UNEASY CALM AFTER RIOT IN DETROIT
Million Circulation

"It has finally happened! The Plain Truth has reached a million copies circulation. I remember the first installments of the 'Autobiography' which covered your early life, business career, and later conversion. When The Plain Truth first began to be published it was a small mimeographed pamphlet of only a few pages. Feature the growth! Now a full-color 52-page international magazine, ranking twelfth among world magazines. I imagine, sir, that your feelings at the realization of what God has begun through you are often hard to describe. From the small start in 1934 through you are often hard to describe.

Plain Truth in these last days."

Ruby D.,
Portland, Oregon

"My family loves The Plain Truth and I am glad to see it reach a circulation of one million copies. When we started receiving it two and one-half years ago, it was only around 470,000. This is real growth and shows the need of a magazine like this and that the people are hungering for The Plain Truth in these last days."

Benny L. J.,
Roanoke, Virginia

Jewish Temple

"My friend and a preacher attended a Jewish synagogue at Peoria. He said what they heard and saw there was amazing. They took a freewill offering and asked who was willing to give $1000 to rebuild the Jewish tabernacle. He said you should have seen all the hands go up for $1000 donations. They did not need to beg for raised hands. The Jews are eager to help rebuild the temple."

Miss Lena E. S.,
Morton, Illinois

• This is the first direct news of local

fund raising among Jewish people for the building of a temple which we have received — though we have talked and written of the possibility for years!

One Other Point

"In your series on evolution, one point has been omitted, nor have I ever heard evolutionists speak of it. The mating calls and signs of all animals and insects differ. Must have been quite a mix-up for several million years while they discovered which was calling to which and if it took that long for a lightning bug [firefly] to charge his battery I reckon he never made it."

John L. P.,
Yellville, Arkansas

Cancel

"It is with a feeling of sadness I write this letter to ask you to remove my name from your mailing list for The Plain Truth magazine. If you want to know why, read on:

"I have read with much interest your articles on evolution and have come to the reluctant conclusion that you —

1. Do not really understand the Theory Of Evolution.

2. Are giving a misrepresentation of the theory to try to destroy it in the minds of people who do not understand it at all.

"You are committing the same sin as the people who quote the Bible out of context to try to prove what they wish people to believe. No reliable scientist will claim he understands all of nature. Would you claim to understand all the Bible? I thank you! You have rediculed the theory of evolution and this may be lots of fun for some people but I fail to find it so. I will say this is a good weapon, the Government of Communist lands are using it to destroy religion.

"Fortunately I know enough about the Theory of Evolution to be able to spot destorted way that you present the

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What if there were no God?

I was startled when suddenly that question flashed into my mind.

This column is personal. In it I want to be free to talk with our readers in a more intimate, personal way. I think it's good for people to be able, once in a while, to be more personal — intimate and frank, without embarrassment.

Let me tell you what led to that opening question: "What if — just what if there were no God?"

It is now, as I write, ten minutes to four in the morning. Rather early to be up and writing a Plain Truth talk with our readers! Yet not "early" for me. You see, I just arrived back in Pasadena from England last evening about six. Only, for me, it was not 6 p.m., but 2 a.m.! For I had left London the same morning at 10:45 a.m.

There was no space on the nonstop "polar" flight, so I had to fly to New York, and with an hour-and-a-half stopover, take another flight on to Los Angeles. My stopwatch said I had spent 12 hours 35½ minutes in the air, not counting the 90 minutes clearing customs and changing planes in New York. It is eight hours later in London than in Pasadena. So, by the time I arrived home in Pasadena it was 2 a.m. by the time to which I had been adjusted.

Even though it is now summer vacation, and college is out until September, quite a group of students, working for the summer on campus, were waiting to greet me. It was only 6 p.m. for them! But I was very travel-weary. I got to bed about 7:30. But that was 3:30 a.m., for me!

So, you see, here I am in my study, at home in Pasadena, at my typewriter, before 4 a.m., Pasadena time. But it is already NOON in London — according to the time to which I had become adjusted. This jet-flight gets one a third of the way around the earth in a hurry — but it does upset and unbalance one's bodily metabolism, and require some adjustment. But we live in a fast-moving, speedy age — the space-age! And my very urgent responsibilities require that I move at a fast clip!

Now back to my question: "What if there were no God?"

I was unable to sleep longer, so I dressed and came in to my study to get some work done. But first, I knelt at my prayer-bench, and began thanking God (as I also did last night) for delivering me safely back at Headquarters, and for a new grandson, the news of which came by long distance telephone on arrival home; and for many, many other things. But just then I was reminded of Jesus' "Lord's Prayer," in which He told us after which manner to pray. His "sample prayer," as a brief example to us of the manner in which to pray begins with "Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name!" First of all Jesus taught us, we should EXALT GOD!

Nearly always I do begin a prayer with exaltation of God, which brings to my mind HOW GREAT — HOW WONDERFUL — is the All-Mighty One to whom I am speaking! So immediately I broke off the thanksgiving and the gratitude temporarily, to praise and exalt and extol the Supreme Creator God! Yet I just naturally continued my giving thanks — now thanking God for Himself — and realizing how grateful I am that God IS — that there IS the Great God — that He is the living God!

And immediately, as if God Himself put the thought in mind, came the question, "What IF there were NO God?" What if the highest power that exists were just MORTAL MAN?

Immediately it flashed to mind how helpless man really is, of and by himself! And of course, that status is precisely that which the greatest minds... (Continued on page 47)
TROUBLE IN DETROIT — Below, Negro, lamp in hand, sprints across Detroit street as thousands of Negroes rioted. Above, left, men arrested in Detroit rioting (notice some are white) are moved into Jackson, Michigan State Prison. Above, police protect firemen battling blazes set off by rioters.
RACE RIOTS—Here’s the REAL Cause!

With every outbreak of violence comes the clamor from officialdom to “find the CAUSE” of riots. Special investigative boards are appointed. Hundreds are interviewed, reams of words are written. But still the riots continue — with beleaguered mayors and governors saying, “I don’t know what could have CAUSED such a terrible mess!” It’s time you saw the REAL cause of race riots — time you faced the stern truth, regardless of your race or color.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

To MERELY repeat the bloody chronicle of riot here would be wasteful and superfluous. For weeks, you’ve heard of almost nothing else.

Over 80 U.S. cities have been stricken with riotous incidents by hate-crazed, inflamed Negros within the past weeks. In a “holiday,” almost carnival-like atmosphere of stealing, pillaging, looting and burning, roving gangs of Negroes plunged into an orgy of lawlessness unparalleled in national history.

Everyone wants to know why. Obviously, there is no connection whatever between a sweating rioter staggering home under the load of a color TV set and some attempt to “demonstrate” against real or imagined deprivation of civil rights.

Still obviously, the wanton ravaging of liquor stores, furniture marts, supermarkets, and firebombing of businesses and homes has no connection whatever to the civil rights movement.

You need to realize one basic truth! And that truth is: regardless of race or color, the broad majority of the “riots” you have been witnessing and reading of are pure VANDALISM, on a massive scale!

They are outbursts of lawlessness — anarchical defiance of all codes of human decency — by ignorant, militant, deceived, hate-filled Negroes who have been fed a diet of venom against whites for so long it comes almost as “second nature” to erupt into brutal, bestial, blind, unreasoning violence!

As has repeatedly been demonstrated, the MAJORITY of Negroes DO NOT WANT RIOTS. Certainly the majority of whites do not.

And the attempt of some of the “black power” hate mongers to dub these acts of wanton murder and arson a “revolution” is as ludicrous and ridiculous a claim as a communist dupe could hatch.

Still, Communists do advocate riots — and they are actively AGITATING for MORE riots in the United States.

Make no mistake! These riots are no light matter to pass over casually! RACE WARS are coming — and the scope of race wars looms WORLDWIDE!

Race hatreds are kept at constant FEVER PITCH in many, many countries, and are the biggest social and domestic concerns in MANY nations today.

Look at the incredible bloodshed in the Congo, in East Africa, in the war between the Pakistanis and Indians. Around the world, race hatreds seethe!

Race hatreds, alone, did not cause the gigantic riots in the United States. But, with all the other causes — the riots are given impetus because of race hatreds. Remember, many WHITES took part in the riots — were caught looting and pillaging. Hundreds and hundreds of CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY took place — and were NOT, in a true sense of the word, “riots” — but mere CRIME in the wake of chaos. Race, by itself, is the CAUSTIC AGENT, the cohesiveness for the riots — but it is NOT THE CAUSE! The cause goes far deeper.

The Traditional, False Causes

After each conflagration, weariest officials talk of “ghettos,” and “poverty-stricken” areas. Millions have assumed the concoction of poverty, “ghettos,” and “long hot summers” are the perfect formula for riot.

Not so.

Millions of American immigrants of other races: Jews, Czechs, Poles, Ukrainians, Germans, Italians, Norwegians and Swedes; Japanese, Chinese and Mexican Americans have all lived in “ghettos,” oftentimes for generations, before they finally became absorbed into the nation as a whole.

But those early ghettos, and the present ones were not producing riots.

Another fanciful notion has been that riots occur where no civil, state, or federal programs exist to clear up some of the problems of poor housing, joblessness, lack of educational opportunity and the like.

Not so.

Detroit, as a case in point, was doing MORE along these lines than perhaps any other city. Multiple MILLIONS of dollars have been poured into slum areas in the forms of new housing.
playgrounds, hospitals, schools and
direct government-sponsored job op-
portunities.

There is no possible basis in fact for
anyone to cling to the false notion that
living in poverty grants one the freedom
to RIOT! Leaders of government, and
leaders of the civil rights movement,
however, have made statements which
have been directly interpreted in such
fashion.

As one official said, in viewing a slum
area, "If I had to live under conditions
like that, I'd RIOT TOO!"

But poor living conditions do not
cause riots.

They can stimulate a fierce deter-
mination to better those conditions.
They can give rise, as they have in the
hundreds of ghettos of the other races
mentioned, to a concerted effort to
CLEAN UP the ghettos, to become ED-
ucated, and to live a decent, law-
abiding, moral and respectable life!

Thousands of American families
managed, somehow, to pursue such goals
—in the ghettos. Thousands still do.

But the public notion that poverty
and hot summers create riot is pure
fancy—warped reasoning—and not
fact!

Must Have Change in Heart

Space in several PLAIN TRUTH mag-
azines would be necessary to underlie
the direct proof of those statements.
Proof in the form of actual pictures and
interviews with families living in
what used to be shining, new govern-
ment-built housing in cleared slum
areas. The hallways stink and reek with
garbage, offal, and all sorts of human
refuse. Stairwells, hallways, elevators are
darkened, narrow chambers of horror
for many residents, where murder, rob-
bery and rape await.

Walls are defaced and marred. Furni-
ture is broken. Lawns become ugly,
brown swatches of dust and weeds.
Abandoned, ancient cars and trucks rust
in the parking lots. Windows are bro-
ken—plumbing fixtures jammed.

It is becoming increasingly evident
to poverty officials that you can take the
people out of the slums with money—but
you can't take the slums out of the
people! You can change their immedi-
ate environment—but unless a cor-
responding change is somehow wrought
IN THEIR HEART; unless orderliness re-
places slovenliness, and unless garbage
is placed in the cans instead of the hall-
ways, and unless lawns are carefully
groomed instead of neglected, and un-
less property is cared for instead of
ruined—then all the poverty programs
on earth will not remove the ugly
blemish of crime, hatred, laziness and
indifference that is such a growing
hallmark of our times.

Does this mean ALL Negro people?
Of course not—just entirely too
MANY! Can you, whether colored or
white; whether Mexican American or
Pole; whether German or Japanese, read
this article WITHOUT PASSION? Can you
PUT DOWN prejudice in YOUR OWN
HEART, and receive this article as it is
written—with the very love of Jesus
Christ, and the pity and sadness He
FEELS over such deplorable tragedies?

Can you look, logically, unemoti-
onally, and objectively, at the true FACTS
—and see the REAL CAUSES? If you
are one who is mature enough to LOOK
AT THE TRUTH—REGARDLESS as to
race, then read on!

Chronicle of Crime

Today, crime is increasing—sky-
rocketing—all out of proportion to
the population rise. Some people who
don't know any better claim this isn't
so. They try to say, "Why, we have
better reporting today!"

Let's not awaken them!

Leading magazines, books, and
periodical studies by the Federal Bureau
of Investigation PROVE crime is in FAR
EXCESS to the increase in population.

And the situation is worsening.

In 1965, magazine articles proved
crime was rising FOUR TIMES the rate
of population growth. Then, the crime
increase rose to FIVE TIMES the popu-
lation growth.

Today, crime is rising at SIX TIMES
the growth of population!

Not only that, but law enforcement
officials report that THREE TIMES the
number of reported crimes are commit-
ted.

