grateful He has given me that spirit.

But, as I stated in the beginning, we are all only human, after all. And all humans do not agree. We do not all see alike, believe alike, or conclude, even after serious research, alike.

Dr. Schonfield claims to have come to his conclusion after some forty years of research. This forty years of research we have in common. I have come to the truth, which The Plain Truth magazine proclaims to the world, after forty years of research for facts and proof. I am honest in my disagreement with Dr. Schonfield’s conclusions, and at the same time I can accept that he is sincere in his conclusions.

What we know to be the truth, this magazine will publish without fear or favor, regardless of repercussions. But we do not intend to impugn any man’s honesty, sincerity or integrity. We cannot read men’s minds and hearts. Only God can do that. Therefore we do not intend to impugn motives or intentions, good or bad. For those published words Dr. Schonfield feels could be construed to do that, we are sincerely sorry, and offer him full apology. And, let me say that it is my understanding that Dr. Schonfield does have a reputation in the world as an honest religious scholar.

We always say, “Don’t believe us, because we say it. Check up for yourself. Get the proof. Believe only what you find proved.”

Now here is an instance where The Plain Truth proclaims that Jesus of Nazareth was the then only begotten Son of God, born of the virgin Mary, and was, indeed, the promised Messiah and that He rose from the dead; that He lives today, and is very soon going to return to this earth in all the power and glory of the Great God to rule all nations of earth, and to bring us peace! All who are deceived about His Messiahship will know the truth then.

On the other hand here is Dr. Schonfield’s very new and startling book, The Passover Plot, advancing a new and quite astonishing concept that Jesus merely believed He was the Messiah, but in fact was not the Son of God, but only the son of man.

Candidly, we present our proof primarily from the Bible—but we offer proof, in free booklets, that God exists, and that the Bible is His inspired Word to mankind—the foundation of all knowledge.

On the other hand, Dr. Hugh J. Schonfield is quoted in the inside flap around his book, as saying: “I have made it clear that I have written about Jesus as a historian, not as a theologian. There is, of course, a very big difference. The historian must not, in the first instance, see with the eye of faith... If some of them [his conclusions] are startling, and even repugnant, to orthodox Christian belief, I must point out that I have included in the book in plain English all relevant quotations from ancient sources on which my judgment is based...” So his approach is entirely different from ours.

He is further quoted, in the flap of his book: “My aim has not been to attack Christianity, but to reveal its original character as a Messianic movement, and through understanding of the dynamic purposefulness of Jesus to illustrate how he acted out the prophetic intimations regarding the Messiah. In brief, my object has been to reveal the man behind the myths and imaginations, an undertaking in no way derogatory of his fame and dignity.”

We say, “Listen to us, with open mind, without prejudice—prove all things before you believe them—then believe only what you find proved. Listen to the other side, where there is disagreement. Check, research, Look for proof. Don’t follow us or believe us because we say it. Search for truth, believe what you find proved.”

There is nothing more important to your life for eternity than what you believe about, or whether you believe in, Jesus. For, as your Bible says: “...there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

Forty years of study and research have proved to me that that statement is true. Forty years of study and research appears to have led Dr. Schonfield to an exactly opposite conclusion—that Jesus was not the Messiah, the Son of God, but only the son of man—He only believed He was the Son of God. More than 1900 years of study and research have proved to the whole Christian world that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God.

But now, what is the real moral—the real lesson in all this?

It is simply this: You were put here on earth for a very great purpose. You have a potential destiny far above anything your mind can now fully conceive. Your potential is to enter into the very divine Family of God—to be born as a very son of God. But you have human nature, which is self-centered in vanity, selfishness and greed. Your human nature is hostile to the laws and ways that lead to happiness and joy and abundance here and now, as well as eternal life in God’s own divine family. Your heart and nature is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:9). You have gone contrary to God and your own happiness. You have rebelled against God and His Law. You have sinned, and brought the penalty of eternal death.

But Jesus of Nazareth gave His very life for you—paying the penalty for you in your stead. If you really repent—confess your sins—admit your mistakes and your sins—the living Jesus will forgive, and put within you His vital, dynamic, eternal life-imparting Holy Spirit, making you a begotten child of God. Then, if you study God’s Word—His Instruction Book to you—grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and overcome your carnal selfish nature, trusting in Jesus as your Saviour, His Spirit dwelling in you, you shall, at the time of resurrection, be changed from a mortal human made of material flesh, into an immortal son of God, composed of spirit, glorified with God, even as Jesus Christ now is.

It all begins with admitting you have been and have done wrong—repenting of it, making what restitution you can, relying on Jesus for the rest.

Are you too proud to admit mistakes or sins?

I am not!
GAMBLING MANIA
GRIPS BRITAIN

Gambling has become a major social problem in Britain. What causes people to gamble? Read how it affects people's lives—and why it is morally wrong.

by Robert C. Boraker

Some 12,000,000 people do the football pools each week, three quarters of them being men—more than half the adult males in the country! They think they can afford a few shillings a week in the vain hope that a miracle will occur and resolve their nagging economic problems. It seldom does!

A National Craze

Bingo has become a national craze in recent years. It's a gamble that attracts the entire family. Grandma and her seven-year-old granddaughter can now perch on the padded stools and punt together as equals.

The drive-in bingo palace allows patrons to sit in their cars and listen to calls over the radio. Some wives will even spend their housekeeping money and go into debt in order to play.

One wonders how so many can possibly put up with such a pastime which is essentially dull, repetitive, and demands little or nothing of the imagination.

Gaming clubs, slot machines, Pre-
mium Bonds and speculating on the Stock Exchange are other booming kinds of gambling. Some believe that about 15 percent of dignified Stock Exchange business is pure gambling.

Even the Government is involved. Premium Bonds are the Government's own form of interest lottery. Most people don't consider these bonds a gamble, thinking they don't lose anything. That's untrue. The stake in this lottery is not the purchase price of the bond, but the interest involved. The interest on the bond is not paid, but is put into a lottery. Prizes are won by the few and the interest lost by the many!

Turnover on gambling in Britain last year has been calculated at more than £900,000,000 ($2,520,000,000). This averages out to well over £20 (close to $60) for every adult! It is nearly three times as much as Britons spend on books, newspapers and magazines.

No wonder the Government is concerned. Gambling is affecting the economy of the country to say nothing of the heartache and misery it has caused hundreds of families. "Gambling perhaps now does more harm than drink," said Professor G. M. Trevelyan (English Social History, p. 571).

Mr. George Thomas, Parliament Secretary at the Home Office has cautioned: "The time has come to strike a note of warning to the nation. Unless a halt is called now, we will be on the way to decadence, from which it will be very difficult to recover."

Just what is the total effect of gambling on the home and lives of individuals?

Gambling's Effect on Home Life

Home life, industry, recreation—all are disastrously affected by gambling. When Mr. George Thomas warned the nation, he declared: "We cannot sweep those matters under the carpet. There are families whose lives are being made a hell because of gambling."

The most sensitive point of social life is the home. Gambling affects the home in a variety of ways. The disturbing effect of gambling upon home life was summed up by Mrs. Edith M. Mills, speaking to the Royal Commission: "Home life is often demoralized: (a) by the desire for easy money which seldom comes; (b) by frequent quarrels, unhappiness, discontent, dishonesty—all these things helping to make broken homes; (c) by material and financial want; (d) by failure to build up solid, reliable character" (Gambling in English Life by E. Benson Perkins, p. 69).

If a husband and father is addicted to gambling, his whole mind and character is affected. He usually becomes absorbed in the betting world—even during work hours. He not only thinks about the actual laying of bets, he is also anxious about the results. Gambling thus increases his idleness, not to mention dissipation and POVERTY!

Gambling and Recreation

Gambling also has its effect on the right use of leisure and the character of sport. Football, horse and dog racing, and boxing are motivated by the gambling spirit. Football games have been rigged. Horses and greyhounds have been drugged.

But isn't gambling an amusement offering relaxation for leisure time? Gambling does offer a perverted type of pleasure. Some enjoy gambling best when the losers squirm. Others squirm with sadistic pleasure when they
themselves lose. At gambling clubs, people play in an eerie silence, scarcely exchanging a word. There is no laughter—and no real happiness. There is only a feeling of boredom, tinged with regret at the wasting of time and energy.

There is no genuine skill in gambling. "Of all pastimes, gaming involves the least skill. Of all entertainments, it must be the most uncreative. Of all vices, it is the most sterile" (The Sunday Times, London, November 28, 1965).

Football pools are nothing but a lottery. Skill is not required to win a prize. All gamblers believe they can win, but all gamblers can't because the odds are against them. If the odds were for them, no one would be running a gaming house! The ones who profit from gambling are the promoters and those who cheat.

Gambling as a diversion and entertainment is merely an excuse. Many other amusements could take the place of gambling and leave the gambler both a happier and a better man.

Why Do People Gamble?

Some say the cause of gambling is boredom. Others say the increased facilities for organized gambling is the main cause. Too much leisure time, financial worries and the attraction of winning a large sum by luck are said to be other causes. These all play a part in encouraging gambling, but none of them is the real cause.

The real and basic cause lies within the character and nature of man himself. The gambling impulse, in one form or another, is inherent in human nature. Human beings want something for nothing—that is greed.

Gambling is associated with the element of risk. This fascinates and attracts the vanity of mankind. Risk is deliberately taken for the purpose of selfish gain motivated by greed!

As Maurice Maeterlinck said, "Gambling is the stay-at-home, imaginary, mechanical, anaemic, and unlovely adventure of those who have never been able to encounter or create the real, necessary, and salutary adventure of life." This perverted type of adventure attracts people to gambling.

Is Life a Gamble?

Some think life is always a gamble. This is not true. Financial success, for example, doesn't come by accident. It is the result of obeying the financial laws God has set in motion. (Read our free booklet, Ending Your Financial Worries.)

Life is not a succession of chances, but of choices (Deut. 30:14, 19). Life is concerned with man's choice between two absolutes—life or death, good or evil, reward or punishment. Life is the very opposite of a gamble. Once we have done our part by obeying God's laws and using our knowledge and experience to remove all risk, our life then is in God's hands—absolutely assured. Our faith and trust is in the care of a loving God—not luck.

Gambling Akin to Divination

Gambling thus appeals to the perversion of a natural impulse. It is a habit-forming pursuit that grips a person's mind like a narcotic. A man who won a £275,000 jackpot is still doing the football pools. "I don't expect to win another fortune. But after doing
them for years I can't break the habit," he explained.

The gambler is a restless man. He is never satisfied whether he wins or loses. If he wins, he wants to win more. If he loses, he tries to win back his losses.

Here's advice from a gambler himself. John W. Gates made a gigantic fortune through his operations with the American Steel and Wire Company and the U.S. Steel Corporation. But he was an inveterate gambler. In 1909 Gates appeared at a conference and gave this advice: "Don't bet at the races. Don't speculate in wheat. Don't speculate on the Stock Exchange. Don't throw dice. Don't shirk honest labor. Don't gamble. Once a gambler, always a gambler" (The Itch to Play by L.J. Ludovici, p. 190).

Is Gambling Morally Right?

The right or wrong of gambling can be determined by its "fruits"—the results and consequences it has brought about. Gambling depreciates and destroys a man's character. It is therefore sin.

A gambler is motivated by selfishness and GREED! He is self-centered and indulgent. His whole regard and concern is for the self. He wants to win. When—more often if—he wins, he does so by taking money from others. Just because all parties have agreed that chance should determine who wins or loses doesn't make it right.

Gambling is one of the influences which produce a self-centered and anti-social attitude. A gambler soon is not able to recognize any true sense of value. Gambling destroys all sense of responsibility to the community or regard for the true values of life itself!

One sin leads to another. Occasional betting leads to regular betting. It becomes easier and habitual to lie, cheat, and steal. Gambling leads to crime in many cases.

