THE PLAIN TRUTH
a magazine of understanding

Konrad Adenauer
1876-1967
What our READERS SAY

Our Cover

"In this last March PLAIN TRUTH I received, I want to congratulate your photographers on their good work. The picture of the man on the front of this magazine is so natural, so perfect. The gray in the hair, the red in the skin, the eye wrinkles, the beard that shows a fresh shave, just enough beard left to look like a real man. The pleasant smile, the earnest look in the eyes, the picture of the man on the articles on evolution have helped me to our own existences, and to refute and look like a real man. The pleasant woman would appreciate of a man, and I Illust not leave out the dimple. You

F. A. G., Billings, Missouri

- Thank you — we think so, too.

Evolution

"Thank you for the booklets which I received recently, and the wonderful PLAIN TRUTH — I am a production editor, and appreciate quality work. The articles on evolution have helped me to teach my children about the truths of our own existences, and to refute and combat atheistic teaching by my eldest daughter's teacher at school. My daughter took her PLAIN TRUTH to school to show the woodpecker pictures, and anableps and she was allowed to tell her class (grade 7?) why these creatures are the way they are."

Editor, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

"I just wanted to sit down and write to tell you how very much we are enjoying the series on EVOLUTION in The PLAIN TRUTH. To make sure that it just doesn't pass through my thinking on the way to the files, I have taken all the articles out of each and every PLAIN TRUTH and inserted them in acetate sheet protectors and filed them in a 3-ring binder for a very, very permanent part of our household. It has made not only a very attractive book with all the drawings and sketches but also has some of the most vital information available to deflate the 'Evolution theories' which are so predominant in today's thinking. We now have this displayed prominently in our living room for anyone who is interested to read what's inside. This is also representative of the quality of art, work, organization — facts of true quality which Ambassador Colleges stand for. Keep it up. My book is really blossoming forth right along with the terrific articles you are putting out!"

Mrs. John R. H., Villa Park, Illinois

"Here is proof for you, Garner. A fish lays eggs, a reptile lays eggs, a bird lays eggs. That is proof enough for me that there is a relationship."

Disciple of Bob Ingersoll, L. S., Los Angeles, California

- Would you like to purchase a good, used bridge, cheap? There's a real bargain in Brooklyn.

Personal

"I just received my March issue of The PLAIN TRUTH... After reading 'The Personal from the Editor,' I heartily agree that God's Word is priceless! If we were required to pay, in actual cash, what it would really be worth, then none of us could ever become wealthy enough to pay the price. Thank God, it is free!"

Mrs. Horace C., Springville, Indiana

- Amen to that.

Autobiography

"Isn't Herbert W. Armstrong going to write any more on his 'Autobiography'? We keep looking for it in every PLAIN TRUTH and continue to be disappointed. If he doesn't get it done pretty soon he may get as forgetful as I have become and then it will be too late — unless he has a lot of notes to work from."

A. W. P., Harlan, Iowa

- Many of our readers are anxious for (Continued on page 40)
Personal from the Editor

THIS is the personal talk with our readers I had never even remotely expected I should be called on to write.

It is a memorial in honor of the one dearest woman I have loved, respected, honored above all people—the wife of my youth. Fifty years ago, lacking only three-and-a-half months, the living Christ selected and joined her to me in happy wedlock.

Those years have been a half century of tremendous experiences. They have been years of trial and testing, of struggle, overcoming, perseverance; but also years of laboring together in serving and in building; and of thrilling triumphs. They have been years in which the living God has lavished on us His glorious grace and blessings beyond description. They have been a half century of her giving devoted, loving, faithful loyalty—and beautiful and stimulating companionship.

When God first created man, He said it was not good that the man should be alone; so God provided a fitting help for him in a wife.

Through the wife God gave me, He called me—and us together—into His service. He chose us as a husband-and-wife team. Through us He built His end-time work, proclaiming to the whole world the good news of His coming world-ruling Kingdom, as a witness to all nations.

He used us to prepare the way for Christ's coming in supreme power and glory to rule all peoples, and to bring to earth peace, prosperity, happiness and joy. He used us in bringing many thousands to Christ, to be begotten as God's own children, to be born into His divine family.

Now we had reached the final climax of this great work. The living Christ is opening stupendous new doors that will multiply the power and scope of God's work, until the whole world shall know it has heard His message.

We come, now, to the final stretch of the work. In a mile or two-mile race, officials fire a revolver in the air as the runners begin the last lap. They call it "the gun lap." This work of God, leading to Christ's coming, has now entered its "gun lap." We must now put on the final extra burst of effort for the very few remaining years!

We know that to complete the work, we must accomplish more during the next two to five years than in all previous 33 1/2 years combined!

God has been moving swiftly to open tremendous new facilities.

Final preparations are being made to put The World Tomorrow on television within three or four weeks. The television program of The World Tomorrow will start very small. But plans call for full-color television on some twelve leading stations coast to coast in the United States by one year, growing and expanding until by late 1970 we shall use either a major network, coast to coast, or its equivalent in a large number of separately selected stations completely covering the United States and Canada—beside whatever television outlets may be available around the world.

Plans for the immediate future call for the purchase of full-page or double-page advertising space in leading mass-circulating magazines throughout the world, shouting out the same message you now hear over The World Tomorrow, and read in The Plain Truth. We are now offered space in Life magazine. Other such magazines will follow. Already we are using full-page space in the leading large-circulation magazines of South Africa, Australia, and The Philippines.

Suddenly, even foreign governments (where there is no commercial radio) are opening to us their governments.

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END OF THE ADENAUER ERA

... and what it means for the future of Europe

by Gunar Freibergs and Frank Schnee

Bonn, West Germany

Germany's "Grand Old Man" is dead!

To the German people, Konrad Adenauer was fondly called the "Grand Old Man." The nation is deeply mourning the leader who made postwar Germany second in industrial might only to the United States in the free world. It was he who picked up the broken spirits and pieces left of Hitler's would-be "1000-year Reich."

Loved and Hated

"He was loved and he was hated," said Bundestag President Gerstenmaier of Adenauer as he announced his death to the German Parliament.

Konrad Adenauer is loved because he was the man who steered this hopeless wreck of a nation back to respectability when many Germans thought: "We Germans will never be able to lift our heads again and face the world."

Konrad Adenauer is loved for the 1955 deal with Moscow that brought home over 10,000 German loved ones, still in Russian prisoner camps.

He is loved for preventing the complete stripping of German industry under the Morgenthau Plan.

He is loved for his great achievements for the city of Cologne — the Green Belt, the Rhein Harbour, the Cologne Trade Fair, the University, the first German autobahn.

He is loved for his simplicity, hard work, sense of duty — above all for his folksy sense of humor. He left more anecdotes behind than any other German Statesman. He was very likeable. The ovation at political rallies for him remained tremendous, even after he stepped down as Chancellor in 1963.

His friend Pferdmenges called him a fox and a lion at the same time, a master of political strategy. "Der Alte" himself gave the special recipe for success: "Patience is the strongest weapon of the vanquished loser."

Winston Churchill said he was the greatest German Statesman since Bismarck, the Iron Chancellor he admired and took as his teacher.

His political opponents hated him for his single-handed decisions bordering on autocracy. They hated him for pushing for a united Europe, and for rearming Germany.

His opponents never quite forgave him for what they called a "missed chance" to reunite Germany when the Russians offered it in 1952 and 1954. But he was more interested in a united Europe — a restored Roman Empire — than in reuniting West Germany with Protestant East Germany.

He made many trips to the Vatican and knew 3 Popes well. Pius XII, John XXIII and the present Paul VI.

The man Adenauer never was really "old." At 91 years of age he still walked "straight as a candle" as Germans say. He lived through the Bismarck Era, the Kaiser's Era, the Weimar Republic, Hitler's "1000-year Reich" — which lasted just 12 years — the postwar period of catastrophe, and the Era that carries his own name.

The Man Adenauer

Much of Adenauer's importance stemmed from the vast experience he gained in a political career spanning over half a century. From the time of Bismarck till the swearing-in of Kiesinger last December. Adenauer lived to see twenty-four German Chancellors come and go, and weathered the destructiveness of two world wars.

Born in 1876, he studied law, entered politics at an early age, and in 1917 was elected mayor of Cologne, a post which he held till the Hitler era.

Popular as mayor and promising as a politician, he narrowly missed becoming Chancellor in 1926.

After a period in jail under the Nazis during World War II, Adenauer became mayor of Germany's Rhine-side cathedral city a second time in 1943.

In 1949 the western part of postwar Germany was granted self-government. Adenauer, at the head of the winning Christian Democratic Union, moved into the parliament buildings of the provisional capital in Bonn as the Federal Republic's first Chancellor. This office he was to hold firmly for fourteen years — two years longer than Hitler — till pressure from his colleagues forced him to step down.

West Germany, as it is today, is largely in political structure the work of Konrad Adenauer. Living in the shadow of a potential Communist takeover from the east, he demanded Germany be made strong.

Adenauer Policy

At first Adenauer had expressed himself in favor of a total German disarmament and demilitarisation, preferring Germany to follow a strictly neutralist policy. But the mounting tension of the Cold War, the sudden Communist aggression in Korea and the buildup of the Soviet arms potential — including the atomic bomb — soon caused him to change his mind. He talked of the possibility of a German contingent serving as part of a larger European fighting force. Later he came out in favor of complete German rearmament, and then, with Franz Josef Strauss as his Minister of Defense, argued for the possession of nuclear arms.

An interesting aspect of those rearmament days is that the present Chancellor, Kurt Georg Kiesinger, was then serving as a member on Adenauer's parliamentary team. Recognizing Kiesinger's abilities as a leader and organizer, Adenauer made him star speaker.
JOHNSON, De GAULLE MEET

What Dr. Adenauer could not accomplish in life he achieved by death — the face-to-face meeting, at his funeral, of Presidents Johnson and De Gaulle. But the relationship was icy. The French President sought to avoid Mr. Johnson at Bonn. De Gaulle purposely was the last to arrive at Bonn, the first to leave the German capital for the funeral at Cologne, newsmen report.

European newspapers discreetly commented that President Johnson looked like a cowboy in top hat at the funeral in the Cologne Cathedral. Many Englishmen privately asked why Mr. Johnson attended Adenauer’s funeral, but not Churchill’s.

At a meeting in the West German Parliament — the Bundestag — Chancellor Kiesinger carefully addressed De Gaulle first, Mr. Johnson second in the Adenauer eulogy.

The French President gave German Chancellor Kiesinger an hour of his time, but only a few moments to the U. S. President. In private talks between Mr. Johnson and German officials no progress was made in the Non-proliferation Treaty, designed to regulate atomic arms, nor in the Kennedy Round on tariff and trade. Net result of meetings was German acquisition of a veto power in U. S.-German relations.

in the debates concerning German rearmament. Much of the rebuilding of Germany’s defense force is the result of Herr Kiesinger’s efforts during those early years.

A United Europe

Second to building up a strong Germany, Adenauer’s efforts were dedicated to the establishment of a United Roman Europe — a union of Germany with those lands once within the confines of the Roman Empire. German nationalism, he claimed, would cease being a potential danger if Germany were to be incorporated into a larger union of western European states. He was a firm friend of Robert Schumann, the “brain” behind the European Common Market.

Adenauer joined the other heads of state of “the Six” in signing the Rome treaty in 1957. Ever since, Konrad Adenauer had been holding repeated confidential conferences with France’s General de Gaulle and undertaking many unofficial visits to confer with foreign statesmen. Only a few weeks before his death, Adenauer undertook a strenuous trip to Paris and Madrid. In Spain he still loudly warned against the American-Soviet Nonproliferation Treaty. He loudly doubted America’s determination to protect Germany from Russia.

But the “old man” is now dead. Of the three really great Europeans of this age, only Charles de Gaulle remains. And when De Gaulle passes from the scene?

Konrad Adenauer himself prophesied that when De Gaulle dies Germany will automatically take over the lead of Europe. What Adenauer did not foretell was who will be the man to lead Germany!

We say: watch Franz Josef Strauss, West Germany’s ambitious Finance Minister — a man of utterly different character from Adenauer’s restrained patience. Strauss, feared by his opponents, is working for European Unity as a means of reuniting Germany. With Adenauer gone, Strauss is the one important West German figure vigorously pushing for European Unity. Watch how economic developments play into his hands!

Heinrich Lübke, West German President, delivers commemorative speech in Bundestag on day of Adenauer’s burial. President Johnson clearly visible in front row (see inset, above, for close-up).
Ants are our most familiar, and pesky, insects. Whether you live in Australia or Austria, in Britain or Bloemfontein you could discover ants in your home — or find them trying to carry off your picnic lunch! Evolution is completely BAFFLED by the ant world. Ants are the most illogical creatures in the whole of the Evolutionary theory — and have given rise to some of evolution's most embarrassing admissions. Read, in this informative article, how evolution yells “uncle” at the ants.

by Garner Ted Armstrong and Paul W. Kroll

Chances are, you can find an ant only steps away from where you are right now.

And, you may find one from time to time without moving from where you are. They're our most common insect neighbor — and yet few people know much of the amazing stories they have to tell.

Children buy “ant farms” to observe the busy little insects tunneling, building, laboring, reproducing. But woe be unto the playful little fellow who allows his little ant friends to escape in the house!

Almost every housewife has returned to her kitchen to find a long line of busy little workers hustling back and forth in orderly precision from her sugar bowl to a tiny crack under the molding.

But observe an ant closely! You're looking at only one of at least three thousand five hundred different species of ants in the world! Some of them are giants of bumblebee size, with long, very painful stingers in their tails. Others are almost all head and powerful jaws, and still others so tiny they are barely visible to the human eye.

Do you know that ants have a great slave-making system? That they can produce many strange, weirdly formed “ant machines” to perform specific functions?

Do you know ants can PRETERMINAE the sex of their offspring, and completely control their own populations? Did you know they have a unique “protection racket,” and hire themselves out as mercenary soldiers to protect other living creatures? Ants do much more.

They make political alliances; develop expert battle maneuvers, come up with their own cryptic battle codes, and enslave captured soldiers of enemy forces.

Some ants “herd cattle” and “milk” their cows by a strange process Charles Darwin tried to imitate, and failed. Ants store honey, and other foods. Ants grow gardens, manufacture their own corks, harvest and store seeds, and even sew leaves together — without needle and thread.

Army ants march in a regular rhythm — hunting, resting, and marching for exactly seventeen days!

Assembly-line Reproduction

All those busy little ants struggling to carry away your sugar cube by cube are very likely the progeny of only one other ant — or, at most, only a few others.

The “queen” of the ant colony (in many species) is a fantastic life-producing “cylinder.” She may resemble a sausage with head tacked on — and is able to PREDETERMINAE the sex of her progeny.

She produces “soldiers” — the organizers, defenders and military strategists of the ant nest that look like they're all head and pincers, with tiny body and legs. She produces many different KINDS of ants — seeming to select their size and responsibilities. There are the “workers” (which are infertile females, as are the soldiers!) whose sole responsibility is to care for the larvae, pupae and eggs — enlarging and extending the nest, and doing much of the work.

She produces many categories of “soldiers” for the colony, including giants and super-soldiers; pygmy soldiers, and specialized workers.

Some workers exist for one chief duty: to tear flesh from living prey. They're the butchers of the ant community. Then there is another group of tiny workers who are porters and janitors!

One evolutionist could only comment in amazement at such incredible “assembly-line reproduction.” He said, “That these... widely different forms can come from the SAME mother is remarkable, but that the male is also their own flesh and blood is more remarkable still. For the male in appearance is not an ant at all, but a HORNET — two inches long with magnificent wings and a splendid array of eyes.”

Evolution likes to see CONSEQUENCE in “nature.” That is — they must al-
ways look for some specific purpose being "served" in the life cycles of each creature — find some way to theorize how each living species is in some way struggling for survival among all the other species.

But the ants really perplex evolutionists — as you'll soon see!

The amazed writer continued, "Can inconsequence in nature go further than this?

"The females are not only blind but they have lost all traces of eyes: where eyes, presumably [?], once were, is now smooth and solid skull. It must have taken a long time for this reverse development to take place and yet the female still breeds MALES WITH EYES, surpassing those of most other insects!" (Emphasis ours throughout article.)

Then he concludes: "evolution plays strange tricks!" (Ways of the Ant, John Crompton pages 148, 149.)