Some misinformed sociologists claim
that poverty, lack of education and other
such factors cause crime. But crime in
wealthy, educated suburbia is growing

TWICE AS FAST as in the huge
cities.

Here are a few shocking statistics in
crime which you may not have realized.
Understand, we are not picking on any
city or area in particular. Crime has
become a NATIONAL way of life.
—Serious crime was up 11 percent
in 1966.
—Five crimes per minute were
committed in 1966.
—Major crimes in Los Angeles
outstripped population by TEN TIMES
in the last sixteen years.
—In Washington, D.C., crime rose
42 percent over the same month in
1965.
—Seattle, Washington had a 146
percent rise in murder, 496 percent
rise in robberies, 610 percent increase
in auto thefts, 1300 percent increase in
burglaries.

What was the population increase at
the time? About .017 percent! All this
has happened since 1960.

—There are MORE MURDERS in Hou-
ston, Texas than in all of England.
—Cities such as New York and
Chicago outstrip most European coun-
tries in their homicide totals.

—One out of thirty-six Americans
will have their cars stolen in four years.
—Crime is costing the United States
about THIRTY BILLION dollars a year.
That's one-fourth the total national
budget.

And in a shocking survey, some 91
percent of those interviewed ADMITTED
that they had committed one or more
offenses for which they would have
drawn a jail or prison sentence.

What Has Gone Wrong?

Crime has become a national curse.
Not only Negroes, but most American
citizens are guilty of one or more serious
offenses.

But why?

What has gone wrong with our
society? What is the real cause for crime
and racial violence? First—digest these
FACTS, and, as you do—keep yourself
FREE from racial prejudice!

There are approximately 22 million
Negroes in the United States—or 11
percent of the total population. But
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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

INSTALLMENT 72

Our overseas tour of 1956 had been a long and eventful one. From Paris, we drove our car back to London — crossing the Channel, Calais to Dover by ferry.

At the time, we had left George Meeker in charge of the London office. After checking in at the office in London, within a few days we again boarded the Queen Mary for the return voyage to the United States.

The 1956 Return Voyage

All four of the larger British and American trans-Atlantic ships conduct table-tennis tournaments during the crossing. On most voyages I have noticed there are no real expert table-tennis players on board. But on this particular crossing there were four or five who were fairly good — among them the former Maureen Connolly, nicknamed “Little Mo,” three times women’s world champion lawn tennis player — usually ranked with Helen Wills as one of the best women’s tennis players of all time. Maureen was rather good at table tennis, although not of the topflight championship class she had been at lawn tennis.

As I write, that was eleven years ago. As I remember, my son Garner Ted played her during the tournament, but neither he nor I remember now who won. Ted had been, nine or ten years earlier, a rather good table tennis player.

Before sailing from Southampton, Dick (Richard David, our elder son), had sold his Hillman-Minx car, receiving almost as much for it as he had paid new two years before. I had stated, in Installment 66, June, 1964 number, that Dick sold his Hillman-Minx in 1954, but a recheck proves that was an error.

Arriving in New York, Dick pur-

chased a new Mercedes — one of the smaller models — and drove it back to California. Garner Ted and his wife Shirley, anxious to get back to their children, flew home from New York. And Mrs. Armstrong and I drove our car — which we had taken with us to Europe — across the country. That left Mrs. Armstrong and me alone for the drive from New York to Pasadena.

I had wanted to drive through the city of my birth, Des Moines, Iowa, especially to see my uncle, Frank Armstrong, who had virtually steered my earlier life, beginning at age 18.

Death of My Uncle

Those who have read the Autobiography from the beginning will remember that, at age 18, I had put myself through a vocational-guidance analysis, and decided I belonged in the advertising profession. My Uncle Frank was the leading advertising man of the state of Iowa, and naturally I went to him for counsel and guidance. After moving to Oregon, in 1924, I had seen very little of my uncle. Especially after my conversion and having been drawn into the ministry, except on rare occasions when I happened to be in Des Moines.

I felt that, since he was now past 80, this might be my last opportunity to see him.

But, arriving in Des Moines, I telephoned his office and learned that he had died while Mrs. Armstrong and I had been in the Middle East on this same trip. So it already was too late. However, I felt I should at least tele-

phone my aunt, now widowed. But she did not care to see me. She had been very cordial to me during the advertising days — whenever I was in Des Moines. But her cordiality cooled noticeably after I had entered the ministry. Now, I was disappointed to learn, it had chilled completely. I hung up the receiver, hurt, deeply disappointed. I have never heard from, or about her, since.

Thousands who will be reading these words have learned this same thing by experience. When God really gets hold of one’s life — when that life becomes changed by the indwelling of God’s Holy Spirit — one’s contacts, friends, and especially relatives will chill decisively. A certain underlying hostility will be sensed, if not openly displayed. Actually it is not the converted human they resent. It is the Living Jesus Christ — now living His life within the converted one, who is the real object of the hostility. However, the carnal mind does not realize or understand this phase of its own working.

I felt intense sorrow and disappointment over my aunt’s cold and blunt statement that she did not care to see me. She said, icily, she had never approved of my “religion.” I had always been very deeply grateful to my uncle for his advice and counsel. It had become a long-standing feeling of affection. Some day, in a resurrection, her eyes will open. I think she will be quite astonished when they are opened to the Truth.

A Fabulous Property Offered

I may have recorded it in an earlier installment, but while we were in London on this 1956 tour, before leaving for the Middle East, I received a trans-Atlantic telephone call from Mr. Meredith at Pasadena Headquarters. It was

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A Duckbilled Platypus WHAT?

Who is really "mixed-up," the duckbilled platypus of Australia, or the evolutionists who don't know how to explain him? Read in this highly informative article, about one of the strangest creatures of all time, called a "living fossil" and "a patchwork mammal that time forgot" by stunned evolutionists. See for yourself how this furry little creature, "Old Flatfoot" (which is what "platypus" means, and was the best "scientific" name available, it seems) defies analysis by evolutionists.

by Garner Ted Armstrong and Paul Kroll
"Bizarre!" "Monstrous Misfit!" "Unbelievable!" "An impossible patchwork creature!" say evolutionists of the duckbill platypus.

If the little creature could talk, he would probably say the same thing about evolutionary theories!

Such are the shocked explicatives evolutionists use when trying to describe and explain one of the "strangest" creatures alive today — the duckbill platypus.

Native to Australia, the platypus seems to be a "patchwork" animal — because evolution likes to see some sort of comparison or interrelationship in all living things. In trying to relate the platypus to various other animals, evolutionists have not been able to stop short of at least four or five widely differing creatures — nowhere near each other in the purely fanciful "evolutionary tree."

The platypus, at first glance, looks like some strange little duck-like beaver-otter. It has webbed forefeet, like an otter, but with tough skin that extends beyond the toes for swimming, and retracts behind the toes for burrowing! The male of the species has a pit, or sharp, hollow spur on its hind foot. Like a pit viper, it carries a fairly poisonous venom.

But its tail is muscular, and flat, shaped like a beaver's tail — still, even though looking like a beaver tail, it is covered with fur instead of scales! The appearance of the construction of the shoulder, or "shoulder girdle" is definitely reptilian.

And then there's the strange-looking "bill." But while ducks have a fairly hard and bony bill, the bill of the platypus is of a softer texture, like pliable skin, and is filled with highly sensitive nerves. You see, when a platypus dives to the bottom of his watery habitat to feed, he closes his eyes, and finds his way about with the most effective guidance system built into his "bill" — gorging up worms and other marine foods.

Since the little animal "suckles" its
young, it is "classified" as a mammal. But — astounding though it seems, it lays eggs! The eggs are "reptilian" in nature, being much like turtle's eggs in appearance, and covered with a skin-like texture, instead of a hard shell. And the little platypus doesn't really "suckle" its young, but actually secretes the milk from a mammary opening, which then drips from the hair of the underbelly, and the young lap the milk from the hair!

But in spite of the duck-like bill, beaver-like tail, snake-like eggs and venom fang, and with otter-like forefeet and young-suckling (but not really) characteristics of the mammals, the little creature has only a single ventral opening for elimination, mating and birth—just like reptiles! But the trouble is, he is warm-blooded, which reptiles are not! Further, he stores food in cheek pouches, like some mammals, but unlike mammals, has no exterior ear, but only an opening into his hearing apparatus, which is located inside!

No wonder evolutionists get "mixed-up" when they attempt to "properly place" the duckbilled platypus in their evolutionary tree!

In fact, early evolutionists chose the easiest way out—they simply refused to believe the creature existed. Others said it was a strange HOAX.

A Chinese Joke

Zoologists actually thought that some clever Chinese had sewn together parts of different animals. These patchwork animals—thought zoologists—had been sold to sailors as a joke.

Around 1798, an English naturalist, George Shaw, described one of these patchwork platypuses.

"Of all the mammals yet known it seems the most extraordinary in its conformation, exhibiting the perfect resemblance of the beak of a duck grafted on the head of a quadruped.

"So accurate is the appearance, that, at first view, it naturally excites the idea of some deceptive preparation by artificial means.

"On a subject so extraordinary as the present, a degree of scepticism is not only pardonable, but laudable; and I ought perhaps to acknowledge that I almost doubt the testimony of my own eyes" (The Platypus, Harry Burrell, pages 17, 19 — a few words slightly changed to bring language up to date).

This creature was so strange, one scientist even dubbed it "paradoxus." Fortunately, naturalists didn't know that the platypus laid eggs and suckled its young at the same time. Otherwise, sanity among that class of scientists may have been sharply curtailed.

Another anatomist, from Edinburgh, Scotland had this to say about the platypus:

"It is well known that specimens of this very extraordinary animal when first brought to Europe were considered by many to be imposters. They reached England by vessels which had navigated the Indian seas, a circumstance arousing the suspicions of scientists, aware of the monstrous impostures which the artful Chinese then practiced on European adventurers.

"These oriental taxidermists were quite notorious for their skill in constructing nonexistent animals for sale to credulous seamen, such as the so-called 'eastern mermaid,' to be seen occasionally in curiosity shops to this day, consisting of the forepart of a monkey skillfully stitched to the tail of a fish" (Furred Animals of Australia, Ellis Troughton, page 4).

Platypus Finally Accepted

But it wasn't any Chinese joke! And it wasn't a mistake. Here was a creature — on the basis of "scientific" classification — which could either be mammal, bird or reptile! The platypus simply did not fit the evolutionary scheme of things.

Even more amazing, there was nothing transitional about the platypus. He was highly intelligent and remarkably built to fit his environment.

Since a live or preserved specimen had never been seen, most zoologists "pooh-poohed" the idea that such a creature could exist.

But in the early 1800's the platypus won his place of honor as a bonafide inhabitant of the earth! "The furore touched off by the written description of the platypus was revived and amplified a few years later when the British Museum received a pair of pickled specimens sent in a cask of spirits by Governor James Hunter of New South Wales, Australia.

"Dried skins had been received before, but these were the first actual specimens to be seen outside the Antipodes.

"They were turned over to Everard Home, a distinguished anatomist, for dissection. Dr. Home's report left the members of the Royal Society in a state of stunned incredulity. He pronounced this egg-laying aquatic mammal outrageous but genuine!" (Marvels and Mysteries of Our Animal World, Reader's Digest Publication, page 82.)

Shock to Zoologists

Here's another admission of shock:

"Since the aim of science is to find order in the apparent chaos of the natural world, it came as a shock to zoologists 160 years ago to confront a small furry animal with a beaver-like tail and a duck-like bill" (The Wonders of Life on Earth, Editors of Life, page 174).

No animal has given such a rise to so much controversy among scientists and evolutionists.

Another exclamation of shock appeared in a recent Australian publication:

"Australia is a land... of the oddest animal misfits on the face of the earth... platypuses, besides being almost unbelievable at first sight, are perhaps the most adaptable creatures that ever walked, swam, or burrowed!" (Wakabout, article, "He's Just an Old Fossil," Kendrick Howard, page 12).

Ah, now we're getting closer to the problem.

Why is he an "animal misfit"? Because it appears that the platypus has too many evolutionary innovations under one skin. Remember, there's nothing weird about a platypus. He's not a misfit. He isn't handicapped. He's not lame.

As a matter of fact, the platypus does quite well for himself.

But he bothers evolutionists!

Oh, they try to explain him away. But in the back of their heads, evolu-

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WHY You Have Those Financial Troubles

You may have put a financial curse on yourself — and not know it! There is a CAUSE for every effect. Even many professing Christians are under this curse. There is a financial LAW that produces financial blessing — or curse!

by Roderick C. Meredith

IN SPITE of national affluence, millions of professing Christians are constantly in financial trouble. They just can't seem to make ends meet. They are under a financial CURSE.