Many gamblers are desperate for money. Gambling takes them into greater debt. The pressure builds up until they resort to crime to get what they need.

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are soon forgotten. Money can be a very useful tool; but in gambling, it becomes the master, the dictator.

Gambling is a waste. It is possible to rightfully acquire money and property (1) by gift, (2) by labor or (3) by fair exchange. Gambling violates all three rules. No real value is produced and no service given. Gambling adds nothing positive to the work, wealth, or happiness of the individual or the community.

Those who win large amounts of money often don't have the character to spend it wisely. They have little or no experience to guide them in its use. The result is disastrous.

Take the case of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Nicholson who won the pools in 1961 to the tune of £152,319. At the time they received their winnings, Mrs. Nicholson said, “I'm going to spend, spend, spend!” And so she did. They bought everything money could buy—clothes, a house with new furniture, luxurious cars—the lot. But it couldn't buy happiness. Their new wealth brought jealousy and suspicion into their marriage. In the end it brought tragedy. Mr. Nicholson was killed in one of their fast luxury cars.

Happiness Comes Through Work

Wealth is not the key to happiness. Elbert Hubbard, the philosopher, once said, “Get happiness out of your work.” Real happiness results from accomplishing the worthwhile.

The Bible commands a person to earn his living (II Thes. 3:10). God says: “Let him that stole, steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth” (Eph. 4:28). Also, see I Thessalonians 4:11, 12.

Trying to win huge sums of money without working for it is a sin. It leads to poverty now, and finally to eternal death!

Gambling means luck, waste and greed. None of these has any place in life as revealed in God's Word, the Bible.
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2GF—Grafton, NSW—1210 kc.—9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
2GN—Goulburn, NSW—1380 kc.—8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
2GZ—Orange, NSW—990 kc.—8:45 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.
2HD—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.
2KA—Katoomba, NSW—780 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
2LM—Lismore, NSW—900 kc.—8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
2TM—Tamworth, NSW—1290 kc.—9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
3AW—Melbourne, Vic.—1280 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.
3BA—Ballarat, Vic.—1320 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun. thru Thurs., 4:30 p.m. Fri.
3BO—Bendigo, Vic.—960 kc.—9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
3KZ—Melbourne, Vic.—1180 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:45 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.
3MA—Mildura, Vic.—1470 kc.—3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 10:00 p.m. Sat.
3TR—Sale, Vic.—1240 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun. thru Thurs., 8:30 p.m. Fri.
3XY—Melbourne, Vic.—1420 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun., 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

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In English—
RADIO BARBADOS—Black Rock, Barbados—785 kc.—10:30 a.m. Sun., 9:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 11:00 a.m. Sat.
RADIO REDIFFUSION—Bridge-town, Barbados, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 10:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 9:30 a.m. Sat.
RADIO AMERICA—Lima, Peru—1010 kc.—10:45 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8:30 p.m. Sat.
HOC21—Panama City—1115 kc.; HP5A—Panama City—1170 kc.; HOK—Colon, Panama—640 kc.; HP5K—Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.

In French—
4VBM—Port au Prince, Haiti—1430 kc.; 7:45 p.m. Wed.
4VCM—Port au Prince, Haiti—6165 kc.; 7:45 p.m. Wed.
*RADIO CARAIBES—St. Lucia, West Indies—840 kc.—6:45 a.m. Mon. thru Fri.

In Spanish—
RADIO LA CRONICA—Lima, Peru—1320 kc.—7:00 p.m. Sun., 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.
RADIO COMUNEROS—Asuncion, Paraguay—970 kc.—8:30 p.m. Thursdays.
RADIO SPORT—CX19—Montevideo, Uruguay—1835 kc.—2:00 p.m. Wednesdays.
RADIO CARVE—CX16, 850 kc., and CXA13, 6156 kc.—Montevideo, Uruguay—3:30 p.m., Saturdays.
A DICTATOR! President Alfredo Stroessner of Paraguay is shaking my hand! I can hardly believe it... no guns, no police, no terror, no iron fist. Stroessner does not look the way I thought he would—the way you might expect.

You too can learn a valuable lesson from our encounter with the military boss-dictator of South America’s poorest and most colonized country: Paraguay.

Here’s what happened.

After quickly looking at little Uruguay (where national bankruptcy threatens, and the German Graf-Spee gathers barnacles at the bottom of La Plata harbor), we found Paraguay—600 miles from the coast—a marked contrast.

Landlocked Friendliness

Lacking Uruguay’s stone buildings, sea-resort atmosphere and prosperous glitter, Paraguay’s Asunción is a veritable jungle outpost. Civilized yes, but a jungle outpost nonetheless.

Paraguay’s greatest commodity is FRIENDLINESS. Too bad they can’t sell it.

Looking for someone in Asunción who would cash a traveler’s check after bank hours, we chanced into a modern-looking auto parts shop owned by Sr. Escauriza—a man of Basque descent, from Spain. Like many Paraguayans, Sr. Escauriza is highly pro-American.

He insisted he give us a personal tour of the city, including the radio stations...
I wanted to visit there. El Mundo de Manana, the Spanish World Tomorrow broadcast, is aired in Paraguay once a week. This unofficial Asunción tour—free of charge because you can’t turn down Latin hospitality once it gets going—proved very profitable for our understanding of radio possibilities for the Spanish division of this work, now headquartered in Big Sandy, Texas. One radio station man was so friendly he asked for our radio business while we were casually touring his station!

Sr. Escauriza ended our tour in front of the large luxury-class Hotel Guaraní, which happens to be lined with soldiers and marching bands! Sensing excitement, my wife and I hurry into the hotel, ask rapid-fire questions. Reason for the fanfare and regalia: President Alfredo Stroessner is coming to the hotel within the half hour! A “Live” Dictator!

More surprises.

The National Association of Pressmen is throwing its Annual Banquet in Stroessner’s honor. Will my Texas presscard and American driver’s license be official enough to “crash” this assembly? I don’t have the faintest hope of eating here—banquet tickets at this late hour?—all I want is to see that dictator!

The National Press Secretary is friendly, but says “No!” However, he leads me to the Vice-President of Paraguayan Pressmen who says, “Yes!” When I offer to pay for the meal, he proudly and firmly refuses. “Here is that Latin hospitality again,” I thought. At least we learned this lesson: unless you want to offend, never turn down Latin hospitality.

Another lesson: be confident.

President Stroessner, smothered by a surging mass of dressed and decorated dignitaries, whizzed by the reporters, and disappeared into a glass-fronted greeting salon. Although this brief, pre-banquet meeting called strictly for officials, and most reporters were shut out, I noticed a few pressmen inside. I thought confidently: “I’m a pressman too,” even though boldness was difficult in a wash-and-wear travel suit among such eminent personages as Harold Wilson’s ambassador from Britain, General Franco’s representative from Spain, etc. I wasn’t very nervous... just as tense as a banjo string!

Bluffing my way through the guarded door, listening to snatches of undignified conversation from the “dignities,” and finding that no one paid any attention to me, I gathered more confidence. “Look at those people shaking the President’s hand—why not me? Pressing my way through ambassadors and politicos, I stepped confidently before the Paraguayan-born, German-descended dictator of Paraguay, stuck out my hand, vigorously shook his massive “mitt” and thanked him honestly for the friendliness of his country. Assuming I was a reporter, dictator Stroessner expressed interest—but not surprise—over a norteamericano (American) visiting his country.
The Valueable Lesson

The amazing thing about this last-remaining classic dictator, (canidillo) of South America is his deceptive appearance! Looking every bit a businessman, President Stroessner presents the image of a calm, reserved corporation president—anything but a manic-like Hitler; anything but the tough strong-arm man he is. People do not tremble around him, nor do they live in particular fear; people like him. There is a noticeable absence in the hotel of both officers and plainclothesmen—Stroessner apparently needs little protection.

But, "LOOKS ARE DECEIVING."

Here's what I mean.

Taking office in 1954, Stroessner goose-stepped into a dictator's iron-fist policy: organized a tough secret police; suppressed all opposition; packed the prisons; drove 400- to 500,000 Paraguayans (mostly men) into exile in Brazil, Argentina, and elsewhere.

Stroessner has brought what Germans call Ordung to Paraguay. Ordung means "order," but Stroessner's is an order of repression of all political opposition or criticism. For one example among many, Paraguayan students cite the case of Osvaldo Rosa. Rosa—president of the National University of Student's Federation—has criticized the government. He is put in prison; Rosa's friends are not as effective as his, my will power was stronger.

...But not a hint of brutality in President Stroessner's face, demeanor or companions.

Do you see what we mean? Looks are deceitful! I wonder if you can apply the same principle to the "looks" of European Common Market friendliness, and Latin American Common Market friendliness, when The Plain Truth warns you what they are in disguise!

Good-bye Paraguay

In a flurry, we began our six-hour trip across the campos (tropical savan-

na), through the heart of Paraguay, into the thick green Paraná River jungles. In typical Latin fashion, the bus broke down; the trip was more like ten hours. Our bus follows a Stroessner road, winding its way through this steaming green jungle, across the Savanna-grass plains, between ant hills three to four feet high, through a neat and snug, stiff-looking German Mennonite colony, finally arriving at the breathtaking bridge which joins Paraguay with Brazil by a daring leap across the churning Paraná River.

What a shame Paraguay blustered into the suicidal six-year War against the Triple Alliance (Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay) in 1864; out of a population of 525,000 only 220,000 survived, and only 28,000 of these were men! What a shame Paraguay and Bolivia had to fight the Chaco War (1930's) to win 20,000 square miles of wilderness backwater—at a cost of one Paraguayan life for each square mile!

What a shame that all the wasted men and money of Paraguay's wars were not put to construction and production! No wonder Paraguay is poor, in fact, the poorest country in South America!

...In spite of these sad thoughts, we left Paraguay with a warm sense of friendship toward these strongly pro-American, friendly and humble people.

Brazil or Bust!

Determination pays off. We had determined to see Iguassu Falls—since we were close—even if it caused us to be stuck in the Brazilian jungles all winter! It nearly cost us just that. ... Anyway, we did see Iguassu Falls—the most impressive cataract in the Western Hemisphere, perhaps in the world.

In this beautiful jungle hideaway—the luxury Hotel Das Cataratas—in this exhilarating romantic honeymoon spot, we had our first upsetting and disagreeable experience. We found that a ten-million-dollar hotel can be CHEAP! Tired and "beat" from days on the move, tense from having to hack our way through meals and money exchanges in my poor Portuguese, we were in no mood to be informed by Sr. Acuña, the chief desk clerk of Hotel Das Cataratas, that though we had not occupied the room, we owed last night's lodging: $20! "Hotel rules," he explained.

I protested, "Our plane was one day behind; we had no reservation!" Sr. Acuña—in eloquent and dignified Spanish—subtly and severely insulted me; but all to no avail. If my Spanish and salesmanship were not as effective as his, my will power was stronger.

I refused to pay.

That unpleasant "discussion" caused us to miss the night trip to the top of the Falls. We consoled ourselves with a moonlight stroll hundreds of feet above the Iguassu River, looking across the canyon at the Cataracts. What a fantastic sight! The grandeur, the thundering majesty of Iguassu is thrilling beyond imagination—either day or night.

Though many people think Niagara Falls are larger, Iguassu definitely has the lead. Here are the facts.

While Niagara spans barely a mile, mighty Iguassu spans two and one-half miles! And although Niagara's mean annual volume is greater—196,000 cubic feet per second versus 62,000 cubic feet—Iguassu's maximum flow tops Niagara's by 200,000 cubic feet! Finally, Iguassu's 272 separate cataracts are 40 feet to 100 feet higher!

Adamantly refusing to pay the 20,000 cruzeiro bill which the Hotel adamantly insisted we owed (which was really only $20—I calculate badly with the fluctuating cruzeiro-per-dollar rate), we refused to spend another night in such a cheap multi-million-dollar hotel when our plane cancelled out; we took a rugged bus trip to Foz do Iguassú; finally spent the night in the town's most expensive hotel (two dollars for two). At last, we made it over the jungles and down to Sao Paulo, Brazil—the world's fastest-growing city—and then on to gay Rio.

