The Beat Generation

"I would like to comment on the article 'The Beat Generation.' The article was very eye-opening. It gets really sickening to see the boys at school showing such outright rebellion against all authority. Our school recently had $1,000 damage done by a group of high school boys. This was not the first time it happened this year. We have had several fires set in the school by boys who 'just wanted to watch it burn.' Many of the girls are wearing their skirts 4 to 6 inches above their knees and cutting their hair from 1½ to 2 inches long all over. It all makes me very happy that I am privileged enough to know the truth and come out of this sinful world, and know what true happiness really is!"

Linda M., Wichita, Kansas

"I can't remember having seen a letter from a teen-ager published in The Plain Truth. I'm wondering if I am the only teen-ager who reads it. I enjoy reading The Plain Truth, although it's disheartening to read about the way the younger generation is going. I just wish more teen-agers would read this wonderful magazine and wake up!"

J. D., Old Town, Florida

• You have just read two in a row! And we receive thousands more like them.

"Thinking Man's Magazine"

'The Plain Truth' in color is the most beautiful and thought-provoking magazine printed. There is a cigarette ad, 'The thinking man's cigarette.' Well, yours is 'The thinking man's magazine,' and with God's help, the only one that brings action.

T. H., Westminster, Maryland

Weather

"We certainly agree with you about the drought being here; being farmers, we can see what is happening. Yesterday we had one of the worst blizzards both of us had ever been in. If only it had been rain—we need that so much right now. The snow was so hard on the livestock."

H. W., St. Edward, Nebraska

"God Is Dead"?

"Our oldest girl came home from school the other day deeply concerned about something. I knew she was thinking about a matter that was very important to her. Just before her bedtime, she called to me and I went to her. She said, 'Mommie, a girl told me today that God was dead and so there is no God. She was wrong, wasn't she, Mommie?' She started to cry, and, Mr. Armstrong, I was hurt to think that a child could hurt another child with just a couple of words."

Mrs. Beatrice M., Fayetteville, North Carolina

File It

"I always file all of my magazines when they come in, after I have read them. I consider this magazine one of the best that I have ever seen. The article on the world famine sure is an eye-opener for everyone. Then above everything else, we do know what is published in The Plain Truth is the whole truth. I am greatly surprised at some of the readers getting their fur ruffled a little bit the wrong way, then they do not want the magazine any more. I read my copy from cover to cover, and I have failed to read anything that would ruffle anyone's fur. If the truth will do it, then, Mr. Armstrong, let us continue to get the truth, and amen for it."

W. F. P., Kelso, Washington

Book

"Mr. Armstrong, I am only 19 years old. That means I am not entitled to collect your book on 'The New Morality.' I am not engaged to be married, yet. I have not seen the book, yet two boys told me that it is an interesting (Continued on page 47)
PERSECUTORS HAVE CALLED me a “false prophet.” Now how would you know whether the accusation is true—or false?

There are false prophets today. And they are not a few, but many!

The whole world—that is, the world as a whole—is deceived today. The world is deceived about the true values of life—about the things that really count. The world is chasing false goals, false gods. The world has lost its way. It has lost the way to peace, to universal prosperity, to good health, to happiness. The world is in chaos, awaiting the fateful nuclear world War III!

But who are the “false prophets”? How would you recognize one?

Actually, it probably is not very important to you to know whether my persecutors are right or wrong, when they call me dirty names, hurl epithets, resort to innuendo, impute sinister motives, strive to discredit, attempt character assassination. What is important to you is whether what you read in The Plain Truth really is the truth—whether what you hear over The World Tomorrow broadcast is true—not whether I, as an individual, am true or false.

I think our readers know by now that we always say: “Don’t believe what we say because you believe in us.” We say: “Listen with open mind, without prejudice, then check up in your own Bible—prove whether it is true, and believe what you find proved!” I don’t seek to induce people to believe in me—I seek to lead them to believe in Jesus Christ!

But just how would you know whether a man is a “false prophet”?

Would you know, for sure, how to recognize a false prophet? There is one absolutely sure way to know.

Here it is: You may search the Bible from beginning to end. The false prophets have had one thing in common. They have always put the emphasis on a promised desirable result, while ignoring, rejecting, or opposing God’s way to that result. They always treat with the effect, not the cause. But the true prophets of God have always put emphasis on the right cause—on God’s way to the desired blessings.

Let me explain that. Let me make that plain! This magazine deals with making truth plain—understandable!

You may search the Bible from beginning to end. You’ll find the true prophets, apostles, ministers of God put first emphasis on the right cause, not the effect. They proclaim the way that leads to peace, happiness, security, and finally, eternal life. In Bible language, this means that God’s Word, and God’s true prophets and ministers put first emphasis on God’s Law.

And, further, since sin is the transgression of God’s law, the true ministers lift up their voices to show the people their sins (Isaiah 58:1). They call the people to repentance, reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ, forgiveness of sins, leading those who have been going astray back into the right way of God’s Law through God’s free grace.

It’s just this simple: There is a right way that leads to every desired result—blessings now, and eternal life forever. God’s Law is merely a defining of that way. But the whole world has been going astray—going the wrong way. God sends His prophets and ministers to proclaim the right way, to show people that they are going the wrong way, to cause them to turn around and get back on the right way through Jesus Christ by God’s free grace. Then the desired result follows. And that’s the only way to that desired result!

But the false prophets ignore or oppose...

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"Movie Alley" between 5th and 6th on 42nd Street, New York City. Moviegoing, long a part of American and British life, is having incalculable effect on the destruction of our national morals. In this collection of theatres, some open all night, one could literally stay inside a movie theatre for days without seeing all the shows available.
Escapism has become the biggest social problem of our times! With the future unthinkable, the present unacceptable, millions seek ESCAPE from the problems they can't face! And EVEN THIS was prophesied! See, in this article, what escapism is doing to the moral fiber of our peoples, and where God says it's leading.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

The "4-F's" of our time are not just those unfit for military service; they're the frightened, fearful, futile and frustrated.

"Anyone who seeks to analyze and define this age in tangible terms is likely to experience a sense of bafflement," said a syndicated columnist recently.

"It is an age of contradictions, of challenging paradoxes. In a time when men are seeking to explore the stars, they are finding it increasingly difficult to solve the problems which affect them on this planet. And in a period when technology promises to usher in a new scientific Utopia in which everyone will be happy, millions are gripped with a feeling of insecurity. Small wonder someone has called this 'an age with a split personality'!"

And small wonder that, when a little boy was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up, he answered, "Alive!"

You're living in staggering times!

Probably, you refuse to admit to yourself how truly FRIGHTENING these days are. If you're like so many millions of others; the mere mention of hydrogen bombs, nuclear war, world famine, impending race riots, mass starvation, or the war in Viet Nam gives you a sort of "willies"—and you turn instantly to something more comforting.

It's the "something more comforting" that has become a part of frightening reality!

Millions of our peoples are playing a desperate game of "let's pretend"! "Let's pretend" these shocking problems aren't REAL—and maybe somehow they'll go away. But the problems don't go away—and much GREATER problems are being created by the millions who won't face the ones that exist.

The fruits of this awesome fear we refuse to face are everywhere around us. Public preoccupation with sex, increased degeneration and lasciviousness among teen-agers, gambling, alcoholism, and drug addiction are some of

The sale of all types sporting and gaming equipment has skyrocketed in recent years. Thousands of affluent families own two cars and a boat. Outdoor recreation is by no means wrong—but frantic rushing in no particular direction to escape the challenges of life is putting the outdoors to a wrong purpose!
A tangled maze of metal, wood and wire—a manufactured mecca of madness; a fairyland of frolic and fantasy: Disneyland, California. Millions of tourists from all over the world rush to this man-made permanent carnival.

the temporary escape from reality being used today.

And we can’t even face the LITTLE problems, let alone the big ones!

What ARE the “Big” Problems?

The greatest problem facing mankind today, overpowering the threat of hydrogen-bomb war, is the population “explosion”—the awesome, steady, irrevocable increase in the number of human beings on this crowded earth. Immediately behind it, still more awesome and inevitable a problem than the threat of nuclear war is the obvious result of overpopulation; impending FAMINE on a global scale!

Another problem of mammoth worldwide proportions, and directly related to population pressures, drought and famine, is that of DISEASE epidemics!

Next comes the threat of extinction through THREE SEPARATE MEANS!

First and most widely publicized is the threat of NUCLEAR-BOMB WAR, and the total annihilation of all mankind.

Second, and perhaps even more staggering because of the prospect of a lingering death for millions, is the possibility of CHEMICAL warfare; nerve gases; new chemicals which destroy the will of an enemy to resist, or which effect total changes in the personality.

Third, and equally as nightmarish in portent is BIOLOGICAL warfare!

The public has been warned that even a tiny dose of certain germ cultures, such as botulinus toxin, into the water supplies, or air, of enemy nations would kill multiple millions before it were ever detected!

Staggering? Frightening? Awesome? These words lack the force and power to really describe such massive problems. We simply lack the ability to describe in terms real to OURSELVES the unbelievable FACTS of this modern age of ours!

Taking all these really BIG problems together; you must multiply their significance many times over when you realize the tremendous ideological struggle under way between the big powers today!

Seeing the imminent proliferation of
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atomic weapons; the decay of NATO; the emergence of dozens of new nations (each with a vote equal to that of the United States or USSR in the United Nations); the deep and seemingly insoluble problems of race, culture, language, religion, and government—looking at the whole picture, is it any wonder most seek escape?

Millions of us find these incredible facts unacceptable! We simply "can't" believe it's all that bad. "Don't want to" might be a better term!

Too Many LITTLE Problems to Worry About

Paradoxically, it's not these overpowering big problems from which most people seek escape.

When the American Secretary of Defense says, in a casual, clinical, dispassionate way, that "130,000,000 Americans would perish" if the Soviets attacked with missiles tomorrow—it scares no one. But an announcement by major tobacco companies about a hike in the price of cigarettes? It could touch off demonstrations!

People seek escape from their daily pressures more than any other thing!

The high-tension living of our modern age of automation, mechanization, and impersonal dog-eat-dog competition drives many to drink!

And rising taxes, the boss on the job, the mother-in-law, the good-looking girl around the corner, racial tensions, the war in Viet Nam, and the constant cry of the daily news is enough to make most people want to escape from it all!

Our modern plays, book titles and music illustrate the point! "Stop The WORLD, I Want to Get Off," they cry. Or, "HELP!" Or, at the very bottom of the barrel of incredible loneliness is the cry of the "Beatles" of "I Want to Hold Your Hand!"

Take a look at the myriad forms of escape we're using.

Get Away From It All!

How many times have you heard someone say, "I've just gotta get away from it all for a while"?

And how many times have you felt the same way?

The most obvious form of escape is literally getting away, leaving the scene of your personal problems.

In Britain, "HOLIDAY" is a colorful, exciting, pulsating word of fun, frolic and fancy! And business, enterprise, service, emergency or birth can wait...
when "holiday" is around the corner.

Millions of Britons who can little afford it rush frantically to the dozens of "holiday" camps, to Scotland or Wales, to Europe or America.

"Holiday" is a corruption of "Holy Day," and, in the tenacious grip millions have upon their sacred free time, you'd be led to believe it is just a little bit "holy" to many a frustrated and jaundiced eye, still.

Travel is a huge business, today!

The millions who want to see the world before it blows up (as one teenager put it, "I want to get to Europe this summer, because who knows whether Europe will be there next year?") provide the most important industry in many nations. Without tourism, Mexico, Denmark, Switzerland and many other nations would find their national economies seriously injured!

The sales of airline and steamship tickets, of leased and rented cars, of train and bus tickets, and the "go-now, pay-later" plans being offered so prolifically today are mounting into huge sums—but this is only a part of the picture.

Sales of various types of travel and camping equipment have boomed into the multiple millions of dollars per month!

People are traveling today as never before in history!

The largest influx in the history of Europe is expected this summer—and traffic jams unparalleled will be the daily occurrence in Switzerland, France, the Riviera, Italy and Great Britain.

This massive onslaught of tourists is related directly, of course, to increased wages, more leisure time, and the impulse to rush forward to capture the pleasant experiences of life before they disappear forever.

Daniel was told his prophecies would be closed to general understanding "...even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Dan. 12:4).

So, at this time in world events when technological knowledge has led mankind to the brink of nuclear insanity, man tries to escape the frightening world of his own devising by frantical-

ly running "to and fro"—thinking a change in physical environment can somehow blot out the fears and worries of day-to-day living.

Travel can be broadening and educational. It can be recreational in the right sense—and well-earned travel to carefully selected places for specific and right purposes is not mere "escape."

But the nagging, driving urge to travel, to leave the scene of one's own frustrations—travel for the purposes millions admit they travel, is pure escapism.

However, travel is by no means the greatest form of escape; and is probably the least harmful of all.

Entertainment Mania

In our calloused, "shock-proof" societies, entertainment has taken on new and sinister meanings.

An almost unbelievable avalanche of sex, perversion, pornography, "blue" films, sadism, masochism, bestiality, murder, rape, and brutality has flooded into the public view through the modern "boob tube" of television, or the movies and lurid novels.