Yes, "evolution," we agree, is very tricky! You need to watch evolution, and evolutionists very closely. But, even though evolution may play strange "tricks" — the facts of the perfect order, harmony, and the utter dependability of the creation all around you is not tricky — but completely faith

Polymorphism in Atta cephalotes, a fungus-growing ant. One queen ant gives birth to all these widely differing ant types.

"I will confine myself to one special difficulty, which at first appeared insuperable, and ACTUALLY FATAL to the whole theory. I allude to the neuters or sterile females in insect communities; for these neuters often differ widely in instinct and structure from both the males and fertile females and yet, from being sterile, they cannot propagate their kind.

"The subject well deserves to be discussed at great length, but I will here take only a single case, that of working or sterile ants. How the workers have been rendered sterile is a difficulty . . .

"But I must pass over this preliminary difficulty. The great difficulty lies in the working ants differing widely from both the males and the fertile females in structure, as in the shape of the thorax, and in being destitute of wings and sometimes of eyes, and in instinct . . .

"With the working ant we have an insect differing greatly from its parents, yet absolutely sterile; so that it could never have transmitted successively acquired modifications of structure or instinct to its progeny.

"It may well be asked how is it possible to reconcile this case with the theory of natural selection?

"The difficulty lies in understanding how such correlated modifications of structure could have been slowly accumulated by natural selection.

"But we have not as yet touched the acme of the difficulty; namely the fact that the neuters of several ants differ, not only from the fertile males and females, but from each other, sometimes to an almost incredible degree" (Origin of Species, Charles Darwin, pages 268-270, 6th edition, Collier Books reprint throughout).

Charles Darwin admitted the great difficulty this presented to his theory — and admitted further the difficulty lies in understanding how such incredible processes could have occurred.

Then he admitted, after all these admissions — that he had not yet really concerned himself with the heart and core of the problem, the "acme" of the problem — as to how it is these neuter ants differ, not only from their fertile parents, but even from each other, and to such an incredible degree!

And the problems were never explained!

Even the preliminary "difficulty," Mr. Darwin said he "passed over."

And no wonder! Because there is

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The Tragedy of

Our POLLUTED PLANET!

... and what Bible prophecy reveals will be done to solve the problem.

by Gene H. Hogberg and Eugene M. Walter

Skyscrapers jut up and out of a dense, irritant-loaded fog, as though reaching for a breath of fresh air.

You are probably breathing polluted air this very minute! If you aren't, you ought to be very thankful. You are in a blessed, and rapidly shrinking minority.

And when you took your first drink of water this morning, chances are, it, too, was far from fresh. To be sure, it had probably been "purified" and officially approved as "safe."

But did its chemical, medicinal taste make you wonder where it came from? Did you have uneasy thoughts about who might have used it just a few hours before — and for what purpose?

Your Food, Too

When you sat down to your first meal today, what did you eat? It is almost certain that you ate at least some polluted food — and probably a lot more than you think.

You may be the rare exception who lives in a place where there is fresh air and pure water, but you are very rare indeed if your diet consists entirely of unpolluted, wholesome food.

Chances are, if you eliminated from your diet the sprayed, artificially colored and waxed fruits and vegetables — the chemically enriched, refined, colored and preserved breads and cereals — the pasteurized, homogenized, fortified and preserved dairy products — and the meat and eggs which came from animals polluted with stilbestrol, hormones, drugs and abnormal high-gain feeds, you would have almost nothing left!

You may not have thought of some
of these things as pollutants. But that is, nevertheless, what they are.

But you don't just breathe the air, drink the water and eat the food which some other person has befouled, be-smirched and contaminated. You — whoever you are — directly or indirectly contribute to pollution.

Have you ridden in a car, bus or airplane today? Do you smoke? Do you work in a factory that belches noxious fumes into the air all day long? Or one that spews effluent into a stream?

These are but a few of the common ways that the average person living in a civilized country today contributes to pollution every single day. Pollution is simply a built-in part of our modern, civilized country. The domain of nature has befouled, has polluted, has smothered — and modern industry.

We are so used to living in today's polluted world that it is difficult for us to realize how bad it really is.

The Shocking Facts

In a dramatic message to both houses of Congress on January 30, President Johnson warned that the battle for clean air alone will be lost in ten years unless drastic measures are taken at once!

"We are not even controlling today's level of pollution," the President reported. "Ten years from now, when industrial and waste disposal have increased and the number of automobiles in our streets and highways exceeds 110 million, we shall have lost the battle for clean air unless we strengthen our regulatory and research efforts now.

"There is much to be done," continued the President, "and we are losing ground. The air and water grows heavier with the debris of our spectacular civilization. The domain of nature shrinks before the demands of commerce."

The same kind of warning came recently from Vice President Humphrey. Mr. Humphrey stressed that air pollution alone has now become so enormous a problem in the United States that no one government agency and no single private interest group can possibly cope with it.

At an air pollution conference attended by the Vice President, it was emphasized that 130 million tons of pollutants were spewed into the American air alone during 1966. If this airborne waste were to be put into cargo ships, it would require more than half of all the merchant vessels in the world to carry it! Of this vast amount approximately 85 million tons were attributable to automotive exhausts.

Survival at Stake

Other members of President Johnson's staff are also deeply concerned.

"Our continued survival" depends upon solving the problem of environmental pollution, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall told the National Petroleum Council recently.

"This is a strong statement," Udall said. "But, he added: "...we must restore our air and our water resources to some tolerable state of purity or we shall as a nation surely suffocate in our own effluvia."

The truth about the tragic pollution of our air, water and land is not pleasant to report. But you need to know what is really happening on our Polluted Planet — and what the future holds.

Many articles have been written on the subject of pollution. But they all, it seems, conclude with dire warnings of gloom — or in unfounded optimism, which is even worse. The ultimate outcome has never been reported!

The Breath of Death

America's air is sick. But the U.S. holds no corner on the pollution market.

White-collar workers in West Germany's heavily industrialized Ruhr district are accustomed to carrying an extra shirt with them to work. They know the first one will be gray after half a day in the area's polluted air.

A smog-aggravated respiratory ailment, "Tokyo-Yokohama asthma," affects thousands in that giant Japanese megalopolis. Oxygen tanks have been installed at ten busy Tokyo intersections for use of traffic policemen who must stand for hours in the swirl of auto exhaust fumes. Every half hour the men have to take an "oxygen break."

Families have begun to move out of Johannesburg, South Africa, because of a gray smog blotting out the blood-red South African sun.

But polluted air is not a threat just to living things. It even destroys metal and stone! Four ancient Greek bronze horses in Venice's St. Mark's Square are being eaten away by polluted air. So is the famed "Cleopatra's Needle" in New York City. This monument successfully withstood more than three thousand years of wind-driven desert sand in Egypt. But New York's air is simply more than it can take.

In West Germany, workers have been waging a battle since 1959 to save the historic Cologne Cathedral. Pollutants in the city's air have been crumbling the building's sandstone. In southern Germany, even the traditionally clear air of the Alps has occasionally been filled with gases from oil refineries located in the area.

In Madrid, Spain, the pall of smoke and dust is sometimes so great it is difficult to see from one side of a thoroughfare to the other.

The atmosphere over a number of South American cities is becoming increasingly contaminated. Major problems already exist in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Santiago, Chile. A potential problem is also expected in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

There is a touch of irony here. Buenos Aires means 'good air' in Spanish. But population and industrial growth threaten to overburden the cleansing action of the city's prevailing winds.

This list could go on and on. Amsterdam, Berlin, Frankfurt, Warsaw, Moscow, Kiev, Karachi, Calcutta, Bombay, Singapore, Jakarta, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Cairo, Tel Aviv, Caracas, Toronto, Vancouver — these and others are apprehensive over the black clouds gathering overhead.

Worst in U.S.

The United States, the most industrialized of all nations, has the worst problem of all. The Public Health Service (PHS) reports that 120 million people in some 7,500 communities are presently affected by air pollution. Fully 25 percent of the U.S. population now lives in areas described as suffering from "major" air pollution.
The Breath of Death

Tokyo school children, despite masks, show two or three times the normal incidence of respiratory ailments. Left, a microscopic view of solid pollution floating in air in U. S. Midwest's St. Louis County. Magnification 40 times. Below: endive plants — left, injured by air pollution; right, healthy plant.

U. S. Public Health Service
problems. The number of people affected has risen 50 percent in the past 15 years, according to the PHS.

Until a few years ago, the sky over most of the nation was comparatively free of contaminants. Only a few scattered cities had serious pollution problems, mostly caused by smoke.

Today a breath of really fresh air is a luxury denied most urban areas.

On some days, it is not unusual for the eastern half of the United States—from Maine down to Florida and from Boston west extending all the way to Des Moines, Iowa in the upper region, and from Miami to New Orleans or even Dallas in the lower half—to be covered by a pollution blanket. So reports Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review, and an expert on air pollution.

Some scientists shudder at what could—and they say undoubtedly will—happen in the near future. If such a widespread smog blanket should ever lay in for several days, with little wind action, there will be untold thousands of deaths.

"The raw materials of future pollution disasters are present. Daily production of nitrogen oxides, hydrocarbons and other poisons approaches and passes the 500-ton mark in most of our large cities. All that is needed is for the air to stop moving for a few days, and disaster will strike" (Poisons in the Air, by Edelson and Warshofsky).

New York City had a foretaste of such a disaster during last fall's Thanksgiving weekend. Eighty deaths were directly attributed to this particular smog siege.

Cause of Death: Smog

No death certificates have ever cited smog as a cause of death. Yet U.S. Surgeon General William H. Stewart reported on April 19 there is "compelling evidence" that air pollution is killing and disabling Americans in every area of the nation.

In testimony before a Senate subcommittee, Dr. Stewart revealed scientific studies have linked pollution to such diseases as cancer, the common cold,

Other health hazards, too, are being found! According to Dr. C. C. Patterson, a geochemist, the average American is already close to the threshold of "classical lead poisoning." Most of this is attributable, he says, to the burning of lead tetraethyl in gasoline. Commuters on crowded freeways are sometimes subjected to dosages of lead poisoning many times higher than the rate in urban areas as a whole.

No motorist would be foolish enough to run the motor of his car in a closed garage and expect to live very long. Yet millions daily drive stop-and-go in virtual smog tunnels, breathing in dangerous amounts of lead, carbon monoxide, and other poisons.

The sulfur oxides are another growing peril. These are the combustible by-products of soft coal and oil. On some days in some of the major U. S. cities, the sulfur oxides in the air exceed "recommended levels" by from 300 to 400 percent.

How dangerous are these substances? Sulfur dioxide combines with moisture in the air to produce sulfurous acid, a bleaching agent that attacks the upper respiratory tract. Sulfur trioxide combines with moisture to form sulfuric acid, a powerful chemical that can destroy tissues.

Congress recently reported out of committee a bill to establish new federal guidelines for sulfur oxide control. However, the coal industry's lobby was successful in efforts to eliminate the bill's enforcement provisions, making it just another "recommendation."

A senator from a coal-producing state appealed to the Administration that the future of the coal industry was at stake! But what about the health of the nation?

Never mind the health of the nation: it is money that is important, it seems.

Crops Suffocating Too

Bad air is fast displacing bad weather as America's biggest plunderer of crops. Damage from air pollution in parts of New York, New Jersey, Florida, California, Oregon and Washington now costs farmers more than the combined baroc of wind, cold and ice.

In the Garden State of New Jersey, pollution injury to vegetation has been observed in every single county. Damage has been reported to at least 36 commercial crops, including spinach, endive, romaine, table beets and chicory.

In central and southern Florida orange trees have been severely damaged, causing some growers to relocate.

At the opposite end of the country, peaches, apples and leafy vegetables grown in Washington and Oregon have been hit hard. Damage to crops in California now exceeds the $100,000,000-a-year mark.

"If the pollutants in the air go unchecked," says Dr. O. C. Taylor of the University of California, "it won't be many years before agriculture in certain parts of America ceases to exist."

The third annual National Conference on Air Pollution was held in Washington, D. C., in December. A PLAIN TRUTH correspondent was present. He was shocked at the ominous warnings he heard.

At this conference, John Gardner, Secretary for Health, Education and Welfare, warned that three alternatives face the American public unless drastic action is taken to halt air pollution.

1) Stay indoors and live like moles on smoggy days. 2) Give everybody gas masks. 3) Build domes over all our big cities and air-condition them.

Mrs. Esther Peterson, former special assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs, warned that unless conditions soon improve, as many as 10,000 people may die prematurely from one smog siege in any one of America's large cities.

Enlarging the issue, another participant at the "Smog Conference" warned: "Air pollution on a worldwide basis is comparable with [the problems] of nuclear war or the population explosion."

"Fresh" Water — Or Filthy Water?

Enough about air pollution for the moment. What about supplies of fresh water? By fresh water, we mean the opposite of salt water. Today, "fresh" water is anything but fresh in the true sense of the word.

Take the Netherlands, for example. Holland is suffering from the pangs of European prosperity. For centuries the Dutch have successfully battled against (Continued on page 26)
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RADIO LOG

MAJOR STATIONS

East

WOR — New York — 710 kc., 11:30 p.m. Sun.
WHN — New York — 1650 kc., 9 a.m. Sun.
WABC — New York — 1180 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.
WWVA — Wheeling, W. Va. — 1170 kc., 98.7 FM, 10:30 a.m., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
WXAG — Boston — 580 kc., 98.5 FM (WRKO-FM), 8:30 p.m. Sun.
WIBG — Philadelphia — 950 kc., 94.1 FM, 12:30 p.m. Sun.
WBAL — Baltimore — 1090 kc., 8:30 a.m. Sun.
WRVA — Richmond — 1140 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun.
WPTT — Pittsburgh — 930 kc., 101.5 FM, 11 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon.-Fri., 1:30 p.m. Sat.
WMCK — Pittsburgh — 1360 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
WHP — Harrisburg, Pa. — 580 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
WJAC — Johnstown, Pa. — 850 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
WSAN — Allentown, Pa. — 1470 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun., 7:15 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m. Sat.
WABC — New York — 1070 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun.

West Coast

KIRO — Seattle — 710 kc., 100.7 FM, 10:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 5:30 a.m. Tues-Sat.
KRAK — Sacramento — 1140 kc., 10 p.m. daily.
XERB — Lower Calif. — 1090 kc., 7 p.m. daily.

LEADING LOCAL-AREA STATIONS

East

WBMD — Baltimore — 750 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
WPEN — Philadelphia — 950 kc., 7 a.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon-Sat.
WPIT — Pittsburgh — 730 kc., 101.5 FM, 11 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon.-Fri., 1:30 p.m. Sat.
WMCK — Pittsburgh — 1360 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
WHP — Harrisburg, Pa. — 580 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
WJAC — Johnstown, Pa. — 850 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
WSAN — Allentown, Pa. — 1470 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun., 7:15 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m. Sat.
WABC — New York — 1070 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun.

Central

WBSP — Toled o, Ohio — 1370 kc., 9 a.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon-Sat. or before or after basketball.
WSLR — Akron, Ohio — 1350 kc., 7 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
WFJM — Youngstown, Ohio — 1390 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 7:05 p.m. Sat.
WBNF — Columbus, Ohio — 1460 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.
WBRJ — Marietta, Ohio — 910 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
WHCK — Battle Creek, Mich. — 930 kc., 12:30 p.m. Sat, Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
WJFB — Det r oit — 1500 kc., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
KRVN — Lincoln gton, N ebr. — 1010 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 3 p.m. Mon-Sat.
KWMJ — Grand Island, Nebr. — 1350 kc., 4 p.m. daily.
WNX — Yankton, S. Dak. — 570 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily or after basketball.
WEAW — Chicago — 1330 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 8 a.m. Mon-Fri., 7:30 a.m. Sat., 12 noon Mon-Fri., 7:30 p.m. Sun, 7 a.m. Mon-Sat.)
WJOL — Joliet, Ill. — 1340 kc., 9:30 p.m. daily.
WITY — Danville, Ill. — 980 kc., 7 p.m. Sun-Thur., after football Fri. & Sat.
WWCA — Gary, Ind. — 1270 kc., 4 p.m. Sun., 6 p.m. Mon-Sat.
WJOB — Hammond, Ind. — 1230 kc., 8 p.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon-Sat.
WXCL — Peoria — 1350 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
WIBC — Indianapolis — 1070 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 3 p.m. Mon-Sat.
KBHS — Hot Springs, Ark. — 590 kc., 1 p.m. Sun, 6 a.m. Mon-Sat.
KFFS — Cape Girardeau, Mo. — 960 kc., 9:15 a.m. Sun, 7 a.m. Mon-Sat.
KWTO — Springfield, Mo. — 560 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
KFEQ — St. Joseph, Mo. — 680 kc., 7 p.m. daily.
KULL — Kansas City, Mo. — 1380 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
KFSB — Joplin, Mo. — 1310 kc., 6:30 p.m. Sun, 12:30 p.m. daily.