Brazil in a Nutshell

Fascinating as Sao Paulo may be, and important as it is to German industrialists who are fast moving into this area, still Rio de Janeiro—famous
"Rio"—is the most celebrated place in Brazil, and perhaps in all South America. And Rio is truly Brazil in a nutshell. Personally, I did not like the city. And Rio is truly Brazil in a nutshell. Brazil, and perhaps in all South America.

Rio's "Rio"—is the most celebrated place in Brazil, and perhaps in all South America. Rio housed the royal family of King John VI, who fled the invading armies of Napoleon. Perhaps the hordes of international criminals who are "holed up" here in luxury also give distinction to Rio.

After a relaxed and refreshing dip in Copacabana's waves and a hasty look at Rio's Macumba (Black Magic) we hop a plane for Brasilia, still one day behind schedule. Rio is nice to visit, but the unbelievably miserable favelas or slums are sickening . . . and a relief to leave behind.

Brassy Brasilia

If this famine-stricken, disease-ridden, maddening world were to go on indefinitely, then Brasilia—the world's largest planned city and new interior capital of Brazil—would eventually be hailed as a stroke of genius. Just as America's purchase of Alaska in the 1860's was called "Seward's Folly," so Brasilia has been ridiculed and criticized.

But before the new Brasilia will have time sufficient to complete its purposes, prophecies show that ten nations will combine in Europe (six are combined now); and these ten nations—helped by our "neighbors" to the south—will economically strangle to death both the United States and Great Britain. (If you have not yet proven the identity of the United States and English-speaking countries in Bible prophecy, write immediately for the free booklet, The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy.)

Back to Brasilia.

Brasilia is not a wild-haired, unplanned and frantic fiasco. Believe it or not, Brazilians decided to move the capital inland as far back as 1823! The purpose: to attract people from the over-populated coastal strip into the large, still-forgotten interior.

Sir W. Holford (Royal Board of Architects of England) headed up an international commission on Brasilia in 1956 and approved dramatic city plans of Brazilian architect Lucio Costa. Actual building plans were given to famous Oscar Niemeyer, a German-Brazilian architect. President Juscelino Kubitschek broke ground in the heart of the immense Brasilian highland savanna October 2, 1956.

Such planning as Brasilia has must be respected. Listen. "No site for a city has been so carefully chosen. Consideration was given to topography, climate, water supply, geology, soils, land use, engineering, power, transportation, recreation, building materials, public administration, scenery, and the general relation of man to his surroundings" (Encyclopaedia Britannica, Vol. 4, p. 107).

Planned for a maximum of 500,000 population, this dynamic city architecture in the form of a cross unfortunately became a Kubitschek political football. In order to glorify his name, he ramrodded construction through by 1960, at the enormous cost of near bankruptcy for the Brasilian nation, not to mention some resultant poor construction.

Overall, we were favorably impressed with burgeoning Brasilia. Traffic here is smooth-flowing and rapid: all intersections are avoided by overpass and underpass. Too bad there isn't more traffic to make this beautiful architecture worthwhile.

The Amazing Amazon

We left Brasilia for Trinidad, and over the world's largest living giant: the Amazon River.

The greatest river in the world—from probably a dozen points of view—is fed by 1,100 known tributaries, some of which rank among the top ten rivers in the world, drains 3,000,000 square miles of territory (approximately the size of the U.S.) becomes wider than the Mississippi while still 2800 miles away from its Atlantic mouth, spreads to nearly 300 miles wide in some places, makes swamps the size of Texas, contains one fifth of all the world's running fresh water, spews 3,400,000,000 gallons per minute through its 200-mile-wide mouth, pushes a current of potable fresh water more than a hundred miles out to sea!

The Amazon is truly an amazing river!

In this short space I cannot possibly recount the incredible, fascinating story of the Amazon—world's largest in vol-
and the world’s tallest cataract: ANGEL FALLS. The only adjectives I can think of for this unbelievable sight are: staggering, incredible, and “you have to see it to believe it!” The height: 3,281 feet!

Canaima is a wilderness outpost serviced only by a one-direction dirt-strip airfield which barely accommodated our twin-engine DC-4. Here you are really in the midst of the JUNGLE. This adventure spot, with tiny little metal cabins on the edge of a lake backed by Hatchet Falls, is like something out of a story book. Many races were represented here, even the “super race.” There were Russians, Yugoslavs, Americans and Venezuelans, to name a few.

Another Nazi!

A tall, dynamic, patient man, Mr. Bandel, was “service on wheels.” He took care of everything for you, but was always on the go, and hard to talk with. After two days, I pinned him down and asked where he learned his Spanish—since he had a slight accent. He explained that he had lived in Venezuela a long time, but was originally a Yugoslavian.

After finding a PLAIN TRUTH we left in the main lounge, George LeRoy—an American diamond prospector—told us on the “Q.T.” that Bandel was no Yugoslavian!

In a drunken debauch, Bandel let it slip once that he was an ex-S.S. officer—A GERMAN NAZI!

Is it hard to believe?

Not if you know that 50,000-plus Germans left Germany between 1935-1946; that one million Europeans have immigrated into Venezuela since 1945! Bandel is a Nazi with all the ingredients, including the polished exterior.

All That Glitters...

“Not all that glitters is gold,” is an old but true saying. Without George LeRoy, we would have been completely fooled by outward appearances—by Herr Bandel!

Can you apply this “lesson of looks” to our national allies and see they are only fair-weather friends? Can you see why we warn readers that the Latin American Common Market, and the Central American Common Market are dangerously close to becoming partners with the European Common Market?

Can you see these giant combines are dangerously close to turning their backs on America and Britain, once and for all?

Can you see why we warn you that the Nazis—hiding out all over South America—are dangerously close to rising again, this time to be victorious as prophesied in Isaiah 10, Jeremiah 25: 15-33?

Not all that glitters is gold, but gold does glitter. The PLAIN TRUTH glitters and sparkles with the truth about these momentous times in which you live! The PLAIN TRUTH is the only magazine in the world which actually explains—in clear-cut specifics—the events, the prophecies in your Bible soon to be headlines in world news!

You can’t afford to miss a single issue. Be sure to read next month’s installment about the problems and prophecies of South America.
What’s Behind

POWER STRUGGLE
In Indonesia?

Why did the Communists fail in their recent bid to add Indonesia to the Party’s Asian dominion? Why do the Reds want Indonesia? What does the future hold in this sick land of 3,000 Islands? Read this firsthand report direct from Australia.

by C. Wayne Cole and Don Abraham

A DRAMATIC but unsuccessful attempt was made to overthrow the government of Indonesia last September 30th. Then followed a bloody aftermath that has few parallels in recorded history.

The Attempt That Failed

This latest big-scale Communist coup was woefully unco-ordinated and ill-timed. It was led by an obscure Battalion Commander of President Sukarno’s palace guard and aimed at a complete Communist take-over in Indonesia. Had the Reds been successful in this bid (the fourth such concerted effort made by Indonesian Communists since 1936), they would have gained control of the world’s fifth most populous nation.

But they failed. A Moslem nation of immense natural wealth, of largely untapped physical resources slipped from their immediate grasp.

You need to understand the real significance behind the September 30th incident and Sukarno’s overthrow! Why is International Communism determined to gain control over this vast, sprawling nation of 105 million people? Will the Communists finally succeed in subverting Indonesia and gaining control over the strategically important Straits of Malacca?

Even more important. What effect would such a Communist success have upon the United States, Britain and, more significantly, Indonesia’s next-door neighbor, Australia? The politicians don’t know the answers. They know only what has happened. They can’t determine the future.

But you can know the answers. Your Bible reveals what’s behind the colossal WORLDWIDE power struggle—-with its racial and religious overtones.

In no area of the world is this struggle being more vigorously executed than in Southeast Asia. The Communists have a plan, a goal. And, make no mistake about it, a few temporary setbacks are not going to divert the Reds from that goal. Let’s understand the truth of what has happened—and what will happen in Indonesia if the Communists are allowed to continue their diabolical subversion.

The events which unfolded immediately preceding the
The Communist Plot that Failed

unsuccessful Red coup are a closely guarded secret. Varying reports have been voiced by observers trying to reconstruct the incidents which led to the fiasco.

The Stage Is Set

But according to the most reliable accounts, here is what has been pieced together:

President Sukarno was advised by his strongly leftist Foreign Minister, Dr. Subandrio, that a number of Army generals were plotting to overthrow him. Subandrio's allegation is said to have been motivated by a reported secret meeting of the Army's top generals in early September. The generals, led by the then Defense Minister, Gen. Abdul Haris Nasution, were reportedly meeting to discuss their concern about what action they should take if Dr. Sukarno (who suffers from a kidney ailment) should suddenly die.

It appears that leftist Subandrio misinterpreted the purpose of the meeting. He informed Sukarno that the generals were plotting to overthrow him. Sukarno, alarmed by this news, quickly acted by ordering Colonel Untung to arrest the offending generals. Untung, an associate of the Communists from his youth, then informed the PKI (Communist Party of Indonesia) of these startling developments. The radical Reds decided without detailed planning, they should take advantage of the situation and make an all-out drive for power, slaughtering the anti-Red generals all together while they were under arrest.

Unknown to Sukarno, this plan was adopted. Six of the generals arrested by Untung were murdered. But General Nasution had a near-miraculous escape. He fled from his home and over a garden wall in a volley of bullets from the invading Communists. His 5-year-old daughter was killed by the Reds.

Many informed observers believe this providential escape by General Nasution was the single event more than
any other which thwarted the Red revolt. 

Immediately after his escape, General Nasution alerted Army Minister General Suharto. Within hours the elite Siliwangi division arrived in Djakarta to crush the rebellion.

Red Bloodbath

In the few months since the attempted revolution, the Army has solidified its position as the real power in Indonesia. This "take-charge" attitude of the Army has resulted in direct conflict between Sukarno—still the idol of the Indonesian masses—and the Moslem military leadership. Army leaders have continued a campaign to crush the power of the PKI in Indonesia. The death toll has been mounting in the Red bloodbath! Sukarno himself has officially stated that over 87,000 Communists have died. Some reports more realistically estimated 300,000!

Despite this wholesale slaughter of Communists, the Army’s desire for vengeance remained unsatisfied. Efforts were made to pressure "Bung Kamo" into outlawing the Reds. President Sukarno finally yielded to Army pressure, after local military commanders outlawed the PKI in regional areas. In his next move to remain strong at the helm in Indonesia, Sukarno planned to establish a "Sukarno Front." This is an organization composed of pro-Sukarno elements. Army leaders opposed this on the grounds that it could be exploited by the Reds. The army, under Suharto, finally gave Sukarno an ultimatum: get rid of his Communist aides or else. He refused and the army took over. Suharto banned the Communist party.

Indonesia’s Crumbling Economy

The power struggle was intensified by Indonesia’s rapidly declining economy. The rupiah ( Indonesian monetary unit) is now virtually worthless. It has an exchange rate of 30,000 rupiahs to one U.S. dollar on the black market! As a result, Indonesians found they had to pay highly inflated prices for necessary food items. The resultant hunger-kindled unrest stimulated the army takeover.

For example, rice, a staple of the Indonesian diet, now costs 2,000 rupiahs per liter as against 310 rupiahs per liter last summer! Other food items have also suffered as the Indonesian economy slowly disintegrated.

Hostility over high food prices, corruption and black-marketeering is growing throughout Indonesia. Only a strong Army capable of keeping the masses under control has prevented more serious trouble than what has already occurred.

Then came the student revolt. It
forced Sukarno to depend on the Army for continued support. Without its backing, his authority would long before have been quickly challenged by one or more of the many extremist revolutionary groups biding the time in the background.