Where audiences formerly went to the "legitimate" theatre to be shocked by the indiscriminate use of choice four letter Anglo-Saxon words, they may now calmly listen to such filth in public movie houses.

In British television, almost unbelievable references to lewdness, perverted sex, and depravity is as open and unabashed as a news report.

Pornography alone, in the United States, is huge business! Enough pornographic books are sold each year to more than fill the Empire State building five times over—and most of these books find their way into the hands of children.

How many hours of your life have been spent watching ready-made day-dreams in the movies, or on television? Probably, an incalculable number. And the effect these hours have had on your personality, your attitude toward life, and your very character is also incalculable!

People today seem gripped by a form of insanity when it comes to their favorite form of escape.

When astronauts Armstrong and Scott were tumbling wildly in their space capsule, which had become uncontrollable after their "docking" with the unmanned Atlas-Agena space vehicle, the major networks interrupted television programs across the United States to give the latest conditions.

Station switchboards were immediately swamped with angry callers.

"Why did you interrupt my favorite program?" they demanded! "What am I supposed to tell my kids?" they shouted. Later, it was revealed thousands of the callers were angry because their favorite program "Lost in Space" dealing with space-age science fiction had been pre-empted.

Thousands of others were scathingly indignant when their favorite program, "Batman" had been interrupted! Can you believe it? Here, over their heads, was a real-life drama of life and death being enacted: the greatest space achievement yet in the making, and a sudden emergency occurring which caused the aborting of the mission, and which could have caused the first disaster in space for the United States!

I was really concerned.

And, while I have no personal involvement with the space program; and feel no chauvinistic motives in man's race to the moon—I am, nevertheless, very much in admiration of the great courage of these men, and sincerely hope none of them ever meets disaster in this headlong race into outer space.

And yet many Americans were so "plugged in" to their modern society—so completely enraptured and enslaved by their favorite method of escape from reality that they became enraged when anything disturbed it!

Incredible as it seems, it's all sickeningly true!

Self-indulgence today has reached new lows!

Multiple billions of dollars are spent by the lust-driven public each year to satisfy the senses! And multiple billions more are spent in an attempt to cure the aches and pains resulting from such artificial and temporary "satisfaction." American adults alone swal-

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Above: a wasted past—a hopeless future—and a few rosy dreams from each bottle. But it’s not the fringe-area, skid-row drunks that concern government leaders; it’s the vast numbers of youths and middle-class adults who drink to excess! Below: The end result of alcoholism—skid-row hopelessness.
God Almighty put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He commanded Adam to "dress it and keep it" (Gen. 2:15).

But today too many want to lie down on the job—want coffee or tea breaks. Want to work only 5 or 4 days a week, want to work 36 hours or less if possible.

God Intended Man to Work!

Many have never realized that the fourth commandment not only enjoins the keeping of a rest day, but also commands man to "labor." "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work" (Ex. 20:9).

That part of the command is just as important as the part requiring man to rest on the day God made holy.

The "spirit" or intent of this law shows that a man is normally expected to keep busily engaged during the first six days of the week.

Not only is man commanded to labor, but he is told how he is to go about his work. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Eccl. 9:10)! For God's Word reveals that there is no mental or physical activity at all—no knowledge, wisdom or work—in the grave where all mankind is headed.

The apostle Paul commanded the Christian not to be "slothful in business" (Rom. 12:11). He further admonished: "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). See also I Thessalonians 4:11, 12.

Even in the days of the Apostles, "spongers," "shirkers" or "chiselers" were beginning to take advantage of some of the brethren. These "parasites" were loafing—not working and providing for their own households as they should. God, therefore, inspired the apostle Paul to give a stern warning: "If any [able-bodied individual] provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (I Tim. 5:8).

Notice how the apostle Paul dealt with lazy, shiftless idlers: "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread" (II Thes. 3:10-12).

Henry Ford, noted car manufacturer and industrialist, recognized the usefulness of diligent work in stamping out poverty.

In his introduction to his book, My Life and Work, Mr. Ford says: "There is no reason why a man who is willing to work should not be able to work and to receive the full value of his work. There is equally no reason why a man who can but will not work should not receive the full value of his services to the community.... If he contributes nothing he should take nothing away. He (the sluggard) should have the freedom of starvation."

Mr. Ford had no patience with ne'er-do-wells—people who were unwilling to work to earn their own way. He paid good wages (the highest in the auto industry) to his employees, but would not tolerate idleness!

In Chapters 13, "Why Be Poor?" and 15, "Why Charity?" Mr. Ford made it very clear that people need not be poor—if they're willing to work. Neither do they need to rely on charity.

He proved that even cripples, in most cases, could be trained for gainful employment.

He said, "Charity never led to a settled state of affairs. The charitable system that does not aim to make itself unnecessary is not performing service .... In a previous chapter I have set out how experiments in our shops have demonstrated that in sufficiently subdivided industry there are places which can be filled by the maimed, the halt and the blind ... There are more places in subdivision industry that can be filled by blind men than there are blind men. There are more places that can be filled by cripples than there are cripples" (Chap. 15).

Mr. Ford saw the permanent dole as a bad principle and a waste of money. He understood the principle of giving only to those truly in need. He did not believe charity should be poured into a rat hole to support the shiftless. When a person is given material assistance, it should always be with the idea of helping him to help himself. Any other type of giving is always destructive in the end!

Badly Needed Initiative

Many people in America and Britain—as in the whole world—are poor simply because they are downright lazy! They lack initiative!

The renowned American philoso-
pher, Elbert Hubbard, understood the importance of initiative. He said: "The world bestows its big prizes, both in money and in honors, for one thing—and that is initiative. What is initiative? I'll tell you. It is doing the right thing without being told."

"But next to doing the right thing without being told is to do it when you are told once…"

"Next, there are those who never do a thing until they are told twice: such get no honors and small pay."

"Next, there are those who do the right thing only when Necessity kicks them from behind, and these get indifference instead of honors and a pittance for pay. This kind spends most of its time polishing a bench with a hard-luck story."

"Then, still lower down in the scale than this, we find the fellow who will not do the right thing even when someone goes along to show him how, and stays to see that he does it: he is always out of a job, and receives the contempt he deserves, unless he has a rich Pa, in which case Destiny patiently waits round the corner with a stuffed club. To which class do you belong?" (Initiative, Elbert Hubbard.)

Another very interesting and profitable article on the subject of diligence was written by Elbert Hubbard. He had been a common laborer and also an employer of men. He wrote:

"We have recently been hearing much maudlin sympathy expressed for the 'down-trodden denizens of the sweat-shop' and the 'homeless wanderer searching for honest employment,' and with it all often go many hard words for the men in power. Nothing is said about the employer who grows old before his time in a vain attempt to get frowzy ne'er-do-wells to do intelligent work; and his long, patient striving after 'help' that does nothing but loaf when his back is turned… In our pitying, let us drop a tear, too, for the men who are striving to carry on a great enterprise, whose working hours are not limited by the whistle, and whose hair is fast turning white through the struggle to hold in line dowdy indifference, slipshod imbecility, and the heartless ingratitude which, but for their enterprise, would be both hungry and homeless. There is no excellence, per se, in poverty; rags are no recommendation; and all employers are not rapacious and high-handed, any more than all poor men are virtuous" (A Message to Garcia, Elbert Hubbard).

Unwise Spending—a Cause of Poverty!

There is still another class of poor people. These people are impoverished—not because they don't diligently use their minds or their hands—but because they do not know how to use the blessings they've been given.

Many do not know how to properly budget their incomes. They spend unwisely—far beyond their means!

Even though a man uses his mind and his body, works hard and is very diligent, he will still forever be in financial straits—if he doesn't wisely use the blessings God permits him to have. The following Proverbs emphasize this:

"He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster" (Prov. 18:9).

He who spends too much on food, drink or pleasures will often have the creditor pounding on his door. "He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich" (Prov. 21:17). "For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags" (Prov. 23:21).

Such people, like the Prodigal Son,
squander their substance with riotous living (Luke 15:13).

They may earn more than they need, but never learn to properly budget their incomes. Such thriftless individuals never learn to live within their means—they don't cut their garment according to the cloth.

Mental problems often have their origin, in large part, in financial difficulties. Untold mental anguish has resulted from poverty brought on by unwise spending. Many husbands and wives spend excessively on luxuries or on unnecessary items.

And the sad part of it is that almost everyone living in the Western world could be reasonably prosperous—if they were diligent and if they wisely budgeted their incomes.

Besides the causes of poverty already mentioned, there are numerous others: 1—poor heredity, 2—a wretched environment, 3—ill-health and/or physical disability, 4—oppression—from the rich, from the powerful, or even from the government—in the form of excessive taxes, 5—over-population—in the world, nation, or in the family. (Unfortunately many sincere but misguided individuals oppose birth control!) 6—catastrophes (often referred to as “acts of God”) such as fire, flood, earthquakes, or storms.

In almost every one of the above-mentioned causes of financial adversity, the individual can overcome the effects of calamity—if he tries long and hard enough! (Our free booklet, The Seven Laws of Success, will give further information on how to succeed in life.)

Poverty—The Result of Sin!

The real root-cause of most financial adversity is... SIN—direct or indirect breaking of God's laws! Tithing is one of those laws which govern material prosperity.

Notice how this was clearly emphasized by the inspired prophet Malachi, millenniums ago. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 3:8-12).

Many people are under a curse simply because they do not obey their Creator God. God promises to bless and prosper those who diligently serve Him. He wants all to be blessed—to be in prosperity and health—and eventually to live forever and enjoy these blessings eternally! (Be sure and request our free booklet, Ending Your Financial Worries.)

Again, what are the real causes of poverty? There are many! But the main causes are: 1—ignorance and superstition, 2—laziness, 3—wasteful squandering, 4—the underlying, all-inclusive root-cause—sin—disobedience to an all-wise Creator!

Most of the nations on this earth continue to flagrantly transgress God's laws. Even in the Western world, professing Christians seem to think they can break God's laws with impunity. But they're wrong! The poverty and resultant suffering found throughout the whole world is always the direct or indirect result of broken laws.

Poverty Banished Worldwide

When all nations begin to worship and serve the true God and keep His laws, then there will be happiness and prosperity for all. “The Great Society” will at last be realized.

Yes, there is good news! Jesus Christ will soon return to this earth in awful power and dazzling splendor. He will teach the nations to obey God's laws. "For the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Micah 4:2).

Ignorance, superstition and illiteracy will yet be banished from the world. "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Habakkuk 2:14).

At last, the peoples of the earth will be taught to diligently use their minds and hands—to work hard, to build—not to tear down and destroy! They will learn how to use their blessings—and to budget their incomes—not to squander them!

And they shall be taught to faithfully pay a tenth of their incomes to their Creator God in thankful appreciation for His many blessings.

The Bible reveals that President Johnson's "War on Poverty" will not succeed in banishing poverty from America!

"The Great Society" will not be established in the U.S. during this age! Because human governments cannot abolish sin!

In the very near future, however, God's "Great Society" will be established over the whole earth—during the millennial, Utopian rule of Jesus Christ (see Micah 4:1-4). For one thousand years, the nations will learn to use their energies in production, not in destruction—"they shall beat their swords into plowshares" (verse 3).

"They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid..." (verse 4).

Jesus Christ of Nazareth will finally remove the curse of poverty from this planet by removing the causes of poverty! When the nations are taught to love and diligently obey God and His perfect laws, then all sin—which is the real scourge of the world, the real cause of poverty—will at last be banished from the earth!

This is how the curse of poverty will be removed from this world.

And this is how peace, happiness and prosperity for everyone will finally be established over the whole earth!
Poverty in Orient
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**Central States**

| WHAC—Nashville—1510 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. daily and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. (C.S.T.) |
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| WKCY—Cincinnati—1530 kc., 7 and 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat., 12:00 midnight Tues. thru Sun. (E.S.T.) |
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| WPIT—Pittsburgh—730 on dial, 10:15 FM, 11:00 a.m. Sun., 12:00 noon Mon. thru Fri., 1:30 p.m. Sat. |
| WJ„—Cincinnati—750 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily. |
| WMC—Nashville—1450 kc., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat. |
| WXYZ—Baltimore—750 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily. |
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| WCGB—Bristol, Va.—690 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily. |
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| WBR—Marietta, Ohio—910 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily. |
| WBY—Battle Creek, Mich.—930 on dial, 12:30 p.m. Sat. and Sun., 7:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. |
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| KRV—Lexington, Neb.—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 3:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat. |
| KMM—Grand Island, Neb.—750 kc., 4:00 p.m. daily. |
| WNA—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial, 7:00 a.m. daily. |
| WEA—Chicago—1350 on dial, 10:51 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun. (also 8:00 p.m. Sun., FM) 8:00 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 7:30 a.m. Sat. and 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat. FM |
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| WTTW—Danville, Ill.—980 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily. |
| WWCA—Gary, Ind.—1270 kc., 4 p.m. Sun., 6 p.m. Mon.-Sat. |
| WJO—Chicago—1350 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily. |
| WSMR—Shreveport—1130 kc., 94.5 FM, 1:00, 8:30 p.m. or after Baseball Sun. thru Fri., 11:30 a.m., 11:30 p.m. Sat. |
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KFYR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.