West

WACE — Chicopee, Mass. — 730 kc., 12:30 p.m. Sun., 7 a.m. Mon-Sat.
WSAR — Fall River, Mass. — 1480 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun.
WOCB — Hyannis, Mass. — 1240 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
WEIM — Fitchburg, Mass. — 1280 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
WHMP — Northampton, Mass. — 1400 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
WHAI — Greenfield, Mass. — 1240 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
WARE — Ware, Mass. — 1250 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
WJAR — Providence, R. I. — 920 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.
WLCG — New London, Conn. — 1510 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
WTOR — Torrington, Conn. — 1490 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.

Mountain States

KOA — Denver — 850 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun.
KSWB — Roswell, N. Mex. — 1020 kc., 6:30 a.m. daily.
XELO — 800 kc., 8 p.m. daily. (MST)

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KFDI — Wichita, Kans. — 1070 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 11:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
KFL — Wichita, Kans. — 1330 kc., 100.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
KGE — Coffeyville, Kans. — 690 kc., 6 p.m. daily.
KXXX — Colby, Kans. — 790 kc., 11:30 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
KBEA — Mission, Kans. — 1480 kc., 7 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
KSO — Des Moines — 1070 kc., 1:30 p.m. daily.
WMT — Cedar Rapids — 600 kc., 11 a.m. Sun.
Kalo — Des Moines — 690 kc., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
KQRS — Minneapolis — 1440 kc, 92.5 FM, 7 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
KSO — Des Moines — 1070 kc., 1:30 p.m. daily.
KGLO — Mason City, Ia. — 1300 kc., 7 p.m. daily.
KFDI — Wichita, Kans. — 1070 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 11:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
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KPHQ — Phoenix — 910 kc., 6:35 p.m. daily.
KYND — Tempe — 1580 kc, 2:30 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
KCBQ — Tucson — 1290 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m. Sat.
KGMM — Albuquerque — 610 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
KLZ — Denver — 560 kc., 10:05 p.m. daily.
KMOR — Salt Lake City — 1230 kc., 9 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
KIDO — Boise, Idaho — 630 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
KBOI — Boise — 670 kc., 7 p.m. daily.
KTFR — Twin Falls, Idaho — 1270 kc., 7:05 p.m. daily.
KSEI — Pocatello, Idaho — 930 kc., 8 p.m. daily.
KMON — Great Falls, Mont. — 560 kc., 8 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

**West Coast**

KHQ — Spokane — 950 kc., 8:05 p.m. daily.
KVI — Seattle — 570 kc., 8 a.m. Sun., 5:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
KMLE — Seattle — 1050 kc., 12 noon daily.
KMO — Tacoma, Wash. — 1360 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.
KARJ — Sacramento — 550 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
KWWJ — Portland — 1080 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 9 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
KEX — Portland — 1190 kc., 9 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
KGAY — Salem — 1430 kc., 9 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
KUGN — Eugene — 930 kc., 7 p.m. daily.
KUMA — Pendleton, Ore. — 1290 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
KYJC — Medford, Ore. — 1230 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
KAGQ — Klamath Falls, Ore. — 1150 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
KBLF — Red Bluff, Calif. — 1490 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
KSAV — San Francisco — 1010 kc., 8:30 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
KFRC — San Francisco — 610 kc., 106.1 FM. 7 a.m. Sun.
KFOX — San Francisco — 1100 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 10:45 p.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 4:15 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
KFLY — San Francisco — 1360 kc., 9 a.m. Sun., 6:05 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
KCRM — Regina, Sask. — 980 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
CJGX — Yorkton, Sask. — 940 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.
CJNB — North Battleford, Sask. — 1050 kc., 2:30 p.m. daily, 6:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

**Alaska & Hawaii**

KVOA — Anchorage, Alaska — 750 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
KNDT — Honolulu, Hawaii — 1270 kc., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
KTRG — Honolulu, Hawaii — 990 kc., 12:15 p.m. daily.

**Canada**

WOCM — St. John's, Nfld. — 590 kc., 6:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
CJCH — Halifax, N. S. — 920 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
CBBC — St. John, N. B. — 930 kc., 6:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri., 6:30 p.m. Sat.
CKCW — Moncton, N. B. — 1220 kc., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
CFMB — Montreal, Que. — 1410 kc., 1:30 p.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
CKOY — Ottawa, Ont. — 1310 kc., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
CJET — Smiths Falls, Ont. — 650 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
CKFB — Toronto, Ont. — 1410 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
CJLB — Oshawa, Ont. — 1350 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
CHQ — Hamilton, Ont. — 1290 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri, 8 p.m. Sat.
CJLW — Windsor, Ont. — 800 kc., 7 a.m. Sat.
CJSR — Leamington, Ont. — 710 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.

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“The WORLD TOMORROW”

**Bedford** - Tainan City 1540 kc.;
**Bedford** - Kaohsiung 1220 kc.;
**Bedford** - Chiayi 1460 kc.;
- 18:00 T.S.T. Wed., Fri.

**Guam**

**Radioguam** - KUAM - 610 kc., 6 p.m. Sun.

**Okinawa**

**Radio Okinawa** - KSBA - 880 kc., 12:06 p.m. Sun.

**Bangkok**

**HSAAA** - Bangkok, Thailand - 600 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 10:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

**India and Ceylon**

**Maldives Islands** - 3329 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

**Philippine Islands**

**DZAO** - Manila 620 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.
**DXAW** - Davao City 640 kc., 9 p.m. Sun.
**DYCB** - Cebu City 570 kc., 9:30 p.m. Fri.
**DYBC** - Cebu City 660 kc., 9 daily.
**DYKR** - Calibo 1480 kc., 8 p.m. daily except Tues. 7 p.m.
**DZAL** - Legaspi City 1250 kc., 8 daily.
**DZGH** - Sorsogon 1480 kc., 8 p.m. daily.

**Africa**

**Radio Lorentz** - Mozambique 3301 kc., 10:25 a.m., 11:25 a.m.
**-known as 6265 kc., 9:25 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

**Bedford** - New Orleans, USA - 11:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. Fri.

**Australia**

**2KY** - Sydney, NSW - 1020 kc., 9:40 a.m., 10:15 Mon., 8:30 Tues., 10:15 Wed., 8:15 Thurs., 10:45 Fri., all 5 p.m.
**WNBS** - Tokyo 120 kc., 11:30 a.m.
**WNBS** - Anzali 625 kc., 3300 kc., 6185 kc., 9500 kc., 8:30 p.m.
**ENBC** - Enugu, Nigeria - 620 kc., 5:30 p.m. daily.

**Spain**

**2AY** - Allbury, NSW - 1400 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
**2GN** - Goulburn, NSW - 1380 kc., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
**2GZ** - Orange, NSW - 990 kc., 8:45 p.m. Sun., 9:05 Mon.-Fri.
**2HD** - Newcastle, NSW - 1140 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9 a.m. Mon.-Fri.

**2TM** - Tamworth, NSW - 1290 kc., 9:30 Mon.-Sat.
**2AD** - Armidale, NSW - 1130 kc., 8:30 a.m. Sat.-Thurs.
**2GF** - Grafton, NSW - 1210 kc., 7:30 Mon.-Sat.
**2LM** - Lismore, NSW - 900 kc., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
**3AW** - Melbourne, Vic. - 1280 kc., 10:30 Mon.-Sat.
**3KZ** - Melbourne, Vic. - 1180 kc., 10:30 Mon.-Sat., 10:45 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
**3XY** - Melbourne, Vic. - 1420 kc., 10:30 Mon.-Sat., 10:45 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
**3BA** - Ballarat, Vic. - 1320 kc., 9:30 Mon.-Thurs., 4:30 p.m. Fri.
**3BO** - Bendigo, Vic. - 960 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
**3MA** - Mildura, Vic. - 1470 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 10 p.m. Sat.
**4AK** - Oakley, Qld. - 1220 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 10:30 p.m. Fri.
**4BK** - Brisbane, Qld. - 1300 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 10:30 p.m. Fri.
**4C** - Brisbane, Qld. - 690 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sat.
**4W** - Warwick, Qld. - 880 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
**4CA** - Cairns, Qld. - 1010 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri.
**6KG** - Kalgoorlie, WA - 980 kc., 10 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
**6PM** - Perth, WA - 1000 kc., 10 p.m., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
**17TH** - Hobart, Tas. - 1080 kc., 7:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri.
**7SD** - Scottsdale, Tas. - 540 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

**Latin America**

**Radio Barbados** - Black Rock, Barbados - 785 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sat. & Sun., 10:20 a.m. Mon.-Fri.
**Radio Surinam** - Paramaribo - 620 kc., Between 7 and 8:30 p.m. or Noon and 1:00 p.m. daily.
**Radio Rediffusion** - Bridgetown, Barbados - 9:30 a.m. Sun., 10:15 a.m. Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m. Sat.
**Radio America** - Lima, Peru - 1010 kc., 5:15 p.m. Sat.
**HOC** - Panama City - 1120 kc.
**HPA** - Panama City - 1170 kc.
**HOK** - Colon, Panama - 640 kc.
**HPS** - Colon, Panama - 6005 kc.

**Brazil**

**4VM** - Port au Prince, Haiti - 1430 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.
**4VG** - Port au Prince, Haiti - 6165 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.
**Radio Carabias** - St. Lucia, W.I. - 840 kc., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri.

**Spanish**

**Radio La Cronic** - Lima, Peru - 1320 kc., 7:30 p.m. Sun.
**Radio Comuneros** - Asuncion, Paraguay - 970 kc., 8:30 p.m. Thurs.
**Radio Sport** - CXA19 - Montevideo, Uruguay - 1185 kc., 2 p.m. Wed.
** RADIO CARVE**- CX16, 850 kc., CXA-15, 616 kc., Montevideo, Uruguay - 3:30 p.m. Sat.
"My son is a good boy. Why are you bothering us at this hour?" the father stormed and fumed at the sheriff's officer making the call.

"Does he need some money to get out of trouble? Let me know and I'll send it along. But quit pestering us at this time of night!"

Parents Just Don't Care!

Was the father worried that his 15-year-old son had been out half the night and was in trouble with the police? No. He was upset because his own drinking party and poker playing had been interrupted.

For throughout much of America, Britain and the English-speaking world, our youth are going absolutely WILD. They are mixed-up, rebellious, crazed and almost insane at times in their insatiable thirst to get more thrills and "kicks" out of life.

They have been given NO PURPOSE for life, no real training, no discipline, and precious little love, attention and interest from their parents.

Yet they are your children — or your neighbor's just down the way. They live on your street, in your city — now! They will certainly affect your future — for they are the leaders of tomorrow. And all too often — as the grisly crime statistics indicate — they are the murderers, the muggers and the rapists of today.

Increasingly, law enforcement officials have come to realize that the parents of these lawless children are often the chief culprits. A sheriff's officer said: "The real trouble here is that too many parents don't know — or don't care — where their children are at night."

In an article on juvenile drug addiction in the Reader's Digest, the authors stated: "Virtually every official we talked with emphasized that the ultimate cure for the teen-age drug menace lies in the home, the neighborhood, the community. . . . Lieutenant Norbert Currie, head of the San Francisco Narcotics Squad put it succinctly: 'We are never going to lick this pill and glue stuff until PARENTS really care about the youngsters!'" (Emphasis ours.)

It's time parents everywhere WOKE UP!

If you are a parent, then you have a God-given RESPONSIBILITY to teach and train your children. You also have the opportunity to make your family life a thing of JOY and productivity — enriching your own life immeasurably and preparing LEADERS for the World Tomorrow!

The Abundant Life Should Be FAMILY-Centered

The great God of creation inspired the Psalmist to write: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it . . ." (Psalm 127:1). This teaches us that our homes are to be built God's way, not man's way — otherwise it is "in vain."

The Psalmist continues: "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate" (Psalm 127:3-5).

Our Creator is telling us here that children are a BLESSING — not a curse! Yet, all too often parents feel frustrated and "bothered" that they have to take time to play with, to give attention to, and to teach and train their darling children. At least those children should be "darling" if their parents have given them right attention at all! For God says the man is "happy" who has his quiver full of them.

Again, in Psalm 128:1-3, God says: "Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. . . . Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table."

This certainly should be an uplifting and inspiring picture! Here is the father with his lovely and submissive wife by his side, surrounded by the clean, wholesome uplifted faces of their darling children — the fruit of their bodies and of their lives. Here is pictured a miniature "kingdom" — with the father as the king and the mother as the queen over this small — but very happy and productive — kingdom.

For every family based on God's way should be just such a kingdom! It should have laws and a definite way of life based upon the revelation of the Creator. It should reflect a balanced, warm, dedicated and giving and serving atmosphere. It should be an extremely happy place and filled with JOY.

Jesus said: "I am come that they might have LIFE, and that they might
have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Your Bible reveals that this happy and abundant life should be centered in your family and in your home! For the most deeply joyful, peaceful, uplifting and rewarding experiences should either be experienced in your home and family life, or at least be shared deeply and fully with your wife and children in the home and family situation.

Jesus said: "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.... Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matt 7:18, 20).

The "fruit," the product of your marriage and child-rearing practices certainly show up dramatically in your children! They are the ones who display the kind of character you really are. They are the ones who are going to carry your name on in this life and, probably, into the World Tomorrow. In view of this, it certainly behooves every one of you to cultivate a balanced and happy home.

It is most important to avoid loud, jangling, discouraging family arguments. Yet in how many families do the husbands and wives fight, argue and "pick at" one another continually in front of their children? One of my close friends once cited an example of a boyhood chum who began stuttering uncontrollably during the violent quarrels his father and mother had when he was a child. This stuttering habit continued right on through his teenage years, and affects this young man's personality even to this day! How deep and lasting these hurts can be.

You need an active campaign to teach your family and children God's kind of abundant life!

Husbands and Wives Must Be a "Team"!

In bringing about the right kind of happiness, training and balance in your home, it is certainly important for the husband and wife to be completely united in their approach to this problem. Husbands and wives must learn to cooperate and get on the same "team."

Your Bible teaches in Ephesians 5:22-28: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church." To have the deep happiness and joy in your home, you wives must learn to be the "help" to your husbands which God Almighty intended. You must learn to respond to your husband gladly and willingly as long as it is within the will of God. You must learn to make your husband's decisions work! Remember that there is always more than one way to "skin a cat." Yet, when a husband decides on something with which the wife disagrees, how often does she balk and try to subtly make his decision fail?

This is absolutely wrong!

A truly Christian woman will try to cooperate, to back up and support and make her husband's decisions work! She will not talk back or undermine her husband in front of the children or in any other situation. She will lovingly and gladly get on his "team"—looking to him as the quarterback and director, and being sincerely thankful and appreciative for his love, protection and support.

This passage continues: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25). Just as Jesus Christ cares for, protects and gave His life to save the Church, so every husband should love, protect and nurture his wife—even as his own body (verse 28).

He should be considerate of his wife's wishes—thinking always of the larger good of the entire family in any decision he makes. He must display outgoing concern and love for his wife, and encourage and inspire her to her full development as a Christian woman and do everything he can to bring about her fulfillment and happiness in every way.

Together, then, the husband and wife should teach and train their children in a home based on love, warmth, a spirit of mutual helpfulness and service, and sincere joy in living the abundant family life! Notice this inspired instruction: "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4). From infancy, children should be taught and trained. But they should also be loved, protected, and nurtured.

Your willingness to spend time with your children—to love them, to play with them and train them is a tremendous responsibility. It will usually make the difference between their having a great feeling of warmth, love and respect for you—or a "distant" unresponsive attitude toward their own parent.

If a husband and wife are willing to spend the proper time and effort with each other, and with their children, they will certainly have an extremely happy "family kingdom." This little unit will teach them lessons of love, happiness and self-discipline which will carry on over into the very responsibilities for which God has placed us on this earth—having a part in His Kingdom in the World Tomorrow.