For the God of heaven has given specific financial instructions which bring blessings when obeyed. In the soon-coming World Tomorrow, these laws will be universally understood and obeyed — and tremendous PROSPERITY will result. These laws are living, active principles that produce results. For they were set in motion by a REAL God who is very much alive and active!

Many Christians are beginning to wake up to God's financial laws which most have neglected.

Recent articles in popular national magazines indicate a revival in the idea of TITHING. Have you read about it? Have you heard of the blessing that comes from obeying this Biblical command?

Thousands of church members have recently discovered that they are financially blessed for tithing. They gave more but they still had more left!

Tithing Brings Blessings

This remarkable paradox would have been even more pronounced if these people had followed the Bible instruction on tithing. Instead, they were following a "watered-down" version of tithing now being adopted by many of our leading churches. Nevertheless, to the extent that it was carried out, this nationwide experiment in "modern tithing" clearly indicated that if the tithing principle is followed — the tither is blessed in many ways!

If there is one principle that runs through God's Word, it is that obedience brings blessings. And it is doubly so in the matter of tithing.

To those Christians who have obeyed God's tithing law for years, the happy results of tithing will be familiar. Let us consider some of them.

First, it is an absolute fact that the faithful tither is PROSPERED by God. Here at the Headquarters of God's Work, we receive word of literally scores of people who have started prospering after they began to tithe!

In some cases, this can be attributed in part to the fact that people begin to budget their income more wisely once they begin to tithe. But this is not the whole story.

Another important factor is that when you start tithing, you are forced to realize that you are in a literal type of partnership with God. Almost automatically, this helps you obey Jesus' command: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things [your material needs] shall be added unto you" (Mat. 6:33).

Thus, by seeking God's Kingdom first, your life takes on more real purpose and meaning. You become a better worker or employer — a better human being. Your horizons take on greater dimension. You are soon able to accomplish more — and your resultant financial reward is naturally greater.

Actually, though, the biggest reason that tithers prosper is that God Almighty really and literally blesses them! The true God is Creator and Ruler of heaven and earth. He controls the forces of nature. He has the power to change circumstances and men's hearts.

Yes, God is REAL! And His blessing on the tither is real. It works! It is a fact!

The Almighty promises: "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thy increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" (Prov. 3:9-10).

Now notice that in the last book in the Old Testament, in a chapter looking toward the future and the New Covenant, God says: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10).

Here is a blistering CHALLENGE from Almighty God!

God says He will bless you if you begin tithing — as He commands — through faith in Him and in His Word. Hundreds of case histories may be cited to show that God certainly does bless the tither even in material ways. He may not do it immediately. You may have to obey Him and exercise faith for a while. But as you serve Him, obey Him, trust Him, God will keep His part of the bargain. Your blessing is CERTAIN to come!

The Spiritual Benefits of Tithing

Even more important than the absolute promise of material and financial blessing, is the spiritual blessing received by the tither.

For one thing, tithing builds faith. The tither learns to look to God and His Word in a realistic manner. In tithing, He is worshipping God in a tangible, literal way. This tangible act
of faith in turn builds more faith in God. And it brings a new inner confidence and peace of mind.

In like manner, tithing strengthens your relationship with God and with His Work. Through the renewed faith in God which tithing brings, you come to regard God's interests and God's ways more as your interests and desires. Your partnership with God assumes deeper proportions than a purely material thing. Because you have made it a real thing through tithing, your relationship with God soon becomes your first interest in life.

Remember Jesus' words: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Mat. 6:21). Tithing puts your heart in God's Work!

In this great Work which God has raised up to proclaim His last warning message to a dying world and the good news of the World Tomorrow, we find that those who faithfully pay their tithes and give liberal offerings besides as God has commanded (Mal. 3:8), are the ones who are growing spiritually and who are best preparing themselves for a place in God's Kingdom. Because both their hearts and their pocketbooks are yielded to God, His spiritual blessing and power is at work in their lives!

Jesus warned: "Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Mat. 6:24). You cannot "halfway" worship the true God! But when your whole life is dedicated to God's will — and to doing your part in the great Work He has commissioned His servants to perform — you will then truly worship and serve the living God. Your earnest prayers, your time, your talents, your tithes, and offerings — all will be freely offered to further the Work of God.

God's Work is warning the world of its sins, and preaching the good news of His soon-coming Kingdom, or world-ruling government (Mat. 24:14). If your treasure is in God's Work and in His Kingdom, your heart — as Jesus said — will also be there. And if you overcome self and are faithful, soon — at Christ's coming — you will be there!

Jesus Christ's Teaching

Most people understand and know that God commanded His children to

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All right — you shall have them! Will you believe? Will you obey?

In speaking to the scribes and Pharisees, who often made a self-righteous display of strictly keeping some of the smaller points of God's law, Jesus said: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done [these weightier matters], and not to leave the other [carefully tithing!] undone" (Mat. 23:23).

Isn't that clear enough? Jesus said that spiritual qualities such as mercy and faith ought to be put ahead of carefully and strictly paying tithes on every little plant that might grow in your garden—especially when that strictness led to self-righteousness. But Christ said 'Not to leave the other undone' — not to fail to pay your full tithes as God has commanded!

In Luke 11:42, this same command is repeated in a similar manner — inspired to be placed here also by God's Holy Spirit!

Men would like to regard God's tithing law as of least importance. But speaking of even the smaller points of God's law, Jesus continued: "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. But whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Mat. 5:19).

How plain! If we are looking for an argument, we will always find one. But if we are willing to "hunger and thirst" for righteousness, to obey even the smaller points of God's law, we will be blessed for so doing.

**BLESSINGS of Obedience**

Literally thousands of letters come in to our office each year describing the blessings that come—here and now—through tithing. These letters are from real people — like you and me!

These letters strikingly demonstrate that it pays — even physically and financially — to obey the commands of Almighty God. Heed them and learn how God lives and moves today.

A reader in Texas writes:
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"God truly does bless a tither. When I first started tithing a year and a half ago, I was making $1.50 an hour. I now make over $4.40 an hour and I'm working in the trade I like best. The way it all came about would be impossible without God's help."

A Mississippi mother who works part-time states:

"I have been feeling ashamed to send in such a small amount for tithes. But the other day I was looking for some papers and ran across one of my old receipts where in 1962 I only sent in $1.00 for tithes, and it started me to think how much better things have been with me and my children: better health, food, clothes, and I have more work to do than I did then. And I do send in more than I did although it is so small an amount."

And from Idaho — convinced by his father's example:

"I have read your PLAIN TRUTH articles that my Dad has received for quite awhile in California and have seen the results of his tithing. For example, on the job he has now, 12 or 13 years ago he had some difficulty with the bosses (there are several) and advertised for another job. He got one right away at the same wage he had been getting. When he gave notice he was leaving he was given a $50.00 per month raise to stay on there. About 10 months later he ran into the same trouble of too many bosses contradicting each other with Dad in the middle again. He quit again and before he got his belongings loaded he was enticed to stay with another raise, this time $25.00 per month. Before sending his tithes in to you he was like me, just not quite getting by and in debt up to the ears."

An Arizonan has seen the proof:

"I am convinced that I must tithe. I have been like some of the people who quoted 'I'll get out of debt, then tithe' — but I have also found that it DOESN'T WORK (emphasis ours). For my debts are the same as they were this time last year; in fact, the debts are larger. I have in the past tithed, but not on a regular basis and did receive financial blessings each time. My tithes in the future will be the first to be paid, regardless of debt pressure. I know that God will provide the safety valve that will make this pressure away.

An overseas soldier has put God to the tithing test, and is thankful:

"I would like to write this letter to tell you some good news. I started in October, 1965, to send a little over ten percent of my earning to tithe each month. I was a Private E-1 then sending about eight dollars a month. Each time I was promoted I kept sending a little over ten percent. Now in a little over a year I have been promoted to E-5. So next month I will increase my monthly tithe from twenty dollars to thirty. This is well over ten percent of earning, the rest is a gift to thank God for his kindness and provision of his Word — not some counterfeit work of men! And this dying world desperately needs to be reached with God's truth and with a knowledge of the way to peace, happiness and prosperity.

God's tithes should be paid to God's representatives who are doing His Work and preaching His message!

Don't get to thinking you cannot afford to pay tithes. You cannot afford not to!

If you obey through love and faith, your very Creator says He will bless you for it. And, as we have stated, that blessing is just as real as God is real! It is both a physical and a spiritual blessing.

Frankly, if you hope to enter God's Kingdom and inherit eternal life, you had better learn to do what Jesus Christ says! Speaking of tithing, He definitely states that you had better NOT leave it undone!

What our READERS SAY

(Continued from inside front cover)

Theory and now I am wondering about many of the other things you say that I have been taking on faith.

"Thank you for the PLAIN TRUTH that I have received in the past but from now on I will try to get my information from a less biased source of news if possible."

James C., Nashville, Tenn.

- Errors not ours.

Cancel My Cancellation

"A few weeks ago I wrote to you telling you to cancel my subscription to The PLAIN TRUTH. If you have received my letter and have taken my name off the list of those who receive it, please disregard my letter and continue sending me your PLAIN TRUTH. Now that the Middle East is in the headlines, I cannot afford to miss the magazine."

Jack D., Hartly, Delaware

Redirected

"One of the guys at work said, 'Here, read this. You're always spout-
ing off about evolution.' Being interested, I read your magazine, finding myself completely engrossed. I must admit my views have been redirected 180 degrees. To say your magazine is interesting is an underestimation. I would appreciate receiving The Plain Truth very much. Sort of an aperitif would appreciate receiving

Paul J. P., Jr.,
St. Clair Shores, Michigan

"I am anxiously awaiting The Plain Truth's story of the real situation in this Middle East controversy. We're certainly hearing enough conflicting reports. However, I always listen to them, and then wait to see what The Plain Truth has to say."

Mrs. Horace C.,
Springville, Indiana

"The article 'Jews Take Jerusalem!' in the June issue of The Plain Truth and the current series concerning Bible prophecy on your radio broadcasts have sent me directly to the Bible to read and reread the passages to which you refer. For the first time in my life Bible prophecy means more than some misguided person announcing that the world will end on a certain date. I have become so fascinated by this look at the future that I have managed to get my husband, two teen-age daughters, and 12-year-old son interested as well."

Mrs. Dione L. N.,
North Miami Beach, Florida

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"May I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your article in The Plain Truth, 'When You Die — Then What Happens?' My husband is in the beginning of learning God's truths. He had read a part of this article when his mother came to us with the message that his childhood friend (one who even now we were expecting to spend a few days with us) was dead of a massive stroke. He was in his early 40's, had a wife and 3 children. It was a terrible shock to my husband. He went back and finished your article. He will not sorrow now because God in His love and mercy revealed this at the exact time his sorrow was beginning. How wise, how great is the love of our Father and how perfect His timing. Again, a sincere and a heartfelt thank you."

Mrs. Mary M. A.,
Tobinsport, Indiana

"I have been reading The Plain Truth for a number of months now as well as much of the other fine literature. Nothing has opened my eyes and changed my life so much and I want to thank God and you for coming into my life and revealing to me the Plain Truth of the Bible. It would take a book to explain the wonders that have been created in my daily living through your works. I would not trade these things for the fifty-seven years behind me. Neither would I trade them for all the gold or college degrees that I might have obtained in the fifty-seven years."

C. Waldo L.,
Saugus, Massachusetts

Eighteen Months in One

"The reason there are so many booklets that I want is that in the last eleven days I have read eighteen issues of The Plain Truth which had accumulated during two years of college. I had stopped reading them because they seemed to be self-righteous, sensationalistic propaganda. My mind has since completely changed. Yours is the most edifying magazine that I have ever encountered."

Dan P.,
Mechanicsburg, Ohio

Unique

"The Plain Truth is without doubt a unique method of presenting the Truth. I am a retired teacher in the social science field and in a position to appreciate the great work you are doing. I have always passed on to my friends the used copies, and they all declare it to be the most thought-provoking magazine they have experienced. Though I must practice the conservation of eyesight, I manage to read every article with the greatest of interest."

E. F. N.,
Freeport, Illinois

The Plain Truth — a problem?

"Thank you for sending The Plain Truth and other literature. The evolution articles may one day contribute to the loss of my present position as principal and teacher. I have read each one to fourth, fifth and sixth graders, mounted each page in plastic covers and placed them in the classroom with the other science material. The pupils have enjoyed the colorful pictures and even drawn some cartoons of their own."

L. T. S.,
California

"The war in the Middle East is not a 'Holy War.' The article in your July issue places all of the 'worldwide' blame on the U. S. S. R. It does not tell that the U. S. supplied arms to both sides and it does not tell that not once during the entire conflict did the U. S. stop its training of Arab pilots. Please discontinue sending me your magazine at once!"

Steven, Sherman Oaks, Calif.