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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.

"Can a man come to understand God's Word on his own? I've been trying to understand the Bible for a long time, but seem more confused than ever."

Mr. H. W., Alberta, Canada

The Bible records an example of a man who sought to find God—on his own—and failed. Notice it in Acts 8:26-40.

Philip, a deacon in the New Testament Church, met a man of Ethiopia, a man of great authority, sitting in his chariot on the road from Jerusalem to Gaza. The Ethiopian was reading his Bible—in the prophecies of Isaiah. Notice what Philip asked him: "Understandest thou what thou readest?" (Verse 30.) And the Ethiopian replied simply, "How can I, except some man should guide me?" (Verse 31.)

Here was an educated man, able to read the Bible in two languages, a man of responsibilities and accomplishments, the treasurer of a Queen's wealth. But he realized that unless a minister should help him, he could not understand God's Word.

Verse 35 shows that Philip gave him the instruction he sought. "Philip opened his mouth and began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus."

You can on your own learn to understand much of your own Bible, but the Bible itself reveals God has sent teachers—like Philip—to make the whole truth plain.

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 10:13-15. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

Here is the key to understanding your Bible.

First of all, you must determine who the ministers are that God Almighty has sent. Listen to those who are God's faithful and true servants. Listen with an open mind—willing to believe what you are taught out of your own Bible.

Notice Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

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"Why did Christ have to suffer to become perfect, since He never sinned?"

Mrs. A. W., Alberta, Canada

Most people have no idea what perfection is.

Jesus Christ, before He became a man, was God. He was perfect character. When He became flesh, His mind became subject to the pulls and temptations of His flesh. But He never yielded to temptation. He learned what it meant to become perfect in the flesh by calling upon the power of God for help. By the power of the Holy Spirit He resisted every trial and temptation.

Perfection of character is a day-by-day experience. It was this experience of maintaining perfection of character that Jesus Christ went through in the human flesh.

The answer to why Christ had to suffer is found in Hebrews 4:14-16. In order to effectively minister to our needs in His office as our great High Priest, Christ experienced temptation. But He never yielded to it. He experienced what Peter describes as the "trial of your faith" which He endured and overcame (I Pet. 1:7).

Jesus Christ never suffered for His own sins. But He did suffer for sin! Not His own sins, but ours!

The full penalty of our sins was put upon Him "who did no sin" (I Pet. 2:21-25). As a result, Jesus Christ knows what it is like to suffer for sin. He knows what it is like to be forsaken by Almighty God—"cut off" in our stead (Mat. 27:46). He paid for our sins so that we can turn to God for forgiveness when we repent of our sins.

Christ never sinned, never forsook (Continued on page 32)
The PLAIN TRUTH Staff in Sydney, after a 1000-mile survey of some of the country's worst drought area, reports what might become the most disastrous drought ever.

by C. Wayne Cole

To the two and one-quarter million residents of the sprawling metropolis of Sydney the word DROUGHT means little. There is only the inconvenience of not being able to wash the family car with a hose, or water the lawn except between 5 and 8 p.m.

But to the man on the land, drought takes on stark reality. Its spectre is barren pastures, dried-up tanks and reservoirs, the stench of dead sheep and cattle, withering crops and blazing, choking clouds of dust.

What You Haven't Been Told

For seven long years Australia's vast Northern Territory has suffered drought, interrupted by occasional heavy flooding rains which do little apart from causing erosion. During this period the Territory's beef and cattle population has fallen by two thirds. Only within the past two months has normal soaking monsoonal rain fallen to give temporary relief.

But this is only the beginning!

More recently, New South Wales and Queensland, Australia's two primary producing states, have begun to suffer.

Between them the states of Queensland and New South Wales account for 45 percent of the nation's wheat crop,
RAVAGES AUSTRALIA
55 percent of sheep population and wool production, 64 percent of the beef and dairy industry as well as 100 percent of sugar—all vital staples in the nation’s economy.

The outcome of two years of severe drought in northwestern New South Wales and southwestern Queensland—as well as subnormal rainfalls over most of the remainder of these two states—has produced shocking results. At a time when hungry millions around the world are crying out for food, Australia, the world’s third largest exporter of wheat, has experienced a 30 percent drop in wheat production over the bumper years ’64-65. Production in New South Wales was cut by 110,000,000 bushels—a whopping 75 percent! The seriousness of this reduction becomes evident when it is realized that in normal times New South Wales produces nearly 40 percent of the nation’s wheat.

Even more alarming is the effect of two years’ dry conditions on the sheep and wool industry. Although not finally determined, total sheep losses in New South Wales and Queensland are estimated at between ten and fifteen million. This loss takes on staggering proportions when it is realized it represents about half the 28 million sheep in all the U. S. A.

Exports Affected

Loss in wool production is presently estimated at about $70,000,000, representing a fall of 13 percent nationwide—30 percent down for New South Wales and 25 percent for Queensland. Wool losses will become an even more critical factor in the Australian economy if the drought continues. As the world’s leading producer of wool—the 1964 clip valued at over one billion dollars, 94 percent of which was exported—she can ill afford a continuation of the present drought.

The loss of beef and dairy cattle to New South Wales and Queensland is estimated at 1,000,000 head. This has dealt a serious blow to Australia’s export beef market, which represents nearly one half the total production. Losses expected for 1965-66 are equal to more than one third of Australia’s $176,000,000 beef export market. Overall production in New South Wales has fallen 22 percent. Butchers in the metropolitan area are finding it increasingly difficult to provide quality meat and prices have risen markedly.

In Queensland, grave fears are being expressed for this year’s sugar crop, after failure of the wet season in North Queensland. Most sugar cane districts report only one half the normal seasonal rainfall. In 1964 there were 1,724,000 tons of sugar produced. Of this, 1,116,000 tons worth $150,000,000 were exported.

Firsthand View

In order to assess the effects of the drought firsthand, members of The Plain Truth staff in Sydney toured 1,000 miles of New South Wales’ worst drought-affected area. Picking up a chartered twin-engine Piper Aztec at Dubbo, two hundred miles northwest of Sydney, we began the tour.

The region around Dubbo, in the heart of the rich New South Wales wheat district, had recently received its first good rain in months. A very light cover of green was just beginning to show. We headed west from Dubbo toward the more recently stricken towns of Nyngan and Cobar, ninety and one-hundred-eighty miles distant. The green began rapidly to fade into barren reddish-gray soil, dotted by Mulga bush. Here and there wheat fields had been sown just after the rain by farmers hopeful that follow-up rain would produce the crop that failed last year.

Below lay the nearly dry Macquarie River which supplies water to Nyngan and Cobar, as well as the large copper mine at Cobar. Already the diminishing waters of the Macquarie have been the basis for a dispute between these towns, the copper mine and the agricultural interests along the river. Flow is regulated by the huge Burrendong Dam just southeast of Dubbo. Only recently completed—too late to catch the previous good wet years—the 1.3-million-acre-foot-capacity reservoir is only 2 percent full. It is so low that the little remaining water has to be pumped over the silt trap at the bottom of the outlet.

This district has already lost 55 percent of its sheep population, according to the best official estimates so far. Many graziers have been completely wiped out. Others are hanging on with dogged determination, hopefully awaiting drought-breaking rains that have yet to come. Local residents at Cobar estimate that if rainfall resumes its normal 12 inches per year tomorrow, it would take a minimum of four to five years to build stock back to the pre-drought level. Losses to the graziers have in turn hurt the businessmen in towns like Nyngan, Cobar and Bourke (farther to the north). Some small merchants are carrying debts adding up to several hundred thousand dollars. To make matters worse, closure of the Cobar Copper Mines is imminent if substantial rains don’t come soon.

A hundred miles west of Cobar we landed at a fifty-thousand-acre sheep station about fifteen miles east of the Darling River.

Two years ago this station (ranch, to Americans) had six thousand sheep. Now there are only five hundred left. Another 2500 are on the stock routes hundreds of miles away, following what food remains. Three thousand have died in the last two years. Without immediate rain there is little hope for the remaining five hundred sheep. Although six-tenths of an inch of rain fell just two weeks before our visit, there was absolutely no evidence of any results. The dusty yellow-red soil was completely devoid of grass. Wind erosion had begun to take its toll. Even the kangaroos and rabbits had died out.

At the homestead, placed near the long-since-dry creek bed running behind the main house, the owner’s wife showed us a coloured photograph taken four years ago. This same land, now barren except for scrub, was then covered with waist-high grass and wild flowers.

Now heading northeast, we followed the meandering Darling River 125 miles to Bourke. Most of this leg of the trip was through a dense cloud of dust extending above our 7000-foot cruising altitude. The Darling was now about half full, but a few months ago before freshening rains had fallen in Queensland, it had dried to a series of waterholes.

Circling Bourke, the last outpost of any size in northwestern New South...
Wales, we could see nothing but dry, parched land with the exception of a few green irrigated patches in the vicinity of the township. Ordinarily the entire region should have a grass cover at this time of year.

According to one local businessman, Bourke has never been as bad off financially as it is today. Although despairing hope is still held for this region, it will take years to recover even if good rains begin to fall. One of the more pitiful aspects of the drought is to be found in the Bourke hospital. It is packed with Aboriginal children suffering from malnutrition and virus diseases brought about by the lack of water and the dust in which their families have been trying to eke out an existence.

**Governor’s Visit**

Leaving Bourke we traveled one hundred miles further northwest to a station near the Queensland border. Here again was the same dismal story, only worse. Stark tragedy is seen on every hand. With no rain of worth for two years, the owner of this station has lost 6000 out of 7000 sheep! The remaining thousand are living on the remnants of the sparse growth that came from light rains in December. Now that this is about gone there is little hope for the few remaining sheep. Red sand dunes begin to collect over the drying bones of their six thousand predecessors.

Here we learned that the Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler, and his party from the New South Wales government and members of the press had preceded us by two days using this same aircraft. Having lunch at the station, the Governor had remarked to the owner and his wife that this area reminded him of the Libyan Desert. Surely no desert could be much worse, including the desert regions of southwestern United States. The unused stock pen stood in stark relief against the fifty thousand acres of utter desolation that surrounded it.

The scene exactly fit descriptions given long ago by divinely inspired prophets who are generally regarded as wild visionaries. But these conditions are real! Tragically real!

Leaving the ironically named "Hungerford" district behind, we headed east along the Queensland border. In the settlement of Enngonia 75 miles north of Bourke, we found destitute Aboriginal families trying to subsist on a diet of bread and jam, supplemented by whatever wild game—kangaroos, emus and lizards—might be found. Farther east the nearly empty Lake Narran could be seen down to the right. Never known to be dry, Lake Narran is at its lowest level in living memory.

**Reservoir 91 Percent Empty**

Changing course from east to southeast we began to approach the rich black plains of the Namoi River. In marked contrast to the dry-appearing plains below was the rich green checkerboard of the comparatively small Wee Waa irrigation district. American cotton farmers from the San Joaquin Valley in California began to come here about four years ago, to apply American mechanized cotton-growing techniques to the similar Australian conditions. These efforts brought startling results. This district now produces 75 percent of Australia's cotton crop. Vital to the success of the project, however, is the Keepit Dam about one hundred miles up the Namoi River not far from Tamworth. This dam controls a reservoir which provides the Namoi with its year-round flow of water for irrigation. Value of the 1965 cotton crop is placed at one million dollars.

But the Keepit Reservoir which held 300,000 acre-feet of water two years ago is now reduced to a mere 31,000 acre-feet—just 9 percent of its 345,000-acre-foot capacity. Without heavy rains there will be no water for next year's crop. Disputes are already arising over the allocation of what little Namoi water is left. A $65,000 rotary drilling rig has just been brought into the country from...
DUST, DROUGHT... and Death!

the United States in the hopes of drilling for water to relieve the expected dry spell.

Wheat Production Critical

The 150-mile trip back to Dubbo from Keepit Dam was through the heart of the New South Wales Wheat Belt. Silos towering above the small towns, recently filled to capacity, were now virtually empty. Seventy-five percent of the State’s wheat crop failed—production 110,000,000 bushels short. This loss is equal to one half of last year’s export wheat crop of 210,000,000 bushels. We now have that much less to help feed the hungry areas of the world. Instead of the twenty-five-bushels-per-acre yield reaped the preceding year, this area of New South Wales saw yields of from nothing to 2 or 6 bushels per acre.

Although much optimism is expressed over the prospects of a good wheat crop next season, this is strictly conjecture. No drought-breaking rains have yet fallen. None are seen in the predictable future. And in order to earn

(Photos next two pages.
Text continues on page 26.)

Consuming drought in New South Wales. Parched ground, dried-up reservoirs and water holes, dead livestock—all tragic effects of Australia’s devastating drought.
They Said
d: "It Couldn't Happen Here!"
as many export dollars as possible, only about one third of one year's domestic supply of wheat is being carried over into next year. None is being saved as protection in case of worldwide famine. A few more successive disaster years like this could put Australia, the world's third largest wheat exporter, in the position of having to import wheat for her internal needs!

Will it be available then?

Disaster—Unless Rain Falls

After this tour, which encompassed and traversed approximately 100,000 square miles of one of Australia's major agricultural areas, one recognizes just how much man is dependent upon the weather for success.