And yet, paradoxically, the Army, up to the present, has needed Sukarno! "Bung Karno" is very popularly regarded as the "father of the revolution." Many Indonesians have said: Sukarno is Indonesia and Indonesia is Sukarno. He alone has been able to arouse fervent support among the thousands of poverty-stricken illiterates who look to him as a 'saviour.' This is the kind of support which the Army urgently needs because of its own unpopularity with the people. So the army has left Sukarno as a figurehead President.

In spite of its apparent crushing defeat, the now officially defunct Indonesian Communist Party (PKI) is still a factor to be considered in the power structure of Indonesia today.

At the time of its dissolution, the PKI was the most powerful political party inside Indonesia. It was perhaps the third largest Communist Party in the world (surpassed only by China and Russia) and the largest outside the Communist-bloc nations. With the death of 300,000 in the recent incidents—the highest estimated figure—a formidable force of well over a million Communists still remain in Indonesia. Reorganization and new leadership is being established (underground if necessary). This is no overwhelming task to the cunning and persistent Reds. Formerly, Sukarno used the PKI to balance the power of the Army—and in turn the Army to counterbalance the PKI power. But Sukarno finally pushed the army too far.

But now, the question being asked by many is, Can the Communists survive as an organization in Moslem Indonesia? Or will the failure of their attempted coup signal their eventual decline as a significant power in Indonesian politics?

The answer will come as a shock to many. Far from denoting the end of the PKI as an effective force within Indonesia, their defeat means only a temporary change in tactics. It does not mean a change in goal!

Communist Tactics

To really grasp the significance of the present turmoil in Indonesia, you need to understand some of the major procedures which have always been employed by Communism. You need to realize that when Communism is confronted with unfavorable conditions, it expediently adapts to the circumstances, cleverly following whichever course best suits its designs.

Few seem to remember that this was the technique used by Lenin in 1921 to avert the overthrow of the four-year-old Communist Government in Russia. Let's go back for a moment into the history of Russian Communism to see the pattern of what happened and how the same strategy is being used today.

In 1917, Lenin gave the land which had been seized from the Russian landlords to the peasants with the slogan, "Peace and land." It was a popular move which gained for Lenin the loyalty of the peasants. Yet this slogan opposed the Marxist doctrine of collective ownership!

Lenin argued that his goal of attain-
An example of the execution of Lenin's policy in Indonesia, since the September 30 movement, is found in the abrupt apparent reversal in recently deposed Foreign Minister Subandrio's views toward the Communists. Peking-oriented Subandrio has always shown great sympathy towards the Indonesian Reds. Recently, however, he shocked observers in Djakarta by declaring that the Communist's involvement in the abortive coup was "treasonous" and "unmasked the true character of the party."

This apparent switch in loyalty was aimed at relieving leftist Dr. Subandrio of any immediate pressure from the Army or from the hostile Moslems. It was the all-too-familiar Communist tactic designed to gain time for regrouping and strengthening of forces.

Another example is found in Sukarno's decision to dissolve the PKI. In fact, prior to the President's decision, some Communist branches had even "dissolved" themselves! This was a calculated move by Sukarno designed to remove suspicion from the party and to dispel any feeling of Sukarno-sympathy towards the Communists. Later the Reds can re-emerge—more than likely under an entirely different name—with new-sounding policies!

Real Reason Reds Failed

What stood between them and the virtual enslavement of 105 million Indonesians? the seizure of huge reserves of raw materials and natural resources? and the capture of an unrivalled geographical position of immense strategic importance straddling the world's busiest ocean trade route and one of the major "scagates" of the world?

Many expert diagnoses of the problems have been voiced. But none conveys the REAL REASON for the Red's failure!

The answer is given by the prophet Daniel. He was inspired by God to write: "The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men" (Dan. 4:16, 25, 32).

Here is the TRUE REASON why the Communists failed! It was not yet time for complete loss of Anglo-Saxon influence in Southeast Asia. God's Work has not been completed in this area of the world! Communism is atheistic! It opposes God! Jesus Christ said that the Gospel must first be preached and published as a witness to all nations, before the end of this age comes! Preaching the true Gospel of Jesus Christ is next to impossible in lands under Communist domination (Mat. 24:14; Mark 13:10). God stayed the hand of the Communists so that this Great Commission could be fulfilled in Asia. Victory in Indonesia would have placed the Reds in a position to bring pressure upon the whole of Southeast Asia, including Australia and New Zealand. Subversion of the whole region would have been much nearer! It is a fact well known to all thinking persons in Australia that what happens in Indonesia or any part of Southeast Asia vitally affects all Australasia!

Thank God, the Reds failed in THIS ATTEMPT! But—the hour is late! Time is running out! Christ's commission to preach the good news of the soon-coming Kingdom of God to this area of the world is quickly being completed! The September 30 movement effectively demonstrates how delicate the situation is in Southeast Asia. Australia and New Zealand wake up—this affects you!

Indonesia's Future

What does the future hold for Indonesia? What are Communist plans for Southeast Asia as a whole? What place does Indonesia hold in overall Red grand strategy?

Indonesia is composed of over 3000 islands spreading across more than 3000 miles of ocean. It forms the crossroad between two of the world's major bodies of water—the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

Of much greater significance, the Indonesian island of Sumatra forms the southern coastline of the Strait of Malacca. This 600-mile-long "gateway" between the Pacific and Indian Oceans is one of the most vital waterways in the world! On any given day, as many (Continued on page 47)
Today, two billions live at a bare subsistence level! The hand-to-mouth existence of the peoples of India, Africa and Latin America is understandable. But why are so many millions in Britain and America poverty-stricken? Why such penury in these affluent nations? What is the real cause of this terrible curse? And how will it be eradicated from the earth?

London

There is a reason for poverty—a cause for every effect. Why do billions live in dire poverty—or near-poverty?

Even in America, the world's richest nation, over 30,000,000 live in want! Why?

Why Poverty in America?

America is in the midst of the biggest financial boom in the history of the world. Unemployment is declining. Yet some experts estimate that about 35,000,000 Americans live at the poverty level!

Why?

Why should so many be near-destitute in a nation where there are boundless job opportunities?

In the January issue we reported on the worldwide curse of poverty. The poor and indigent can't afford adequate food, decent clothes and are often unable to be properly educated. This breeds further poverty and resultant illiteracy, which spawns new generations of poor illiterates—thus perpetuating the poverty cycle!

We also saw that the Bible clearly reveals it is God's will to bless and prosper those who diligently serve Him! "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health" (III John 2), declares God through the pen of the apostle John.

God solemnly promised to bless the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob with fantastic material wealth and prosperity! Those promises He has faithfully kept. (They are explained in Mr. Armstrong's free booklet, The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy.)

Now let us examine the main causes of poverty.

What is the number-one cause of poverty? Ignorance and superstition! Lack of proper education (ignorance) and/or wrong education (superstition) is unquestionably a major cause of worldwide indigence. The countries which are most illiterate are, without exception, the most impoverished.

The overwhelming majority of the peoples of India, Communist China, Africa, Latin America and other areas of the world are poorly educated. The masses of these peoples live in poverty or dire need.

Before they will ever be lifted permanently out of their penury they must first be educated—educated so they can help themselves.

Cause of Poverty in U.S.

Most of the earth's developed wealth is possessed by the peoples of Western Europe, North America, Australia, New Zealand and Southern Africa.

Yet the U.S. President recently declared that "32,000,000 Americans remain in poverty." "The Great Society" can never be fully established in America as long as such vast numbers live in straitened circumstances.

Of course, this "poverty" is not true poverty—as compared with the grim paupery in India, Africa or Latin America. Most of the 32,000,000 poverty-stricken Americans are able to afford automobiles, own many electrical gadgets and they usually find a way to
obtain cigarettes and alcoholic drinks.

Christ said, "For ye have the poor always with you..." (Mat. 26:11).

But why should there be such dire need and squalor in the United States—in a nation literally wallowing in wealth? Why should America's big cities have their terrible slum areas? Why are so many of the "employables" unemployed at a time when job opportunities are so plentiful?

Indolence—outright laziness—is the true explanation for so much poverty in America, Britain and in most of the Western world where the free enterprise (capitalistic) system prevails.

By contrast, many of the peoples of India, Africa, Latin America and other depressed areas are born under such miserable conditions—with such degrading environment—that it is virtually impossible for them to lift themselves out of their wretched illiteracy and pauperism. Most of them are held irrevocably in the vice-grip of ignorance, superstition and resultant destitution and squalor.

But...this is not true in America, Canada, Britain, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa! In these countries and in most of the Western world, people are usually poor because they, perhaps unknowingly, have chosen to be poor—because they choose a way of life that leads to poverty.

There are plenty of job opportunities. But most poverty-stricken people are not willing to pay the price of success—of prosperity! It is easier to bog down in indolence!

Lincoln Was Poor, But...

Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin. But at the time of his death, his residence was the President's mansion, the White House! Lincoln had very poor educational opportunities. But he prepared himself through his own private initiative—studying and working diligently—and he succeeded!

Many of America's millionaires and multi-millionaires made their wealth by sheer diligence—hard work. Many of them grew up in penury and didn't have the educational opportunities of today's poor-class Americans. They did not even have the educational facilities and opportunities of many of today's Negro Americans. Now libraries, inexpensive books and other reading material are readily available to virtually every American.

Negroes, Too, Can Succeed!

It is a well-known fact that the vast majority of America's colored people are among the poor Americans. Many live in slums and ghettos in the big U.S. cities.

Many of them could free themselves from the self-imposed prisons of the ghettos—if they really wanted to—if they really tried hard enough!

In the December 5, 1964 issue of The Saturday Evening Post there appeared an interesting article, written by a Negro, entitled "Don't Blame the Ghetto."

Mr. David B. Lee grew up in the Negro ghetto of Harlem. But he studied diligently, worked hard—and escaped from the ghetto. According to Mr. Lee, far too many Negroes have a defeatist attitude.

"Many of these Negroes want to place the blame for the Negro's inability to gain full citizenship and social acceptability completely on White America. But the Negro must accept his share of the responsibility. Too many are too anxious to blame the ghetto for everything."

He adds: "The truth is that many Harlem Negroes never think of leaving the ghetto. They never try." He continues, "Many educated Negroes would not consider going into work for their people. They no longer feel that the Negro problem is their problem. Once they've achieved what they want in life, they give little thought to helping others to do the same..." (Emphasis mine). Yes, the ghetto is a prison, but there are no walls, no bars, no fences. It is a prison of the mind." (Emphasis Mr. Lee's.)

Mr. Lee continues: "I believe that the most important task before today's Negro is to realize that nothing is impossible if he's willing to work and fight for it."

And there have been a number of Negroes, as well as whites, who have been willing to work hard, to fight the battle against self-intoxicating defeatism to pay the price for success! Among them was Booker T. Washington. Though born in slavery, despite severe hardships, he became a successful leader in U.S. Negro education. He established Tuskegee Institute for practical training of Negroes in trades and professions.

A Great, Noble Negro

George Washington Carver was also born in slavery. Yet he became a scientist of undisputed genius. Also, his paintings were prized by museums the world over.

He didn't have great educational opportunities. Nonetheless, against great odds, he diligently set about educating himself! And he succeeded!

Many times during his lifetime, he met racial prejudice and bigotry. But he was determined not to let these things make him sour or defeat him.

On one occasion, he was accepted by a College in Kansas, only to be turned down when he arrived—because of his color. "No man," said he, "can drag me down so low as to make me hate him!"

Carver became famous as a scientist. His thorough knowledge of botany and other branches of science enabled him to become one of the pioneers in the development of plastics, synthetic rubber and other synthetic materials. He is especially noted for his outstanding research on the almost unlimited industrial uses of the lowly peanut.

Again and again he told his students to be diligent. "Learn to do the common things uncommonly well."