• In the July, 1966, issue of the Plain Truth, the article written from the Middle East specifically stated the problems of the Middle East arms race, and clearly stated the fact of recent arms shipments to Jordan. The Plain Truth is not political. It takes no sides. Those who are emotionally involved in world disputes will find no commiseration in the pages of the Plain Truth — just the plain facts, and the truth about what the prophecies of the Bible say is coming!

And you'll have a frightfully difficult time convincing the majority of the population and leaders of Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Algeria and others that the Middle East war is not a 'Holy War.'"

Correspondence Course

"I have just received the latest issue of The Plain Truth and I am very interested in receiving your Bible Study Correspondence Course.

"It has been such a wonderful experience reading the monthly that I'm anxiously awaiting the home study course. It may be the answer to my problems; that I am able to study the Bible slowly and quietly, so necessary to learn and yet know there is knowledgeable guidance available without the
embarrassing revealing of one’s lack of knowledge about the Bible.”

Mrs. David W. L.,
Redondo Beach, California

“I have just received my first lesson in the Bible Course, and am thrilled beyond words. It has taken years of hard study to come up with the answers that are covered in your first lesson, but I did find them now, thanks to you. I shall have them at reach. I have enjoyed each minute of my first lesson, and am certainly looking forward to more.”

Mrs. B. D. B.,
Louisville, Mississippi

“Please enroll me in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. “I read the article ‘What Do You Mean . . . “Bible Out-of-Date”? in the June issue of The Plain Truth and found that I would have to list myself with those who really know little of the Bible.

“This is not because I think the Bible is out-of-date but because I don’t seem to understand what I read. “I enjoy the magazine so much and it has given me a new insight in the meanings of the Bible verses.”

Woman,
San Diego, California

“I just wanted to tell you that the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course has ‘teen appeal.’ I am 16, but I have found this Course to be an interesting source of blessing and pleasure. Thank you for offering this Course free of charge.”

Doris J.,
Detroit, Michigan

• Thousands of other teen-agers agree with you, Doris.

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.

• A man told me the Bible says money is the root of all evil. But I have never noticed that statement in the Bible. Does the Bible really make that claim?

James R., Mississippi

This question has been asked frequently.

Some have very quickly turned to I Timothy 6:10 and, by careless reading, assumed something this text does not say at all. If you will turn to this Scripture in your Bible and carefully study it, you will see where the error is made. To start with, notice that the text reads “For the love of money is the root of all evil…” It says the “love of money,” not merely money, but the “love of money,” is the root of all evil. From this you can see that a person with no money could still commit this evil. The poor and the rich alike can love money. Money by itself is not sin. It is the misuse of money that is sin. Money can be used for good as well as evil.

The second point which is not generally known or understood is the expression rendered in the King James translation “the root.” If an interlinear Greek-English text is consulted, or some of the more accurate translations, you will find the expression to be “a root.” So “love of money” is merely a root of all evil. This gives added meaning to the thought. It is a root, not the only root of evil. There are other roots of evil beside the love of money. The correct rendering of this passage is: “For the love of money is a root of all evils…”

Now it should be plain that money is not the root of evil, but “the love of money is a root of evil.”

• Should one pay his debts before he starts tithing?

— G. F., California

Some people say: “I know that it is right to tithe, and I plan to start tithing as soon as I can, but I think I should pay my debts first.” What is wrong with this question?

In the first place, to whom do you owe the greatest debt? Why, to God! If you have not been paying your tithe, you owe God ten percent of all that you have ever earned. However, God is quite lenient. If you start to pay your debt to God first by tithing, He will prosper you so you can pay off your secondary debts to your fellowman.

Many are in debt now merely because they do not pay God His tithe. They are under a curse. God prospers those who are faithful to Him. One who does not have God’s blessing is under a curse. Notice Malachi 3:9. God says:

“Ye are cursed with a curse: for you have robbed me, even this whole nation.” How have we robbed Him? Read verse 8: “. . . Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings.” That is why so many in our nations are cursed with large debts.

How, then, can people get out from under this curse? Notice God’s instruction in the following verses of Malachi. He invites you to put Him to the test by paying your tithes. See if He won’t pour you out a blessing that you cannot hold.” Take God at His word. Begin to pay Him what rightfully belongs to Him. He will cause you to have more than enough to pay all your debts, and prosper you with more than you had in the past.
RADIO LOG

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WMCK — Pittsburgh — 1360 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.

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WJAC — Johnstown, Pa. — 850 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.

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WWJ — Chicago — 720 kc., 94.7 FM, 8:30 p.m. Sun.

WBBM — Chicago — 1530 kc., 7 p.m., 12 midnight Sat.

WLS — Chicago — 820 kc., 10:45 p.m.

WBBM — Chicago — 1530 kc., 7 p.m., 12 midnight Sat.

WWJ — Chicago — 720 kc., 94.7 FM, 8:30 p.m. Sun.

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KCOU — Lee’s Summit, Mo. — 1250 kc., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

KVNO — Omaha — 1490 kc., 9 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

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WJZ — Baltimore — 1230 kc., 12 noon Mon.-Sat.

WBAL — Baltimore — 1090 kc., 8:30 a.m. Sun.

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West Coast

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KVJ - Portland - 1080 kc, 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
KLIO - Portland - 1290 kc, 12 noon Sun., 7:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat. Also 6:30 a.m. Sat., 6 a.m. Sun.
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CKCW - Moncton, N. B. - 1220 kc, 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
CFMB - Montreal, Que. - 1410 kc, 11:30 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
*KCOY - Ottawa, Ont. - 1310 kc, 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
*CJET - Smiths Falls, Ont. - 630 kc, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
CKKH - Toronto, Ont. - 1430 kc, 7 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
CHIN - Toronto, Ont. - 1540 kc., 4:15 p.m. daily.
CKLB - Osawa, Ont. - 1350 kc, 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
*CHIQ - Hamilton, Ont. - 1280 kc, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. Sat.
*CHLO - St. Thomas, Ont. - 680 kc, 2:30 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
*CKSO - Sudbury, Ont. - 790 kc, 5:30 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
*CLX - Fort William, Ont. - 800 kc, 7:30 p.m. daily.
*CKY - Winnipeg, Man. - 580 kc, 7 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
*CKDM - Dauphin, Man. - 750 kc, 6:30 a.m. daily.
*CKRM - Regina, Sask. - 980 kc, 6:30 a.m. daily.
*CGX - Yorkton, Sask. - 940 kc, 8:30 a.m. daily.
*CNB - North Battleford, Sask. - 1050 kc, 2:30 p.m. daily, 6:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

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**ASIA**

**Formosa**

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BED35 Taipei 960 kc;
BED78 Tainan City 1540 kc;
BED79 Kaohsiung 1220 kc;
BED82 Chiaiyi 1460 kc.

**Guam**

radio guam - kuan - 610 kc, 6 p.m. sun.

**Okinawa**

radio okinawa - ksbk - 880 kc, 12:06 p.m. sun.

**Bangkok**

HSAAM - Bangkok, Thailand - 660 kc., 9:30 a.m. Mon., 10:05 p.m. Mon-Sat.

**India and Ceylon**

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

**Philippine Islands**

DZAQ - Manila - 620 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.

DZAL - Legaspi City - 1230 kc, 8 p.m. daily.

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**Latin America**

**Africa**

radio lourenco marques, mozambique - 3301 kc (92 m), 4925 kc (60 m), 10 p.m. Mon, Wed, Sat, 10:30 p.m. Tues, Thurs, Fri.

**Europe**

**RADIO LONDON** - 266 m, (1120 m) medium wave, 7 p.m. daily.

**RADIO CAROLINE NORTH** - 259 m, (1250 m) medium wave, 7 p.m. daily.

**RADIO ANTILLES** - Montserrat, B. W. I. - 930 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.

**RADIO BARBADOS** - Black Rock, Barbados - 785 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sat. & Sun, 10:20 a.m. Mon.-Fri.

**RADIO SURINAM** - Paramaribo, Surinam - 750 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.

**RADIO SPORT-CXAI9-Montevideo, Uruguay** - 1380 kc., 7 p.m. Sat, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 9 a.m. Sun.

**RADIO BARBADOS** - Bridgetown, Barbados - 9:30 a.m. Sun., 10:30 a.m. Mon, 9:30 a.m. Sat.

**RADIO AMERICA** - Lima, Peru - 1015 kc, 5:15 p.m. Sat.

**Spain**

**RADIO BARBADOS** - Black Rock, Barbados - 785 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sat. & Sun, 10:20 a.m. Mon.-Fri.

**RADIO SURINAM** - Paramaribo - 620 kc., 7 a.m. Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m. Sat.

**RADIO CARAIBES** - St. Lucia, W. I. - 930 kc., 9 p.m. Wed.

**RADIO COMUNEROS** - Asuncion, Paraguay - 1320 kc., 7 p.m. Sat.

**RADIO ANTILLES** - Montserrat, B. W. I. - 930 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.

**RADIO LA CROCNICA** - Lima, Peru - 1380 kc, 7 p.m. Sun.

**RADIO CAMUNEROS** - Asuncion, Paraguay - 970 kc, 8:30 p.m. Thurs.

**RADIO SPORT-CXAI9—Montevideo, Uruguay** - 1380 kc., 7 p.m. Wed.

**RADIO CARVE—CXAI6, 850 kc—CXAI—13, 6156 kc—Montevideo, Uruguay—3:30 p.m. Sat.**

**Australia**

**2KY** - Sydney, NSW - 1020 kc, 9:40 Sun, 10:15 Mon, 8:30 Tues, 10:15 Wed, 8:15 Thurs, 10:45 Fri, all p.m. times.

**2AY** - Albury, NSW - 1490 kc, 9 p.m. Mon-Sat.

**2GN** - Geelong, 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 p.m. Mon-Fri.

**2TM** - Tamworth, NSW - 1290 kc., 9:30 Mon-Sat.

**2AD** - Armidale, NSW - 1130 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sat-Thurs.

**2GF** - Grafton, NSW - 1210 kc., 7:30 p.m. Mon-Sat.

**2MI** - Lismore, NSW - 900 kc., 8:30 p.m. Mon-Sat.

**3XY** - Melbourne, Vic. - 1420 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Mon-Fri.

**3BA** - Ballarat, Vic. - 1320 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun-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.

**4AK** - Oakley, Qld. - 1220 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon-Thurs., 10:30 p.m. Fri.

**4BK** - Brisbane - 1300 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon-Thurs., 10:30 p.m. Fri.

**4WK** - 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. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon-Fri.

**7HT** - Hobart, Tas. - 1080 kc, 7:30 p.m. Sun-Fri.

**7KD** - Scottsdale, Tas. - 540 kc, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon-Fri.

**Middle East**

*Hashemite Broadcasting Service, Amman, Jordan - 31.48 m. (9350 kc.) shortwave, 2:00 p.m., 8:05 p.m. daily; 443 kc. (677 kc.) medium wave, 8:05 p.m. daily.

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WHY DON'T YOU GROW UP?

Instability is the hallmark of our times! The spectacle of dignified government leaders engaging in screaming harangues; senators, congressmen losing their tempers — the constant reports of riotous mobs raging at police — these and other violent outbursts of rampant human passion fill your newspapers. Here’s WHY such unbridled emotion, and what YOU ought to do about it.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

"But — what caused it?" ask bewildered citizens in the wake of another violent riot. Officials demand an investigation.

Police issue official statements about the "cause" — usually that of police action in attempting to arrest a criminal, and the riotous attempt of a mob to prevent it.

But isn’t the question a little silly, after all?

The true cause of riots is HUMAN NATURE. Vanity-filled, jealous, lustful, greedy, resentful, rebellious, hateful, riotous HUMAN NATURE!

The Age of Hate

As never before, you’re living in a time of hatred. Arabs hate the Jews, Africans hate East Indians, Whites hate Blacks, and Blacks hate Whites, Pakistanis hate Indians, Nationalist Chinese hate Red Chinese, North Koreans hate South Koreans, and South Vietnamese hate North Vietnamese. Husbands hate wives, and children hate them both — and probably, your neighbor hates you! And whom do you hate? Some people seem to hate almost everybody.

Did you ever wonder why — and shake your head with a certain resignation — over all the unbridled HATRED in the world today?

Violent emotional outbursts seem to characterize our day.

Prior to the Jew-Arab war, it was the screaming invective of Radio Cairo — the yelling, purple-veined, slavering mobs careening through their littered streets, with their reddened, crazed eyes glaring their hatred — fed by the "holy war" propaganda of a deliberate government attempt to foster hate.

Then, during the war, the manufactured scapegoats of Britain and the United States became hate objects. Humbled in an incredibly swift and utterly decisive defeat — it was only a matter of weeks later that Radio Cairo was once again calling for "holy war" against the Jews!

Have you ever witnessed a mob? Ever been part of one?