Here, then, are seven steps to having a truly happy family kingdom:

I. Make Family STUDY a Habit

Teach yourself to sit down regularly with your children—at least a few times each week—and study with them and explain to them important principles of successful living. Read to them sections of the Bible and explain the lessons of life there. Read chapters of the Proverbs—explaining how to apply the wisdom contained in these pages. Go over basic articles from The Plain Truth magazine with them and inspire them to want to make a success of their lives and build the very character of God. Have father-son or mother-daughter talks with them, telling them about your past life experiences and lessons which you hope they will not have to learn personally by suffering as you did. Teach them positively, also, principles of success and happiness.

Teach your children basic things—honesty and integrity, the value of hard work and productivity. Teach them never to lie nor be deceitful. Teach them to respect and value human life—to be careful in their own playing, swimming and driving so that you will never have to have a funeral ceremony for your own child! Explain this to them heart-to-heart—and make it meaningful.

Teach your children—as they get
up toward the fourth, sixth and eighth grades—to read newspapers and magazines, to be aware of what is going on in the world. Teach them to read worthwhile books—books on geography, history, the biographies and autobiographies of great and successful men, etc. Inspire the right kind of ambition and desire for success in your sons and daughters!

Take time to go over with them certain outstanding articles in various magazines and newspapers you may read regarding principles of life and success which you want your children to know. Teach them wisdom and balance in applying these things. Remind them, for instance, that many multimillionaires would give all they had simply to have one happy marriage! Teach them that the grasping, clawing, greedy, competitive way of getting ahead is not the real way to permanent happiness and true success. But do—in right balance—inspire them to develop their minds, bodies, personalities and characters so that they may be productive human beings and leaders as God directs their lives!

Your little children will never forget this kind of teaching, training, love and inspiration. It will be a help and have an impact upon their lives which will last not only through this age—but through eternity. And that is a fact.

II. Make Family Prayer a Habit

Teach yourself to lead your family in getting on its knees before the Creator God daily. Ideally, this may be done either in the morning before school and work, or in the evening before going to bed. Teach your children to talk to God as a Father. Do not stress memorized prayers or stiff, formal approaches to God. Rather, teach your children to talk from their hearts to the one that they can increasingly feel is a "Father"—the One who has made them, loves them, protects them and has in mind their everlasting good.

Follow the approach of Jesus' outline of prayer—falsely called the "Lord's Prayer"—given in Matthew 6:9-13. Help them to learn to ask God for their daily needs, for strength and wisdom and for His blessing and guidance in their daily lives. And in all their praying, teach them to be thankful for living in the blessed circumstances which most of us in the Western World do!

At mealtime, set the example by giving sincere, heartfelt, nonmemorized thanks for the blessings of food and shelter from the Creator God. Occasionally, the mother may wish to have the children themselves lead in prayer at mealtimes—guiding their prayer if they falter.

Then, in the morning or evening family prayer sessions, the father should take the lead and talk to God about the blessings that have been given to the family. Ask Him for help and guidance in the problems and activities that the family faces. And ask also for God's guidance in world affairs, in your nation and for its rulers, and for His special blessing on His Work and His true ministers preparing for the Kingdom of God. Then, the mother should briefly pray and add those things which are fitting, from her heart, and then on to each child in turn—with the father concluding with a brief summary prayer at the end.

In all of this, teach your children the reality of the true God of creation! Read and go over with them in the family study periods Mr. Ted Armstrong's articles exposing the ridiculous stupidity of evolution and showing the wondrous beauty, design, interdependency and love expressed by God in His creation.

Then teach them the spirit of dedication and service—and to talk from the heart to the Creator as their own Father.

III. Make Family WORK and CHORES a Profitable Habit

Millions of modern children grow up without ever being exposed to the discipline of work and productivity. In their idle hours they develop countless wasteful and foolish habits. And they never develop the habit of work and success in this manner.

Teach your children, therefore, the habit of work.

Even in the city, children can be given many things to do if you properly organize them. Your boys can mow the lawn, rake leaves, shovel snow, carry in wood and kindling for the fireplace and even help with the vacuuming, washing and scrubbing of the floors. Your girls can regularly help do the dishes, clean the house, polish the furniture and other similar chores. Each child should be taught to keep his own room clean, to make his own bed daily, and to be responsible for putting things back where they belong and organizing his things throughout the house. This will give each child a sense of responsibility and accomplishment—and may help more than you can imagine in the future success of your children.

IV. Make Family FELLOWSHIP a Habit

Warm and loving family fellowship is a major key in the development of a child's sense of security, a balanced personality and positive approach to life. Every family should talk, laugh and share their lives with each other at all times—and especially at mealtime. Having "family" meals is certainly a great asset in the development of your children. In fact the 128th Psalm, cited earlier, gives the picture: "Thy children like olive plants round about thy table." Here, indeed, is an opportunity to talk over with the children the events of the day.

Ask Johnny: "What did you learn in school today?" And show yourself interested in his answer, in his analysis of the events of his life! Learn to know who your children are associating with and what kind of people they are! In a positive way—not picking and nagging—guide your children to choose right companionships, to play games in a positive manner without fighting and quarreling, and to develop habits for success in their future lives.

Learn to listen to your children talk! Notice their voice inflection, their personality and the enthusiasm—or lack of it—which they convey. Then try to guide and encourage them toward further development—making sure that you set the example above all else. For children will follow your example more than anything else.

Learn to laugh with and love your children deeply. Share with them the knowledge of their origins—the type
Orient children's play around family outings and activities.

of people their great-grandparents and grandparents were, how you yourself grew up, and things that will give their lives a sense of continuity and purpose. Although you should always retain proper dignity as the parent and leader of the child, you can certainly joke and laugh with the child and per JJ01lfllit)' the family situation more than in any other! Although you should always retain the fact without undue roughness — can establish a sense of rapport and closeness with your children more quickly than almost any other type of activity. Having family card games, Monopoly, croquet, ball games — these are all things to introduce as the children's ages permit.

Then, on weekends and vacations, family picnics, hikes, hunting and fishing trips, camping out or going to the cabin will be an experience your sons and daughters will always remember! In my own life, the dozens of times my father and mother took me down to our cabin on a small river — or on picnics or outings — stand out in my mind as some of the happiest moments of my childhood.

You fathers need to teach your sons to do masculine things — to hunt, to fish, to take care of themselves in the woods and in many other circumstances. Teach your sons to keep their voices low and speak like a man! Teach them to think like a man and to work hard, perspire, accomplish and produce, and not be a coward. Teach them to be self-reliant — not pantywaists or effeminate creatures and candidates for some type of institution!

If you orient your children's play and activities around the family — allowing them to bring in one or two other children of good character on occasion — this alone will prevent a great deal of the tendency toward carousing and juvenile delinquency into which so many unattended children fall. And you will be establishing a closeness and contact with your very heritage which will enable you to guide their lives for many years in the future.

VI. Family TRAINING and DISCIPLINE are Indispensable

Many people train their dogs far more than they train their own flesh and blood! They will spend literally hours teaching their dog to sit, to heel and to respond to commands. Yet practically no time is given to teaching their own children similar habits of obedience.

In His Word, the living God instructs: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). As a parent you have both the responsibility and the opportunity to teach your children not only obedience and the respect for the rights and property of others, but to teach them personality development, proper culture, and the importance of self-discipline and study. You have in your own hands potential leaders of the World Tomorrow! It all depends upon how much time and effort you are willing to put into training them.

"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Proverbs 22:15). Here God shows us that all children are potentially juvenile delinquents! It is a matter of training and teaching them the right way — then, with complete restraint and self-control, spanking them when they disobey explicit commands and instructions. This does not mean to unmercifully beat a child in anger. But to quietly, calmly and with complete self-control spank him, in the place which Almighty God provided, until his little mind is truly sorry for his foolishness! This kind of loving correction is something that gives a child — all psychologists and psychiatrists to the contrary notwithstanding — a deeper sense of security and balance in his mind and personality than he will ever get by any other method! For a further explanation of this tremendously important subject, write immediately for our free booklet: The Plain Truth About Child Rearing. This booklet will give you priceless information on disciplining your child God's way.

So be sure that you make this matter of family training and discipline an important part of your family's life. Teach your children not only to control themselves physically but to control their tempers — control their thoughts and guide them away from competition, greed, violence and envy, and from foolish daydreaming and lust. Teach them to think positively, to live positively and to have the goal of fulfilling their Creator's purpose and preparing for the fantastic life ahead in the World Tomorrow!

VII. Build Family LOYALTY and LOVE

Many months ago, you may have read in your newspapers the account of the young American who left his family, left his home, and left all of the
blessings of this society he had always known to go some 8,000 miles away from America to seek and search for his brother who was supposedly taken prisoner or killed by the Viet Cong. I do not know the exact details of this case, but I do know that I was touched by the example of this man’s loyalty to his lost brother. For this example — at least as far as it goes — is a godly thing, and altogether too much lacking in our society today!

For your Bible reveals that God Himself is a family. There is the Father, and the firstborn Son, Jesus Christ and then all of us have the fantastic opportunity to become born sons of God in the future! Your Bible shows that the Father and the Son deeply love one another — that they share all things together — that they are “one” in mind, personality and character.

So then, as long as family loyalty and love is subordinated to the love and obedience we should give to God Himself — it is a good thing.

Teach Children to Love

Teach your sons and daughters to love one another, to help each other and to remain loyal to any member of the family in the way God would have us do. This does not mean to take up for a rebellious criminal or to support a sinner against God Himself! But it does mean that — even when a brother’s attitude is wrong — you will still “help” him by having concern, by praying for him, by appealing to him to listen to reason and wake up while there is yet time. It means that in the event of physical danger or hardship, all the other brothers and sisters should go to the rescue of the one in trouble!

This kind of esprit de corps binds a family together in the right way — and protects and preserves the family character and integrity in the way Almighty God intended!

A striking example of this is found even in the life of the “father of the faithful,” the prophet Abraham. The account in Genesis 14:1-16 reveals that when Abraham’s nephew, Lot, was taken prisoner by some enemy kings of city-states, Abraham came to his rescue. ”

“And when Abram heard that his brother [technically nephew] was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.... And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.”

Yes, Abraham organized his own private army and charged out to the rescue of his young nephew, Lot, and saved his life and his goods (Gen. 14:14-16). For, as Abraham had said, they were brethren — they belonged to the same family — and they had a deep-seated feeling of loyalty and love.

So tell your children this story! Tell the older boys and girls to watch out and take care of the younger. Teach all of them to go to the rescue of the others. And then show them that this concern, kindness and love can grow and overflow to others as well as members of their own family. But this love must be learned first of all and most of all in the home and in the family. In conclusion, I will point out that the above points provide a marvelous opportunity — through family training, study, prayer, work and fellowship, loyalty and love — to prevent mental sickness in your children, to insure that they will never become juvenile delinquents or criminals, to give them the keys toward genuine success in this life, and the basic guideposts and inspiration to achieve the only real and final success — eternal life and a position of rulership in the Kingdom of Almighty God!

Remember: “Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in His ways.... Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.... Ye shall see thy children’s children, and peace upon Israel” (Psalm 128:1-6)

The great Creator of the heavens and the earth is concerned about your opportunity to build stability and joy into your home and family life. He has revealed to you “His ways.”

Be sure you do your part and use them — always.

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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.**

- Human nature confuses me. Many people tell me we are all basically good at heart — but when I see so many horrible crimes being committed by supposedly “good” people, I can’t help but wonder.

  **H.L.**

  It’s time we had our eyes opened to the truth about “human nature.” Probably, most people have assumed it is pretty good. They have taken for granted what most psychologists say — that human nature is not evil, but basically good.

  If you’ve thought that — you were terribly wrong!

  Today’s psychologists have a lot to unlearn. Notice what God says about human nature.

  Paul tells us, “Because the carnal mind [the natural mind of man] is enmity against God: for it is not sub-
pect to the law of God [it is, therefore, rebellious], neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7).

The normal, natural mind of man is rebellious and hostile toward the things of God. Most men don’t want “God” interfering in their business. They don’t care at all what God in heaven thinks of their thoughts or activities. They want to go their own way, and do what “comes naturally.” The law of God? It appears like so much foolishness to them—they don’t have time to think about it!

Consider what Jeremiah the prophet says, “The heart is . . .”—what? kind? loving? and wonderful? “The heart is deceitful above all things, and utterly despised who can know [or fathom] it?” (Jer. 17:9.)

These verses describe the heart and mind of man—YOUR natural mind and heart!

There’s no use denying it, or trying to cover up. It’s true! In God’s sight, human nature is filthy—vile—rotten—dirty—wretched—and utterly degraded and miserable! God sees it as a cesspool of filth and floating slime!

But, what about one’s supposed “good deeds”? Maybe you’ve done certain things in your life you are rather “proud of”? Maybe you don’t think you are really quite “that bad”? What about it?

Then you need to read this scripture found in Isaiah 64:6, and apply it to yourself! “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”

In God’s sight all our natural deeds, our supposed righteousness, won’t get us anywhere—they add up to nothing!

Job had to suffer to learn the lesson of real repentance. He always thought he was “pretty good.” He believed he had done a lot of righteous deeds. He helped those in distress. He gave to the poor. Yes, he thought he was a pretty righteous fellow!

Job—you see—had a terrible case of self-righteousness.

God saw the problem, and took stern steps to correct it. To really humble Job and bring him to heartfelt repentance, God had to strip away from him his wealth, his children, and his health. Job had to sit on an ash pile and scrape his painful boils with a potsherd, lamenting his woebegone fate, despising the day of his birth!

Notice Job’s problem. Even in the midst of his sufferings, he exclaimed, “Till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me. My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live” (Job 27:3-6).

There it is, in all its “glory”—self-righteousness—spiritual vanity—one of the very hardest sins to conquer!

In essence, Job was saying: “I am righteous. I don’t need to repent. I have done no evil.”

But finally, after all this suffering, when God revealed to Job his own utter insignificance and unworthiness, Job began to see the point. He finally learned his lesson.

Finally, in real heartfelt repentance and personal sorrow, probably accompanied with tears streaming down his face, Job confessed, “I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I ABHOR MYSELF, and REPENT in dust and ashes” (Job 42:5-6).

Job finally came to see his own human nature—in the raw. He came to abhor and despise his own filthy nature. And he repented of being such a selfish, self-centered “clod.”

Paul, also, came face to face with his human nature. And he was appalled!

He saw his carnality clearly, and with anguish cried out, “For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin” (Rom. 7:14).

Have you come to see the same thing about yourself?

Paul confessed, trembling with emotion, “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do” (verses 18-19).

He saw human nature in its grue-some reality. He struggled with it; fought against it; only to find that it was more powerful than he! He wrestled with it; only to wake up that he’d failed, he’d sinned, and his depraved nature took him into the slavery of sin!

What could he do?

What was the answer?

Paul cried out, “O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” Read the answer to the problem in the Moffatt translation: “Miserable wretch that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? GOD WILL! Thanks be to him through Jesus Christ our Lord!” (Rom. 7:24-25.)

Paul was helpless, of himself. His struggles against the pulls of the flesh were in vain—until he turned to God and received divine help from Him! Almighty God intervened, and through the Holy Spirit gave him strength to overcome, and delivered him!

And God will do the same for you, if you turn to Him, change your thoughts and ways, and repent of your sins—what you are, as well as what you have done!

Through the indwelling power of His Holy Spirit, God will help YOU to repent—to conquer, and change, your human nature, and gradually replace it with God’s own divine nature (Rom. 8:1-4).

But you must decide for yourself!

HOW YOUR PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID

So many ask, “How does it happen that I find my subscription price for THE PLAIN TRUTH has already been paid? How can you publish such a high class magazine without advertising revenue?”

This question is as strange as it is astounding! It is a paradox. Christ’s Gospel cannot be sold like merchandise. You cannot buy salvation. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ’s TRUTH and mail it to all sentiments on earth. It does have to be paid for! This is Christ’s work. We solve this problem Christ’s WAY!

Jesus said, “This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published—Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations” (Mat. 24:14). Yet to do this we must pay a price. A PREMIUM must be paid for the magazine, the broadcast, the Correspondence Course, or other literature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to sell it to those who receive it. “Freely ye have received, freely give.” (Mat. 10:8) Jesus said to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim His Gospel, “Freely give! It is more blessed,” He said, “to give than to receive.

God’s WAY is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of giving. God expects every child of His to give free-will offerings and to tithe, as His means of paying the costs of carrying His Gospel to others. We, therefore, simply trust our Lord Jesus Christ to lay it on the minds and hearts of His followers to give generously, thus paying the cost of putting the precious Gospel TRUTH in the hands of others. Yet it must go only to those who themselves wish to receive it. Each must, for himself, subscribe—and his subscription has thus already been paid.