Now look at Scripture: "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men [men of low station or rank]" (Prov. 22:29).

And Mr. Carver's diligence did bring him into contact with many of the great of his age.

His advice and services were sought (Continued on page 42)
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.

BEG PARDON: In this column, the January, 1966 number, appeared an answer to a question about a new book, titled The Passover Plot. The answer contained two or three statements which the author feels could be construed as reflecting on his sincerity and integrity as a scholar and author, primarily this one: "Who could possibly believe such a preposterous book? Probably not even its own author!" We assure our readers this magazine did not intend to reflect on the personal integrity or sincerity or character of the author, whose name was not even mentioned. Since the author feels it could be so construed, we retract these statements, and offer full apology to the author. A more full explanation and retraction appears in the Personal from the Editor column, page 1.

"On The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, you said that Melchizedek was the one who became Jesus Christ. I thought Christ appeared for the first time when He was born of Mary. Wouldn't that mean Jesus Christ was present twice on earth already and the next time would be appearance number three?"

B. D., Alabama

Jesus Christ took upon Himself the nature of man once and once only in all history. That was when born of the virgin Mary. That the Bible describes as His first coming to dwell among men.

Hebrews 2:14-16 explains it. "Forasmuch then as the children [human beings] are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same. . . . For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham."

Christ was born into human flesh once only to die for human kind. He was not born with the nature of angels. He did not come to die for angels. Angels are composed of spirit, not flesh and blood. Christ died for mankind. He therefore took upon Himself the nature of mankind—flesh and blood—so that He could give His life for the sins of the world.

Now consider Hebrews 9:26-28: "... but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." That was His first coming, when born flesh and blood of the virgin Mary. Continuing: "... So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many: and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

There you have it. The first time He came to pay for sin, to offer Himself once for all time. The second time He will come to dwell among men He will not be composed of flesh and blood, but of Spirit. The second time He will not come to pay for sin, but to establish the Kingdom of God on this earth!

Thus Scripture reveals Christ has come once and will come again to dwell among men. The first time as flesh and blood; the second, composed of Spirit—immortal, life-giving Spirit.

Now consider this. After Christ rose from the dead—after His first coming, Christ appeared on more than one occasion to the apostle Paul (Acts 9 and Galatians 1:12). But that did not mean He has come the second time, or a third. On these occasions He did not come to dwell among men, but appeared only briefly to reveal messages from the Father in Heaven.

The same is true of the Old Testament appearances of the One who became Jesus. The God of the Old Testament—the One who appeared to the patriarchs and prophets—was not the Father, but the One who became Jesus Christ. Your Bible says: "No man hath seen God [that is, the Father] at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him" (John 1:18). See also I Timothy 6:16.

The Word, the Spokesman of the God Family, appeared time and time again to our first parents, and to the patriarchs and prophets to reveal the Father's will. They did not see the Father. They saw only the One who became the Son. On none of these occasions did Christ come to dwell among men for year after year, as He did at His first coming. On none of these occasions was He composed of flesh and blood. He manifested Himself in human form, but not as human flesh and blood. He could appear and disappear suddenly!

When He appeared as Melchizedek, He manifested Himself in human form. But He was not composed of flesh and blood.

Abraham saw the One who became Jesus Christ walking on earth in the form of a man (Gen. 18:1, 2). As a Spirit Being, He could appear in the form of a man just as angels do (compare verses 2, 16-17, 22 with 19:1).

Later, He wrestled with Jacob (Gen. 32:24-30), and escorted the children of Israel through the desert all the way from Egypt (Ex. 3:6; 14:24).

That Christ is Melchizedek you will find thoroughly explained in Mr. Armstrong's article "Who Was Melchizedek?" Write for it. And also a companion article "Is Jesus God?" It makes the identity of Jesus Christ plain.
DAVID A NATIONAL HERO

David was disappointed because of the Israelite soldiers' fear of Goliath—the giant Philistine soldier. For loudly voicing his opinion to some of the troops, David was taken to Saul. King Saul asked for an explanation. Saul was surprised when David blurted out that he would fight Goliath. (I Samuel 17:20-32.)

Re-acquaintance with King Saul

"I admire your courage, young man," Saul told him, "but you would have no chance of coming out alive in a contest with this mountain of a man. You are young and untrained. He has been a professional soldier for years. And according to his terms, Israel would have to surrender after your death!"

"I'm not exactly inexperienced in fighting, sir," David explained. "I herd sheep for my father, and once I killed a grown bear that had stolen a lamb. At another time a lamb was taken by a lion. I killed the powerful beast with my bare hands!"

Some of Saul's officers glanced at each other and exchanged winks. Others grinned, but the grins faded as David continued his appeal.

"God made it possible for me to save both lambs by giving me the ability to slay both beasts. God will also help me slay the defiant, heathen Philistine who has challenged the people of God!"

Saul stared at David. He could see that the strangely familiar young man was quite sincere, though it was difficult for him to believe that David had killed a lion without using a sword or spear.

"You seem so confident," Saul observed, "that perhaps you should be the one to
go out against Goliath. Go if you insist, and may God protect you!” (I Samuel 17:33-37.)

“But sir,” a surprised officer said to Saul as he took him aside, “this would mean that there’ll be an attack!”

“I know,” Saul replied. “But this senseless state of affairs has to end sometime. Have our men ready to follow this fellow. We’ll rush in behind him to cut down that Goliath before the Philistines can get across the valley! After that—who knows?”

Saul insisted that David put on his special armor for protection. Aides quickly outfitted him, even giving him Saul’s very fine sword. But the metal equipment was so bulky and heavy that David could hardly walk, and it had to be removed.

There was no time to be lost. Goliath was still lingering at the edge of the valley and shouting occasional affronts at the Israelites in general. Instead of Saul’s sword, David took the staff he usually carried and walked down the slopes toward the giant. He had to cross a small stream that trickled into the valley. From its bed he selected five stones that had been worn smooth and round by the action of the water. These he slipped into the small leather shepherd’s bag he wore attached to his belt along with his sling. (I Samuel 17:38-40.)

When Goliath saw someone approaching, he picked up his huge spear and slowly strode toward David, his heavy armor gleaming and clanking. As soon as the two men were close enough to easily view each other, Goliath came to a halt and let out a roar of disdain. His shield-bearer, stalking before him, lowered his shield to indicate that protection for his champion wouldn’t be necessary.

David Against Goliath

“Why has Saul sent out an unarmed youngster to meet me?” the giant bellowed. “Does he think I have no more fighting ability than a dog? What do you plan on doing to me with that stick you are holding? May the gods of my nation curse you for this insult to me!”

Goliath spat toward David, then turned and glared in another direction in a gesture of scorn.

Out of the corner of his eye Goliath could see David moving slowly toward him. His massive hand clenched his spear tighter as he turned to glare at his challenger. David knew that if the spear left the giant’s grasp, it would hurtle toward him like a catapulted log!

“That’s it, boy!” Goliath taunted, beckoning with his left hand. “Come a little closer to me, if you dare, you brainless runt! As long as you’re here, I might as well turn you into carrion for the birds and animals of this valley!” (I Samuel 17:41-44.)
"You are too sure of yourself!" David shouted to Goliath. "You have come here to fight with only the help of your sword and spear. You have only your armor and shield to protect you. I come here in the name of the mighty Lord of millions, the God of the armies of Israel—the same God you have foolishly defied for the last forty days. You trust in your sword, spear, and shield. I trust in the living God. This God will now make it possible for me to bring you to the ground, so that I can cut off your head! Then the birds and the beasts will have more food than they can eat, because today they'll feast on the carcasses of thousands of your fellow soldiers as well as on your own! All who see this thing or hear of it will realize that battles aren't decided by the plans of men and the strength of their arms. The God of Israel decides who shall win, and in this battle Israel shall be the victor!" (I Samuel 17:45-47.)

"Bringing your God into this doesn't frighten me, little fellow!" Goliath shouted back, signalling to his shield-bearer to withdraw to one side. "No God can save you now!"

With surprising speed for one of his size, the Philistine lunged forward, at the same time lifting his great spear from his shoulder and drawing it backward for the thrust. While Goliath had been talking, David had slipped a stone into the leather socket of his sling. He rushed forward and forcefully slung the stone.

The giant's spear was never thrown.

The stone from David’s sling hissed into the Philistine's forehead just beneath the rim of his helmet. Goliath's knees buckled, and then his massive body toppled forward like a great tree, crashing to the ground with a loud clang of metal!

David rushed to the fallen giant. The helmet had rolled several yards away, and he could see that the stone was deeply embedded in the huge head, proving that death had been instant. David dragged Goliath's weighty sword from the scabbard, raised it as high as he could, then brought it down on the giant's bullish neck, severing the head from the body. (I Samuel 17:48-51.)

Vanquished in God's Name

David looked up to see Goliath's shield-bearer racing back toward the Philistine army. The foremost ranks and officers could clearly see what had happened to their champion. The frightened Philistines turned and fled.

Soon the first ranks of Saul's shouting army were swarming past David, and took off in swift pursuit of the Philistines as they fled across the valley. The Israelites overtook and killed thousands of them in a wild retreat that covered many miles.

A large part of the army of the enemy managed to get off to a good start toward
While the giant's shield-bearer stared in disbelief, the stone from David's sling thudded into Goliath's head squarely between his eyebrows. The cumbersome giant dropped his spear and toppled awkwardly forward.

the homeland. Many troops succeeded in reaching Philistia to seek refuge in their fortified cities, including Shaaraim, Gath and Ekron, but without quite accomplishing freedom. They were overtaken at the very gates of the cities they almost reached. Hun-
dreds fell by the swords, spears and arrows of the Israelites, who were consumed with
vengeful feelings because the Philistines' champion had insulted them for so many
days.

There were no enemy troops to come out of the cities against the Israelites,
who later safely marched back to their barracks. On their way they took provisions
and arms left in the Philistine camp, and destroyed everything they couldn't use.
(I Samuel 17:52-53.)

Hours before, when David had gone out against Goliath, Saul had asked Abner,
next in command of the Israelite army, if he knew who the young man was and from
where he had come. Abner had assured Saul that he had no idea who David was.
There was no more time to inquire before the Israelites set out after the Philistines.
After the pursuit began, David trudged up to the barracks carrying Goliath's head
and the giant's armor. Abner sent some of his aides to carry the armor and bring
David before Saul.

"I want to commend you for your bravery and skill," Saul told David. "It's
amazing that a young man like you, not even a soldier, succeeded in doing what none
of my men would dare try! Tell me about yourself."

"I am David, the youngest son of Jesse of Bethlehem," David answered. "I came
here today to bring food to three of my brothers who are in your army. I was angry
when I heard the giant speaking contemptible things of Israel. I knew that God would
help me silence him, and He did." (I Samuel 17:54-58.)

A Hero's Acclaim

"I salute you, David!" Saul exclaimed. "I should like to have you remain here
with me and my officers, so that you can train to become an accomplished soldier." (I Samuel 18:1-2.)

David thanked Saul, at the same time wondering how Saul could have forgotten
the weeks David had spent with him as a musician and armor-bearer. Not wishing to
embarrass Saul, David refrained from mentioning these things to him.

One of the first matters David took care of that day was to send a message to
Jesse, his father, informing him that he was safe and would be staying with Saul for
a time.

In the days that followed, David and Saul's son, Jonathan, became close friends.
Jonathan honored David by presenting him with some of his costly military
clothing and weapons. David was so useful and well-liked by all that Saul made him
an officer of high rank in his army. That didn't mean he was to start out by command-
ing men in battle, but that he had other duties of a lighter nature that nevertheless
afforded him great respect. And he would be quickly trained to lead troops in battle. (I Samuel 18:3-5.)

Then an incident took place that destroyed Saul's friendliness toward David. It
was part of God's plan to eventually move David into power as king of Israel. Days were required for news of the Philistines' defeat to spread over all Israel. The people were so happily excited that some of the cities sent to Gibeah groups of young women, trained as dancers, singers and musicians, to praise the Israelite army for its victory.