Have you tried to REASON with a person who is caught up in his own blind, passionate HATRED? Ever tried to "talk sense" to him?

LOOK at the threadbare fabric of this rotting society! LOOK, and see if you dare to look clearly and plainly at the fantastic amount of blind RAGE, at the hate potential, all around you. Our cities have become hotbeds of racial violence and brutal crime. Our towns fester with the same sins. Our families nag, scream, shout, curse at one another. Diplomats hurl invectives! "LIARS!" screams a liar. WHY?

A World Ruled by Emotions

It’s an emotional world. One that is being RULED by emotion.

You are a human being, with human passions, desires and emotions. When you were born — you knew absolutely nothing. Yet, you were born with a certain nature, which is described in YOUR BIBLE as being completely and desperately wicked and evil — try as we may to deny it! (Jer. 17:9.) As a tiny baby, you had absolutely no control over yourself. You screamed with rage. You whimpered with hurt feelings. Your hunger brought wails of protest. You made a mess of yourself, and then became enraged at everyone in general because of it!

There are four major ways in which each person SHOULD mature. Some only make it through one of them. First, you grow up physically. Then, if you are blessed with the RIGHT education, the RIGHT environment, and RIGHT values and principles, you grow up mentally.

In due time, hopefully, you grow up EMOTIONALLY.

And finally — if GOD so wills, you can grow up, SPIRITUALLY!

Your most precious possession is your mind. You are a physical, human being, but made in the very similitude and copied form of GOD (Genesis 1:26). God Almighty has given each of us a wonderful MIND, with a fantastic capacity for good.

The mind may be likened to a powerful machine — capable of a great deal of constructive work. But mis-
directed, misguided — it is of such force and power that it could cause incredible destruction. The mind is a fine instrument — meant to be carefully cared for — utilized in the only right way, according to the instruction book sent along by the manufacturer! And that instruction book that tells how your mind ought to operate is the Holy Word of God your Creator!

But most people never truly use their minds!

How many people do you know who are truly emotionally stable? Who are emotionally mature? What about you? Do you actually control your emotions? If so — you’re a very rare person.

I have said the world is ruled by its emotions. Let’s see just how true this is. Let’s take a quick look at the fabric of the world — at government, race, advertising, entertainment — even religion.

Actually, world leaders, politicians, advertisers and movie producers know very well that most people are ruled almost wholly by their emotions. They make very good use of that knowledge.

When the foreign policy of a nation demands war with another nation to achieve its ends, the propaganda experts immediately turn out patriotic movies, magazine stories and books — only the pictures of real expediency are shown in newsreels and magazines, and the

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near midnight in London — but shortly before 5 p.m. in Pasadena.

He asked me whether I felt the college would like to acquire the estate of multimillionaire Hulrett C. Merritt. One other 200-foot-wide property stood between this estate and the Ambassador College campus — as it then was. This Merritt property was considered the most fabulous in Pasadena. The mansion on it, built in 1905-1908, had cost $1,100,000 at that time. That would be the equivalent of near ten million dollars today, since dollar value is not much more than one tenth of its 1905 value. An architect has since told me that the place could not be built for six million today — IF the rare woods and materials could be obtained — which they couldn’t.

The question came like a bolt out of the blue. I had always considered this fabulous property as utterly inaccessible for us. Extending the campus in that direction had not been considered in our future planning.

Mr. Merritt had died before I had left Pasadena on this tour. His wife had died previously. Mr. Meredith explained that the executor of the estate was going to put it on the market, but first, privately, it was being offered to us through an insurance and real estate broker and his associates.

This broker had an offer to purchase the estate for less money than the ornamental iron fence around the Orange Grove Boulevard front of it would cost today. His proposition was that he and associates would purchase the estate at this low figure, and then donate it to the college. It appeared they had privately checked with some Internal Revenue people as to whether they could deduct this donation on their income taxes for something like a half million dollars. Apparently they felt assured they could. They could purchase it for less than half of that.

How Would We Use It?

My mind was doing some fast thinking. One doesn’t turn down such a gift without consideration. But how would we use it?

“Could you gain access to the place yet tonight?” I asked.

Mr. Meredith said they could.

“All right,” I replied. “I want you and Dr. Hoeh to go over there immediately. Go completely through the building. List how many rooms could be used as classrooms — and send me a telegram stating how many rooms could seat 65 or more students, how many 50 or more, how many 35 or more. Your telegram should be here by the time I wake up in the morning. Then I’ll give you my decision. I wouldn’t want to accept this property unless we need it for actual college purposes — otherwise we’d have to pay taxes we can’t afford for something we couldn’t use.”

The telegram was waiting for me on arising next morning. The ornate and fabulous building would be ideally suited to become our chief classroom building of the college.

I telegraphed the decision: “Accept it.”

Plain Truth Grows

While we were on this Middle-East tour, the April issue of The Plain Truth came out an enlarged magazine, and with a new front cover. This had been planned before leaving Pasadena. I have already mentioned it in Installment 65.

Only once before, a special issue announcing the new Ambassador College, January 1947, had The Plain Truth appeared with a front cover. It merely had a masthead, with the lead article beginning on the front cover. This April, 1956 number also went up to 24 pages. At the time this seemed a big leap forward. It had contained only 16 pages previously. But the 24 pages was small compared to today’s 52 pages, including cover. It was still black and white — no color printing. But it was advancing, improving, growing!

From Cairo we had a long distance telephone talk with the Pasadena office about the Merritt property, the purchase of which had hit a snag. The heirs — all grandchildren — had rejected the price tentatively agreed to between the executor and our prospective donors. They insisted the place be sold at auction, thinking it would bring a higher price.

Returning to Pasadena, I found the broker and his associates had bought the property at the auction. They had made the high bid, which was only slightly more than their original purchase offer. However, it seemed their funds were not immediately available, and our office had loaned them $5,000 to bind their bid.

Saving Ambassador Hall

The auction purchase terms had been one half down, with the balance spread over some seven or eight years. The due date for the balance of the one-half down payment had come due, but our prospective donors still had not had the funds available. They had obtained a thirty-day extension.

I contacted these people. They assured me the money would be available by the final extended due date. A week before that date I contacted the broker again by telephone. He was positively reassuring. Two days before the deadline date I was becoming quite concerned.

“My associates and I will be in Pasadena with the money day after tomorrow,” he said, positively, over the telephone. “Everything has worked out all right. Don’t worry about it.”

I had told him that, having gone this far, I did not want to lose this valuable property. It had totally changed our general master-planning for the campus. I told him that, if his people were going to come up short, I wanted time to raise the money myself, rather than lose it.

The crucial day arrived. Our Would-be donors were on hand, but the necessary funds were not. They had flunked out completely.

I went to the executor, who had been Mr. Merritt’s business manager. I asked another 30-day extension to allow time for me to raise the money.

Ten-Day Margin

“But this matter is in probate court,” he said, “and another 30-day delay in meeting the obligation would undoubtedly cancel out this purchase, and open the property up to another auction. Some of the people building these multiple-family garden apartments along the boulevard now regret they didn’t bid higher. In another auction
they would bid up as high as necessary to acquire this property. They realize now that it went for too low a bid."

Nevertheless, he called his attorney. The attorney agreed with his opinion, but felt they might give me a ten-day extension.

I was under pressure, but we managed it. I had an offer of a $20,000 loan from a loyal co-worker, and I had borrowed $30,000 at the bank, neither of which, on the tenth day, I needed. I did accept the $30,000 bank loan, however, and then left it on deposit at the bank to improve our credit standing. It was worth paying the interest.

And so the fabulous Merritt property, which had been named "Villa Merritt Olivier," became ours, and was renamed "AMBASSADOR HALL."

New Academic Center

To leap far ahead of this chronicle of events for a moment, two exceedingly beautiful ultramodern new classroom buildings are now under construction, flanking Ambassador Hall and the formal Italian sunken garden, with a magnificent plaza in the center, joining the three buildings and the Italian garden into an outstanding academic center.

Ambassador Hall, with certain remodeling to conform to city codes, and one additional added wing, has served us well for several years. But Ambassador College has grown, and it is no longer sufficient to provide more than a part of the needed classroom facilities. One of the new buildings will be our Science Hall, the other the Fine Arts Building. The entire grouping will be named in memory of my wife of fifty years, the "Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center." A new oil portrait of her is now being painted, to hang in the grand hall of Ambassador Hall.

Escrow at the bank, on the purchase of the Ambassador Hall property finally closed October 29th, 1956. The 4-acre estate was then ours.

Manor Del Mar Acquired

Meanwhile, we had ourselves negotiated another important purchase of former Merritt property through the executor of the estate. This fine property, a block to the south of the campus as it then existed, had been the three-
story mansion of Lewis J. Merritt, father of Hulett C. Merritt. This property, too, was obtained at a very low price and on very favorable terms. An extensive remodeling job was undertaken at once, and two large rooms were added. This property was named "Manor Del Mar," since it was located on Del Mar Boulevard, which forms the south boundary of the campus as it is today. Manor Del Mar became our number one men's student residence.

The 1956-7 college year got under way with the annual faculty reception on August 29th. There were two additions to the faculty — a new voice instructor, and Garner Ted Armstrong, who took over the teaching of two Theology classes, besides speech and journalism.

After returning from the European trip, my elder son, Richard David, joined Roderick C. Meredith in the long-planned evangelistic series of meetings at Fresno, California, with splendid success.

Following this, during late fall and winter, Dick was on a "field" assignment in southern Texas. While he was there a certain young lady arrived on campus — near the first of January, 1957, who was to become involved very significantly in Dick's life, and also Mrs. Armstrong's and mine.

Dick Needed a Wife

Dick had spent many months — including most of two dreary, lonesome winters, alone in London. Those of us in the family, as well as students and faculty, had somehow neglected writing him most of the time. Dick had come to feel the desperate need of a wife. He was now 28. It just seemed that the right girl had never come along.

Meanwhile there was a young married man from Iowa — a Mr. Carl O'Beirn — here attending college classes. He had a very pretty wife whose family lived in Omaha, Nebraska. Mrs. Armstrong had become very fond of her. She had a younger sister, attending university in Omaha. Mrs. Armstrong had heard glowing reports on the younger sister, Lois Lemon, from Mrs. O'Beirn, and had shown a picture of her to Dick.

Sensing his mother's interest in the girl from Omaha, Dick immediately set up a prejudice against her in his mind. Much as he felt the need of a wife, Dick was not going to let his mother select her for him. But meanwhile Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. O'Beirn were doing their best by letters to interest Lois in the advantages of Ambassador College.

Would GOD Select a Wife?

During the two years previous to this time I had had a number of talks with Dick about the matter of marriage. I had counselled him to simply put this problem in God's hands, and rely on God to bring him and the right girl together. I had urged him not to rush blindly into any romance.

Even before I had been converted — had come to really know God, His truth and His ways — in my carnal-minded days I had somehow realized that God had given me my wife. I did not "pick her out." Even before conversion I did pray occasionally. Everything about those prayers, however, was selfish — except one thing: I always thanked God for giving me my wife!

Dick always agreed with me that he should "leave it in God's hands." He asked me to pray that God would work it out in the right way. I knew that he had asked others to pray for this same solution. But, even though Dick was willing to have God provide his wife, he was not willing to have his mother pick her out. This, of course, was only human nature at work. Most any other young man would react the same way.

While Dick was on his field assignment in southern Texas that winter, Lois arrived on campus, and registered to attend classes beginning the second semester. Mrs. Armstrong just could not resist calling Dick long distance.

"Now wait a moment, Loma," I said to her. "If you want to talk to Dick a while, go ahead and call him. I'd like to talk to him, too. But whatever you do, DON'T say one word about Lois being here. You'll only drive him the other way if you do."

Prejudice Aroused

Mrs. Armstrong partially heeded my advice. But not altogether! She just could not resist mentioning, in a tone supposed to be very nonchalant, casual, disinterested, and incidential, a "by the way, Lois Lemon is here, and has registered for classes."

That did it!

She didn't sound one whit casual or incidental to Dick.

When Dick returned to campus a few weeks later, he avoided Lois as though she were poison.

It seemed that everyone on campus sensed "romance in the air" between Dick and Lois, as soon as Lois arrived. It seemed just like a "natural" to everyone. Naturally, Lois had sensed this from talking to the girls. This set Lois against Dick just as positively as she had set his mind against her.

My Advice

So they went around, each determined to avoid the other.

After about two weeks, I called Dick to my office.

"Dick," I said, "years ago when I had been reduced to the depths of financial depression, just after my conversion, I had prayed earnestly for God to provide me with a new overcoat — among other things. We then lived in Portland, Oregon. It was in January, and cold. I needed an overcoat seriously, so I asked God for it. The next day I stopped up at my brother's office a moment. He noticed the big hole in the side of my overcoat.