An estimate of the financial loss from drought up to the present time is 800,000,000 dollars—the total of one year's defence budget in Australia. This figure includes not only the immediate 357,000,000-dollar loss in primary production and stock, but the price of re-stocking, the loss to railways, banks, lending institutions, machinery, equipment, manufacturers and distributors, the tax collector and value of shares (stock) in public companies associated with the agricultural sector. And as each month of this drought continues, the bill goes up. The situation in the irrigation areas has thus far been much brighter. However, with low rainfalls over the catchment areas, the irrigation districts are threatened for the coming year, as already noted, unless sufficient rain falls. The main storage dams and reservoirs in New South Wales at present contain from two percent of capacity up to no more than forty. In a Press release, 8 March 1966, Mr. Jack Beale, Minister for Conservation stated:

"The vast inland river system is slowly drying up. Unless substantial rainfall, has caused such heavy losses, it is now attacking us in the catchments of our river systems.

"The hard core of reliable production based on irrigation, which already has been restricted, is now threatened with extinction.

"Some towns, mines, and industries are facing a serious situation."

For a nation such as Australia, whose economy relies on the weather for 75 percent of her total exports, the seriousness of drought takes on major proportions. The 357,000,000-dollar loss estimated for this year will be nothing to that which will follow unless the present trend halts.

Why Drought?

Many people are asking this question. The man on the land blames lack of foresight and bad planning by the government. The government says that abuse of the land arising from poor management, over-stocking, and wanting to squeeze every bit of available profit from the land in good years is responsible for the present conditions. Both are partly correct.

But what man does not seem to realize, is that he does not control the weather. The reason for the drought is our going the way that seems right to man and breaking every physical and spiritual law which governs our well-being (Prov. 14:12). The only way Australia as a nation can be sure of the right weather is to turn from the way that she is presently going and whole-heartedly serve God. Unless Australia repents she can look forward to ever-worsening conditions which will ultimately bring her to her knees. Read it in your own Bible. Compare Deuteronomy 28 with Leviticus 26:3-4, 18-20.

Nationwide repentance would bring rain. That is God's promise. But who wants to repent?

This is a lesson for the whole English-speaking world. If you do not know the startling truth of where our people are mentioned in Bible prophecy, write immediately for our free booklet, *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy*. Unless our people repent bitterly and are willing to learn from what is now happening in this country, our people will perish.
WHAT’S WRONG IN LATIN AMERICA?

Revealed for the first time: the real reason behind Communist presence in Latin America! U. S. and Britain in jeopardy from a new unseen enemy! Read this penetrating analysis of South America’s gigantic problems, and the soon-coming solutions.

by Charles V. Dorothy

WE ARE LOSING OUT in Latin America! Look what communism is doing here.

Guatemala . . . kidnappers and killers paralyze business and society. Civil war threatens Colonel Azurdia’s government, while terrified families leave Guatemala in a “large-scale migration.”

Venezuela . . . blown-up pipelines and guerrilla army increase. The government cracks down on a large, Castro-built gun and munitions plant (complete with Russian flag), but fails to halt terrorism.

Peru . . . peasants take over highland haciendas by force of arms.

Uruguay . . . strikers and protest-marchers aggravate the serious financial crisis which may bring national collapse.

British Guiana . . . fears of racial and political strife mount as independence from Britain approaches (May 26th).

Dominican Republic . . . bullets splatter the streets with death, while OAS troops struggle to maintain an uneasy peace.

Haiti . . . hopeless, obviously.

Colombia . . . a mess. So report leading newsmen.

What is the Communist plan for Latin America? The Communist aim is to build “wars of national liberation” with guerrillas presently in half a dozen countries besides the three prime target areas: Guatemala, Colombia and Venezuela.

The future outlook? Castro-Communist subversives will step up their guerrilla activity in 1966.

American influence in Latin America is going down the drain! Apparently U. S. aid and ideals—to say nothing of power and prestige—are helpless to stop the rising tide of violence, unrest and subversion.

Presidential Platitude

A great deal of Latin American trouble is either caused by, or aided by Cuba—Moscow’s bear trap in the Western Hemisphere. Thinking Americans are now asking the painful question: “Why did we allow Cuba to be subverted in the first place?” Reassuring politicians told Americans—in the wake of the Castro takeover of 1959—that the whole affair didn’t matter much.

Another question: “When we had the chance, why didn’t we dump Castro from the Caribbean?” Americans were not told, at first, that communism made a brilliant maneuver in getting the Castro takeover of 1959—to that the whole affair didn’t matter much.

With America seemingly asleep, our Monroe Doctrine has been trucked to the winds, our hemispheric security threatened—in spite of pronouncements to the contrary. Platitude cannot cover up the fantastic blunder of letting Russia get a toehold in the Western Hemisphere.

But the worst is yet to come. Cuban based Communists now plan to take over all Latin America! What will we do about Cuba?

Nothing, as the situation now stands. The terrible truth is, three U.S. presidents promised Cuba would not be allowed to subvert Latin America! Obviously we have not backed up that policy with action! The Monroe Doctrine appears to be not only dead and buried, but also forgotten.

Castro’s Conquests

January 1966 saw what was probably the first worldwide Communist conference held in the Western Hemisphere, a meeting proudly titled “The First Solidarity Conference of the Peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America.” By skillfully dropping a “rice bomb”—the charge against China of failing to deliver promised rice—Fidel managed to split the Conference into Russians versus Chinese. Castro’s political shenanigans netted him bundles of Moscow money, and a new center for subversion called the “Tri-Continental Solidarity Body.”

New Latin American subversion will be financed, inspired and operated from this new Communist center for armed “liberation” movements.

When will America see the enormity of the blunder we made in Cuba? Trouble from that island will never stop brewing until someone fires the chief cook, Castro.

But for all these Communist advances, communism will not win control of Latin America!

The Bible—a book you can prove is infallible—shows communism will fail to gain control of Latin America!

The Reds are prophesied to lose con-
trol of the Latin world to another American foe—an unseen enemy.

Who is this "unseen foe"?

And if Communists can't win, why are they here?

**The Bible Speaks!**

To understand the real answer to these questions, you must first know the identity of the English-speaking peoples in Bible prophecy! Follow this explanation carefully—it involves not just Latin America, but also your very life!

Fully one third of your Bible is prophecy. Ten percent or more of those prophecies have been literally fulfilled, and can be proved by history, archaeology and science.

The other prophecies—almost 90 percent of the total—are yet to be fulfilled! These prophecies apply to our time, today. Surprising as it may seem, the major nations figuring in today's news are identified in your Bible! The English-speaking nations—and their relation to Latin America—are no exception!

If you have not proved that the United States and Great Britain—along with the democracies of Northwestern Europe—are the Israel of your Bible, don't simply take our word for it. Write immediately for the booklet *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy*. There is no charge whatever for the booklet. History, ethnology and archaeology— all prove that we are the descendants of the Ten Tribes of Israel—the so-called Lost Ten Tribes.

What is more, Israel is prophesied to lose out in Latin America! We are losing—not to Communists—but to a foreign power who right now wars against us, economically.

Listen to God's prophecies against rebellious Israel in Deuteronomy 28—speaking of the curses for our disobedience: "He [the foreigner] shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail... And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates [ports], until thy high and fenced walls [tariff walls, as well as military walls] come down, wherein thou trusted, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the Eternal thy God hath given thee" (Deut. 28:44, 52).

God pictures an economic siege coming on His peoples: the Western democracies. The war Great Britain is fighting right now is economic! The war the U.S. is fighting right now in Latin America is economic.

The U.S. and Britain are prophesied to lose this war.

**Enemies Galore**

When will we wake up? When will Israel finally see more than one enemy at a time? "... foreigners [more than one enemy] eat away his strength, unknown to him." God says we fly around, like a silly, senseless dove, seeking alliances with foreign nations, failing to see our real enemy, forsaking God (Hosea 7:8-13, Moffatt translation).

Make no mistake about it! Four powers now struggle for domination of the Western Hemisphere: China, Russia, Europe and America. One of these four is prophesied to win—but not America!

Here are the contenders.

China—plotting to encircle her chief enemy, the U.S., Mao Tse Tung's military strategy is to build revolutionary bases in the countryside, so that the cities can be encircled and strangled from the outside. Chinese global strategy—as outlined by Lin Piao, Minister of Defense—is to overthrow North America and Europe by the very same strategy, applied to the whole globe: build revolutionary bases in the "country areas" (Asia, Africa and Latin America), then encircle the "cities of the world" (United States and Western Europe)!

In other words, the Chinese plan is to infiltrate Asia, Africa, Latin America, encircle North America and Western Europe, then strangle us to death.

Russia—desperately trying to spread influence, infiltration and subversion through her brilliantly maneuvered toehold, Cuba.

America—sleeping at the switch—occasionally awakening with half-hearted efforts to maintain her present influence in South America.

Europe—trading their way into the hearts and economies of Latin America—moving themselves steadily toward full control of valuable Latin American markets.

China—in spite of her clever plot—is prophesied to lose. Russia—in spite of her massive onslaught through Cuba—is also prophesied to lose. America—due to her sins—is prophesied to lose as well.

**The Unseen Enemy**

Only Europe—the union of six, eventually ten—which the Bible calls the "beast power," is prophesied to win—for a few short years!

When will we wake up to see our unseen enemy: the European Common Market?

On our hemispheric tour of Central and South America, and part of the Caribbean, my wife and I could certainly see that the European Common Market is gaining giant victories, economic victories! And this war for survival is an economic war. We saw growing, exploding populations. More people mean more buyers—bigger markets. Everywhere we went, Europe was already in those markets, sometimes the leader in those markets! Just as Hosea says, "foreigners eat away his strength, unknown to him."

Now notice what prophecy says about Europe—in Revelation 17. Here is given a picture of the restorations of the Roman Empire climaxing in our day! This "beast" is a modern union, a powerful group of ten nations to form a final restoration of the Roman Empire in our time.

Listen!

"And I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns" (Rev. 17:3). What do these weird symbols mean? The Bible interprets the Bible—we have only to read it, and let it tell us the meaning.

Here is the meaning of the horns: "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings which have received no kingdom as yet, but receive power as kings one hour [a short time] with the beast" (vs. 12). There will be ten dictatorships, exerting iron rule over
ten European nations. These ten will give all their military power to the central over-all leader—pictured under the prophetic symbol, "the beast."

The prophecy does not reveal exactly which ten nations will be included—but this resurrected Roman Empire will bind together some 250 to 300 millions of peoples! That is more manpower than Russia, or the United States has.

What does the Bible have to say about the Latins—what prophetic relation does Europe have with Spanish America?

Spain was, in Old Testament times, one of the most important countries in the world; and prophecy shows Spain, with her Latin American children, will yet have a significant role in coming world events!

Spain is known in the Old Testament by the name "Tarshish" (II Chron. 20:36; Ps. 72:10). The children of Tarshish (Gen. 10:4) founded the city of Tartessus in Spain. The Bible name Tarshish came to be pronounced "Tartish" or "Tartiss" in Indo-European tongues, thus producing the name Tarres(us)—the city of Spain! (The change of "t" to "sh" is common with Hebrew and other Semitic languages.) "There is no doubt that the Biblical Tarshish is one and the same with [Spain's] Tartessus," (Tartessos by Adolfo Schulten).

The ships of Tarshish are prophesied—along with other great fleets of the modern world—to be the major haulers of goods to and from the gigantic European system called in prophecy the "mart of nations" (Isa. 23:3). Notice the role the Latin peoples will play, shown in Ezekiel 27:12. "Tarshish was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all kind of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs" [markets].

Rapidly growing Europe needs a steady supply of the raw materials which Latin America can provide in abundance.

So the Bible describes Latin America and Spain, "Tarshish," as partners in trade with this giant European combine of ten nations. The U. S. will be cut off from Latin markets! Our economy will be thrown into crisis.

Europe Out in Front

In our trip we saw things are going wrong for the U. S. in South America! The most inescapable conclusions of our hemispheric tour are that the United States is losing out, that the European Common Market is gaining fast. As a young Peruvian told me in Lima, "When a father [the United States] forgets his children, what can the children [the Latins] do but look elsewhere for help?" Peru and many other Latin countries are looking elsewhere: to Europe.

Pedro M. Bustamante, a high official of Callao, and nephew to the ex-president of Peru—when I asked if the U. S. is losing out to the European Common Market—said, "Pensándolo fríamente, sí" (Considering it coldly, yes).

"The U. S. is losing its position, mostly because of price structures, to such countries as West Germany, Holland, Czechoslovakia and Japan," said Felix Lloveras, Jr., assistant manager of Banco Atlántida, of Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Another striking fact. Latin America seeks reforms, seeks organization, seeks aid. The Catholic Church is changing its
traditional role, is becoming a force for (social) revolution. Guess who's helping the Church and the reform! "...the principal support for the Church's new social action in Latin America comes from Europe rather than the United States. The German bishops, for example, provide some $15,000,000 a year for what are the most radical and politically controversial operations of the Church in the region" (Foreign Affairs, January, 1966, article "Revolution in Latin America," p. 180).

This fine article goes on to show European aid is spreading to various groups all over Latin America, and concludes that "This alliance with Europe to some extent alienates these groups from the United States..."