Thus the living dynamic Christ Himself enables us to maintain, worldwide, without ever asking for contributions over the air; to enroll many thousands in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course with full tuition cost already paid; to send your PLAIN TRUTH on an already paid basis. God’s way is GOOD!
Personal from the Editor

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ment radio facilities to broadcast The World Tomorrow program. Such a thing was never heard of before!

But all these super-power facilities are, of themselves, as nothing. It is as God said to Zerubbabel: "Not by might, nor by [physical — mechanical] power, but by MY SPIRIT, saith the Eternal of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6).

The thousands of God’s people backing and helping in this great Work of God needed an extra spiritual rejuvenation for this final supreme effort coming "on the home stretch."

And God used Mrs. Armstrong’s two-months-long critical illness for this very purpose. Nothing like it had ever happened before. There was an unprecedented shaking up — hundreds — thousands — were brought to their knees in tears, realizing their own shortcomings — their urgent need of a closer contact with the living CHRISt — of a greater filling of His SPIRIT!

It started with me — but also at almost the same time with the ministers at Pasadena Headquarters holding the top responsibilities in this Work. From there it spread rapidly to our ministers stationed in all parts of the world — and also like a shock-wave to Co-Workers by thousands around the world. There was intensive heart-searching never before experienced by these thousands who have this Work at heart.

Personally I fasted and prayed for ten days. I had been aware, for some four or five years, of a heart condition accompanied by high blood pressure, so that I had to use every care to avoid overly strenuous exertion or any sudden emotional experience that could have touched off either a stroke or a heart attack. Now that danger seems well past. Other things were overcome, with which I had struggled for years.

But hundreds of letters came recounting similar experiences in the lives of so many others.

One man who heard of her serious illness wrote to Mrs. Armstrong and me saying he was not a Christian, had never prayed — wondered if God would hear a sinner like him — but found himself forced to get down on his knees with tears, praying. Another said he was an atheist, but he was so hit emotionally by her illness he was forced to his knees in prayer.

Hundreds wrote feeling that they, by their lack of closeness to God, were causing my wife’s illness. Of course they were not causing it, nor was Mrs. Armstrong causing this spiritual upheaval and rejuvenation in their lives — but God was using her illness to bring these thousands of us closer to Him, and to receive a new infilling of His Holy SPIRIT!

Why, one might wonder, did knowledge of Mrs. Armstrong’s critical illness and suffering have such an overwhelming, emotional, heart-searching effect on literally thousands of people all over the world?

I can well realize, at this point, that many PLAIN TRUTH readers, especially those more recently added to our readership, might wonder.

I’m sure that one who never knew Mrs. Armstrong would find it difficult to understand this. I’m not sure I can explain it fully, myself. One devout colored woman who knew her said to me, “Mr. Armstrong, there is no other person on earth that could have had this effect on so many people.”

I think she was right. Had it been I, or Garner Ted Armstrong who was so ill, it could not have had such an effect. But she was a woman — and not just any woman — but one held in such esteem and affection and honor that knowledge of her suffering just simply hit people the way it did. And, besides, this was God’s doing. She didn’t bring about this spontaneous spiritual revival in so many hearts — God did!

In all her suffering, Mrs. Armstrong smiled and said she was glad that all this good was coming about.

Almost her last words, just hours before she stopped breathing, were when about nine of our top-ranking ministers in Pasadena came briefly to her bedside from a prayer session in my study. After they had given her a smiling greeting, she smiled and waved them out of the room, saying, “You men go on and get your work done. I’m going to be all right.”

And, in a way we did not expect, she is all right! She had faith she would be healed. We all had that faith. And her complete healing is assured! Her faith — and ours — was not in vain! Like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Sarah, she “died in faith, not having [yet] received the promises” (Hebrews 11:13).

But, as they shall all receive what God promised them in the resurrection, so my wife shall stand forth in a very few years, completely healed, as God promised (James 5:14-15), and in a resurrected body composed of immortal spirit — radiant in joyous eternal life! She can never suffer again!

We expected her to be healed now, her mortal physical life extended to help me through the few remaining years as we finish the great Work God is doing through us. True, she had already lived 51½ fruitful years beyond the allotted “three score and ten.” But neither Mrs. Armstrong nor I, at age 75, thought of ourselves as “elderly,” or as being “old folks.” We have continued active and with good energy. We knew God is able to renew one’s youth, and to impart strength where needed (Psalm 103:3-5; Isaiah 40:29-31).

But that expectation was not based on any definite promise of God — and He willed otherwise. I bow to His will, saying, with Job, “The Eternal gave, and the Eternal hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Eternal” (Job 1:21).

Perhaps, in God’s foreknowledge and mercy, He simply removed her from the terrible persecutions, with violence and much suffering to come — as God says, “the righteous is taken away from the evil to come” (Isaiah 57:1). Also, the voice from heaven now says: “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them” (Revelation 14:13).

Before King David of Israel died, it is recorded of him: “Now King David was old and stricken in years...”
(I Kings 1:1). Then, at his death, it is recorded: "And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches and honor" (I Chronicles 29:28). David was 70 years of age at death. Mrs. Armstrong had been granted five-and-a-half years more than David.

So now I can only be exceedingly grateful to the Great God of all creation for having allowed me a half century of her loving companionship and help. After our marriage in 1917, and before my conversion in 1927, the one unselfish thing I can remember putting into my prayers was always to thank God for the lovely wife He gave me. Of course I only prayed, in those years, for two reasons — because my parents had brought me up to believe in God and to pray, and because I wanted to get something from God. Yet, somehow, even then I knew God had selected my wife and given her to me. I don’t know how I knew — it was just in my mind to know it.

Up until the nurses and doctor at her bedside — perhaps a minute or two past midnight the night she died — told me she had stopped breathing, I fully expected her to continue living and be healed now! I was stunned! Yet, I did not grieve in the way most people do who do not know God and His glorious promises and purposes for us (I Thessalonians 4:13-17). Actually I felt more like King David did when his infant son born of Bathsheba died. While the child lay very ill, David fasted, wept and prayed. But when the child died, he rose, changed to regular clothes, went into God's house and worshipped, then to his own house and sat down to eat.

He said: "While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, 'who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him [in the resurrection], but he shall not return to me'" (II Samuel 12:22-23).

Of course many of the circumstances were different. God’s prophet, Nathan, had told David that the child should surely die, because of David’s sin in the illegitimate, adulterous conception of the child, and his deliberate murder of Uriah, Bathsheba’s husband. David repented very deeply of this dual sin, yet God did require the death of the child. But in my wife’s case, I did feel, though I had no promise from God’s Word, that it would be His will to spare her life until our mission had been completed. I had fasted and prayed for ten days. Another time I had prayed through all night long. The last two nights my son Garner Ted and I were awake and praying completely through the two nights — that is, until she died just after midnight the second night — but we were kept awake making necessary arrangements, and telephone calls to various of our men in many parts of the world, until long after dawn.

But I did go once more to my own prayer room to dedicate my own life anew to God and His service, until the mission to which He has called me is completed.

Mrs. Armstrong was much more than a loyal, dedicated wife and help. She was a good mother to our children. I shall never forget one incident — which she never forgot. It was probably during the second year of The World Tomorrow broadcast, possibly during 1953, when our younger son Garner Ted was a child of five. I had returned home from the broadcast at the radio station, and was "unwinding" lying on a sofa in our living room. Young "Teddy," as we then called him (and no one has dared call him that since he entered Junior High) came over and gave me a big, enthusiastic kiss on the cheek.

"Now what are you trying to work me for?" I asked, suspiciously.

"That was for picking me out the best Mother in the world," he said. And his Mother, sitting nearby, smiled a very pleased smile.

Mrs. Armstrong was Guidance Counsellor to the young women students on all three Ambassador College campuses. She, herself, marvelled at the wisdom that just came spontaneously from God as she counselled with these many girls about their many problems.

She set them a splendid example in so many ways. In her was no guile — no hypocrisy — no pretense. She was born in a small town in Iowa, had taught school before we were married. She had come from plain, simple, yet solid and substantial stock, well above average in success and accomplishment in the world. Her father owned a retail store. Two of her uncles were doctors — one reputed to have been a "millionaire" — one an attorney, one owned a drugstore, one a successful farmer, another prominent in politics. Her great grandfather on her mother’s side had emigrated to Iowa from England, established a linen mill, and built a whole town.

But they were not pretenders. My wife had no patience with flattery or pretense. She was just down-to-earth common clay — just what she was — she put on no airs, or veneer of affected sophistication, yet she was every whit a queen (as a queen should be). She had a sound and understanding mind of great depth. She was my main counsellor in all problems, and plans.

God blessed me with just the wife needed for His work — a true help such as God intended a woman to be. Always I held her, not only in my own mind and thoughts, but before all others, in the very highest esteem, admiration, and honor.

Surely, God has blessed me above all men — and to have been privileged to have had her at my side, as my help, these fifty years, was the greatest of all physical blessings.

I would feel greatly honored if many of our women readers might take inspiration from her sterling example, and try to become the kind of wives and mothers she exemplified.

I believe that in the resurrection she will take her place with many of the high-character, God-fearing and God-approved women of the Bible. For she was used of God in His building and developing His Mighty Work, now influencing many millions of people the world around, preparing the way for the coming of the living Christ, and the happy and glorious world tomorrow!

This portrait of Lorna D. Armstrong, by Britain’s leading portrait artist S. Morse-Brown, painted in England in 1961, is hung over the fireplace in Herbert W. Armstrong’s Office in Pasadena.
both the North Sea and internal fresh water flooding.

Now a new problem has arisen. The Rhine River flows out through Holland. The Dutch desperately need diversions from the Rhine's giant volume to flush salt out of reclaimed sea land areas. But the Rhine has become so polluted (from wastes picked up in France and West Germany) that its value for this cleansing purpose is seriously questioned.

"Holland's twin problem," says a Dutch official, "is invasion by the salt sea and pollution from the dirty Rhine — Europe's filthiest and most contaminated river."

In West Germany, polluted rivers and lakes are a growing menace. Only the Ruhe River has been successfully cleaned up. Even beautiful Lake Constance along the German-Swiss border is reported to be accumulating waste materials at a dangerous rate.

The problem is much the same elsewhere. Traveling through Italy with our Düsseldorf office manager was eye-opening. As we stood on the bank of the much-polluted Arno River in Florence, he sardonically warned, "Don't fall in! You'll die of diphtheria before you hit bottom."

Similar conditions exist on the other side of the globe. The beautiful natural harbor in Sydney, Australia, is now contaminated.

"Name your disease," reports the Australian International News Review. "With very little effort you can catch it merely by going swimming anywhere inside the harbour itself or almost anywhere along the coast for 20 miles above and below the city." Reports of typhoid and paratyphoid organisms made headlines in Sydney newspapers as early as a year ago.

"Colon of Mid-America"

Almost every creek, river, lake and bay in the entire United States is now...
contaminated. Nothing reveals this ugly fact more than the state of the once-beautiful Mississippi River — now referred to by some as "the colon of mid-America."

Last fall a group of conservationists inspected the Mississippi by boat in the vicinity of St. Louis. The men were shocked to see more than 100 pipelines pouring untreated sewage directly into the Mississippi.

Water samples taken from the river below St. Louis were found to be so toxic that even when diluted ten times with clear water, fish placed in the mixture died in less than one minute! When the samples were diluted 100 times, the test fish still perished within 24 hours. Fortunately, the people living south of St. Louis have more rugged constitutions than do fish.

A 2,464-Mile Sewer

If you think the Mississippi River situation is serious, however, just listen to what is being proposed for the Missouri River, the Mississippi's "northern half."

In January, a group of water experts prepared a bold report urging that the second longest river in the U.S. be used for one purpose only — removing city wastes.

Imagine — the Missouri to become a 2,464-mile sewer!

But on second thought, why not? — considering the sad shape the river is in. What the frank report admitted is that the overburdened Missouri can no longer be expected to perform a dual role, that of removing sewage and providing a source of clean water at the same time.

"Typical River" Highlights National Crisis

Down South, the state of the vital, once-crystalline Chattahoochee River of Georgia and Alabama offers a graphic study of America's water crisis.

The murky Chattahoochee enters Atlanta loaded with upstream pollution. There much of its coffee-with-cream colored water detours into Atlanta's filtration plant to supply the domestic and industrial needs of the city's half-million people.

Doses of alum, chlorine, ammonia, carbon and lime are added to make the water as clear and potable as possible.

After doing its work for Atlanta, an overloaded purification plant returns the water, some of it untreated, into the stream bed — considerably darker in color. For miles downstream, even industry cannot use it.

The Public Health Service labels Atlanta's water and sewage problem "critical." It adds, however, that it is typical of conditions prevalent throughout the entire country. If you want more vivid examples read U.S. Congressman Jim Wright's new book, The Coming Water Famine. But don't read it before dinner unless you have a cast-iron stomach.

Is it any wonder that one writer described the typical drinking water supply of many U.S. cities as "a brown, diluted soup of dead bacteria preserved in chlorine"?

Sterile Rivers

It is difficult for the average citizen to grasp the enormity of the contamination crisis facing our rivers and lakes. But our scientists know. And they are alarmed at what they see.

A recent National Academy of Sciences special report contained a shocking prediction. By 1980, even with efficient waste treatment, the discharge of sewage and other organic wastes will be absolutely enormous. The waste pile-up will by then be capable of consuming all the oxygen of all the flow in dry weather of the 22 river basins in the United States. (The oxygen is removed by bacteria feeding on the waste products.)

Imagine! Sterile rivers, completely robbed of life!

Chemical poisons, the report said, are being introduced in new forms so fast that the toxicologists simply cannot keep up with them. This, coupled with the relentless growth of population and industry, will soon make the situation entirely unmanageable.

America's Dead Sea

Who would believe North America's five fabulous Great Lakes — containing one fifth of the world's supply of fresh water — could become seriously polluted?

They are. The situation is critical.

Lake Erie is literally dying. Not only is its shoreline polluted but over one fourth of the lake is without oxygen. This vast reservoir of death in the middle of the lake is a virtual underground desert. All useful water life has been smothered by the immense blooms of green and blue-green algae feeding on the nitrogen, phosphorus and other waste products flushed into the lake by polluted rivers and streams.

Two other Great Lakes are showing ominous signs. Lake Michigan, a cul-de-sac body of water with little drain-off, is steadily accumulating dangerous amounts of waste.

Lake Ontario, the last lake in the chain, is also the final deposition for the pollution of the four other lakes. Visitors to famed Niagara Falls are often offended by the stench of sewage and paper-mill waste flowing over the falls.

Just to reverse the deterioration in the Great Lakes would now take at least ten years of hard effort at a minimum cost of 20 billion dollars!

Destruction Rate Unparalleled

"No country in the history of the world," says Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, "has destroyed its natural resources at a rate comparable to the destruction now going on in the United States.

"In the last 100 years this country has destroyed more of its resources than the entire world has in the past 1,000 years. We destroyed the forests, the rivers — there is not one watershed in the United States that is now unpolluted — and we are rapidly destroying the lakes." Senator Nelson predicts that unless corrective measures are taken, our useable water reserves will be used up in ten years!" (Newark, New Jersey, Star-Ledger, August 23, 1966.)

Silent Killers

The most insidious of all contaminants today are the hydrocarbon pesticides — of which DDT is the most famous. Drained off sprayed farmlands into creeks, rivers and the oceans, these high-powered poisons are entering the
world food-chain. They pose a grave threat to all forms of life!

There is apparently no area on earth untouched by DDT and its related family of pesticides.

The Antarctic continent is the most remote area of the earth, the most isolated from man and his actions. Yet, trace amounts of DDT which has never been used there have been detected in the tissues of four Antarctic animal species.

Tissue analyses of Adélie penguins, craneer seals, Weddell seals and fish species of the eelpout family have all revealed traces of DDT. The heaviest concentration was found in the eelpouts, captured in bottom traps at depths of more than 1500 feet in McMurdo Sound.

At the opposite end of the earth, the same amazing result has been found.

During the summer of 1965, a husband-and-wife team of amateur ornithologists explored the remote, nearly inaccessible interior of Alaska.