"'Herb,' he said, 'you need a new overcoat. Today is the 20th of January, and Meier & Frank have a sale on overcoats. Anything I charge on my charge account beginning today will not be billed until March 1st. I'll have until March 10th to pay and keep my credit good. Go over and select an overcoat, and during noon-hour I'll come over and have it charged on my account.'"

"But I resisted immediately. It would be rather humiliating to have to have my younger brother buy me an overcoat."

"'Oh NO, Russ,' I said, 'I couldn't let you do that!"

"And just at that instant it flashed to my mind, almost as if God Himself were speaking and saying, 'Didn't you ask me for a new overcoat? And
now you don't want to take it the way I am giving it to you!"

"So instantly," I continued, to Dick, "I changed my mind and told Russell I would do as he said. And now, Dick, didn't you pray and ask God to send you the right wife of His choice? And didn't you ask me to pray for it, too—and even several others? And here you are, when everyone on campus seems to just know that Lois is the answer to that prayer, and you are avoiding her like the plague!"

Just Two Dates Only?

"Now I don't want to intervene in your most personal problems, Dick, or try to pick out your wife for you. But I do say that after you asked God about this, and have prayed about it so long, you are acting rather foolishly to completely and coldly avoid Lois altogether. Now all that I'm going to ask you, Dick, is this: I ask you to get a date with Lois—just once. IF this is God's doing, give it a chance! Then don't date her again for a week—but a week later, have just one more date with her. Then if you're satisfied she is not God's answer to your prayers, DON'T EVER DATE HER AGAIN! Now how about it?"

Dick grinned.

"O.K., Dad," he said rather sheepishly. "I'll do as you say."

That same evening Dick had a date with Lois. But he did NOT do as I said, fully. He did not wait a whole week for the next date. Their next date was the very next night! And for the next few weeks they were seen together quite frequently.

One day in March, Dick and Lois came to Mrs. Armstrong and me, hand-in-hand.

"Dad and Mom," said Dick, "we've got something to tell you!"

Of course we knew what it was! "We're going to be married," Dick announced.

Later he told me what had happened.

That afternoon they had gone for a talk in Dick's car. Suddenly Dick pulled over to the side of the road, and stopped the car.

"Lois," he said, "I can't stand this any longer. I've been fighting this, trying to steel my mind against liking you, and trying to resist it—but I can't resist it any longer. I know I'm in love with you!"

And he said that Lois then said she had been fighting against him in the same way—and she couldn't resist it any longer, either.

So then they drove straight to tell Dick's mother and me they were going to be married.

The Happy Wedding

I performed the ceremony, as I had for our other three children, on June 11th, 1957, in the outdoor garden theatre on the Ambassador College campus, with a reception at our home afterward.

As I write, now, on my typewriter, a large framed photograph of Dick taken that afternoon at our home during the reception.

Dick and Lois took a honeymoon trip up to Oregon, and the scenes of his early boyhood. Meanwhile I had given them a little help in purchasing a small but very nice new home, which was ready for them on their return. Their marriage lasted just a little more than a year—when it was suddenly and unexpectedly cut off by Dick's untimely death resulting from an automobile crash while Dick was out on a "baptizing tour."

But they lived a rather full lifetime in that one year. And Dick left behind a little 3-month-old son, Richard David II, now nine.

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public is told exactly what the experts decide.

Witness the shameful fiasco of enraged mobs burning American Embassies in the Middle East recently.

This is all a cleverly calculated plan on the part of a nation to induce its people to get wholeheartedly behind the aspirations of the government — to develop a "flag-waving" attitude of patriotism! World leaders know this — and make use of it!

By appealing to crazed, uncontrolled, human emotion, rulers can make a whole nation into a riotous mob!

The Advertising Ploy

The advertisers are especially clever manipulators of the emotions of the unsuspecting, gullible public! Knowing that most people buy a product on the "spur of the moment," just on impulse, the advertisers' aim is to somehow appeal to these impulses!

The typical monkey wrench advertised by a buxom, scantily clad young woman is a good illustration. The pleasure-mad sensuality of our modern age individ­ual view­ing the unfolding covers. In the last two decades a veritable flood of little "pocket" magazines loudly flaunting sex, and little else, has jammed the newsstands.

Emotions Swept by Movies

A cursory examination of our motion-picture industry should convince even the most dubious of their wholesale effect on our emotions! The average individual viewing the unfolding of a story on the glittering screen is completely yielded to his emotions.

He is seeking to relax, to be entertained, not to think constructively, to argue, or to investigate the reasons behind the plot of the story. Therefore, it is a simple matter for the producers of the motion picture to keep his emotions in rapt attention.

From deep suspense to fright, and then a few minutes of serene pleasantness, to be suddenly dashed to the dismal depths of despair — swept up again to buoyant heights of joy and laughter, he anxiously identifies himself with the hero. Slugging his way through an angry mob, he feels the delicious, vicarious feeling of his knuckles pounding theplayboy face of the ugly leader into unrecognition. And so — as his emotions are running riot — the only control of emotions is in the film itself, since the viewer has lost his own.

Take a look at national crime rates! Especially in the United States, crime directly attributable to unbridled emotional outbursts has risen sharply. It is a common occurrence to read of brutal murders as a result of arguments in a home! Official crime reports show the majority of murders are committed in the family, or among close acquaintances — who kill in a moment of blind passion! Our large cities especially are plagued with sudden outbursts of violence as a result of pent-up emotions exploding in uncontrollable riot.

Why?

The answer is quite simple. Because the average individual has never learned to hold his impulses, his emotions in check! Our helter-skelter search for the physically and emotionally satisfying has led us up a box canyon of emotional turmoil and instability! If there could be only one major situation to serve as a graphic illustration of that fact, it is our national divorce rate!

People are not happy! Our homes are not happy, and, when the basic institution of any society, the home, is unhappy — the entire nation is in danger!

Bigotry and race hatred characterizes a great deal of society today.

Feeding it — fanning its raging flames are the hate mongers with their lust for personal power, or their blind, unreasoning hatred for the members of another race, regardless as to their personal character.

Whether it's a Negro talking to his children about "Uncle Charlie," or a white, speaking of the "Niggers" — the sickening story of prejudice and race hatred is the same. Soon, this unbridled emotional rage is destined to write one of the bloodiest chapters of all human history! And how totally unnecessary it all is! How futile — how worthless!

Look at the passionate forms of escape people use. From a yelling, screaming emotional religious "experience" to a drunken whiskey jag, man seems bent on remaining enslaved to his own violent emotions.

Many times we receive letters from those who, in a frenzy of emotion, and because others around them were doing it, went down the aisle to kneel before a shouting preacher to "give their hearts to the Lord." Later, they wondered what it was they did. But the emotion of the moment swept them away. They really did feel remorseful — they felt ashamed — they felt like going to the altar — they desired forgiveness — but they didn't know what to repent of — didn't know what is sin, and didn't know the truth about salvation!

It was all emotion, and precious little spiritual understanding!

Yes — whether it's the highest-level government parleys, or the simplest neighborhood squabble, the whole world seems gripped by its uncontrollable emotions!

Is Emotional Stability Inherited, or Acquired?

Most people have never completely grown up! We mature physically first — and then, finally, some people mature mentally. But only comparatively few people, it seems, ever mature emotionally or spiritually!

The modern child-rearing methods, and the progressive education being disseminated in our schools follow the policy of "nonrestraint" where emotions are concerned. Emotions, they reason, are much like air in a bottle! The more you compress the air in the
The WRONG Use of Emotions

The Creator-Ruler of this Universe reveals in His inspired Word that this present world is under the sway and influence of Satan the Devil (II Cor. 4:4). He is called the god of this world, this age, or society! Satan, as the deceiver and the destroyer, wants mankinde to use emotions wrongly. One of Satan’s greatest tools and weapons in trying to destroy humanity is EMOTIONALISM!

It was pride, jealousy, greed, lust, and vanity that led Satan to VIOLENCE against his very maker. The Bible describes the devil as a “ROARING LION,” and a “DRAGON.” He is described as the very epitome of snarling, enraged, violent HATE!

How The Devil Failed

The greatest battle that has ever been fought was not a war between nations, not of spears and swords, not of guns and bombs, but an awe-inspiring struggle of the will! Jesus Christ fought that battle, to qualify to ultimately REMOVE Satan from his present position as ruler of this world! You’ll find the thrilling history of that tremendous struggle in Matthew the fourth chapter. Christ had been in the wilderness area for 40 long days and nights, fasting! (Verse 1.) Just think of how hungry He must have been! Satan the devil came to Him and craftily said, “If you be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread” (verse 3).

Notice!

The Devil appealed to Christ’s EMOTIONS! First, to His office, that of Very God in the flesh, and second, to His extreme, near-starving hunger that gnawed within Him! Christ could have acted on impulse, as most human beings would have done. Jesus could have let vanity drive Him to do just as Satan had proposed! But did He?

Not at all!

Christ controlled His impulses — He mastered His emotions, and with His mind, motivated by His willpower, He said, “It is written, MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD!” (Verse 4.)

Satan continued to play on Christ’s emotions — always appealing to vanity to come to the fore, to Christ’s authority and office. Jesus withstood every single temptation through the power of God’s Holy Spirit, and by setting His will to MASTER HIMSELF — to resist acting on impulse, upon a sudden emotional suggestion! Christ finally gave a command, “GET THEE HENCE, SATAN!” (Verse 10.) And the Devil was defeated. He was whipped by the superior mind, the power and overwhelming authority of Jesus Christ!

The Devil wasn’t through with Christ yet, however. All during Jesus’ earthly life, Satan worked on the emotions of the Jews in Palestine to kill Him! Finally, when God allowed it, Satan utilized his most effective weapon to finally bring about the horrible torture and death of Christ — RAMPANT EMOTIONS!

Notice, in the account of the crucifixion of Christ, in Matthew’s Gospel, the people were gathered together in a MOB against Christ! Have you ever seen a mob of people, angry, shouting, marching against the object of their hatred? Have you?

Do you believe such mobs are using their minds, or just raw, uncontrolled, violent emotions? Just such a crowd of unbridled hatred was unleashed against Christ. Pilate knew that “... for envy they had delivered Him” (Mat. 27:18). After the Governor had determined the mob wanted Barabbas to be released, instead of Christ, Pilate asked them, “What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?” (Verse 22.) And in their surging, reckless abandon to passionate hate, they screamed out, “LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED!” The governor tried to reason with them. He appealed to their minds, to their logic. He asked, “Why? What evil has He done?” (Verse 23.)

But did the wildly shouting mob stop to use their minds? Did they have control of their emotions? No!

“They cried out the more, saying, LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED!” (Verse 23.) And Satan had succeeded in his plot against the life of Christ. However, He never could have succeeded, had it not been God’s express will that Christ die at that precise time for the
sins of the world! God permitted Satan, however, to sway the emotions of the mob in order to murder God's own Son!

How similar must have been this farce of a trial to some of the screaming race riots of our ugly times!

God Wants Us to Use Our Emotions Wisely

Untold suffering and mental anguish exists in literally hundreds of thousands of homes right now because of the lack of emotional stability and control! What about your home? Do you always control yourself just the way you would like to? Are you always in complete mastery of yourself?

The natural emotions God has built in the human being are not wrong in themselves — but, as in all things, they can be put to a wrong use! Jesus Christ had emotion! He was HUMAN as YOU are human, and as such He possessed the same human nature which He had to overcome. Christ learned obedience by the things He suffered (Heb. 5:8). He cried out with tears to God during His earthly life in order to succeed in mastering Himself, and finally qualifying as our coming King and World Ruler! (Heb. 5:7.)

Jesus was deeply moved at the grave of Lazarus when He saw the total lack of faith in His most intimate friends! (John 11:35.) And Jesus wept. He displayed a great deal of emotion over the prophesied destruction of heedless Jerusalem (Mat. 23:37). And He was moved with righteous anger and indignation against the hypocritical Pharisees on many occasions! (See Mat. 23; John 8:33-39; Mark 3:1-5.)

God commands His servants to GROW in grace and knowledge (II Pet. 3:18) until they can reach stability, maturity, and use their emotions properly! "But strong meat [spiritual truth] belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Heb. 5:14).

Basic Human Emotions

The very basis of all human nature, and therefore human emotions, is VANTITY! "Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities, ALL IS vanity" (Eccl. 1:2). The vanity in human nature is the source of the greed, and of the emotions of jealousy, bitterness, and hatred. Notice how most of the "works of the flesh" Paul warns Christians against, stem directly from uncontrolled human emotions! "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like, of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God" (Gal. 5:19-21).

Your natural human mind LUSTS to envy others (James 4:5) and is contrary to sound-minded emotional control. "For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh, and these are contrary the one to the other, so that you cannot do the things that you would" (Gal. 5:17).