When it was announced that the girls were coming to parade past Saul's royal quarters, crowds gathered along the streets. Saul and his officers, including David and Jonathan, waited on the balcony of the building while thousands of troops stood at attention nearby.

Band after band of young women, singing loudly, banging tambourines, plucking lyres and blowing horns, moved nimbly down the street past the crowds and Saul's balcony. Some marched, some danced and others rode on animals as they played. They shouted tributes to the troops and officers and sang songs that were composed to direct enthusiastic esteem to the victorious warriors. Saul and his men were very pleased by this animated demonstration.

Then, toward the end of the parade, came an especially vocal group of singers whose song was worded rather carelessly:

"Our thanks to Saul, our mighty king,
For facing thousands one cannot count;
But David's feat was a greater thing—
Like facing ten times that amount!"

The bystanders, having heard so much of David's heroism, broke into wild applause. Saul's expression of pleasure abruptly melted away to make way for a scowl he couldn't hide. He glanced darkly at David, who was so embarrassed by the singers that he turned away from the balcony. Saul quickly strode off to his quarters.

"That was a most disloyal display!" Saul muttered to himself as he paced irritably back and forth in a private room. "The crowd applauded David's name more than mine. Surely it isn't possible that this young upstart is the one Samuel predicted would take the leadership of Israel from me!" (I Samuel 18:6-9.)

Royal Jealousy Flares

Next morning Saul awakened to find that he was in the same miserable condition that had bothered him in former times. He was wretched and depressed. He felt as though everyone about him were plotting to take his life. It was difficult for him to breathe, as if invisible hands were closing about his throat. He shouted for his servants to help him, but ordered them out as soon as they touched him.

"My father is ill this morning," Jonathan worriedly confided to David. "He
acts as though he is out of his mind, but no one knows how to help him."

"Perhaps I can help him if you can find a harp for me," David suggested. "I can play a harp fairly well, and the music might calm him."

Jonathan immediately sent servants to find a harp. When one was brought a little later, David tuned it, went into the hallway leading to the room occupied by Saul, and began playing. Wondering at the source of the music, Saul opened the hall door just enough to be able to see through. When he saw who was playing the harp, he was furious.

This was the first time that David's playing upset the Israelite leader instead of soothing him. All he could think of at the moment was how to get rid of the younger man. He seized the scepter he often kept with him, which was actually a fancifully carved spear, and peered out to see if there were others in the hallway. Assured that David was alone, he opened the door wider.

"I'll put an end to at least some of my troubles by nailing that ambitious young buck to the wall!" Saul murmured to himself.

He drew the spear back, then savagely sent it hurtling toward David's chest. At that precise moment David dodged. The spear zipped close over his shoulder to gouge hunks of stone out of the wall behind him. Realizing that it would be foolish to linger, he walked calmly down the hall.

Angered still further by the failure of his effort, Saul leaped out of his room to snatch up his spear and hurl it again at David's retreating figure. The weapon embedded itself in a wooden pillar at the end of the hall only a second after David ducked aside to descend a stairway. (I Samuel 18:10-11.)

Saul Plots Against David

When next Saul and David met, it was as though nothing unusual had happened, David had concluded that Saul's rash behavior was due to a temporary mental upset. He told no one about it. Saul seemingly was as friendly as usual. In fact, he announced publicly that he was making David the commander of a thousand of his trained soldiers. David at first was pleased. But later he began to realize why Saul did this when it was disclosed that the thousand soldiers were stationed several miles from Gibeah. Saul had suddenly come to dislike David, and this was his way of getting the young man out of his sight and at the same time pleasing the many people who admired David.

As the months passed, David proved himself an exceptionally capable leader of the troops given to his command. He conducted himself wisely at all times, at the same interval growing in favor with his soldiers and the people, to Saul's envy. Mean-
while, Saul’s suspicion grew that David was destined to be the next king. His dislike for the younger man grew accordingly. He even feared him in that he almost expected that God would act through David to punish him for trying to kill David with a spear. (I Samuel 18:12-16.)

Saul had noticed that there were some signs of affection between David and his daughters. He seized on this circumstance to start carrying out a base scheme.

"Would you care to have Merab, my older daughter, for your wife?" Saul bluntly asked David next time he met him.

"Not unless she prefers me above others for her husband," David answered.

Saul wasn’t pleased by this equally blunt reply. When a king offered a daughter in marriage, it was highly irregular for a condition to be mentioned by the one who was to receive her. Saul managed a smile as he continued.

"I can promise you that Merab will prefer you. I’ll happily give her in marriage to you within the week as a reward for your outstanding service in my army. Of course from then on I’ll expect your men to go first into any battle with the Philistines. The husband of a princess should set an example in valor."

"I am very flattered," David observed, "but I am not from a wealthy or famous family. Your daughter wouldn’t be happy to be married to a former sheepherder."

Saul had expected that David would eagerly accept his older daughter, and that the younger man’s obligation to Saul would mean so much exposure in battle that David would soon be killed by the Philistines. He was so angry at David’s polite refusal that he immediately gave Merab away in marriage to another man.

David wasn’t disappointed. Michal, Saul’s younger daughter, was the one to whom he was more attracted, and Michal had a strong liking for David.

When Saul learned, to his relish, that it was Michal whom David preferred, he started planning again. (I Samuel 18:17-21.)

"This time our overly particular hero can’t refuse me," Saul mused sinisterly, "and he’ll pay with his life much sooner than I planned before!"

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What our READERS SAY

(Continued from inside front cover)

to Him, I can go a long way in improving matters myself. Now that my husband has also read your articles and encircled many important points, I’m sure he will be trying. Thank you and God be with you always.”

Reader, Des Plaines, Illinois

Million-Dollar Correspondence Course

“I just received my 10th Correspondence Course lesson and was so anxious to get started, I rushed through my morning chores. I thank God for the Correspondence Course and wouldn’t take a million dollars for the knowledge I’ve received.”

J.M., Kentucky

From a University

“My husband and I are attending Oklahoma State University where each day we are told by instructors that there is no God and the Bible is in the same classification as Grimm’s Fairy Tales. It is a welcome relief to be able to come home, turn the radio on and listen to The World Tomorrow, and to receive your free literature through the mail. We have just started taking The Plain Truth and are enjoying it very much. Thank you for it all."

Mr. and Mrs. Steve W.,
Stillwater, Oklahoma
THE CAUSE OF POVERTY

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by presidents and princes the world over. Many well-known men—including Henry Ford—tried in vain to hire him. Thomas Edison offered him a minimum salary of $100,000 a year if he would accept employment with his company.

But Mr. Carver’s heart was with his people. He wanted to continue his teachings at the Tuskegee Institute, at Tuskegee, Alabama.

“Carver was a friend of presidents and in the last years of his life kings and princes journeyed to see him” (Reader's Digest, July, 1965). He corresponded with Mahatma Gandhi, and was a close friend of Henry Ford, the Crown Prince of Sweden and others.

Disabled Can Support Themselves!

Some people use ill-health or physical disability as an excuse to live on charity. True, some are in such ill-health, or are so disabled as to be unable to earn their own living.

The vast majority, however, could earn their own living—if they really tried hard enough! And they would be much more independent and much happier if they did.

I have heard of a woman who was paralyzed from her neck down. She didn’t moan and groan or complain—didn’t take a defeatist attitude and give up! By holding a pencil between her teeth she was able to dial telephone numbers and build up a prosperous real estate business.

Another fine example of diligent work and courage is that of Helen Keller—who lost both hearing and sight when only 19 months old. She didn’t give up. Because of her determination, she became a well-known author and lecturer, and led a full, successful life.

One of Britain’s war heroes, Group Captain Douglas Bader, didn’t give up simply because both his legs were amputated. He was determined to walk again even with his artificial limbs! And walk he did!

Wishbone or Backbone?

Outright laziness (not ignorance) is another primary cause of poverty. But any lazy man can give a thousand excuses or hard-luck stories about why he is unemployed—why he shouldn’t work. "The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason" (Prov. 26:16).

The sluggard is commanded to “Go to the ant” and “consider her ways” in order to become “wise” (Prov. 6:6-11). The ant works hard in the summer, laying up plenty of food for the hard, cold winter days ahead.

God Almighty declares: "The hand of the diligent shall bear rule; but the slothful [the lazy] shall be under tribute" (Prov. 12:24).

Many people use the slightest little excuse to flop down on the bed or couch; they cannot distinguish between true tiredness and just plain laziness. We’re told, "Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger" (Prov. 19:15).

The sluggard does not want to plow his fields in the cold weather, in preparation for seeding and harvest. "Therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing" (Prov. 20:4).

Lazy, shiftless, ne’er-do-wells are forever wishing they had more material things—a new home, a new car, new clothes, money in the bank—like others they know of! But they’re not willing to work hard. "The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labor. He coveteth greedily all the day long" (Prov. 21:25, 26). He has a huge wishbone, but no backbone! We are commanded, "Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty; Open your eyes, and you shall be satisfied with bread" (Prov. 20:13). Yes, "drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags" (Prov. 23:21).

Wise King Solomon has said: "I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down" (Prov. 24:30, 31).

Then Solomon said he considered all this—he looked upon it and learned a lesson—he understood why the fields were all grown over with nettles and why the fences were broken down.

"Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep; So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man" (verses 33, 34).

Yes, the man who’s too lazy to get out of bed in the morning and get cracking is going to encounter poverty. He who shuts the alarm off, turns over and goes back to sleep—is a sluggard! He’s lazy! He’ll never succeed that way.

King Solomon also showed that, "By much slothfulness the building decays; and through idleness of the hands the house drops through" (Eccl. 10:18). Many a ramshackle house bears mute testimony to the indolence of its occupants.

While traveling through the slum districts of the big cities of the world, and through certain rural areas, I have observed run-down homes, overgrown fields and broken-down fences—commonly the result of indolence, slothfulness or downright laziness!

God Almighty never intended human beings to let the State do everything for them. Too many are all too eager to let the Federal, State or Local Government make all their decisions for them—letting the government care for them from the cradle to the grave.

Any government which foolishly starts a hand-out or give-away policy which encourages idleness and outright indolence is going to have to learn, the hard way, the utter folly of such a policy!

Gifts should be like the priming of a pump. This pump-priming type of charity is quite all right. It is good for all of us to help those who are in genuine need. But it is reckless to give assistance to people who do not deserve it and will not use it wisely. It is a tragedy to sow the seeds of indolence by doling out money to those who just sit and wait for more.

All charity, gifts or assistance should be given in such a way as to help the parties to whom it is going—not to push them further into indolence!

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BAPTISM—What Does It Mean to You?

Why do so few understand the real MEANING of water baptism? Why are so many unsure of their contact with God?

by Roderick C. Meredith

You were born for a purpose. Do you know what that purpose is? When you have come to a real understanding of that purpose, life takes on a new dimension. Every day, every activity—even every trial and test—has a challenge and a meaning to you that it never had before.

I am not referring to a sentimental, namby-pamby, lovey-dovey "religious" feeling. I am not talking about "giving your heart to the Lord" in the commonly accepted sense at all. Or about "making your peace with God."

I am talking about the real issues of life!

What You Probably Didn't Know

As a reader of this vital magazine, you have probably been surprised by what you've read. You are finding revealed a concept of the true God which has never existed in modern churchianity. It is a concept of the literal Spirit Personality who inspired the pages of your Bible—who walked and talked with Adam and Eve, with Abraham, and who appeared to Moses. It is the concept of the ALMIGHTY God who created and now rules this universe.

It is the realization that God is moving and intervening in world affairs. That the growing numbers of wars and their potential for human extinction are all part of the Master Plan of the true God. That the swiftly worsening conditions of drought and famine are part of that plan. That the rising crime rate, the breakdown of the family, the soaring incidence of homosexuality, filth and perversity in almost every area of western "civilization" were all foreseen, and allowed, by the true God as a definite part of His Master Plan.