How much clearer can it be?

Why Communism?

You may ask, 'If the 'beast power' (Europe) is prophesied to win Latin American markets, why does God allow communism to be here?'

Few people really understand why God allows communism here—why so much Red success in South America. The answer is surprisingly simple!

Since we have rejected God, we have lost His protection.

God is allowing communism in Latin America to act as a shield—a 'cover up'—to blind our eyes to another enemy! America, following her age-old tradition of seeing only one enemy at a time, does see the communist threat throughout the Western Hemisphere.

But seeing one enemy is not enough! While we worry and fret over communism, the unseen enemy—a supposed "friend"—eats away at our vitals: our prestige, our influence, our trade, our control. Western Europe steals the eggs from our basket—and right under our nose at that—while we chase the Communist "boogey-man." Our preoccupation with communism keeps our nation from realizing another enemy is rapidly aborning.

Red influence serves another purpose too. The communists foment hatred, rebellion, uprising and resentment against American power in this hemisphere. While communism thus busily and glibly tarnishes our image, we recklessly and foolishly blunder into one crisis after another. Without God as our guide, we of the West repeatedly intervene (and "intervention" is a hated animal, a nasty word, in Latin America), only to find ourselves the major loser—our foot in our mouth. We step in to "save" two opposing factions, and leave as a battered and bloodied enemy of both sides.

The communists are actually being allowed to weaken our influence, break our grip. Europe will take over once our grip is broken. God is allowing communism its proper role in the prophesied downfall of unrepentant, God-defying Israel!

Since communism and Europe are making such strides, such anti-American strides, it is time we take stock of Latin American problems, and their solutions.

What's the Trouble?

The European Six with their Fascism (that's premature I know, but the next few years will prove it) and communism make rapid headway in South America for two reasons. South American richness and resources are developing into very attractive "food" in hungry European eyes. Secondly, the weaknesses, the troubles of Latin America, allow foreign influences to take over, where otherwise such influence might be unsuccessful.

South America's problems are enough to stagger the imagination. If we could only see these problems in their proper perspective, we would not need to let Europe get the best of us. The following problems are no secret.

Revolution. Although this word means "social change" to most Latins, it also means armed revolt to many. Listen to this. "South America is ungovernable." So said Simon Bolivar, South America's liberator. Undoubtedly he referred to the double difficulty of 1—trying to unify diverse racial mixtures and political factions which really want to separate and be individual (a Latin tendency), and 2—the basic volatile and sensitive nature of the Latin peoples. Do not misunderstand. The Latin sensitivity—when not carried to extremes—is a very attractive and lovable part of these people. Without God's Spirit, however, this hypersensitivity coupled with dignidad is an almost insurmountable barrier to proper government, to lasting peace.

What is dignidad? Dignidad is the Latin social attitude that rules out rolling up your sleeves or getting your hands dirty at work, if you are upper class. A lawyer has dignidad; a geologist does not. A bank clerk has dignidad, but a hairdresser doesn't. In Latin America that system of learning a business from the ground up is seldom tried: it offends dignidad.

Who can find a solution to explosiveness, to dignidad, to "ungovernability"?

Population explosion. Latin America, and Central America in particular, lead the world in a fantastic increase in population! You can easily see what troubles will come where jobs are already scarce, where cities are unbelievably overcrowded, where famine is frequent. This population explosion—unless halted soon—will lead to new unrest, new violence, new revolution. Various plans being put forth to control this explosion—when stripped of their optimistic propaganda veneer—are too shortsighted, too utopian, too impossible in the face of the illiteracy, the unreachability, the ignorance of large groups in Latin America. There seems to be no workable solution!

Gargantuan geography. As Walter Lippman correctly observes about South America's geography problem: "The member countries of Latin America are a string of islands surrounded on one side by the oceans and the other by an unpenetrated wilderness" (Current, February 1966). Mr. Lippman goes on to show that South America cannot prosper until these "islands" are thoroughly interconnected, until this wilderness is conquered! From personal observation, we can say the geography of South America is yet unconquered, overwhelming, gigantic!

Who could solve such a giant problem?

Poverty, poor education. Believe it or not, many Indians in the Andes are worse off now than under the Incas 400 years ago! Whole areas of many countries average less than $200 total

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WHY NOT THE TRUTH?

You live in a society that is rapidly losing its standards. Even in education, where young minds are shaped and ideals are formulated, truth is being denied. But Ambassador Colleges are different. In today's amoral society Ambassador teachers are not afraid to teach students truth.

by Herman L. Hoeh

Much of what you were taught is not true! You just took it for granted—because you were told it was true!

You probably never stopped to question whether the ideas you were taught are really so, have you? How many of you have ever considered why your parents were taught in school different ideas than you have accepted—and why your children are being taught something different than the "facts" you were taught in school to accept as true?

It is high time we took stock of the ideas put into our minds. Few people really know how they came to believe the things they do—and fewer still, know how their ideas originated! You would be shocked if you knew! I was, when I heard it openly discussed in a convention of educators.

Time to Think!

You would be shocked to hear what scientists, historians, theological professors confess to each other about their own professions.

I have been amazed at what professionals admit about "facts" they teach. We probably have assumed ever since we began school that historians and men of science know how man originated, why man is here and where man is going. Or at least they write as if they know.

But when pinned down, they privately confess they really do not know—they have been guessing!

At the end of December each year many of the men and women who formulate our thinking assemble in conferences. These professional people—teachers, ministers, historians, scientists—belong to various Learned Societies whose function is to prepare new ideas to shape educational and religious instruction. I had again this year the opportunity to meet with four of these Learned Societies. What I heard shocked me.

What Historians Confess

In today's world we are taught to accept whatever the "authorities" say or write. "They know," we are told! "They have the facts!"

But do they?

Here is what one famous historian—Hendrik Van Loon—dared confess in his book Story of Mankind, written for the layman: "We live under the shadow of a gigantic question mark. What are we? Where did we come from? Whither are we bound?" he asks.

And his answer: "We still know very little but we have reached the point where (with a fair degree of accuracy) we can guess at many things."

Guess at many things! It is these guesses that have masqueraded as facts—that students have been taught to assume as proven and true!

What you probably did not know is that historians and scientists know that they have been interpreting—guessing about—the facts they find.

We ought to learn from history. But all too often historians hide truth. They substitute theory. How can we learn from history if truth is hidden?

Here is what one learned professor acknowledged at an annual meeting of one of these societies:

"History is art as well as fact; everyone in this room knows that the facts do not automatically arrange themselves without the historian's creative leap, which occurs in our craft as well as in the exact sciences..." (italics ours).

The tragedy is that most have leaped in the wrong direction!

But this is not all the professor revealed. To his fellow professors he disclosed how he had been asked to use his historical knowledge to draw up the case which brought about a Supreme Court decision to order desegregation.

Here are his own words:

"The problem we faced was not the historian's discovery of the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth; the problem instead was the formulation of an adequate gloss..."

"It was not that we were engaged in formulating lies; there was nothing as crude and naïve as that. But we were using facts, emphasizing facts, bearing down on facts, sliding off facts, quietly interpreting facts and, above all, interpreting facts in a way to...get by..." the segregation issue (italics mine).

This candid admission of a leading educator strikes at the heart of the problem! Many times educators and ministers and writers of textbooks are confronted with the conflict between truth and the beliefs and ideas of the society around them. Under such pressures, too many educators are afraid to teach students truth. If they are to be accepted by the people, they must conform—by rejecting part of the truth!

Of course they use facts—but how they use those facts—which facts they use, which facts they ignore or reject and the interpretation they place on the facts—that is the crux of the whole problem!

Trapped in the vicious whirl of in-
The professor of history at a noted State university admitted he was forced unwillingly to face the question of whether he would compromise his conscience in a legal case that was to come up before the United States Supreme Court.

He reported to his fellow historians that he was asked to produce "a plausible historical argument that will justify ..." a certain particular enactment concerning public schools. "I was facing," he continued, "the deadly opposition between my professional integrity as a historian and"—notice it!—"a contemporary question of values, of ideals, of policy, or partisanship and of political objectives. I suppose if a man is without scruple," he noted as a concluding thought, "this matter will not bother him, but I am frank to say that it bothered me terribly ...."

What a tragedy! A man forced to make a decision between historical truth and the whims, the false ideas, the political partisanship of society!

"Anything but Historical Truth!"

After days and nights of hard labor, a lengthy document was to be presented to the highest court of the land. Its author confessed: "I am convinced now that this interpretation, which we hammered out with anything but historical truth as our objective, nonetheless contains an essential measure of historical truth."

He was now convinced by his own argument! That is exactly how every human mind works!

Thousands of educators, scientists, textbook writers and ministers have faced similar situations—and finally convinced themselves they were justified in believing what they had done. But even here they privately and inwardly still know that they hid their mind and conscience from the whole truth. They kept just enough facts to make an argument appear as truth—when it was only a half truth!

But Ambassador Colleges are different! We do not compromise truth.

This world's entire educational system, its philosophy, its theological beliefs are all a strange mixture of a few facts woven over a mass of error to make that error appear true. There are generally two reasons why we believe half truths: 1) because we took them for granted without questioning, or 2) because we want to believe what we wish to! Educators call their theories "facts" and their hypotheses "self-evident" proofs. But that does not make them true.

In another meeting of theologians the same problem confronted the speakers. How to justify their beliefs about Christ when they did not believe the facts recorded in the Bible about Him. Their answer was appalling.

Here were the great theologians and professors who teach the ministers what to believe!

Of the historical Jesus they admittedly knew next to nothing. The gospel records they had quietly ignored, or interpreted to suit their denominational bias. How, then, asked the editor of a widely read theological journal, did we come to inherit so many differing beliefs about the "Christ of faith"?

His answer—It was all added over the centuries "run by rung." It is only "myth."

"MYTH"? Yes, MYTH! That was his confession!

There was no other way for him to explain so many contradictory, non-Biblical beliefs held by each sect about the Christ of faith.

"Is it really true? you will ask," continued the editor. "Of course it is!" These myths, he continued, that are taught in Sunday School, from the pulpit, in theological seminaries, "are true and perpetually lovely... Who would deny they are true?"

And that was the only proof he cited to justify modern theology!

Isn't it time we faced the facts? Isn't it time we began to question whether the ideas we were taught are true, instead of blindly accepting myths?

In schools and colleges today young people are taught to accept what the authorities write. Evolution is taught as if it were fact. History is taught as if it were true. Religion is taught—if at all—as if it did not matter what you believe and do, just so long as it satisfies you. The Bible is usually assumed to be myth and without authority. Where it is discussed, passages are silently ignored or interpreted to justify cherished ideas people want to believe.

It is high time we recognized that most so-called authorities and learned men do not even know what truth is! Most of them refuse to admit that there is eternal truth. How, then, can they ever find it since they would not recognize it if they heard it! They have refused to retain God in their knowledge. They have rejected His Word and substituted in its place myths of their own invention!

You—and your children—are going to be judged on what you do with your mind and character. Are you going to fill your minds with myth, with hypotheses, with self-justification? Or are you going to admit it when you find you have been wrong, and have the character to accept and live by truth when you find it in your Bible?

You prospective college students who are the leaders of tomorrow need to be doubly concerned. Will you be guided by truth, or error? At Ambassador Colleges, students learn truth.

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Prospective students from the United States, Canada and the Americas should write for the College Bulletin for the two colleges in the United States.


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Short Questions

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God's commandments, never allowed wrong attitudes to enter His mind. He learned perfection—resisted temptation—no matter what trial or test came His way, even to enduring the brutal death of crucifixion.
The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER NINETY-ONE

SAUL SCHEMES AGAIN

When Saul was informed that David cared deeply for Michal, Saul’s younger daughter, a new scheme occurred to him. He instructed his servants to casually let David know that he was so well-liked by Saul and those about him that it was hoped by all that he would soon marry Michal. (I Samuel 18:17-22.)

Royal Plot Backfires

In the next few days David was surprised at the number of Saul’s aides, servants and officers who mentioned to him how much it would please everyone if David would marry Michal.

"I am not a wealthy man," was his usual answer. "It would hardly be proper for one with my humble background to presume to ask a king’s daughter to marry me."

David’s remarks were carried to Saul, who decided that the only obstacle to David’s and Michal’s marriage was the inability of David and his family to contribute the costly gifts that would ordinarily be expected from the groom and his parents.

"As soon as the opportunity presents itself," Saul told his servants, "mention to David that I would never expect any son-in-law of mine nor his family to contribute gifts when a daughter of mine is married. Being a military man, I would expect instead that my son-in-law be enough of a warrior to approach the enemy and cause the death of a hundred Philistine soldiers. Of course I would require proof of the deed within a few days. If my prospective son-in-law couldn’t produce proof of what I expect of him, I wouldn’t allow him to marry my daughter." (I Samuel 18:23-25.)

Shortly afterward David was approached by many individuals who gave him the
same information. He readily realized that it was something promoted by Saul, and so he gave to all the answer he knew that Saul hoped to receive.

"I'll set out at once to rid the land of a hundred Philistines," David said. "And when you report this to Saul, be sure to add that I'll hold you as a witness in the event he decides to give Michal in marriage to some other fellow before I get back."