All around their campsite area in the Brooks Range were numerous nests and eggs — all contaminated. Varying amounts of chlorinated hydrocarbons were discovered in every specimen they checked. The highest amount was found in a rough-legged hawk and in a larve which lived under a rock in a cold mountain stream.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service believes the source of the contamination to be “pesticide fallout” — probably the result of aerial spray which never reached the ground at its intended target.

DDT in the Pacific

One year ago, a three-man research team made a startling discovery. The researchers collected more than 400 samples of fish, shellfish and other invertebrates in the Pacific Ocean off America’s West Coast. Do you know how many were free of pesticide residue?

FOUR!

That’s right, four! A measly four out of over 400 samples — only one percent — collected in a broad area from Seattle to the Galapagos Islands and from San Francisco to Hawaii. It seems that animals without a trace of DDT or some other pesticide have become freaks.

The researchers were also startled to find that the DDT concentration in the reproductive organs of certain species was 10 times that found in other body tissues. Is it any wonder the fertility rate of man and wildlife is dropping?

In addition, the researchers said the widespread occurrence of DDT residues in marine bays and estuaries was particularly significant. Such bodies of water are the “nurseries” of many species of commercial fish.

“The distribution of pesticides in areas for which they were never intended is no longer a nightmare but a reality,” the research team concluded. (New York Times, February 9, 1966.)

Poisons Magnified

Pesticides washing off sprayed lands enter rivers and streams in very dilute quantities. But marine organisms ingesting the chemical often concentrate the poison many times. Studies have shown that oysters can accumulate DDT residues 70,000 times the amount of DDT in the surrounding water. And many people eat oysters.

Small fish also concentrate pesticides and pass them on to larger fish which eat them. When the larger fish are eaten by fish-eating birds such as the osprey or bald eagle, the birds get extremely concentrated doses of poison.

The osprey and eagle stand at the top of this marine food chain. And both of these birds are now in biological trouble and are threatened with extinction. The osprey, which used to breed by the hundreds on the East Coast, is now down to a few dozen.

In 1963, of 56 specimens of bald eagle found dead or incapacitated in 20 states and two Canadian provinces, all but one contained DDT. Of five infertile eagle eggs tested, all contained DDT.

“We know that pesticides are responsible for the bald eagle’s plight,” noted ornithologist Roger Tory Peterson testified before Congress in 1964.

Human Contamination

Not only is our air, water and land contaminated, but we ourselves are polluted. There are 20 tons of DDT residue in the U.S. “walking” around stored within the bodies of nearly 200 million Americans.

This amounts to one tenth of a gram per person. A small but definite amount. And it is growing. Recent studies and examinations also show that DDT can even be transferred from a mother to her unborn child through the placenta.

Once DDT finds its way into the fat of any creature, its persistence permits it to stay unchanged for a long period of time. And as the creature — each one of us — eats more food contaminated with DDT, the amount of DDT in our fat increases. This stored DDT accumulates until it is much more concentrated than that being daily ingested.

Contaminated animals are known to have died during drought conditions when their stored fatty tissue was called upon for energy. What happens to a human in a time of stress or a period of weight loss when fat is burned, releasing stored, concentrated DDT into the individual’s system?

Newer dangers are continually being reported. Some scientists are warning that many of the pesticides stored in the body’s fatty tissues can act as inhibitors of the oxygen supply to the cells. Experiments with animals have shown that interference with the oxidative enzyme system of a fetus will cause structural changes in the tissue and organs, and a marked increase in congenital deformities.

The pesticide peril is increasing every day. “The more you spray today, the more you will have to spray tomorrow,” is a known axiom.

“Fool’s Paradise” Warns Udall

Interior Secretary Stewart Udall says that it is wrong to call many of these products pesticides. “BIOCIDES” — life killers — would be a more appropriate term, he says.

On another occasion, Udall told a Pest Control conference:

“Blithely we carry on our multibillion dollar programs in the pesticides field with wholly inadequate research... We could be building our own fool’s paradise. The day of reckoning may not
The Ruhr, Germany

be tomorrow, but who knows about the
day after?
"Every organism tested, in the
farthest stretches of the open oceans
and from pole to pole, bears traces of
the chemicals that man is using to con-
trol pests. How much of these poisons
can be tolerated? No one really knows
the answer now," Udall concluded.

Experts Alarmed

Space simply does not permit more
shocking case histories of what man is
doing to completely befoul and be-
smirch the beautiful, perfect environ-
ment a loving God originally gave him.

Before us are many more articles from
top news sources, scientific journals and
thoroughly documented books.

We haven't even touched on the sub-
ject of food additives — the artificial
sweeteners, the preservatives, the sta-
bilizers, emulsifiers and so on. Suffice it
to say that some 2,400 food additives are
in commercial use today! About
400,000,000 pounds are used each year
in the U.S. alone. That's about three
pounds of chemicals per person, per
year. Many of these substances are ad-
mittedly of unknown or questionable
nature.

And radioactive fallout?
A recent report states that fallout
from past nuclear weapons tests in the
atmosphere will continue to increase
each year until 1975. This rate is based
upon the assumption there will be no
more nuclear explosions. A risky as-
sumption, indeed.

Can Mankind Halt the Slide?

Will mankind be able to stop before
it's too late?
Remember, President Johnson says
Americans have no more than ten years
left to clean up the air over the United
States. Remember, too, Senator Nelson
warns that the nation has ten years left
to clean up the U.S. water supplies —
or it will be too late!

Remember, too, that polluting agents
are destined to increase. Secretary Gar-
dner says: "What little progress we have
made today will have been wiped out
by 1980 when our population, number
of automobiles and need for heat and
power generation will have doubled."

Industry, as a whole, has written a
dismal record regarding pollution.
Will it suddenly change? Will it begin
to comply 100 percent with regulations
laid down by governmental bodies, in-
stead of waiting to be practically blud-
geoned into action on nearly every
single issue?

Will municipal and state governments
begin to cooperate wholeheartedly with
federal agencies in waging a do-or-die
attack on every facet of pollution? Will
they give up jealously guarded sov-
eignty in order to do so?

Will states begin wholeheartedly to
cooperate among themselves on solving
common problems? One poignant ex-
ample might serve to illustrate this
problem.

A mutual control pact between Illi-
nois and Indiana was signed in May,
1964 to create an interstate pollution
control board. But, being an interstate
agreement, this pact must be cleared
through Federal channels. The bill has
been pigeonholed in the U.S. Congress
ever since. Yet this nonexistent pact
has been labelled a "milestone" in inter-
state air pollution control.

What about those in agriculture?
Pollution—Worldwide Problem

Will farmers finally realize what they are doing to the soil and water and stop using such powerful poisons—"biocides," as Secretary Udall calls them? Even in California, which has several vocal health organizations warning of the pesticide hazard, only five percent of the agricultural land is farmed without pesticides.

Where Does This Leave Us?

Even if—which isn't possible—the United States were able to turn back the tide within its own borders, the world's air supply and the oceans of the earth would still become polluted beyond repair, and that's a fact! Indeed, it may already be too late!

Barry Commoner of the Washington University Department of Botany told the Natural Industrial Conference Board:

"If we choose to allow this huge and growing debt to accumulate further, the environment may eventually be damaged beyond its capacity for self-repair."

Did you catch the significance of that last statement? The earth's environment damaged beyond the ability of either man or nature itself to rectify it!

Will the American public be willing to underwrite the fantastic multibillion dollar cost to clean up the environment it continues to pollute?

All this in TEN YEARS?!

Looking at what little results have been so far achieved, any rationally minded person will have to answer these questions with a resounding "No!"

The Only Answer

It's high time our peoples got off the fence of doubt and smug skepticism and realized that all the absolutely monstrous problems facing mankind today are beyond human ability to solve.

No body of men is going to put a stop to the runaway population explosion! No group of scientists is going to prevent the proliferation of atomic weapons—now threatening to spread to many small nations.

No government, no board of top industrialists is going to be able to clean up our polluted planet in time! Too many commercial interests are involved—and their well-paid lobbyists are on the job day and night.

But Almighty God will change all that.

The soon-coming Government of God will solve these pollution problems.

A desperately needed WORLD GOVERNMENT is coming. But it will be the government of God, not of selfish, competitive, lobbying, carnally minded human beings.

Pollution the Penalty of Sin

The natural, carnal mind of man is hostile to God and His holy, just and righteous law (Rom. 8:7). It wants to go the way of unrighteousness, of uncleanness, of pollution—of sin.

We have all sinned and been filled with spiritual corruption and filth. We have all broken God's law. And every time a physical penalty has been exacted. The penalty may not have been immediate and obvious but it was there nevertheless.

In our greedy effort to GRASP and SEIZE everything we could get our
grimy hands on, we have broken God's law with reckless abandon. We didn't care about the welfare of our fellowman—or our children of future generations. All we cared about was getting the almighty dollar or pound now.

We broke God's law, which says, "Thou shalt not covet." We broke God's law which says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

And all the while the penalties kept piling up. Miserable, empty lives. A wretched society. A physical environment so contaminated that scientists are now talking about extinction by pollution!

Christ told the scribes and Pharisees of His day: 'Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. . . . Cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also' (Mat. 23:25-26).

Yes, the only way to get rid of physical pollution is to first get rid of the spiritual pollution in man's heart and mind.

God knew mankind would paint himself into a blind corner if he persisted in following the way of his human nature—the way of lust, greed, and total unconcern for the welfare of his fellowman and society at large.

The prophet Isaiah graphically foretold of our day:

"The earth is drooping, withering . . . and the sky wanes with the earth, for earth has been polluted by the dwellers on its face . . . Therefore a curse is crushing the earth, alighting on its guilty fold; mortals are dying off, till few are left" (Isaiah 24:4-6, Moffatt translation).

The prophet Hosea, who was a contemporary of Isaiah, gave a detailed prophetic warning. It is found in Hosea 4:1-3 (Moffatt):

"Israel, hear the word of the Eternal, for the Eternal has a charge to bring against the dwellers of the land;

"No fidelity, no kindness, no knowledge of God in the land, nothing but perjury, lying, and murder, stealing, debauchery, burglary . . ."

What better description of life in the English-speaking world! We and related Europeans are the modern-day descendants of the people of Israel. The prophecy is directed to our nations today.

And now the last half of verse 3: " . . . even the beasts and birds and the very fish within the sea are perishing."

Nothing could more aptly describe what we are doing both to ourselves and to nature, to the abundant physical blessings a benevolent God bestowed upon us because of the righteousness of one man, Abraham.

Just as humanity is about to perish, God Almighty will step in with a strong hand. He will send Jesus Christ back to the earth to rescue the last remnant of mankind from nuclear insanity, pollution and all the other crises threatening human survival.

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake, those days shall be shortened" (Mat. 24:22).

Utopia At Last!

Then will begin the most fantastic "mop-up" operation in the entire history of this world.

An entirely new age will dawn.

"And he [God the Father] shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:"

"Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began" (Acts 3:20-21).

The message of all the inspired prophets who have ever spoken is that of the coming Kingdom of God, the restitution of the rule of God upon this earth.

Adam rejected that rule. He and his wife were cast out of the Garden of Eden, the most beautiful spot on a fabulous earth. All mankind has followed in the footsteps of Adam ever since.

But the "times of restitution" are nearly here.

An amazing prophecy in Ezekiel 47:1-12 tells how the waters and the land surface of the earth are going to be purified. Cleansed not only of man-made pollution, but from the effects of the terrifying end-time plagues by symbolic "living waters" (Rev. 8:7-11; 16:3-4).

The Perfect Society

Once purified, the earth under Christ's rule is going to stay that way. Of the resettling of the nations of Israel, God prophesies:

"This land that was desolate is become like the Garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited" (Ezekiel 36:35).

This same glorious way of right living will spread over the entire earth.

In the final analysis, the problem of pollution boils down to people pollution—too many irresponsible, crowded people, too many industries, too many cars in tightly confined areas. And too few willing to do their part in properly disposing of wastes.

But in the World Tomorrow people will no longer be jammed into ugly, slum-infested cities.

Tomorrow's cities will be spread out. There will be a lot of greenery (Amos 9:14). Livestock will be with man—in the suburbs of cities (Zech. 2:4; Ps. 144:13). Strange as it sounds to "modern" ears!

The oxygen-carbon-dioxide balance—now seriously threatened because of the burning of fossil fuels—will be restored. The internal combustion engine will be greatly improved, if not totally replaced by other motive power.

Tomorrow's world will be a quality society. Manufactured items will be built to last, not to be discarded after short use. (Such a practice today greatly compounds our refuse and pollution problem.)

People will once again enjoy a deep breath of clean, fresh air, taste the sparkle of pure, clear water, enjoy the mouth-watering succulence of nonpoisoned foods, rub their hands in rich, fertile, non sprayed soil.

To find out more what this New Age will bring, write for our free new booklet. It's entitled, The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like! No other booklet we've ever published explains in such intriguing detail what is in store for all men everywhere once we learn that God's ways, not ours, bring happiness!
AFTER committing adultery with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, King David tried to cover up his sin. His first thought was to send for her husband. When Uriah arrived, David chatted with him about the progress of the war in the land of Ammon.

"Thank you for being so observant and informative," David finally said to Uriah. "You have earned a short furlough. I would like to talk to you later, but for now go to your home and your wife." (II Samuel 11:1-8.)

David's Scheme Backfires

The king sighed with relief as he watched Uriah stride out the door. The questioning was only an act to disguise the real reason for the Hittite's being returned to Jerusalem. David despised himself for such petty deception.

Added to that was the gnawing feeling of guilt, especially strong in the presence of the heroic and unswervingly faithful officer he had wronged. To try to lessen the uncomfortable feeling, David instructed servants to deliver a special dinner for two to the home of Uriah and Bathsheba.

After an almost sleepless night, David was greeted with an unpleasant surprise. He was informed that Uriah hadn't gone home. Instead, he had spent the time sleeping on a bench in the servants' quarters of the king's house.

"Send him to me at once," was David's gloomy request.

"Why didn't you spend last night at your home with your wife?" the king asked with a weak smile when Uriah was brought before him. "Weren't you anxious
to see her after having been away from her for so long?” (II Samuel 11:9-10.)

“I wanted very much to be with my wife,” Uriah explained, “but I felt that while my commander and fellow soldiers were having to sleep on the ground and the rocks, I shouldn’t be taking advantage of anything better than a bench. I don’t deserve better, and I don’t prefer to accept the comforts and pleasures of my home until my fellow soldiers can also come back to their homes.”

“So be it,” David commented in unhappy resignation, though he tried not to look unhappy. “I’ll send you back tomorrow to rejoin the army. Meanwhile, I think it would be wise for you to drop in to see your wife for at least a few minutes.”

All that day Uriah paced nervously about. Several times he peered out between some columns at his home, only yards away, hopeful of getting a glimpse of Bathsheba. David was watching him part of the time, and was hopeful that Uriah would see his wife, and be sufficiently moved by her appearance to toss away his resolutions and go home. It didn’t turn out that way. (II Samuel 11:11-12.)

That evening David invited Uriah to eat with him. Uriah readily accepted. He couldn’t very well point out that his fellow soldiers weren’t eating, and that therefore he shouldn’t eat. According to the king’s instructions, the waiters saw to it that the guest’s wine glass was continually filled. By the time the long meal was over, the soldier had difficulty getting to his feet under his own power.

“Go to your home and rest,” David whispered to him as he guided him gently but firmly toward the door.

“Follow him and lead him carefully to his house,” David murmured to a servant. “Report to me if you don’t succeed.”

Believing that matters would go his way, David retired to his private quarters. A half-hour passed, and his servant hadn’t returned. Now there was reason to feel that Uriah had staggered home, with some help, and that when Bathsheba’s child was born, Uriah would naturally be considered its father.

Another half-hour passed. The king was beginning to relax a little for the first time in several days. Then came the particular knock used only by certain servants. At David’s permission a servant entered.

“You told me to report to you if I couldn’t succeed in getting your guest back to his home,” he told David. “I would have come to you sooner, but I and other servants have been trying for an hour to get the man to his house.”

“Well?” David snapped loudly. “Where is he now?”

“We couldn’t even herd him off your back porch,” was the answer. “He’s asleep on a bench in the servants’ quarters!” (II Samuel 11:13.)
David stared in dismal disappointment.

For a moment it appeared that the king was about to strike his servant. The droll situation suddenly caused him to become very angry, but then he controlled himself and began pacing the floor and wondering what he should do next.