You should be coming to learn that God is real. That Jesus Christ is sitting, literally, at His right hand and is very real. You should be learning to take seriously former President Dwight Eisenhower's statement: "Science seems ready to confer upon us, as its final gift, the power to erase human life from this planet."

You should certainly realize that only the LIVING Jesus Christ—at His second coming—will be able to truly stop the hellish destruction and suffering caused by man's wars and man's way of life!

In these last days before the second coming of Jesus Christ, you need to know—and know that you know—whether or not you are prepared to meet your God! With an open mind, you should be willing to prove whether or not you have ever been really converted.

Misplaced confidence in a false concept of God and Christ could result in forfeiting your eternal life. Such deception is extremely dangerous. Particularly so since your own personal vanity will in many cases prevent you from admitting—in this most important of all areas—that you have been wrong.

Are you willing to face this possibility? Are you willing to change if God shows you through His Word that you have never really known Him, never been properly baptized, never had His Holy Spirit growing and living within you?

Your Bible says: "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:9). In plain language, you have to have Christ's Spirit in you or you are not a Christian—you have never been converted.

God's SPIRIT Is the Difference

A truly converted person is filled with and led by the Holy Spirit of God (Romans 8:14). God places and lives His very life within us through His Holy Spirit. By this means, we are begotten of Him as children and thus partake of His very nature!

In the past you probably didn't even know what the Holy Spirit was, what it was supposed to do in your life, and what was the real result of your being led by God's Spirit.

In Romans 5:5, God tells us: "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us." Through His Spirit, God gives us His love. Thus we partake of His nature—His character. And God's character is expressed in the spiritual principles contained in the Ten Commandments—obedience to God's law.

And how is this love of God expressed? Your Bible answers: "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous" (I John 5:3).

God's Spirit leads us to obey Him as our Maker and Ruler.

The apostle Peter was inspired to write of "the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey Him" (Acts 5:32).

True conversion, then, involves a surrender to obey God and His Laws. In Acts 2:38, Peter was inspired to tell how to be converted. He said: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission
of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."  

You repent of sin.  

But what is the Bible definition of sin? "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). That is the Bible definition of sin—breaking God's commandments!  

So to be truly converted, you must repent of breaking God's law. You must be so sorry that you are willing to quit—to turn around and go the other way! You are willing, therefore, to begin obeying God's law and to literally live by all ten of the Ten Commandments!  

Anything hard about that? Is this a great "burden" to perform?  

What is so burdensome about having no other gods before the true God? About not taking God's name in vain? Or breaking His Sabbath? What is so hard about honoring your parents? What is so hard about refraining from murder, adultery, stealing, lying and coveting?  

Why do people think they must fight, kill, lie, cheat, steal, curse, and damn their God and Father—despitefully using Him, His name, and their fellow human beings—in order to be happy? Where does this weird idea come from?  

Yet many religionists sanctimoniously and stolidly proclaim that God's law is a great "burden"! They think it is "too hard" and refuse to even try to obey it. They fail utterly to realize that it is God's love—shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit—which does enable us to keep God's law if we are willing to do our part!  

It is Christ's righteousness put within us through His Spirit that makes the difference! And that difference is love, joy and peace with God and our fellowman—to the extent that we obey—and to the extent that we are growing and overcoming our human natures through this life preparatory to eternal life in the world tomorrow.  

Baptism Means a Change  

Remember that in the New Testament, God's commandments were magnified by Jesus Christ—particularly in Matthew 5 in the sermon on the mount. New Testament Christians are to keep not only the letter but the very spirit and intent of God's law in every phase of their lives.  

Jesus said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4).  

In repenting and being converted, then, you must repent of disobeying God's law—disobeying His word—His rule over your life. It is a matter of your willingness to honestly see and acknowledge that you have been wrong. To acknowledge that you are willing to surrender your will to obey your God and your Maker! Your willingness to accept the shed blood of His Son Jesus Christ in full payment for your sins—as He died on the stake for you, and "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).  

Then, you are ready to be baptized as an outward sign of your willingness to completely bury your old self—literally give your very life to God as your Father and to Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, High Priest and coming King.  

Notice the inspired description of the meaning of baptism in Romans 6:3-6: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."  

Baptism, then, symbolizes the death and burial of the old self—the old human nature which has been contrary to God and His laws. It symbolizes our faith in, and acceptance of, the literal death of Jesus Christ in our behalf. It symbolizes, also, our acceptance of and faith in His resurrection which our coming up out of the watery grave also pictures. "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection" (verse 5).  

Also, baptism certainly signifies that our old nature—selfish, vain and sinful—has to die. It certainly shows our realization of our own sins, our vanities, our wretchedness. It is an outward acknowledgment of our realization that the old self must die in order that we might rise again to live, really live, by God's laws and commandments and quit sinning! "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin" (verse 6). Since, as we have seen, "sin is the transgression of the law"—this previous verse certainly shows that we should not continue in lawlessness. Rather, we must repent of breaking God's laws and begin to let Jesus Christ—through His Spirit and His Love—live within us a life of obedience to God's laws and service to our fellowman.  

Be Sure You Do YOUR PART  

Are you absolutely sure that you have come to this kind of real repentance and surrender to the God of the Bible? Have you come to abhor yourself—to realize that your natural spirit of lust, competition and vanity is simply not bringing you real peace, happiness and eternal life? That, as a whole, the people of this world simply do not know the way to peace or righteousness at all? (Romans 3:10, 17.)  

The greatest stumbling block that prevents most people from accepting the truth and being converted is their own vanity. Most people have grown up and attended some church or another. They have had religious teaching from grandparents, parents, uncles, aunts and friends. They hate to admit that they—and perhaps friends and loved ones—have been wrong! They fear to admit that they may never have been converted!  

Human nature makes them want to maintain their own righteousness. But God thunders: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:8-9).  

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12).  

Our own human ways and reasonings are nearly always wrong! This means you! Don't apply this to someone else—apply it to yourself! For it is almost certain that most of you reading this article still have what...
the Bible describes as a "carnal" mind. You have never really surrendered your will to God and to obedience to His commandments. You still argue, reason, justify self. You say: "This is the way I look at it."

Although many think that they have already been "saved," the sad truth of the matter is that they may never have come to the place of even beginning to truly yield their wills to real obedience to the God of the Bible! Therefore, they have never received of God's Holy Spirit or become His begotten sons.

Such people are weak and just do not bring forth the "fruits" of overcoming human nature, growing in grace and in knowledge, understanding and living by the words of the Bible more and more every month and year of their lives.

Why?

"Because the carnal mind is ENMITY against God: for it is not subject to the LAW of God, neither indeed can be" (Romans 8:7).

You see, God describes the "carnal" mind—the natural, fleshly mind of man—as a mind that is disobedient to His laws! It tries to "reason around" those laws and worship its own way. Through this process of "reasoning," it refuses to worship God His way!

That is why such people have never been able to understand Bible prophecy before! Why they have never really understood the great purpose being worked out here below. Why God has always seemed so far away to them—so unreal.

What About YOU?

Be honest with yourself!

Have you, personally, gone through a really heartrending REPENTANCE as the first step toward your conversion? Have you continually changed and CROWNED in spiritual understanding, knowledge and character ever since?

Never forget that before real conversion comes real repentance. You need to humble yourself until you can sincerely repent as David did in Psalm 51—one of the best examples of repentance in all the Bible. "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin," David cried. "For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me."

Notice that David did not try to justify himself. Rather, he acknowledged his sin freely and asked forgiveness.

He continued: "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight."

God didn't have to argue, browbeat or "reason" David into admitting his guilt regarding his sin with Uriah and Bathsheba. As Job finally did, David was instantly willing to see himself and acknowledge and bitterly repent of what he had done. He really came to abhor himself.

Notice: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me" (vs. 5). David was not talking about the act of conception being a sin but the fact that he had always been, so to speak, a "thing" of sin—literally filled with lustful, vain and sinful human nature! David came to repent not only of what he had done—but of what he was!

Have you?

Have you been led by God to see that your very nature is wrong? Have you come to sincerely want to get rid of your own rotten, selfish, carnal human nature? Are you ready to repent not only of what you have done—but of what you are?

King David knew that this was what God required. He said: "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psalm 51:17). Before anyone—and this does mean anyone—is really and truly converted, he has to be humbled, beaten down and made to realize his own nothingness by God. He has to go through a period of time when he is abhorring himself, acknowledging his sins to God and repenting of them—turning around in his heart, mind and will and determining to go the other way.

When that time comes, a person will quit arguing and reasoning with God or with His ministers doing His Work. He will not grudgingly hang on to false concepts of God. He will quit trying to reason around obedience to God's commandments and literally living by every word of the Bible. He will not get his "feelings" hurt at the correction and exhortation of God's chosen servants.

A Time For ACTION

Perhaps the God of heaven has brought you to understand the reality of Him, His immutable spiritual laws and of His great purpose in human existence. Through hearing The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast and reading The PLAIN TRUTH magazine, you may have come to see that God is now intervening in human affairs in a definite and specific way all over this earth. Perhaps you are beginning to see that God's way of life is good—that it teaches the right way of having a happy home, rearing children, keeping in physical health, having physical and financial blessings, having real peace of mind, and knowing and fulfilling the purpose for which you were born.

If this be the case, many hundreds or thousands of you may wish to write in and request a visit from one of our teams of ministers or advanced, competent ministerial students from Ambassador College. These teams go out every year during the summer months to visit, counsel with and interview people all over the earth who are truly interested in changing their lives and perhaps in being baptized into the name of Jesus Christ after real repentance. These men go out as Mr. Armstrong's personal representatives—and will be able to answer nearly any questions you may have about your spiritual life, about baptism, about Bible questions or about getting to know more regarding this Work of God or others who are living by God's Way.

So if you would like to make the decision to act on the truth you have been learning—perhaps to sincerely bury your old self in baptism and give your very life to God, send us your name and address today and request to be put on our counseling and baptizing list immediately. Our ministers will soon be starting out on summer tours, so get in your request airmail if you wish to be visited this spring or summer.

And while you are writing, be sure to ask for our surprising article: "What Is Real Repentance?" and the vital
booklet on *All About Water Baptism*. These articles are sent absolutely free, and will give you additional information on the meaning of repentance and water baptism.

Those of you in the United States should write immediately to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, Box 111, Pasadena, California. You readers in Britain and Europe should write to our London address, and those in Australia, New Zealand and Southeast Asia should write to our North Sydney address.

If you really grasped this article as you read it, then it is high time you became personally acquainted with the true servants of Almighty God and His Work today. It is high time you acted on the vital truths you have been receiving!

I SAW GEMINI 8 BLAST-OFF

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the mission had to be aborted over the Pacific as the space capsule began yawing violently after the docking maneuver had been completed.

As I write it was reported the space craft yawed possibly as much as 32 degrees per second at one time—meaning the two astronauts were being violently whipped back and forth as their craft began acting in an extremely unstable fashion.

It was with a real sigh of relief I learned, later, their capsule had safely splashed down—had been secured by frogmen dropped from a search aircraft—that they were safe and well.

The technicians working at the Gemini Control Center at Houston had CHEERED WILDLY when they heard the news.

And no WONDER grown, dignified, educated, serious-minded men at the NASA headquarters in Houston CHEERED when they heard the astronauts had splashed down safely!

These men are really COMMITTED to their space program.

What about YOU?

First stage assembly of giant Saturn V Moon rocket is lowered to the mobile assembly platform. One engine is mounted and counterweights are used for balance in this test model. Note the two men just left of the huge rocket.

Are YOU going anywhere? Are you DEDICATED to any great cause or PURPOSE? Is your whole being wrapped up in something? Or are you drifting along through life, aimlessly, purposelessly?