This jibe by David embarrassed Saul's servants, as David intended it to in a bantering way, because Saul and his aides had been so clumsy in approaching David. David knew that none of the servants would incur Saul's anger by reporting David's remark about Saul giving his daughter in marriage to someone else. They wouldn't have dared to mention such a thing.

Saul was elated when he learned that David was setting out to fulfill the conditions he had established for marriage to his daughter. He was certain that David loved Michal so much that he would try to gain his goal as soon as possible by some youthfully rash action against the well-seasoned warriors of Philistia. He thought his would-be son-in-law would surely lose his life in battle. (I Samuel 18:26.)

Keeping his plans to himself, David secretly marched a company of his troops westward to where there was a small garrison of Philistines. He approached and attacked at night, completely surpising the enemy. His men succeeded in routing all of the Philistines and killing more than two hundred of them.

In an effort to satisfy demands that a hundred Philistines should be killed before Saul's daughter would be given in marriage, David led his men to attack an enemy garrison by night in the light of a full moon.
Saul had set a time when proof of the slaying of a hundred Philistines should be brought to him. He had been generous in this matter, being confident that David wouldn't live to carry out the requirements. It was quite a shock to the Israelite king when he was informed only two or three days later that David and his soldiers had returned victorious. He was even more upset when he was told that David's men had brought back small parts of the bodies (foreskins) of two hundred Philistine troops as proof that twice the required number of the enemy had been slaughtered.

David Marries

"I'll believe it only after I see proper evidence," Saul declared indignantly. "David isn't going to get away with any tricks!"

Saul didn't have to wait long before David appeared before him with two men bearing the evidence in a basket. It was placed provokingly close to the Israelite leader.

"Sir, here is my proof that my men and I have done away with two hundred Philistine soldiers," David declared. "That is twice the number you requested, and so I feel that there should be no doubt that I have more than fulfilled your wish."

"Should I take your word in this matter?" Saul inquired suspiciously. "How do I know what you have in this basket?"

"I don't expect you to take my word or that of anyone else," David replied. "I respectfully suggest that you personally inspect the contents of the basket."

Saul had already seen too much. With a curt and sickly wave of hasty resignation to David, he hurried away to his private quarters.

Later, Saul's servants gave a full, fair account of David's bloody tokens, and Michal was given to David in marriage.

When the Philistines heard what had happened to their slain men, they angrily sent small battalions to launch barbarous attacks on Israelite villages in western Canaan. It was only because David was so alert and active with his soldiers that he constantly outwitted and outfought most of these troublesome invaders. The former shepherd's popularity and fame continued to grow in Israel because of the courageous manner in which he helped protect the people. (I Samuel 18:27-30.)

Meanwhile, Saul had a growing fear, dislike and envy of David. It was increasingly clear to him that God was protecting David, and that he was destined to become Israel's next king. Regardless of what he thought God might do to him, Saul made it known to his servants, aides and officers that they should kill David whenever an opportunity came that would make the killing appear as an accident. He even made this an order to his son Jonathan, who respected and admired David. Saul
should have realized that his son's friendship with David would mean that Jonathan would warn David that his life was in danger.

"Don't sleep at your home tonight," Jonathan told David. "If you do, you could be dead before morning. Take blankets and sleep in the bushes in the field beyond this building." (I Samuel 19:1-3.)

Next morning Saul took a walk in the same field where David lay hidden. When Jonathan saw his father there, he hurried out to join him.

"Your order to have David killed must surely be quite displeasing to God," Jonathan observed after the two men had exchanged morning greetings.

"And displeasing to you, too," Saul frowned. "Don't think I haven't noticed how friendly you two are."

**Saul's Hatred Grows**

"I'm concerned about you as well as David," Jonathan explained. "Surely you wouldn't want to be responsible for the death of a valiant young man who has been so loyal to you—who killed Goliath after he had reproached your army for forty days. I would fear what God would do to me if I were the cause of the murder of an innocent man who has done so much for Israel."

Saul walked along in silence. Although he had become increasingly rebellious as a servant of God, there were times when he went through brief periods of remorse. This was one of those times.

"You are right, my son," Saul finally spoke. "I have acted hastily in this matter. I'll tell my men right away that they are not to harm him. I promise you that David shall remain alive as far as my servants are concerned."

David was so nearby in his place of concealment that he could hear what Saul said, and he was greatly relieved. He was later received in Saul's household as though everyone had always been the best of friends. (I Samuel 19:4-7.)

Shortly afterward the Philistines began another series of attacks on the Israelites' western towns. Saul ordered various parts of his army to rout the enemy. As usual, because of careful planning, brilliant battle strategy and brave leadership, David's troops were so successful in driving back the Philistines that David was again hailed as a national hero.

Once more Saul was consumed with envy. He was overcome by the evil spirit that had troubled his mind so often in the past when he had lost control of his emotions. Invisible hands seemed to be trying to cut off his breath. After struggling to finally free himself from this miserable situation, he fell into a mood of intense depression.
“Send for David!” he barked at a servant. “Tell him to bring his harp!”

When David arrived, Saul scowlingly motioned for him to sit down and play. David obeyed, choosing his most restful tunes.

But the music didn’t soothe Saul, nor did the Israelite leader expect that it should. He had a different purpose in getting David to his quarters. After a while he stretched out on his couch, and it seemed to David that he was falling asleep. Suddenly he rolled to his feet, seized his nearby spear and hurled it toward David. The younger man jerked his harp aside and bobbed forward. The spear missed his back only by inches and buried itself into the heavily paneled wall. If David hadn’t dodged quickly, the spear would have gone through his body as well as into the wall.

Saul muttered angrily to himself because of his failure, then leaped forward to retrieve his spear so that he could use it again. The only right thing for David to do was run and run fast. When he reached home he told his wife what had happened.

(I Samuel 19:8-10.)

“Unless my father’s terrible state of mind changes, another attempt will be made on your life tonight!” Michal exclaimed anxiously. “Leave at once and go to Samuel’s home at Ramah. You’ll be safe there.”

“I’ll go if you’ll come with me,” David said.

At that moment there was a noise outside. Michal peeped out an upstairs window to see that several of Saul’s soldiers were gathering at the front door of the house.

David lunged from his seat just in time to escape death from Saul’s hurtling spear.
"My father's men are here!" she whispered to David. "It's too late for both of us to escape. Leave quickly through the window at the back of the house before they surround our home!"

David knew that it would be unwise to stay a minute longer, and that his wife would probably be safe under any circumstance. The window at the back of the building was too high for a safe leap to the ground, but Michal successfully lowered her husband with a rope. David waved to her and slipped quietly into the darkness. (I Samuel 19:11-12.)

Shortly afterward officers pounded on the door. When Michal appeared, they demanded to see David.

"My husband is ill," Michal declared curtly. "What is so important that you should drag a sick man from his bed?"

Ignoring Michal, Saul's men stomped upstairs and into the bedroom. When they glanced at the silent figure in bed, they withdrew from David's home. One of them went to report to Saul that David was ill, and that they had respected Saul's daughter's wish that her husband not be removed from his bed.

"I too, shall respect her wish!" Saul shouted angrily. "Go back and tell my men to bring David to me at once—bound to his bed! I'll dispose of him while he's still prone!"

When Saul's men again went up to David's bedroom, they deftly tossed ropes across the bed and quickly bound their victim. Then they discovered, to their embarrassment, that David wasn't there. Michal had cleverly arranged some objects under the blankets to give the appearance of a person in bed, thus giving her husband more precious time for escape. (I Samuel 19:13-16.)

Saul's men were so angry that they seized Michal, even though she was a princess, and forcefully brought her before her father. When Saul heard what had happened, he was more upset than his men.

"What kind of a daughter are you to deliberately let my enemy escape?" he fumed. "Your disloyalty to me could cost me my life!"

Michal didn't know what to say, so in fear of her father she lied: "I had to let him go; he threatened me."

David Reports to Samuel

Shortly after his escape, David arrived at Samuel's residence in Ramah. He related to the elderly prophet all that had recently taken place between him and Saul.

"Don't worry about your wife or yourself," Samuel comforted the younger man.
Saul's soldiers were surprised and angered when they jerked the blankets off David's bed to find only objects placed there to resemble a prone person.

"Rest here for a while. Then we'll go to Naioth, just outside this town, where my college for ministers is located. You should be safe there for a time."

Next day one of Saul's alert spies happened to see David at Naioth, however, and it wasn't long before a group of military police strode into the college. They arrived just when the students were carrying on a spirited song session. The soldiers were so impressed by the strong devotional manner of this service led by Samuel that they forgot their mission and enthusiastically added their voices to those of the others. (1 Samuel 19:17-20.)

It wasn't very far from Gibeah, where Saul was, to Naioth, and so it wasn't very long before Saul heard what was going on. He immediately dispatched more soldiers to seize the first group as well as David, but the second group also arrived during a song service and was moved to join fellow soldiers and the students in hymns of praise to God.

When Saul heard what had happened to the second contingent, he wrathfully sent a third, only to be advised later that it, too, had gone the peaceful way of the others.

"I should have gone in the first place!" Saul stormed, gesturing wildly to his aides to muster more troops. "Any man of mine who is guilty of falling in with
Samuel’s pious plot to protect David will suffer the same fate David is about to experience!”

Later, just as Saul and his soldiers carefully surrounded the building where Samuel was addressing his students and Saul’s first three groups of men, Samuel paused to suggest that his audience would become more alert if it indulged in a singing session. The singing began just as Saul and his men broke into the room. Samuel and his audience continued as though nothing unusual had happened, singing with such fervor and feeling that Saul and his men came to a halt. They stood and listened for a minute or two, and then joined in little by little until they were all expressing themselves as loudly as the others!

Certain onlookers were surprised to see Israel’s king at the college. A report later went over the land that Saul was studying to become a minister—much to Saul’s indignation!

Just as those sent before him forgot the reason for coming to Naioth, so did Saul forget. Probably they didn’t entirely forget, but for a time they didn’t care. Saul even felt that he wasn’t attired properly for religious services. He removed his armor and commanded his men to do likewise. (I Samuel 19:21-24.) Then he stayed a day and a night with Samuel in a worshipful, friendly mood, not realizing that God had caused this attitude so that David could freely escape again!

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ESCAPE!
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low 16 billion aspirin tablets each year—enough to fill four 100-car freight trains.

"Relief" shouts one ad, is just "a swallow away!" So the public is encouraged to overeat, smoke furiously, watch the "boob tube" until your eyes feel like they're coming out of your head, swill booze until you feel like you have two heads, and a nice, easy, form of escaping from the results of your escape lies conveniently at hand.

Which brings us to yet another form of escape—and perhaps most immediately destructive of all—escape through artificially induced moods, fantasies, and a sense of well-being. Alcohol and drugs.

Alcoholism and Drug Addiction

Alcoholism is reaching disastrous proportions in America, Britain, Australia, and Canada. It's a serious problem in Sweden, Denmark, and even Russia.

But the extreme form of escape through liquor, becoming an alcoholic, is only a small part of the picture. It's the multiple millions of steady, serious drinkers who simply cannot face the afternoon's work without that second and third cocktail at lunch that is the big problem.

Drinking is part and parcel with the glamour and glitter of modern society. The cocktail party, the neighborhood piano bar, the cocktail hours in leading restaurants have become as familiar a part of life as the favorite television show.

If the statistics could ever be compiled to show how many accidents on the job, how many automobile accidents, how many acts of violence, how many divorces, how many cases of fornication and adultery, how many disastrous business decisions had occurred through overindulgence in alcohol, it would be staggering!

But today, people drink to forget! Or they drink to stifle sheer boredom.

Or they drink for the hazy, rosy, sense of "well-being" they receive to replace the harried, enervated, worried, fearful attitude of mind plaguing them most of their waking hours.

Thousands of jokes revolve around drinking—and around drinking to make the local scene appear more pleasant, more palatable. It's a wonder some whiskey company hasn't yet labeled their bottle, "ESCAPE."

But like the barroom you see in the picture, millions do "hit the bottle" to escape. And this does not imply only a small segment of society, a tiny fringe group of irresponsible husbands who hate to go home to their wives—but an increasingly large and growing percentage of the population!

Government leaders in many nations are concerned about alcoholism among youths.

The futility imposed upon them by world conditions drives millions of youngsters to seek the adult thrills and pleasure now. Millions of them drink regularly today, form lewd sex clubs, or protest violently against adult society by descending into the limbo of modern "beat" music and clothes.

From the "filthy speech" movement at Berkeley to the gang fights between the "Mods" and "Rockers" in Britain, our youth of today revolts against the unacceptable and frightening present. This, too, is only their own inane way of escape—a youthful yearning for yesterdays gone too soon, and tomorrows they suspect may never come.

But drinking is often only the beginning.

Soon the "kicks" and "thrills" of liquor are too mild. Soon the drinker hears whispers of something a little more "hep"; a goof-ball or thrill pill that can send him clear to "cloud 9" and back, in only moments.

The stories of permanent brain damage, of weird, reckless acts perpetrated by youngsters on "glue" did little to discourage the wild fad of "glue-sniffling" that swept youthful society. Hospitals are still attending hopelessly injured teen-agers whose minds are simply gone because they so frantically sought escape from the untenable pressures of life. And escape they did. Some are dead. Others are lying in mental wards, staring blankly at the ceiling, seeing nothing; their minds destroyed.