Paul was further inspired to write to us, "...the carnal mind [the natural, fleshly mind] is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7).

The natural mind, then, is motivated by vanity and the lusts of the flesh, and is contrary to God's law, which is the channel through which God's love flows. To remain carnal minded is to remain on the outside, looking in, for "except you repent, you shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3); and, "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Rom. 8:9). To be without the Spirit of God is to be carnal minded — and the carnal mind is just naturally emotionally immature.

True emotional maturity, then, can come only through God's Holy Spirit!

That is exactly what your Bible teaches! "For God has not given us the Spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a SOUND MIND"! (II Tim. 1:7.)

Various translations of the Bible render Paul's inspired statement in II Timothy 1:7, "For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a SANE MIND"! The King James (Authorized) Version renders it, "sound mind." Any mind that does not have God's Spirit is an UNSOUND mind — a mind that is NOT spiritually SANE!

True sound mindedness can come only through obedience to God's perfect LAWS! (Acts 5:32.)

The times ahead are going to be more demanding upon you than you can faintly realize! You are soon going to be plunged into a holocaust of unbridled, violent hatred; of worldwide chaos and war!

What will you do then?

Will you become victimized by your own prejudices — your own passions, lusts, and uncontrolled emotions? Will you hate? Will you become gripped by a faithless fear? Will you, in the face of terrible persecution, lose CONTROL of yourself, and RENOUNCE your God?

It's about time you realized there is a way of ESCAPE and PROTECTION for those who will truly surrender their hearts and minds to their Creator — to those who really want the Spirit of God to break their hostile, carnal, hating nature, and replace it with the great outflowing love that can come only from God. Christ says His own elect will be spared in the perilous times ahead. He says those who are MATURE in true mental, emotional and spiritual maturity — those who really GROW UP, will be spared!

Listen! "And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a MATURE [margin] man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth BE NO MORE CHILDREN, tossed to and fro [led by our unstable emotions!], and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may GROW UP unto HIM in all things, which is the HEAD, even Christ!" (Ephesians 4:11-15.)

Why don't YOU grow up?
Duckbill PLATYPUS
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Tionists must feel rather uneasy about the plague of platypuses.

Another book accuses the innocent platypus of this:
"The platypus of Australia and Tasmania [are] the MOST BIZARRE of living mammals" (Evolution, Life Nature Library, page 60).

But what is really "bizarre" about the platypus?

Absolutely nothing. He's perfectly designed for his specific place in "nature," a fine swimmer, a good burrower, a hardy, happy, busy little creature who gazes balefully at the hysterical accusations of scientists whose cherished theories left no room for him. Can the platypus help it if evolutionists' theories were so weirdly inadequate they provided no space for his existence?

Think of it! The evolutionists believe even the various parts of the same animal are "unrelated," and yet they function together perfectly!

Evolution demands we explain all life forms, no matter how "strange" appearing (and what could be stranger than an elephant, or a giraffe, or a rhinoceros, or a narwhal?) as having gradually evolved from common, early ancestors.

This gradual evolution, they insist, was guided by the ALL-POWERFUL pseudo-god spoken of in so many texts, "natural selection." This "natural selection" more or less AUTOMATICALLY determined which creatures were best suited to their environment - which could "adapt" or go through some sort of required "change" demanded by changing environment.

In attempting to portray these imagined "changes" and "adaptations," evolution offers views of strange "trees" - pictures of various "simple" life forms, followed by crustaceans, jellyfish and the like, branching off into plants, fishes, amphibians, land mammals; up the trees to various leaping mammals and to birds, or from the land mammals to man.

Did it ever occur to the average layman that all such attempts to "show" an evolutionary process by various "relationships" in such creatures is pure inference by analogy? And did it never occur to us that analogies PROVE NOTHING?

Does it never occur to the layman to demand evidence of the multiple THOUSANDS of "intermediate" species which could possibly SUBSTANTIATE such a fantastic story? That there would be infinitely more varieties of creatures with HALF-scales HALF-feathers than with whole ones? And especially, since these creatures (which did not exist) were "not so well equipped" to survive, that the fossil records should ABUND with such evidence - when in reality it is utterly vacant?

The Very First "Platywhatever"

Based on the evolutionary demands for "gradual" change by "natural selection" let's be logical. Let's walk back in time. Back, back - millions or billions (or, if evolution insists, even quintillions) of years ago.

We are looking at our first little "platywhatever." He is not, decidedly, a "full-fledged" platypus, complete with beaver's tail, duck's bill, otter's body, snake's fang, mammal's glands or turtle's eggs!

Somehow, he is somewhere between or under or somewhere around one or the other of these "stages."

Let's say he lives along the banks of a stream. But he can't swim yet, because, being like any other normal burrowing animal, he has claws only for digging, hasn't evolved retractable webbed feet, nor developed a tail for a keel, nor learned to hold his breath that long, nor developed waterproof hair.

But if that's true, then why develop retractable webbed feet, and then decide to swim only with his forefeet, dragging the hind feet rather uselessly along after?

The hungry "platywhatever" pauses by the side of the stream. Formerly, (since he obviously spent most of his
time on dry land) he was accustomed to eating various tiny animals, or plants, or whatever may have suited his particular fancy.

But it enters his mind to eat soft, water-soaked worms!

But why should he want to begin feeding on the bottom of streams, when he can't see any food there, and he can't swim underwater, either? And if he must begin feeding along stream bottoms in order to survive, then why don't all creatures on earth with a similar diet feed along on stream bottoms? How did all the other myriad of creatures keep "surviving" without ever getting wetter than the drenching a good rain gives them?

If this first "platywhatever" had to evolve water-feeding apparatus, then he only evolved it because he needed it. And if he needed it, that means he wasn't getting sufficient food where he was to survive. But if he couldn't have survived where he was — and obviously, couldn't have succeeded in obtaining food from stream bottoms until he had gradually, over millions of years, evolved that supersensitive bill, and those retractable, skin-covered forefeet, and his whole, specially designed aquatic body and tail — then he obviously starved to death, and therefore does not exist today.

It should be obvious to any thinking person that his very first attempts to feed along the bottom of streams would have led to one of two things.

First, either a successful enough feeding to satisfy him — meaning he was already perfectly adapted to obtain food in that fashion, and therefore should have survived as a "platywhatever" instead of a "platypus." Or, secondly, an empty stomach and complete frustration, leading him to evolve into something else.

He dives into the water. But — alas! He can't swim! His hair is not water resistant. Besides, he can't see — and as yet has not "evolved" his extremely sensitive, skin-covered, navigator's and food-finder's mechanism in his bill — after all, he's never had to search for underwater worms with his eyes closed before!

So, laden with water — forefeet clawing to no avail, for lack of webs, hind feet hanging uselessly, he is caught in the turbid current, and swept away into the sands of time — where he appears, not as a "platypus," but as a "primitivus, beaverus, otterus, duckus beakus, incredibilus!"

But no. That won't work, either. Because no such 'creature' is found in the fossils.

Let's concentrate on his children surviving — since obviously, he is not even remotely equipped to survive! (At least, not as a platypus. And if he's equipped to survive as a something else — then why didn't he?)

The first "platywhatever" was wandering along the banks of his favorite stream one day in what finally became Australia, and ran smack into the most challenging question evolution could ever have to answer — a mate, of the opposite sex, that looked exactly the same except for certain important details — at least, important to him!

In due time, babies are born.

Perhaps they began bearing the young alive, and, not having yet "evolved" the special technique of secreting milk on a given signal that involves enough nerve endings and special sensory techniques — not to mention fathomless animal instinct — to give a computer a headache, the young starve to death.

But let's forget all those problems — after all, evolution has.

Let's try to imagine how any one given part of the platypus could possibly have evolved!

Take the eyes.

The platypus has normal eyesight — but, in swimming underwater, keeps them tightly shut! So which came first? Did he begin surviving by keeping his eyes open underwater, and finding the worms and other food visually? If so, then why evolve that stupid-looking beak???

If his sensitive bill was only necessary as a food-finding nerve center — then he would not have begun "evolving" it until it became necessary! It was not really necessary if he could see, was it?

And wouldn't it have been far easier to simply evolve a kind of skin over his eyes and continue keeping them open, instead of evolve the most surprising proboscis in the whole world?

Shall we assume he began with the proboscis (nose) and without eyes?

No — the very first time the very first platypus swam underwater to find food, he had to have a perfectly developed body for swimming, tail for a keel, since he swims with his front two legs only; webs to be stretched out over his burrowing toenails for padding; waterproof hair to keep him from drowning; and an extremely sensitive nerve-filled "bill" for finding his way, and finding his food.

The very first time two platypuses mated, they had to already have built-in instincts (so the male didn't accidentally jab the female with his dangerous "fang" on a hind foot, for instance?) so they would not walk off and leave the eggs, but await their hatching, and then proceed to "nurse" the offspring — not by nursing, but by secreting the milk onto underbelly hair at various intervals.

"...But is this 'fair' reasoning?"

But is this "fair" to evolution? Is it "fair" to try to see logic in its claims? Is it "fair" to attempt some sort of rational, logical, appealing method by which evolution could have taken place?

Or is that against the rules?

Honestly, now — since evolutionists themselves have no real answers as to the true origin (once they have denied God!) of the platypus — do you claim to have the answers?

Be honest with yourself! Haven't you just sort of "daydreamed" about "how" this and that might "possibly" have occurred — but never subjected it to the cold light of logic and fact?

Oh — you've heard the many "arguments," of course. But just how really logical are they? One might counter, "But perhaps the ancestors of the platypus began by brief "excursions" into the edge of the water — and, as they became more adept at finding food underwater, just naturally passed on these "acquired characteristics" to their offspring! Perhaps it took millions of years of developing platypuses to produce a "modern" platypus.

A nice daydream.

But it doesn't work. If it were true, then the fossil record would be literally

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Let's find whether they follow the facts, or the reasoning of others about a few facts.

What does evolution say about the fossil record of the platypus? "Unhappily, no fossils have yet been found in any continent which reveal the lineage of the monotremes (single-vent, or the platypus) prior to the last few million years in Australia itself" (The Land and Wildlife of Australia, Life Nature Library, David Bergamini, page 62, 63).

All fossil platypuses found look exactly like "modern" platypuses. So there are no leads in the fossils. And none among living creatures.

But, admits the author, zoologists have come to "general" agreement! "Following the lead of the eminent evolutionary authority George Gaylord Simpson, however, zoologists generally agree, that the monotremes' ancestors must have branched from the premammal stock and reached Australia at least 135 million years ago, perhaps even as long as 200 million years ago" (ibid). (Emphasis ours throughout article.)

Said another authority, "The platypus and its egg-laying cousins . . . have altered but little in more recent geological times, as shown by the fact that no petrified remains have yet been unearthed to trace their ancestral evolution" (Furred Animals of Australia, Ellis Troughton, page 1).

So — as far as the actual evidence goes, a platypus has always been a platypus — that is, so far as actual evidence goes. But in the realm of speculation, all sorts of interesting pasts are assigned to this interesting little creature.

One book ascribes this great feat to the platypus: "When the monotremes were cut off from the rest of the world they were just changing into mammals — but they never quite finished" (Marvelous Mammals: Monotremes and Marsupials, Bernice Kohn, page 13).

Does This Make Sense?

The current idea today is that animals — or whatever — evolve in populations. That is, certain groups within a genus or species can adapt to changing conditions. As they evolve, the rest of the members of that group die, because they can't adapt to new environmental conditions.

Applied to the platypus, it means that (according to evolutionists) as conditions changed, groups within the
platypus tribe EVOLVED into other creatures.

Meanwhile, all the platypuses, who DIDN’T change into other mammals died out.

Do you see the problem?

We STILL HAVE the platypus with us today! He shouldn’t have continued to exist — but he does. And, for 50 to 150 million years, so say the evolutionists.

Of course, the evolutionist weakly tries to explain this away. The idea is that the monotremes and MARSUPIALS survived in Australia because it was cut off from the rest of the earth.

However, the OPOSSUM is a marsupial. But he lives in the United States, not Australia. Yet, this mammal does quite well among all the wild beasts. He doesn’t see any need for evolving.

Building a Platypusary

Supposedly, some platypuses evolved over millions of years into other creatures. Supposedly, they were able to survive — whole populations of them — changes in environment over long periods.

But this doesn’t stack up with what we can see with our eyes. As a matter of fact, a platypus is one of the MOST SENSITIVE creatures on earth.

This is proved by the countless attempts to keep platypuses alive apart from their native habitats.

For example, back in 1913, an animal dealer wanted to export a platypus to the New York zoo. He approached Harry Burrell, who had great knowledge of the sensitive platypus.

"The platypus man," as he became known ('Duckbill Dave' to his friends) knew you couldn’t send this fellow anywhere without sending his entire home — or a reasonable facsimile.