It's time you came down off the fence of indecision and doubt—time you really PROVED some mighty important things to yourself—time you know where you stand!

If you want to know the TRUE OUTCOME of the race to conquer space—and find out WHO WILL WIN—then write immediately for your copy of our BRAND-NEW, full-color booklet, *Who Will Rule Space?* It's free, of course.

These next few years are going to be the most completely SHOCKING of your life! Keep listening to *The World Tomorrow* broadcast, and reading the pages of this magazine, to really know where this world is headed!
INDONESIA

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as 200 ships pass through the Strait in a line so continuous that a vessel steams under the smoke of the one ahead!

Communist conquest of Indonesia would enable Communist pressure upon ships using this strategic sea lane! Control of both sides (which would be a reality in case of Communist successes in both Malaysia and Singapore) would enable Reds to constrict this great artery of Pacific trade. This would be especially catastrophic for Japan. Ninety-two percent of the oil, upon which Japanese industry is thoroughly dependent, passes through this Strait! Should the Reds succeed in closing the Strait, Japanese industry would come to a grinding halt—or be forced, at great added expense, to re-route her shipping. Japan could be forced to accept some form of union with China as the price of survival!

Seen in this light, the conquest of Indonesia—giving the Communists control over such a strategic international crossroads—assumes an importance immensely greater than that involved in the conquest of one nation alone!

This is why the Communists will not give up the struggle! True, they may change the nature of the fight—even appearing to support an "anti-Communist" line—until they are once again strong enough to revert to their old dogma—but they will not quit!

This is the lesson of history!

It is the lesson now being taught in Indonesia! The Communists have never yet taken over a Moslem nation. But they will not give up!

A Warning From the Past

Some observers are voicing the opinion that Communism divided against itself is finished in Indonesia. This is NOT TRUE!

What is happening in Indonesia today happened only yesterday in China!

For many years—between 1937 and 1947—the followers of Communist leader Mao Tse-tung suffered a succession of defeats at the hands of Chiang Kai-shek’s Kuomintang. Very few Western observers would have attributed a chance of victory to Mao. Then Mao’s followers began to reappear under the guise of “agrarian reformers.” Any connection with the Communists was denied. (Another example of diabolical adherence to Lenin’s theory!) No one discovered the trick until it was too late.

Within two years (by 1949) the Communists had crushed Nationalist China’s will to fight. On October 2 of that year Russia and the new Communist State exchanged ambassadors, and a startled world was brought to the sudden realization of what was by then an accomplished feat! And a similar pattern could conceivably be followed in Indonesia!

Now listen to these shocking facts!

In the early post-World-War-II years, the former Indonesian Communist leader Tan Malaka put forward an ambitious plan for a Red proletarian Republic. It was ultimately to comprise Indonesia, Malaya, Burma, Siam (Thailand), the Philippines and Northern Australia (A Short History of Communism In Asia by Malcolm D. Kennedy). This was an enlarged version of the “Greater Indonesia” then being advocated by a section of nationalists in both Indonesia and Malaya.

Now look at China’s plan for Indonesia.

This plan was first advanced by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, former leader of the Chinese Nationalist Kuomintang organization in Imperial China. Sun Yat-sen cited a long list of “lost territories” which, he said, China would one day reclaim. The list included Korea, Formosa, Annam (Indo-China), the Ryukyu Islands, Siam (Thailand), Borneo, Sarawak, Java, Ceylon, Nepal and Bhutan (The Revolt In Tibet by Frank Moraes). Mr. Moraes points out that Sun Yat-sen’s claim has subsequently been reiterated by both General Chiang Kai-shek and Mao Tse-tung. The claim has also been depicted in maps published by the Chinese showing much of the above-mentioned territory as a part of China.

The goal of Red China is domination of all the countries and islands of Southeast Asia, including Indonesia! It is in direct opposition to Indonesian Communist plans. And it is one of the reasons the Red revolt in Indonesia failed. Communism today is divided. Not until the very end of this age will God momentarily allow it to fully unite.

Ezekiel’s Prophecy

The vital key which unlocks the real meaning of today’s world news and leads to a proper understanding of what is going to happen in Indonesia—and throughout all Southeast Asia—is found in Bible prophecy!

For many centuries this key has been lost! The world has not understood!

But today the LIVING CHRIST has revealed the vital key, opening our understanding to the real meaning of today’s world news and of the future of nations!

YOU, TOO, CAN UNDERSTAND!

Over two thousand years ago God Almighty inspired the prophet Ezekiel to write of events to occur at the end of this age!

In the 38th chapter of the prophecy of Ezekiel, we read of a great union of Asian nations joined together with the “prince of Roib”—Russia—which will attack the Near East and Palestine shortly after the return of Christ.

Notice verse 8, “After many days thou shalt be visited; in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword (speaking of Palestine) . . .”

Which nations belong to this great Russian-Chinese-Communist empire? In verses 2, 5 and 6, God names the peoples of the Soviet Union and Asia!

Here is a great Russian-Asian colossus. Its present total populations exceed a mammoth one-and-a-half billion people!! And Indonesia forms part of it!

It’s later than you think! The time has come to awaken from sleep! (Rom. 13:11.) The end of this age will soon be upon us!

YOUR FUTURE—YOUR VERY LIFE—is at stake!

WATCH WORLD AFFAIRS—BE AWARE of what is happening in the world around you! (Luke 21:36; 1 Thess. 5:6.)

YOU NEED to know what God says will happen in the world where YOU LIVE!
A semi-secret report has just "leaked" out of New Delhi. It reveals that India is now stockpiling the plutonium produced in her nuclear reactors for weapons production.

India's scientists are also working on advanced-design techniques for the bomb. Official confirmation of the crash program is expected soon.

The next time Pakistan or Red China act up, New Delhi wants to have a nuclear punch in its arsenal.

China—and Japan, Too

The Red Chinese are reported close to exploding their third nuclear device. No one is more concerned about the worsening Asian conditions than the Japanese.

Despite the American-imposed "no war" clause in Japan's post-war constitution, despite the natural Japanese aversion to atomic weapons, persistent rumors out of Tokyo point to that nation of 100 million also travelling down the nuclear road—and soon.

Now what does Bible prophecy reveal?

That this idea of flooding the world with nuclear reactors for "peaceful purposes" will backfire!

Nations around the world are in a frantic rush to get "The Bomb!"

Plutonium, the basic raw material of nuclear weapons, is now being produced by the ton. Dr. Glen T. Seaborg, chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission revealed this alarming fact at a recent conference in Washington.

Already over 600 nuclear reactors for research, industry, and power production have been assembled in more than 40 nations. Many have been built with U.S. assistance.

Nearly all of these reactors produce plutonium in some amount, Seaborg said. He urged that steps be quickly taken to assure that the "scores of thousands of pounds" of the metal produced yearly are not devoted to weapon production.

Power-mad leaders, reveals Bible prophecy, will abuse this awesome power placed at their disposal. Before man's day of rebellion against God is over, whole cities—whole nations—will lie waste under the ravages of nuclear war. Read it—in Leviticus 26:31, in Isaiah 6:11, Hosea 8:14, and in Micah 5:10-11, 14. Such total destruction could be only in this end-time nuclear age—"in that day" as Micah phrases it.

Only the direct supernatural intervention of the returning Jesus Christ can rescue mankind from total nuclear oblivion (Mat. 24:22).

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Britannia Quits the Waves

Few people in America and Britain realize the full impact of the Labor government's recent decision to trim the once-invincible British Navy to the bone.

The consequences of this decision will be tremendous!

Plans call for the entire aging British carrier fleet to be phased out by 1970. Sole striking power of the fleet will then hinge on just four Polaris submarines. Naval base operations and troop commitments "east of Suez" are to be cut drastically. Defense will ultimately rest on 50 F-111 "swing wing" bombers to be bought from the U.S.

Germany tried in two world wars to break Britain's naval might. Now this power has been scuttled in peacetime—by the British themselves—exposing the British sea lanes and even the home isles to mortal danger!

The London Daily Express reported: "For a nation whose pride and glory was in sea power, this is indeed the end of the line in world politics!"

God foretold this centuries ago! Because of mounting national sins and moral depravity, He warns: "I will break the pride of your power" (Lev. 26:19).

This pride of British power has been broken. The mighty navy that defeated the Spanish Armada, that helped rout Napoleon, that sank the Bismarck, is no more. Prophecy comes alive!
Gold Hemorrhage Continues

Hushed up for some time now, America's gold stock continues its downward skid.

According to the Federal Reserve Board, the United States lost $1,664,000,000 worth of gold in 1965. It is the largest loss since 1960. Most of the precious metal fled to Western Europe. France and West Germany are the largest recipients.

The U.S. gold stock is now down to approximately 13 3/4 billion dollars, lowest since 1938. Over 21.7 billion dollars was on hand a decade ago.

In the same 10 years foreign holdings of dollars—potential claims against gold—have skyrocketed to 28.4 billion dollars, far more than U.S. gold on hand.

Making matters worse, imports into the U.S. are rising at a far faster rate than exports. Federal Trade experts are concerned, perplexed as to what to do. Administration appeals to industry to halt foreign investments are meeting stiff opposition. Tourism is still rising despite "See America First" appeals. The dollars—and gold—continue their flight.

What does it all mean?

Your Bible reveals an end-time trade war, a time of economic "besieging" of our people. This is found in verse 52 of the key prophecy of Deuteronomy 28. It is already beginning with the expansion in trade of the Common Market in Europe. It will climax in World War III. How it will happen is made plain in the free booklet 1975 in Prophecy. Read it!

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Comic-Book Heroes

Americans are more pleasure-mad than ever.

Nothing typifies this more than the ludicrous appearance of live comic-book characters on nation-wide television. Grown men dressed up in tights and wearing capes! How ridiculous!

"The whole country is going deliberately...nuts!" said one critic in a national magazine.

Another TV reviewer, Charles Champlin, showed how the new "entertainment" is criticism-proof. "If the critic says it's a terrible show," Champlin said, "the producers can nod eagerly and say, 'But of course. That's the whole point. It's supposed to be bad. And the worse the better.'"

This philosophy, said Champlin, is part of "an upside-down world in which bad is good and good is bad."

God Almighty said this would occur. He warns, "Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil" (Isa. 5:20).

How much longer can our peoples escape from reality?

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"Free Sex" in College

First it was "Free Speech" at the University of California's Berkeley cam-

pus. Then it degenerated into "Filthy Speech."

Latest reports reveal a "Free Sex" movement under way. Groups of male and female students gather in off-campus rooms for wild parties—stark naked! Advocates of such activity are apparently free to propagandize their beliefs on campus. School administrators are seemingly powerless to stop it.

"Sexual Freedom Leagues" have been formed at several other well-respected institutions. But this is only part of the story.

Throughout California hundreds of "topless" restaurants and bars have opened up. The situation is especially bad in Los Angeles and San Francisco, which has been called "the fun-loving tourist's ideal of an English-speaking Gomorrah." (Life, March 11, 1966.)

That's exactly what God calls the people of the United States and Great Britain today! Thunders the prophet Isaiah, "Hear the Word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom...ye people of Gomorrah" (Isa. 1:10).

God says of our nations, "They declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not."

Yes, we even call some of our cities "Sodom" and "Gomorrah." All sorts of lewd pocketbooks are sold bearing titles such as "Passionate Lust," or "Evil Desire." Our nations are becoming saturated with homosexuals and lesbians.

God Almighty warns that unless our nations repent of all this filth and lewdness, they face the same fate as Sodom and Gomorrah (Isa. 1:9).

These two lust-filled cities of old were destroyed by the Almighty with "fire and brimstone" from heaven. This time the fire from heaven will be man-made in the form of hydrogen warfare!

These are not pleasant prophecies, but they are true! And like righteous Lot who was rescued from Sodom, only those who turn to God and obey Him will be saved from the coming destruction.
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