Marijuana, codeine, cocaine, opium, heroin, and now LSD.

The use of "hallucinatory" or "illusion-producing" drugs has skyrocketed in recent months.

Why?

Because word goes around about heightened perceptions, about feeling like "you're on top of the world"; and about the delightful unrepressed urges you feel; and about the wild, wild times others claim they had.

And besides, each new drug user is convinced he won't get "hooked." He will succeed in taking only just a little; in taking just barely enough to get his "kicks," but not enough to "do any harm."

This fools' reasoning has made a "mainliner" out of many a high school student—transformed many a juvenile looking for thrills into a hardened prostitute or dope-pusher because they just had to have the stuff, and had to find some way to provide the money it costs!

The LSD Craze

LSD has leaped into the news recently.

It's one of the newest of the hallucinatory drugs, supposedly sold only under prescription, and to be used primarily by psychiatrists in the treatment of mental patients.

Some of the most widely circulated weekly news magazines have told how LSD has permanently damaged the very personality and character of its users.

Still, the youthful, the fearful, the frustrated and futile search for an escape from reality. Reaching out, they seize whatever means available to propel themselves swiftly out of this noxious world of fright and evil portent—into a dreamland of "heightened perception."

So some have heard voices telling them to jump in front of moving trains. Others have been told to leap at the moon, and bark like dogs. And some have still not recovered.

Little do the dully led and ignorant fools who indulge in such things realize they're opening the door of their
Above: An honest bar! This one ADMITS what it is—a temporary form of ESCAPE for its customers.

Below: Under guise of “new fashion,” Americans, laughingly called “breast worshippers” by many Europeans, may ogle half-naked “waitresses” during lunch. Do their wives approve? And how many women are there who go with their husbands to such places for “lunch”? 
minds to demon possession, to satanic influence! Laugh if you will—medical science still has much to learn about what they call "schizophrenics" and "split personalities."

Yes, why? Why do youngsters, or adults either, for that matter, go to such extremes to blot from their minds the frightening realities around them?

Simply because they're frightened. They're scared. They're terrified of the present, and awe-struck about the future. They see NO HOPE for the world, and NO SALVATION for mankind, or themselves. They've simply QUIT TRYING. They've given up—and, perforce, tried to sink down into the mire of their own personal physical experiences to blot the apprehensions from their brain.

But no one ever really escapes from reality.

Rather, they only compound their problems by creating new and different ones, and not solving any that do exist.

Believe it or not, this mad rush for physical satisfaction in the face of disaster was prophesied!

Paul told Timothy, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away!" (II Tim. 3:1-5.)

And you have witnessed, with your own eyes, this very prophesied SOCIAL REVOLUTION in the past two decades!

You have seen, and you KNOW you’ve seen, more degeneration, more public blasphemy, more trucebreaking, more SELF-LOVE, more disobedience to parents (juvenile delinquency), and more LOVE OF PLEASURE than at any other time in all history!

The Bible means what it says!

And, incredible as it seems, your Bible prophesied the paradoxical escapism of today. God said mankind simply WOULD NOT FACE the plain truth about world conditions. He prophesied men would turn to PHYSICAL PLEASURES in the face of imminent national DESTRUCTION!

He said men would become licentious, lewd, lascivious, filled with SELF-love as NEVER before—and during the exact time of the greatest collection of urgent problems this world had ever seen!

The Unacceptable Present

Britons just can't face the fact their once-proud Empire is gone! The bitter fruit of becoming a third-class power is almost too much. And Great Britain has thoroughly CORRUPTED herself almost as NO other nation!

British television is shocking. Immorality, homosexuality made "legal" by the highest authorities in the land, mounting venereal disease, rampant gambling, wild, impassioned frantic "demonstrations" by weird, ghoulish-looking youths—these have become the familiar British scene.

British "humour" is becoming a sardonic, acidic, sarcastic, disillusioned, frustrated, abandoned type of carping at life. Public officials, royalty, religion, marriage, the courts, law, decency—anything that smacks of stability is impugned, sniped at, ridiculed, belittled, besmirched, and made the brunt of caustic "jokes" which are anything but funny.

It's as if the British public is embarked on a dizzying course of insane and inane fools' laughter at anything and everything that represents the "old-fashioned" terms: "honesty," "stability," "decency," or "morality."

And the fruits of this bizarre type of escapism?

Only further emptiness. An unsatisfied, gnawing feeling of unfulfillment, of hopelessness and futility.

Britain sees herself sinking slowly into national irrelevancy—and she hates every moment of it. So most Britons simply refuse to think about it.

They choose to play. They choose to watch idiocy on the "boob-tube," or carp at public officials, or take "holiday," or gamble. They prefer a lively discussion at the local pub about football, or the latest sex scandal, or the latest lurid article on a yellow rag called a "newspaper" in which there is no "news"; only suspicion, scandal, or lewd and suggestive stories.

And in the United States, Australia and many other nations it's not much different.

Rising crime, spiraling divorce, mounting immorality, weakening religion, deepening racial tension, increasing economic difficulty, disappearing national resources and surpluses; it's enough to make anyone who doesn't know the true outcome TRY to escape!

Ezekiel Predicted It

Ezekiel wrote to our peoples! He meant the pleasure-loving Australians; the gambling, drinking Britons, the sex-obsessed Americans, the passion-driven Canadians and South Africans.

You can prove our peoples are mentioned in your own Bible by writing for your free copy of our booklet, The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy.

Ezekiel wrote of future calamities to befall our peoples of ISRAEL!

Yet he wrote of Israel over one hundred twenty years after the peoples of Israel had already GONE into captivity! Ezekiel was a slave. He was inspired to write his messages, even though commanded to give those warnings to the leaders of many great nations!

But Ezekiel never got to the heads of state.

He never delivered the messages!

Like the prophecies of Daniel, the message of Ezekiel has remained CLOTHED, HIDDEN from human understanding until NOW! Write for our free article, "WHY PROPHECY?" for further understanding of this vital point.

Notice the plain language in which Ezekiel spoke concerning this obsessive drive to ESCAPE THE IMMINENT REALITY of impending national destruction!

"Then said he unto me, Son of man, these are the men ['spiritual' leaders of the nations] that devise mischief, and give wicked counsel in this city, which say, IT IS NOT NEAR! Let us build houses . . . " (Ezek. 11:2-3).

And today you're told about "gross national product," and glowing predictions about our marvelous glamour world of tomorrow, when wives can
sneak down to the corner drugstore, and get an "anti-grouch" pill for "hubbie."

You’re told "God is dead," and asked, "Who was Christ?"

You’re besieged by cries of the "new moralists" who seek to strip from our societies the last vestiges of sanctity, chastity, decency and morality.

True to the prophecy of Ezekiel, the cry today is ESCAPE! Build new homes, buy a boat! "Any two-car family can afford a boat," says one ad. Drink, have new "experiences" with others, urge the "women’s" or "girlie" magazines.

Emblazoned across the covers of thousands of our periodicals and magazines is the single word, "SEX" to keep your mind on "yourself"—to keep you primed with lust and desire!

And why?

Because of a nagging fear millions share. They fear World War III. They fear the "bomb." They fear when they hear of political and military clashes in the world.

Notice what God says about it. "And the Spirit of the Eternal fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak: Thus saith the Lord: Thus have ye said, O House of Israel: for I know the things that are come into your mind, every one of them. Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, [there are more murders in Houston, Texas, each year, than in many European countries] and ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain. Therefore thus saith the Lord Eternal: Your slain whom ye have laid in the streets of this city, [it is estimated there have been more than 200,000 murders in New York City] are come into your mind, [and you have] prime yourself—to keep you faced with reality squarely—and find out how you may escape!

The PLAIN TRUTH

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pose God’s Law. They encourage people in continuing their wrong way. They ignore or tacitly approve this wrong way. They work for peace, for prosperity, for desired good things, while encouraging people to travel the opposite direction from those desired ends!

This whole world is following that pattern. Public acceptance goes right along with a world traveling the road to sickness and ill health, to boredom and unhappiness, fears and worries, inequality, injustice, heartaches, frustrations, insecurity, poverty, crime, insanity, violence, war, and death.

But God’s true servants are not of
this world nor of its ways.

Why do so many people have tooth decay and cavities? The toothpaste manufacturers compete in advertising and television commercials, each claiming its particular brand means "fewer cavities." The cavities are the result. They say nothing about the cause, which is a lack of proper food containing certain organic alkaline mineral elements. They say nothing about faulty diet—the cause. They treat only with the result.

The world is full of hospitals. They are over-filled with patients paying the penalty of broken physical laws. The hospitals and the doctors ignore the cause, and treat with the result—try to relieve, prevent or remove the penalty of broken law!

Notice, now, a few Biblical examples of where God's true prophets put the emphasis, and where the false prophets put it.

After Solomon, son of David, died, the nation Israel rejected Solomon's son Rehoboam as king, and set up Jeroboam instead. Then the tribe of Judah seceded from Israel, in order to have Rehoboam for their king. The tribe of Benjamin went along with Judah. King Jeroboam of Israel immediately set up two golden calves as idols for Israel to worship; rejected the Levites (tribe of Levi) as priests, and put the lowest of them, king Ahab, married Jezebel the daughter of the king of Sidon. Jezebel brought with her hundreds of the prophets of Baal the sun-god, introducing Baal worship in Israel.

Then, speaking of our very generation in this 20th century—just prior to Christ's second coming, of today's drought and upset conditions resulting from misled people going the wrong ways: "For the land is full of adulterers; for because of the curse, the land mourneth; and the pastures of the wilderness are dried up. Their course is evil—they are going the wrong way—and their might is not right. Both prophet and priest are ungodly"—that is, carnal, unconverted, selfish—even in my house [the churches] I have found their wickedness, says the Eternal. Therefore their way shall be to them like slippery paths in the darkness, into which they shall be driven and fall: for I will bring evil upon them in the year of their punishment (that is, in the soon-coming "Day of the Lord" which probably is to last for one year), says the Eternal. (Jeremiah 23:1, 10-12, Revised Standard Version.)

Continuing, same chapter: God foresees a horrible thing in those who profess to be His ministers: "... they commit adultery, and walk in lies." Leading churchmen in Britain are now advocating legal and public approval of homosexuality, and calling fornication and adultery "the New Morality." Even United States ministers are approving this lying so-called "New Morality." Jeremiah continues: "... they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness"—that is, they ignore or reject God's ways, which is His Law. They approve the world's ways contrary to God's ways. They fail to show the people their sins. They go along with the world. "... they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah" (Jer. 23:14-15).

Today, for the first time in all history, leading churchmen are openly approving "sodomy"—homosexuality—the most revolting immorality in violation of God's Law.

Further, same chapter: "Thus saith the Eternal of Hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that preach unto you: they make you vain:"—that is, they flatter, approve, encourage vanity—they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Eternal. They say unto them that despise me, The Eternal hath said, Ye shall have peace;"—they promise a good result, while approving a wrong way. Or, to quote from the Revised Standard Version: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets [preachers] who prophesy [preach] to you, filling you with vain hopes; they speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Eternal. They say continually to those who despise the Word of the Eternal, 'It shall be well with you'; and to every one who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you.' That is, go the wrong way, and there will be no penalty—no evil result. They promise a good result for a wrong cause.

This 23rd chapter of Jeremiah is a prophecy about conditions in our time, now shortly before Christ's return as King of kings to rule the whole earth. Notice, in verse 20: "... in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly."

Continuing: God says, "I have not sent these prophets [preachers], yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they preached. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words [the words of the Bible], then they should have turned them from their evil ways, and
God's Word instructs in the way of God. God's Law is God's Way. The preachers and self-appointed ministers who profess to be the ministers of Jesus Christ—who tell you God's Law is "done away"—who "work together for peace" while condoning the way of transgression—they, says your God—are the false prophets! And they are the MANY, not the few! A deceived and misled world needs to wake up!

King Ahab accused the prophet Elijah of harming Israel. He said, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" Elijah answered, "I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the Commandments of the Eternal, and thou hast followed Baalim" (1 Kings 18:17-18).

They persecuted and killed the true prophets. Then they persecuted and killed the greatest Prophet of all—Jesus Christ. And why? Because they proclaimed God's truth faithfully. Because they showed the people their sins.

Why do they accuse me? Simply because I, my son Garner Ted Armstrong, and this whole WORK of God proclaim the Word of God faithfully—because we do cry aloud and lift up our voices, and show the people their sins! The false ministers must either accuse us of their guilt, or stand branded by the very Word of God as false ministers! So they accuse!

From beginning to end, your Bible puts the emphasis on obedience to God's way of life—the way to peace, happiness, and eternal life as God's gift.

As soon as God created the first man on earth, "The Eternal God commanded the man, saying . . ." (Genesis 2:16). But what happened? Satan came along. The man disobeyed God's Command. He specifically disobeyed four of the Ten Commandments. He obeyed Satan, and thus had another god before the true God. He dishonored his only Parent, God his Creator. He coveted what was not his, and he stole what belonged to God and was specially forbidden him. Result? Curses, sorrow, suffering, and death (Genesis 3:17-19). He followed the wrong way, and it produced a wrong result!