Another Scheme

Causing Uriah to become drunk had been a waste of effort. Even in that condition the resolute-willed Uriah resisted visiting his wife, who was so close at hand. He felt that he shouldn't enjoy any part of home life while his fellow soldiers were enduring hardships in the campaign against the Ammonites.

David was very worried at the thought of what would happen if the public should learn that he was to be the father of a child by another man's wife. In a frantic attempt to escape from the situation, David decided to do a terrible thing. He sent a sealed letter to Joab, commander of his army, and gave it to Uriah to be the bearer. Uriah hurriedly returned, just as he wished, to where the Israelite forces were encamped northeast of the Dead Sea.

On opening the letter, even the callous Joab was a little moved. He was instructed to place the incorruptibly patriotic Uriah in the foremost ranks in the battle with the Ammonites. Then he was to suddenly withdraw his soldiers and

Some of David's servants hurriedly escorted Uriah back across the Jordan River and on to where the Israelite army was encamped.
not let them rescue or help Uriah in any way. This loyal soldier had been given his own death warrant by David, and had unknowingly delivered it to the man who had the power to carry out the vicious order. (II Samuel 11:14-15.)

Uriah returned to the Israelite camp just before the Ammonites, who had been bottled up in their city of Rabbah, decided to come out in a surprise foray against their besiegers. Joab assigned Uriah to the most dangerous spot. The gates of the city burst open and yelling soldiers streamed out toward the Israelites.

"Close in on them!" Joab commanded his officers. "Don't let them get around us!"

The Israelites rushed to meet the attackers, but before they could get within the archers' range of them, the Ammonites wheeled about and raced back into the city. The heavy gates slammed shut to keep out the Israelites as they ran up to the walls. Joab, meanwhile, had secretly told the other leaders near Uriah to fall back as soon as danger threatened him. They fell back, but too late to save some of them from the hissing cloud of arrows, spears and stones that came down from hundreds of soldiers who appeared at just the right moment on top of the wall.

Uriah was among those who were first to reach the walls of Rabbah. He was also among those who were killed. Some Ammonite had shot the arrow or hurled the spear or stone that took Uriah's life, but it was David who was responsible for the Hittite's death. (II Samuel 11:16-17.)

As far as the crafty Joab was concerned, this episode pro-
vided him with secret knowledge that could be used to his advantage if he ever needed a very special favor from the king. He didn’t delay in sending news to David.

"Tell the king exactly what has happened lately," Joab instructed the messenger. "When he hears about how the Ammonites tricked us, he’ll probably be angry, and stare coldly at you as though you could be personally to blame because our soldiers moved so close to the walls of Rabbah. He is likely to remind you of a battle that took place almost two centuries ago, during which Abimelech, one of Gideon’s sons, was killed by a piece of a millstone tossed down by a woman from the wall at the city of Thebez. If he demands to know why the Israelite soldiers or their commander haven’t learned from Abimelech’s mistake, avoid answering and quickly mention that I, Joab, regret that some of our men lost their lives in this action. Give the names and ranks of these men, starting with Uriah the Hittite." (II Samuel 11:18-21.)

Joab felt certain that David would appear angry when he heard about his soldiers being lured so close to Rabbah’s walls, but he was equally as certain that the king would forget his anger as soon as he heard that Uriah was dead.

Later, when the messenger reached Jerusalem to relate to David what had happened to the army in recent days, the king became very upset. As he was instructed, the messenger tactfully forestalled an outburst from David by naming the casualties. When Uriah was mentioned as having been killed, David’s frown faded away. He held up a hand as though he wished to hear no more.

"I know that Joab must be troubled because of how the Ammonites tricked him," he remarked to the messenger. "When you return, tell him not to be overly concerned. Remind him for me that certain ones have to die in battle. Tell him that it’s my desire that he forget past incidents and put his mind to taking the city of Rabbah, even though months are required to do it." (II Samuel 11:22-25.)

A Stolen Wife

His anxiety somewhat abated, David immediately made it known to Uriah’s wife that her husband was dead. After the widow had gone through the usual period of mourning, David had her brought to his home.

"Become my wife now, and we won’t have to be concerned about your unborn child," David told her.

Under these adverse circumstances David added another wife, and eventually another son. Life with his other wives was less happy thereafter. It was part of the price that had to be paid for having to divide affections among several wives.
If God had been asleep, David might have lived through this disastrous episode without his people learning of his disgraceful desires, scandalous schemes and infamous deeds. Truth can be withheld from whole nations as well as from individuals.

But God doesn’t sleep. He can’t be deceived. And God was displeased by what David had done. Even the king of Israel, like anyone else, was certain to run into calamity because of breaking some of the Eternal’s commandments. (II Samuel 11:26-27.)

Those same laws are still in full effect today, just as is the law of gravity. Nevertheless, thousands of “Christian” leaders keep telling our people that observance of the commandments is unnecessary, impossible, a waste of effort and even improper. Unless they come to realize how much harm they are doing, and wholeheartedly repent, as David later did, they will eventually be burned to ashes in a tremendous heat referred to in the Bible as the lake of fire. (Malachi 4:1, 3.)

Secret Sins Exposed

God began David’s punishment by instructing Nathan, one of God’s prophets, in what he should say to the king. Nathan asked for a private talk with David, and was escorted into a room where even the servants couldn’t overhear the conversation.

“I want to report a matter to you that should come to your attention,” Nathan said to David. “I have known you to be a man of fair judgment, and I trust you will see fit to do something about this case.”

“Tell me about it,” David said, giving Nathan his full attention.

Nathan told about two men who were neighbors. One was wealthy and the other was poor. The wealthy one had many flocks of sheep and herds of cattle. The poor man’s stock consisted of only one lamb that had been raised in his household. It had been a close pet for the children, and was almost like one of the family.

“What was the problem?” David interrupted.

“The trouble came when a friend came to visit the wealthy man,” Nathan continued. “Instead of telling his servants to slaughter one of his own animals for food for his guest, he went to the home of his poor neighbor and took and then slaughtered his only animal, his pet lamb. The lamb was served to the wealthy man’s guest. Do you feel that this kind of conduct calls for punishment?” (II Samuel 12:1-4.)

“By all means!” David angrily exclaimed. “That man should restore to his
In the story that Nathan told to David, a wealthy man stole his neighbor's pet lamb and served it to a guest.

neighbor four lambs to replace the one that he took. Furthermore, because he was so miserably selfish and had no compassion for his poor neighbor, he deserves to die. Tell me who this man is and where he lives. I'll see that justice is carried out.” (II Samuel 12:5-6.)

“You don't need to go outside your home to find the man who has been so inconsiderate and heartless,” Nathan said.

“You mean that this evil man is in my house right now?” David scowled.

“Absolutely!” Nathan replied. “A man very much like him is here, except that the one here has lately performed even baser deeds. You are the man!”

“What are you saying?” David demanded, getting to his feet.

“You have angered God by your vile conduct of late. He protected you many times from Saul and his soldiers. He made it possible for you to have power in Israel, the home and wealth you enjoy and the several wives you have chosen. If there had been need for anything else, God would have given it to you. Considering the wonderful things your Creator has done for you, why have you flouted His commandments? You planned the death of the loyal and trusting man with whose wife you committed adultery! Uriah the Hittite died by your hand through your enemies, the Ammonites. Then you took Uriah’s widow to be your wife, lest your adultery be discovered.” (II Samuel 12:7-9.)
David, by this time, realized God had truly spoken to Nathan about him. Otherwise the prophet couldn’t have known about the things David hoped to keep secret.

Suddenly he felt very sick within.

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What our READERS SAY

(Continued from inside front cover)

the Autobiography to continue — perhaps it will in the near future.

"I had been led to believe that since I was a Negro, I could not expect to accomplish much. But in March of 1958, I received the third installment of your autobiography. Your examples made a tremendous impression on me. The World Tomorrow broadcast, The Plain Truth, and booklets had given me a purpose in life, but I knew I had to apply myself on my job. Your autobiography inspired me to think about the job at hand and strive to make improvements. I have tried to follow these principles, and as a result, I have been promoted to more challenging jobs. I have read General MacArthur’s Reminiscences, and histories of other great men who have faced opposition and were persecuted because of their convictions. None of their examples have inspired me as much as yours! Thank you very much for your autobiography."

Cecil G.,
Washington, D.C.

• And thank you, Cecil for your determination, and your own example.

Immortal Soul?

"I come from a family of strong, strong believers in the immortal soul. If they found the booklet you sent me, ‘Do You Have An Immortal Soul?’ they would cart me off to the nearest funny farm. Since I could never possibly convince them about what your booklet says, I’ll just go on believing in the fairy tale I was brought up to believe. Please don’t send me any more literature, not even The Plain Truth.”

David M.,
Marshall, North Carolina

• What a tragedy you place the opinions of men so far above the truth of your God.

Tithing

"In your last Plain Truth my husband and I read your article ‘Should a Non-Christian Tithe.’ Could you believe a couple of Christians not tithing? Well at least our eyes were opened. That very week we started to tithe by using our grocery money. Well since then a total of six hundred extra dollars has come to us and my husband received a raise higher than normal and was told that next time the raise would be even higher."

Mrs. J. G.,
New Carlisle, Ohio

Child Rearing

"Please send me The Plain Truth. I am a mother of 17 children at age 42, and feel worn down by trying to teach them the facts of life alone. I really need some help."

Mother, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

• We’ll send you the booklet on the "Plain Truth about Child Rearing," too!

Autobiography

"We have been reading Mr. Armstrong’s ‘Autobiography’ in past issues of The Plain Truth which have been loaned to us. Of course, we are unable to get all back issues. I wish Mr. Armstrong had the time to finish the booklet of his life so that everyone could have the complete story. The booklet and The Plain Truth series are very inspirational and certainly worthwhile. There must be many others who would love to have the completed booklet."

Donald A. L.,
Columbus, Ohio

Broadcast

"I am an old man, and a lot of water has gone under the bridge in the meantime. Today at 9:00 p.m. I heard you on the radio for the first time. For at least 10 years now, I have wondered why ‘someone’ had not said ‘out loud’ what I heard you say tonight."

Clarence E. S.,
Coral Gables, Florida

Personality

"Thank you for the tremendous direct and to-the-point articles in The Plain Truth on ‘Building the Mind and Personality of a King.’ These articles are the most encouraging and useful I have ever read! I find myself continually reviewing them in order to put the many useful points to actual practice in my life. What a blessing. Already my study habits and those of my wife have broadened in scope and perspective. Just learning about what to study was a great blessing indeed. Neither of us had had the ‘proper balance’ before reading Mr. Meredith’s articles. He really made the truth plain. Thanks again for such down-to-earth, practical, beneficial articles."

Bruce L.,
Pasadena, California
GO TO THE ANT!

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NO EXPLANATION POSSIBLE other than predesigned, preordained, "set" and predetermined PATTERNS in nature which just automatically MAKE such incredible orderliness occur! In other words — if you LEAVE GOD out of the picture — you must just admit, with so many evolutionists, "I CONFESS, I'M IGNORANT!!"

No, the amazing assembly-line reproduction of the ant queen — producing many different types, sizes and sexes of ants, and each for a specific JOB within the ant community, just cannot be explained by evolution.

But, though you have already seen INSURMOUNTABLE evidence against the evolutionary theory — this is only the barest beginning of their difficulties!

SLAVE-Making Ants

The Amazon ant (*Polyergus rufescens*) is so dependent on slave ants that it CANNOT continue to LIVE without them!

THINK about such a strange partnership in "nature." The Amazon ant is so completely dependent upon another kind of ant, that he CANNOT SURVIVE without him! But, in the evolutionary theory — WHICH CAME FIRST?

The Amazon ants can't feed themselves, can't even make a nest, or look after their young. They have been proved to be, by careful experimentation and observation, completely helpless without their slave partners.

Some years ago, an entomologist took 30 Amazon ants and put them in a glassed-in box with plenty of soil. He gave them honey for food, and even laced it with cocoons and grubs.

Yet, in less than two days, more than half the ant colony died. None had eaten — none had built any nest.

Then, the experimenter introduced a slave ant into their midst. The slave quickly recognized who his masters were, and went busily to work for them. He formed a chamber in the earth, hustled about establishing order among the hungry, feeble survivors, gathered together the larvae, and began feeding the remaining Amazons.

But WHY?

Evolutionary theory simply BALKS at the idea of ANYTHING, whether plant,
insect or animal, existing for any other purpose but the propagation of itself. The very essence of the "struggle for survival" or the "survival of the fittest" or "natural selection" DECREES that all life forms must first, in some way, however slight, serve THEMSELVES—and yet several species of ants do the exact opposite!

Evolution has no explanation for the slave-making ants. It's utterly impossible to assume they "gradually," over periods of MILLIONS OF YEARS, "learned to capture slaves" so they could feed, house, and propagate themselves. In the meantime, of course, NOT ONE OF THEM SURVIVED—and therefore they do not exist today. But that is not true, since they do exist. What is true is that evolution is NOT!

**A Mutual Suicide Pact**

The most unusual of the slaveholders is *Anergates*. These tiny, yellow ants are extremely helpless.

But they have a slave ant who carries them about, feeds them, washes them, and does everything else. This slave ant kills off its own family—and insists on enslaving itself to the lowly *Anergates*.

The self-sacrificing ant is the warlike *Tetramorium*.

It all begins when an *Anergates* queen falls near a *Tetramorium* nest. *Tetramorium* workers will drag the *Anergates* queen into the nest, clean her, and care for her.

Soon, this new queen finds herself bloated in the time of her pregnancy. The *Tetramorium* workers admire her so much, that they KILL their own queen. They turn themselves into slaves of the *Anergates* queen.

Soon the *Anergates* queen is laying eggs. The *Tetramorium* workers care for them.

When that particular *Tetramorium* colony murdered their queen and sexed young, they virtually condemned themselves to death! The life-span of that *Tetramorium* colony now becomes the life-span of the individual workers—three years at best.

There certainly are many great lessons in the habits of these ants.

But suffice it to say here, that evolution simply cannot explain such instincts.

Evolution is supposedly based on natural selection through a struggle for survival. If this be so, the *Tetramorium* workers act very strangely. They do not benefit from this action at all—but simply *commit suicide*!

So here, again, is a completely IN-SURMOUNTABLE problem for evolution—actual DISPROOF of the theory! Here is a life form that very literally REVERSES the idea of "survival" into de-liberate SACRIFICE of themselves to HELP ANOTHER SPECIES SURVIVE!

How did all these intricate instincts and interrelationships come about?

Charles Darwin, the "father" of evolution, didn't know.

He said, "Slave making instinct—this remarkable instinct was first discovered in the Formica (Polyerges) rufescens...this ant is absolutely dependent on its slaves; without their aid, the species would certainly become EXTINCT in a single year..."

"If we had not known of any other slave-making ant, it would have been HOPELESS TO SPECULATE how so wonderful an instinct could have been perfected..."

"By what steps the instinct of *F. sanguinea* originated I will not pretend to conjecture" (Origin of Species, pages 255, 256, 258).

Charles Darwin didn't know. But you can. That is, if you're not too intellectually proud to accept the simple but quite evident answer.

God CREATED all these ants with their varied and unusual characteristics. Why is it that evolutionists can't see the CREATOR behind all this marvelous creation we see?

Darwin said: "It will indeed be thought that I have an OVERWEENING CONFIDENCE in the principle of natural selection, when I do not admit that such wonderful and well-established facts at once ANNIHILATE the theory" (Origin of Species, page 271).

Yes, we would think one to have INCREDIBLE faith in a THEORY to insist upon clinging to it in SPIRIT OF THE INCONTESTIBLE EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY! Read that fantastic admission of Charles Darwin again! For it strikes a staggering blow at the very heart of the evolutionary theory! He said HE DID NOT ADMIT that such WONDERFUL and WELL-ESTABLISHED
**Facts — Yes, Facts Annihilated His Theory!**

Suffice it to say the gullible young students in most universities do not have such admissions carefully underlined and emphasized for them in their eager search for a degree!

**Mercenary Ant Soldiers**

The relationships between ants and various plants are among the most complex. One of the most remarkable is between *Pseudomyrmex* ants and certain acacias in tropical America.

Acacias are sprawling, shrub-like trees. Amazingly, these plants or trees have numerous prominent thorns that look much like the horns of a bull. Now, these "Texas Longhorn" thorns serve a most unusual purpose. A tiny ant — vital to the acacia — makes its home within these thorns.

The *Pseudomyrmex* ants live among the acacias and protect them against leaf-destroying insects. Chief among them are the leaf-cutting ants that could defoliate an acacia overnight.

Not only that, but the acacia plant also has small, yellowish fruit-like bodies on the tips of the leaves. As a result, the protecting ants, in harvesting these fruit-like tips, patrol the leaves and thus protect them against the leaf-destroying ants.

This "fruit" is a special growth — it has no relationship to the seed or reproductive organs of the acacia. It serves only to attract *Pseudomyrmex* ants.

In experiments, it's been proven that an acacia tree without *Pseudomyrmex* ants is quickly stripped of any foliage.

**How Did This Relationship "Develop"?**

Notice, how most scientists would explain the existence of such a mutual partnership.

"Now it is a most amazing fact that over a long period, perhaps a million years, there has developed a cooperative arrangement between the thorn trees and their ants by which the trees are protected from their enemies, the leaf-cutting ants" (*Insect Builders and Craftsmen*, Ross E. Hutchins, p. 57).

Our question is: How did the acacias survive a million years, when experiments prove that this thorn tree will be defoliated within a few days?

Of course, the only logical answer is that the acacias and the ants that protect them were created together!

**Home On the Twigs!**

There are several species of *Colobopsis* ants which nest in the hollow twigs of plants. These ants have one of the most interesting associations ever discovered with plants.

It is a thoroughly one-sided arrangement. There is absolutely no proof that the plant is benefitted in any way.

Not only that, but these *Colobopsis* ants have heads that look just like a cork. They use their heads to cork up the entrance to the twig. Almost always, there is a soldier on duty, plugging up the entrance to the nest.

These ants also have a code! When a returning worker wants to gain entrance to the nest, he must touch the worker's head in a certain place, or emit a distinctive odor.

Foreign ants — that don't know the password — will not be admitted!

**Getting to the Trunk of the Problem**

In tropical America there are cecropia trees. The common elm and the hemp (marihuana) tree are from the same family. These trees — the cecropia — are almost always inhabited by *Azteca muelleri* ants. The ants live in the hollow trunks of these trees — just above the ground level.

The ants cut about half of the thickness of the wall for their nests — but never as much as would destroy the tree. Cecropia trees also provide food for the ants. Conveniently, the food is located at base of the leaf stem.

Although the *Azteca* ants ward off other ants, some investigators seriously doubt that the tree really needs the ant.

"Thus it appears that the cecropia tree derives benefit from the presence of the *Azteca* ants even though some observers, such as von lhering, disagree.

"He studied these ants in the late nineteenth century and stated that the cecropia tree needs *Azteca* ants no more than a dog needs fleas!"

"It is an interesting fact, also, that the ants are so dependent upon the tree that the colony dies if the tree is cut down or injured" (*Insects*, Ross E. Hutchins, pages 253, 254).

Now, how did these ants exist millions of years — before the cecropia trees evolved? And according to the evolutionary theory, the common trees which includes the cecropia, elm, mulberry, hackberry are latecomers to the earth.

Again, evolution claims that there is a constant struggle for existence — and only those fitted to the environment...
can survive. Now, any cecropia would be rather foolish to let a group of ants hack holes in its trunk.

How would it know that the ants wouldn't turn into lumberjacks and hack the whole tree to pieces?

And those poor ants—generation after generation died—because they couldn't convince those cecropia trees that they REALLY MEANT WELL.

Now, if the cecropia tree allowed these ants to bore holes in its trunk—where is the STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE? Where is natural selection?

**Ant Cowboys**

Ants "herd" cattle—commonly called aphids. Not only that, ants are expert milkers. It's not everyone who can do it. Darwin tried several times but failed. He used fine hairs, trying to copy the methods of the ants. But to no avail. He couldn't get a single drop of milk!

Ants stroke and tap the undersides of aphids with their antennae. It must be done in a special way. At the stroking of the ants, the aphids obligingly exude a drop of "milk" for the ants to drink. And the drops come out at such a timed speed—that the ant can drink as the liquid comes!

The ants guard the aphids like they would any other food source. Sometimes they build corrals for their aphid cattle.

Aphids are completely defenseless. Yet, aphids are almost always completely safe in the presence of normally fierce ants.

How did such a situation arise? Here's one attempted explanation: "How did the ant learn to do this?" "The ant is a fierce creature. Its normal reaction to an insect weaker than itself is to KILL IT and eat it. In the old days primitive ants must have killed aphids and, like ladybirds, eaten their bellies, and probably the rest of them as well.

"Yet no species of ant today ever kills an aphid."

"We both milk and kill our cows, ants milk but NEVER KILL theirs. If ants just went out and milked what greenflies they found on leaves, etc., no one could take objection to it. Unfortunately they go further and their methods with their 'cows' are too much like our own with ours to be comfortable for us" (Ways of the Ant, John Crompton, page 91-92).

So all aphids were killed off by ants before the ants "discovered" that aphids would make good cows. But if they had plenty of aphids why NOT KILL some of them for food—keep others for milk. But ANTS don't kill aphids.

How do you square all this with evolution?

Well, you can't—in a million years!

If scientists would only admit that a loving God created all this, they would see His humor and His loving nature expressed in His creation. People could use the fantastic discoveries men have made about the ant world, and teach their children ABOUT GOD—instead of a false, dumb evolution.

**Darwin's Confession!**

Darwin had to continually get rid of ants as he was writing his *Origin of Species*. Ants and aphids were among his most avid pests!

Darwin had to consider and admit: "If it could be proved that any part of the structure of any one species had been formed for the EXCLUSIVE GOOD of another species, it would annihilate my theory, for such could not have been produced through natural selection" (*Origin of Species*, page 198, 199).

That was Darwin who said it! And it's been amply proved that there are instincts which are solely for the good of another.

Such "partnership" in existence is evidenced ALL THROUGH the creation, if we only have the wit to see it. Man must depend on all kinds of life forms—which exist solely for the good of man. The amazing food chain in the ground, the "food web" of the sea, the marvelous action of bacteria in
breaking down decaying vegetation; of plants, in producing oxygen; of man and animals in producing carbon dioxide—nothing lives or dies to itself—but is a tiny part of a vast, interlocking, interdependent chain of life!

But to continue with Darwin’s statements:

“One of the strongest instances of an animal apparently performing an action for the sole good of another, with which I am acquainted, is that of aphids voluntarily yielding... their sweet excretion to ants.

“If the latter [ants] be not present they are at last compelled to eject their excretion. But as the excretion is extremely viscid, it is no doubt a convenience to the aphids to have it removed; therefore, probably they do not excrete it solely for the good of the ants... but as details on this and other such points are not indispensable, they may be here passed over” (Origin of Species, page 246)."

Of course, they have to excrete it if ants don’t use it up. But why suck more fluid from plants than you need? How do you develop the ability to let the liquid produced ooze out of you?

This ability does the aphid absolutely no good! It exudes its liquid exclusively for the good of the ant!

**Solomon Was Right After All**

Three thousand years ago, King Solomon said, “Go to the ant, thou sluggard: consider her ways and be wise, who... gathers her food in the harvest” (Proverbs 6:6-8).

But as so many other facts, science dismissed this as myth. After all, what could Solomon know—living in a dark ‘unscientific’ age?

Of course, the clergy was rather embarrassed by Solomon’s statement.

“Thus they [the clergy] said [among other things] that the words were an addition grafted on to the Scriptures, and not Solomon’s own: that the ‘seeds’ seen were taken in as building material, not food: that the ‘seeds’ seen had been pupa, not seeds. And so on.

‘None of them thought of boldly doubting the modern scientists and suggesting that the Wise King might have been right and the scientists wrong’

*(Ways of the Ant, John Crompton, page 110).*

That, certainly is the truth!

Science assumes evolution true. But the clergy is as much if not more to blame. They were afraid to speak; refused to research these things out; didn’t bother to prove that the Bible was right after all!

It wasn’t until 1871 that entomologists had to admit—with red faces that: “Solomon saw more clearly than certain scientific men, who were prejudiced, and would not believe that the ants of Palestine were distinguished by their habits from those of their own countries” (The Social World of the Ants, Auguste Forel, page 206).

**Harvesters Exist!**

Harvester ants depend almost completely on the seed-yielding plants in their vicinity. The ants carefully gather and store these plant seeds. Harvester ants cut up the seeds and file off the starchy material.

Evolutionists cannot explain how harvesters evolved.

“Generally speaking, these ants inhabit barren regions of sparse vegetation and deficient rain, though there are exceptions.

“It is probable that their remote ancestors were forced to abandon an insect diet because insects are scarce in the desertlike areas of their origin. Plant seeds, on the other hand, are comparatively abundant at certain times of the year and can easily be stored for future consumption” (Insects, Ross E. Hutchins, pages 200-202).

If the area in which they lived became desert, why not migrate to a less hostile climate?

How long did it take them to learn to store seeds? Two million years? They probably would have died out the same year that insects became scarce.

No, evolution cannot explain the existence of the harvester ant. Every seed the harvester collects is another tangible fact that there is a Creator God.

It’s such a shame that we don’t study creatures such as ants from a positive point of view. Perhaps, like Solomon, we’d learn the lessons we should from these insects.
Mal'. 1967

Marvels of Ant World

Atemeles beetle larvae, in preference to their own. Very strange, since the Atemeles beetle feeds on the larval ants!

And every time a carpenter ant does this, he cries out: "Charles Darwin, and the rest of you evolutionists are all wrong. I'm not struggling for survival. I'm helping the Atemeles beetle, my enemy!"

We could write chapters about the well-known army ants. These ants have a regular rhythm of marching, hunting and resting. They march and hunt for 17 days—exactly! At least, this is the cycle of one South American species.

Each has its own story to tell. Each species of ant cries out: "I believe and am a witness to Genesis 1:24, 'And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind, and it was so.'"

Appreciate God's Creation

You can see the handiwork of God among the ants. Come to appreciate it. Stand in awe of the Great Mind that created these amazing little creatures we call ants. Marvel at the planning and design that was put into the ant family!

Study 'nature.' Get acquainted with the myriad life forms on this earth. Teach your children about God, through some of the characteristics exhibited by ants.

Take time to stop in the woods. Observe ants as they build, scurry around and exhibit some of the marvels of engineering equipment which they possess.

God can be understood by the things that are made (Romans 1:20). You can learn about His organization, His self-sacrificing character, His diligence, His ingenuity, His loving care and concern, His humor and warmth—and truly learn to worship Him, in spirit and in truth.
The Adenauer Era is over.

Called by Winston Churchill, "the greatest German statesman since Bismarck," former West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer led a war-devastated and hated nation back to a remarkable position of power and respect.

Adenauer was active almost until the day of his death, April 19. But the architect of Bonn's postwar resurgence died without achieving his greatest goal—a European political union.

It was partly in the service of this cause that Adenauer died. He developed a serious cold in January when he set out, at age 91, on an arduous trip to confer first with Generalissimo Francisco Franco in Spain and also to visit his old friend, French President de Gaulle.

Adenauer, a devout Roman Catholic, had long wanted to see Catholic Spain take up its "proper place" in Western Europe. (The European Common Market's ministerial council is now seriously weighing a preferential trade link with Spain.)

On his 91st birthday in January, Adenauer stated: "We urgently need a European political union.... I consider this work of unification absolutely necessary in the interest of calming down the world and especially for the protection of Europe."

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Milestone For EEC

With little fanfare, the European Economic Community reached a historic milestone on March 24. This was the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome which established the Community.

Since the Common Market's inception, the gross national product of the six member nations (France, West Germany, Italy, the Benelux countries) has grown 52 percent (compared to 44 percent for the United States) and trade between them has skyrocketed 238 percent. Internal tariffs on industrial products have tumbled 80 percent, on agricultural goods more than 60 percent. On July 1, 1968—eighteen months ahead of schedule—the last tariffs on goods traded within the EEC will disappear. On that day too, a standard, stiff tariff wall will face the outside
world. U.S. exporters are not happy over this obstacle.

Meanwhile, French President de Gaulle has roadblocked all attempts toward political union growing out of the Common Market. But EEC officials have not lost sight of the original long range goal—which Adenauer never lived to see fulfilled.

In an anniversary statement, Walter Hallstein, German president of the Common Market's executive commission, said the policy of unifying Europe is "as correct and necessary today" as it was when the community was formed. He said the founders of the Common Market had intended that it should be the "core and vanguard" of a pan-European community.

And Bible prophecy reveals it will happen. There will yet be an end-time ten-nation political union in Europe! Although it will last for only "a short space" (Rev. 17:10-12). It will be a revival of the ancient Roman Empire. It will not be a trusted, docile friend of Great Britain and the United States. Vice President Humphrey's recent trip to Europe showed how thin the Atlantic Alliance is wearing these days.

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**Gold Flees U. S.**

One measure of the Common Market's success is this: its reserves of gold and convertible currency have grown from an original $10 billion to more than $20 billion. This pile-up far exceeds American reserves—from which most of it was taken!

The "leaky faucet" from Fort Knox continues to drip millions of dollars' worth of gold every month. The dwindling U.S. gold stock now stands at only $13.2 billion. Dollars in foreign hands, representing claims against gold, dwarf this amount, now total $26.4 billion.

This is not the whole story, either. Of the roughly $13 billion on hand, $10 billion must legally be set aside to back up U.S. currency. This leaves only $3 billion to meet possible foreign claims. There are continuous rumors that part—or all—of the gold reserve behind the dollar will have to be released, perhaps within a year in order to meet possible claims. But even more stringent measures are being suggested.

U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Henry Fowler rattled the halls of international finance with a major policy speech in March. He hinted that the U.S. might be forced into taking "unilateral action" or "withdrawal from commitments" if foreign countries don't cooperate with the U.S. on international monetary reform.

Clearly implied was a retreat, as a last resort, from the historic American policy of selling gold at $35 an ounce to those presenting dollars for exchange. European central banks, holding vast numbers of dollars, are deeply concerned.

Already, American officials are urging major gold-holding nations to consider the dwindling gold hoard as generally "off-limits" and not to ask for gold unless absolutely essential. It is believed that Japan, Germany, Italy, Canada and Great Britain will "deep-freeze" their present dollar holdings, and any future dollar acquisitions. At least it is so hoped.

The day of financial reckoning on the U.S. is only being postponed by such devious devices. As one expert says, such deals "will see us through this year without a crisis." But he adds: "Eventually these things unfold."

*Most Americans haven't the slightest inkling of the grave economic plight facing their nation on the international level. They are lulled by periodic official assurances such as the most recent one: "The future of the dollar is perfectly sound."

Article after article in past numbers of The Plain Truth have warned of a developing worldwide trade war! Now some financial experts are deeply worried that the deepening rift between Europe on one hand and the U.S. and Britain on the other will develop into two openly hostile trade camps. Said one expert: "We just may be watching the beginnings of Economic World War III!"

*This Work of God, proclaiming to the world the true message of Jesus Christ and His coming Government, must be carried out before the end of this age (Mat. 24:14). That means worldwide financial stability will for the present continue. But when this Work is complete, a final gigantic financial thud will strike!*

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**Humphrey Shocked at View From Abroad**

"Bomb-dropping, riots taking place, crime, corruption"—this, reports Vice President Hubert Humphrey, is the view Europeans have of America today.

With tears in his eyes, Humphrey told an Atlanta audience, April 13, that "the story of our transgressions" is told abroad while the good things are not. Citing the news media, the Vice President said Europe is getting a distorted picture of America.

But is the picture really such a distorted one? Or is the growing worldwide disrespect for America based on factual evidence?

Serious crime in the U.S. surged upward 11 percent in 1966 over the previous year! Broken down, individual increases are: murder, up 9 percent; aggravated assault, up 10 percent; forcible rape, up 10 percent; robbery, up 14 percent.

And this is not even half the story. The National Crime Commission reveals that there is at least three times more crime committed than is officially reported. Furthermore, recent government studies have disclosed some shocking statistics:

- More 15-year-olds are arrested for FBI Index crimes, primarily theft, than any other age group. Sixteen-year-olds run a close second.
- Percentage-wise, the delinquency rate among girls is rising 16 times as fast as among boys. Large city juvenile courts are witnessing a growing parade of young girls brought before them because of "ungovernable behavior, larceny and sex offenses."
- Crime in middle-class suburban areas is growing at a rate twice as fast as big city crime.
- More than 2,500,000 offenders pass through the U.S. prison system each year. Many of these are repeaters.

But how many actual criminals are there in the United States? This fact—and the true extent of crime—will astound you. The amazing story will be told in a coming full-length article in The Plain Truth.
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