Humanity degenerated, until in less than 2,000 years only one man was righteous, going the right way, obeying God, and that was Noah (Gen. 6:9). If any other had been obedient, he would have been saved in the ark. God spared Noah's wife, sons and their wives because of Noah's obedience.

In two generations after the flood, Nimrod "emancipated" the people from God's government—God's Laws—God's Way. Then, seven generations later, once again there was one man on earth who obeyed God. Because of this faithful obedience, God gave Abraham the promises on which all the national wealth and prosperity of the United States and the British Commonwealth nations were based—as well as the promises on which the spiritual salvation for you and the whole world rest.

And God confirmed and re-promised these greatest of all promises to Abraham's son Isaac, "Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, MY COMMANDMENTS, MY STATUTES, AND MY LAWS" (Gen. 26:5).

The whole test of the nation Israel was one of obedience—of being willing to live God's way—the way to peace, happiness, wealth, and all good things. To them, God said, "Ye shall make no idols nor graven images . . . Ye shall keep my Sabbaths, . . . IF ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them, then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase . . . and I will give you peace . . ." (Lev. 26:1-6). These material blessings, individual and national, would follow. It was a matter of cause and effect. A matter of a way that produced the desired result. The people of Israel wanted the result, but, later, they rebelled against going the way of that desired result.

Jesus Christ came teaching God's Way. He said, "THINK not that I am come to destroy the law . . ."—so the whole world thinks He did come to destroy it! The whole world rebels. It defiantly goes the opposite way. Then tries to eliminate the penalty. That's why this world is sick and in chaos! Jesus magnified God's Law—enlarged upon it. Jesus said "... fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). So the false prophets teach, and the world believes, the soul cannot be destroyed, but will burn forever in "hell."

One came and asked Jesus: "What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" Jesus told him what to do—keep the commandments, naming specifically half of them (Matthew 19:16-19). So the false ministers teach, and the people believe, we must not "keep the commandments." Again, Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Mat. 7:21). So the false prophets say that if you do God's will, as expressed in His Law, you will be under a curse and go to hell.

The apostle Paul taught the Gentiles that God's "Law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good," and that "the Law is spiritual" (Romans 7:12, 14). The false ministers teach that the Law is harsh, contrary to our best interests, and a yoke of bondage. Thus they lead the people into sin! Paul taught Gentiles "For not the hearers of the Law are just before God, but THE DOERS of the Law shall be justified" (Romans 2:13). So the false leaders teach, and the people believe, that the doers of the Law are under a curse of damnation. Paul said, "Do we then make void the Law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the Law" (Rom. 3:31). So the blind leaders of the blind say, WE DO MAKE THE LAW void by faith—we do not establish it, we abolish it!

And on and on it goes.

Not long ago, two great leaders of the world sat together in conference in the Presidential suite of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. One was the leader of the world's most powerful and prosperous nation. The other a great world-acclaimed religious leader. They talked about working together.
for peace. But neither teaches the world THE WAY, and the only way to world peace! They seek to prevent the natural result, or penalty, of a world going the wrong way—a world in rebellion against God and His laws of peace. That result is present strife, war, violence, and threat of war. They work for a right result, while tacitly approving this world's (Satan's) way, which destroys peace and produces violence and war! War is simply the penalty of broken law. When will the "great" statesmen and religious leaders wake up to that fact?

Yes, this world treats the result, seeks to relieve or abolish the penalty of broken law, while continuing to transgress law and produce more penalties.

What our READERS SAY
(Continued from inside front cover)

book. I told them that I am not of age to get the book. The boys told me to send and tell you that I am 21 years of age, so as to get the book. I told them I would not do that. When I do that, I would not be fooling you. I would be fooling myself, because honesty is the best policy.”

B. C., Lurney Land
Nr. Penny Hole
St. Philip, Barbados
British West Indies

If your parents will send for it on your behalf—it's yours. And honesty is the best policy.

So There

"When I received the first issues of your magazine and literature, I was going to write and say I liked it very much and to thank you. Now, I'm saying take my name off your mailing list. You are a Jew, trying to cancel Christian faith, calling Christmas and Easter pagan holidays."

Mrs. E. H., Upland, California

Christ was a Jew—and never celebrated either—but He certainly did nothing to CANCEL true Christian faith!

It Hurts...

"I feel hurt all the time because I am a Negro. No one can know what it means to be a Negro. It's not because you don't have what other races have... You hurt because everyone laughs at the way you look. Everyone on earth looks better. You are told this all your life, that is, how ugly you are. No matter what you do in life it is never enough or good enough. You wake up sad and you go to bed sad. You laugh when you want to cry. Some of us make it; others go on dope and drink. I pray for a better day."

Evelyn C., Chicago, Illinois

And that better day—when all men will be judged according to their works, not the color of their skin, is not far away.

What's Wrong in Latin America?
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year's income per worker. Millions of children get less than six years of school, or no school at all! We have reported this before, but it bears repeating: Latin America suffers from a "prince and peasant" society—the rich get richer, the poor get poorer. Until that vicious cycle is broken, unrest, dissatisfaction and economic trouble will continue. No human agency or program seems to have the solution.

Attitude, tradition. Poverty, illiteracy and disease are not the major problems in Latin America. More important is the "get-rich-quick" idea, the "boom or bust" style economy inherited centuries before from the Spanish conquistadores. More important is the traditional Latin resistance to socio-economic change (in spite of famous revolutions). This resistance to change prevents progress, hinders imaginative solutions to age-old ills, and "freezes in" long-standing economic sicknesses, passing them on from generation to generation. Politics is still a shortcut to riches in most of Latin America, not a call to serve the nation. Until that attitude is changed, Latins will continue to be abused—milked dry, if you please—by their governments instead of helped. Who can change habits of centuries?

The Final Solution

There will be no permanent peace, no lasting political stability for Latin America, until...

Education will not be widespread enough; ignorance and illiteracy will reign, until...

Paralyzing unemployment, searing poverty and killing famine will continue unsolved, until...

Armed violence, revolution and war will continue to explode, until...

American influence and power in Latin America will continue to die out; Europe—our unseen enemy—will continue to take over, until... until Jesus Christ returns!

Insoluble problems will continue until God soon sets a sign among them, to Tarshish [Spain and Latin America], Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles" (Isa. 66:19).

God speed the Day of Christ's coming, and the solution of all Latin American and world problems!
"Day-long quakes — Panic grips Japanese City."

So headlined a news dispatch from stricken Matsushiro, Japan. Walls cracked, power lines were cut, a huge 130-foot chasm in the streets opened up. Water mains burst and windows were shattered as three large earthquakes and countless smaller ones rattled the rural Japanese city 125 miles northwest of Tokyo on April 18.

Matsushiro — a City Gripped by Fear!

It is almost unbelievable. But close to 200,000 tremors have been recorded on Matsushiro seismographs since last August 3. Of these, about 10,000 have been humanly perceptible.

On one day alone, November 22, the frightened townspeople felt 222 quakes!

The area's once-flourishing tourist trade has skidded to near zero. The local economy has been completely stifled. The almost incessant tremors have left the people of Matsushiro ever wakeful, ready for the next sudden jolt, day or night.

The Japanese tragedy is by no means unique!

Two fantastically powerful series of earthquakes leveled vast portions of densely populated Hopeh province in northern China, March 8 and 22. Reports filtering out of the Communist-controlled nation are, of course, sketchy. But Japanese newsmen in nearby Peking tell of massive destruction near the city of Singtai.

Seismographs in the Soviet Union reveal that the largest quake in the series to strike Hopeh province was one of the strongest ever recorded—8.3 on the Richter scale.

Elsewhere, a series of tremors recently jolted the East African nation of Uganda, killing seventy-nine persons. A string of five quakes was reported also in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. Only slight damage was done, but residents were jarred into remembering the disastrous 1963 quake that reduced another Yugoslav city—Skopje—to ruin.

WHY all these earthquakes?

In your Bible is the answer. Jesus Christ said one major sign preceding His return to set up the Kingdom of God would be "earthquakes in diverse [various, widely scattered] places" (Mat. 24:7). This is occurring with suddenly increased frequency. For the full significance of what is happening, write for our new, fully illustrated booklet, "Truth about EARTHQUAKES!" It's dynamic, tremendously interesting—and absolutely free!

NATO Collapsing

NATO is in deep trouble!

The 17-year-old North Atlantic alliance is reeling under the blows leveled on it by France's President de Gaulle.

The intransigent French leader has issued an eviction notice to all United States forces and installations on French soil. Everybody out by next April, he demands.

Moreover, French troops are to be totally removed from under the integrated NATO command. And SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe) headquarters in Paris will have to find a new home.

De Gaulle's dictums have Washington in a quandary. Cost of relocating U.S. facilities in France to other European countries could mount as high as 2.5...
billion dollars. French officials say they won't pay a penny of it.

Other NATO capitals are deeply concerned. It's now feared that France's intended pullout may start a chain reaction!

Portugal has already hinted that it may follow De Gaulle's move. Premier Salazar has branded NATO as "inadequate" for Portugal's present needs.

Italy is greatly disturbed by Paris' moves. With France out, Italy would be isolated, having no geographic connection with the rest of the alliance.

Elsewhere on NATO's southern flank, some influential Turks are said to be having second thoughts about their country's commitment. Greece's domestic political turmoils severely limit that country's contribution.

NATO without France would be a geographic absurdity! A great bulk of the alliance's supply lines cross French soil. The fields of France provide just about the only regrouping, or "fallback" area in case of Communist attack from the East. Without this vital area NATO forces would have to hold on and fight to the death within the confines of narrow West Germany.

The BIG Danger

The smaller countries, such as Belgium, Holland, and Denmark are worried too — and for a yet more serious reason.

They well know that NATO was created not only as a shield against the Soviets, but as a means of tying West Germany firmly to the West by integrating her armed forces among those of the other members.

De Gaulle's acts threaten to upset the delicate balance-of-power arrangement so far achieved. With France on the outside, the Bonn government will undoubtedly increase in power and influence within the shrunk alliance.

Top-level positions vacated by French officers may fall by default to the West Germans. Not only this, but with the budding French atomic arsenal placed beyond reach, Bonn will undoubtedly demand more participation in allied nuclear strategy planning. Various proposals for giving the Federal Republic more nuclear "say-so" are in the wind.

What does all this mean? Bible prophecy foretells that Germany is again — and for the last time — to become a scourge to the world. Only this time she will have the pooled might of a West European combine behind her. Great Britain and the United States are in mortal danger. To read in detail what will happen, write for our booklet, 1975 in Prophecy. It may change your life!

Nuclear Luftwaffe

Now look at what is happening inside Germany. West Germany already has the largest military force in NATO outside of the United States, with

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Headquarters in Paris. NATO installations in France have been given an "eviction notice" by President de Gaulle.

However, a UPI reporter not long ago shockingly revealed that until recent date "this American control had existed more in principle than in fact."

Present plans call for the West German nuclear strike force within NATO to increase from two air wings to five. With each wing having 36 combat aircraft and 14 in reserve, West Germany will have a total of 250 nuclear strike planes, each able to carry an American atomic bomb.

Where do the Luftwaffe pilots train? At Luke Air Force Base in Arizona! Here they learn the latest in nuclear drop techniques.

Shocking? It is time the American public learned of this ironic twist in history!

The threat of Communism is not the only danger to America! Rising out of the ashes of World War II is a new menace to the free world, a seventh, and last, resurrection of the ancient Roman Empire.

Few people understand that the prophecies of Daniel, chapters 2 and 7, and Revelation 13 and 17 deal in detail with events now beginning to unfold in Europe. But you can know what your Bible says will soon happen. Our free booklet, "Who Is the 'Beast'?' makes these key prophecies plain.
**ESCAPE!**

Escapism has become the biggest social problem of our times! With the future unthinkable; the present unacceptable, millions seek ESCAPE from the problems they can't face! And EVEN THIS was prophesied! See, in this article, what escapism is doing to the moral fiber of our peoples, and where God says it's leading. See page 3.

**THE CAUSE OF POVERTY**

This surprising second installment uncovers the hidden causes of poverty. It explains why such a paradox as a "war on poverty" could occur in the world's richest nation. It makes plain how poverty will be eradicated from the earth. See page 9.

**DROUGHT RAVAGES AUSTRALIA**

The PLAIN TRUTH Staff in Sydney, after a 1000-mile survey of some of the country's worst drought area, reports what might become the most disastrous drought ever. See page 18.

**WHAT'S WRONG IN LATIN AMERICA?**

Revealed for the first time: the real reason behind Communist presence in Latin America! U.S. and Britain in jeopardy from a new unseen enemy! Read this penetrating analysis of South America's gigantic problems, and the soon-coming solutions. See page 27.

**WHY NOT THE TRUTH?**

You live in a society that is rapidly losing its standards. Even in education, where young minds are shaped and ideals are formulated, truth is being denied. But Ambassador Colleges are different. In today's amoral society Ambassador teachers are not afraid to teach students truth. See page 31.

**PROPHECY COMES ALIVE IN TODAY'S WORLD NEWS**

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