"So straight off you need a water tank. To this must be added a series of passages and an enclosed living chamber resembling his burrow along which he can waddle just as if back on the Lower Woor-Woor creek.

"When he leaves the water he must have an entrance made on the principle of a washing-machine wringer... taking all these factors into account, Burrell came up with a contraption which he called a platypusary. His ingeniously designed portable model per-
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WELL DEVELOPED for a beast with such primitive features.

"Subject the nocturnal platypus to too much noise, light, handling, keep it too wet or too dry, hold it in surroundings that do not remind it of home in the country — the result can be panic, frantic rushing about, DEATH WITHIN 24 HOURS."

But, we are expected to believe that the platypus population survived millions of years as it was evolving into something else.

Even common sense should tell anyone this is impossible.

The creed of evolutionists is, "The present is the key to the past." That is, whatever you can observe today can show you what happened in the past.

In that case, the platypus is one more of the strong proofs that evolution did not take place.

The platypus nervous system is so highly organized that specimens have been known to die in the hands of a captor as he was taking the creature out of a river.

The Highly Sensitive Nervous System

We've already seen in the quote above how the nervous system confuses those zoologists who think evolution is true.

The question is: Since the platypus is supposed to be such a primitive mammal why does he have such a well-developed nervous system?

Not only that, but the brain is too well developed for such a primitive beast, so reason evolutionists. But that doesn't do away with it.

Notice, one perplexed admission: "The brain is surprisingly large—much larger in proportion to the body weight than that of any reptile... it cannot be said that the living monotremes are deficient in the extent of their cerebral hemispheres—they are indeed mysteriously well endowed with cerebral cortex.

"In the size and structure of its brain, then, the platypus proves to be an animal with a considerable degree of intelligence, with a cerebrum better organized than that of the lower marsupials and even of some of the lower Monodelphia. A well-organized brain and a large surface of cerebral cortex indicate a degree of intelligence far removed from that of reptiles" (The Platypus, Harry Burrell, page 63).

Oh, oh! Here's another problem. In order to be a direct link between mammals and reptiles, the beast has to be 'primitive.' But alas! His brain is well developed.

How do you square that with evolution?

You don't.

And evolutionists admit you can't.

"Many zoologists believe that since premammary days the monotremes have evolved far less than other living mammals in their basic reproductive and skeletal structure... this, surely, is most remarkable.

"Why, having once begun to enjoy the advantages of large brains and maternal care, were the monotremes not pushed on through the ages by the same forces of selection and survival that shaped the other mammals?... this is one of the recurrent riddles of evolution and as yet there is no answer to it..." (The Land and Wildlife of Australia, David Bergamini and Editors of Life, Life Nature Library, page 66).

Why can't evolutionists see?

The platypus has webbed feet because he needs them for swimming. He needs his beaver-like tail for stabilization. He needs the brain he has because of his highly sensitive nervous system — especially his bill! In turn, the platypus needs his bill to find food, and navigate underwater and build a burrow.

The platypus didn't evolve, as should be obvious. He was created by a Great God in wisdom and understanding.

The Proof of Creation

Every part of the platypus takes its place in a coordinated function that makes the platypus one of the awe-inspiring creatures we see around us.

The platypus proves evolution cannot be true. He waves his bill at evolutionists in sad pity. It almost appears as though God made the platypus just to confuse the evolutionists!

The platypus is one of God's roadblocks that warns theorists, "Watch your ideas, you're heading down a blind alley!" Unfortunately, too many scientists have not Heeded that warning.

But those of us who have the wit to see, ought to be able to understand from the creation around us, that God does exist. We should exclaim with David, "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

"So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts" (Psalm 104:24-25).

And so is the dry land — full of the wondrous works of God. And the duckbill platypus is among those works.

You live in a world of law and order. The weather, the living plants, the breathtaking food chains in the sea, and in the very soil under your feet — the living creatures that are so amazingly complex, so perfectly suited to their every task, and in such wondrous balance in this world of teeming life — all follow definite patterns, fulfill definite, specific needs, and follow laws.

The only lawless creature you know of in the whole of lawful creation is man.

Lawless, God-hating, God-rejecting man, who wants desperately to work out his own problems, to find his own way to peace, to achieve all the right effects while following the wrong causes!

Why such vanity-filled, insistent belief in evolution today? Simply because "natural selection" does not tell a scientist, or disillusioned, sarcastic young dupe in evolutionary study how to live. Evolution does not thunder out the chronicle of human folly, nor shout to us our incredible sins, or command us how to obey!

And this world wants a mute God. It wants a dead God. It wants a "first cause" who might have "started evolution" but not the very God of the Bible!

But your God does exist. The very God of the Bible, the Father of Jesus Christ of Nazareth lives! Christ is alive. He will rule you — yes He will, you — in the new future.

Will you bow your knees of your own free choice now? Or will He force you to your knees then?
David was warned that Absalom, his son, was near and would probably try to attack Jerusalem in a violent effort to seize the government of Israel. King David and hundreds of his faithful subjects, soldiers and servants and their families hurriedly moved out of the city so that it wouldn't become a scarred site of battle. (II Samuel 15:13-23.)

When David realized that the ark was being taken from its place in Jerusalem, he was very upset.

King David's Secret Agent

"Don't bring the ark out of Jerusalem," David told the priests, Zadok and Abiathar. "Return it to where it was. It shouldn't be exposed to the uncertainty of travel. We should rely on God, not the ark."

Zadok and Abiathar obeyed with the understanding that by staying in Jerusalem they could also observe what would take place there and inform David of the circumstances. David hardly knew whom else he could trust in this time when so many of his subjects were deserting him. (II Samuel 15:24-29.)

He felt that this terrible situation could be the result of past sins concerning Uriah and his wife, as God had warned. (II Samuel 12:7-10.) Accordingly, he decided to walk to the top of Mount Olivet, just east of Jerusalem, to pray to God. This he did in a repentant manner, covering his head and wearing nothing on his feet. Many others accompanied him, weeping as they went.

After a period of worshipping at the top of the hill, David was approached
by a friend by the name of Hushai, who was not a warrior, but a counsellor. Hushai spoke of his desire to accompany the king wherever he would go. (II Samuel 15:30-32.)

"Instead of going with me," David told him, "you could help me more if you would return to Jerusalem and join Zadok and Abiathar to keep me posted, through their sons, of how matters take place in Jerusalem when Absalom arrives there. Perhaps you can even come into Absalom's confidence and wisely offset any advice that might be given to him by Ahithophel, who forsook me for my son." Hushai wanted to do anything he could for the king. He obediently returned to the city. (II Samuel 15:33-37.)

On the way down Mount Olivet, David was hailed in a respectful manner by a man named Ziba. He was a servant of Mephibosheth, a son of Jonathan, who was Saul's son and David's boyhood friend. Ziba was leading two donkeys heavily loaded with food. When David asked him where he was taking it, Ziba told him that the donkeys were for carrying David and the members of his family, by turns, so that they wouldn't become so weary by walking.

"The bread and the fruit are for keeping up the strength of the young men, and the goatskin of wine is to refresh any who become faint if you have to go into the desert," Ziba explained. "I trust that you will return soon to your throne."

"Where is Mephibosheth?" David asked. "I'd like to thank him."

"This isn't my master's idea," Ziba replied. "He stayed in Jerusalem. He feels that he should be the new king because he is of the royal family of Saul."

David was surprised and disappointed to hear that one he had thought of as being so loyal should suddenly become almost as ambitious as Absalom. Under the strain of his distress, David made an error in perception.

"You seem to be more faithful to me than Mephibosheth is," David observed. "I think you deserve everything that belongs to him."

Ziba bowed low and grinned with satisfaction. He had just lied about Mephibosheth, who was still loyal to David. The wily servant was making every effort to obtain David's goodwill and gratitude. He was certain that it would be well worthwhile, because he was convinced that David would return to the leadership of Israel. (II Samuel 16:1-4.)

Curses and Hatred

Later, as David and his followers moved along a ravine well outside of Jerusalem, a man of Saul's tribe came running along one bank of the gully, throwing stones at David and those with the king. He angrily shouted insults
and curses, and accused David of having murderously taken the throne of Israel from Saul.

"Now at last you're paying for all the bloody crimes you've committed!" the Benjamite yelled. "Your own son is taking from you what you took from Saul! Get out of Israel before someone carries you out as a corpse!"

Abishai, second in command of Israel's military forces, was among those accompanying David. When he noticed what the angry man was doing, he became angry, too.

"Why should this miserable dog be allowed to treat you like this?" he asked David. "Let me send men up the bank to catch him and cut off his head!"

"No!" David quickly replied, holding out a restraining hand. "Your way isn't the way I wish to take in this matter. Let him curse me. God allows him to curse me. God hasn't prevented my son from seeking my life, so why should He prevent this man from showing his hate for me? It could be that if I patiently endure abuse, God will have mercy on me, and will perhaps rescue me from this time of trouble."

Begrudgingly Abishai restrained his men. The angry Benjamite continued shouting and throwing stones and dust until he became weary and hoarse. Then he disappeared over the side of the ravine. David and the hundreds of people moved on to the northeast toward the Jordan valley. (II Samuel 16:5-14.)

Meanwhile, Absalom and his soldiers and supporters moved into Jerusalem from the south,
triumphantly taking over the undefended city. Among those who welcomed the king's son was Hushai, David's friend who had agreed to return to Jerusalem to try to help David in any way he could.

"God save the king!" Hushai kept on shouting as Absalom passed up a street with his guards.

Absalom smugly looked around to see who was greeting him so enthusiastically, not realizing the words were meant for king David instead of for him. When he recognized Hushai, whom he knew was a close friend of his father, he ordered the procession halted.

"What are you doing here?" he called out to Hushai. "What has become of your loyalty to my father? I'm surprised that you haven't fled with him and his few remaining subjects!"

"Situation Ethics"

"Whomever is chosen by God to be king, and whomever is preferred by the people, that is the man I choose to be with," Hushai declared. "I served your father well, and now I am ready to serve in your presence, too." (II Samuel 16:15-19.) Hushai really meant he would serve David in Absalom's presence.

Conceitedly assuming that Hushai was seeking to come over to his side, and knowing him for a wise and capable man, Absalom was pleased to welcome him as one of his advisors. Shortly afterwards he held a council meeting to decide what his next major move should be. Here was the opportunity for Ahithophel, David's disloyal former advisor, to make a base suggestion aimed at forcing Absalom and his father even further apart. Ahithophel knew that a reconciliation between David and Absalom would be disastrous to himself.

"The ten women who were left in your father's palace were his wives," Ahithophel whispered to Absalom. "As victor, you should openly take them as your wives. I shall see that the public soon hears you are abhorred by your father. When it is common knowledge, people will take a more definite stand on one side or the other. The result will undoubtedly be in your favor." You see, Ahithophel, like many people today, believed in "situation ethics."

Absalom went by Ahithophel's advice, and took his father's ten wives. They were actually concubines, women who were part-time mates. (II Samuel 16:20-23.) God allowed this crime as the fulfillment of a prophecy made to David through Nathan. The old prophet had told the king that someone else would openly take his wives because he had taken Bathsheba, Uriah's wife. (II Samuel 12:9-12.)

Later, Ahithophel gave Absalom more counsel. It was a simple plan by which
David's son could quickly and surely become the undisputed king of Israel. "Let me have twelve thousand of the best Israelite soldiers available to us," the advisor told Absalom. "I'll take them tonight in pursuit of David and the people with him. We'll make sure that David dies, but that no one else is harmed. Those who escape won't be pursued, but we'll bring back as many as we can to join you, including those soldiers who have been so attached to David in recent years. Our greater numbers will be their speedy undoing."

The idea was to Absalom's liking, as well as that of his leaders. (II Samuel 17:1-4.) However, Absalom called for Hushai, explained Ahithophel's proposal, and asked what Hushai thought about it.

"Ahithophel is a wise counsellor," observed Hushai, "but I don't believe his plan for this situation is good." Hushai knew the plan would work. So he just said it wasn't good.

"Even twelve thousand men probably couldn't as much as find David, and he'd have to be found to be killed," Hushai said, making the most of this opportunity to belittle Ahithophel's idea. "David is an old hand at war strategy. In his state of mind now, he's probably being especially wary not to be overtaken. He's like a mother bear that has had her cubs taken away from her. He can be both furious and clever. Undoubtedly he's hiding in some cave or pit right now, separate from his people, with his soldiers concealed to trap any who come looking for him, even in greater numbers than theirs. If his men were to kill just some of the twelve thousand of yours, your new recruits may panic. Israel would rally at once to your father's side, and you would lose your chance at the throne. You would be most unwise to follow Ahithophel's advice on this matter." (II Samuel 17:5-10.)

Counterespionage Service in Action

"Then suggest a better way to help me into quickly becoming the undisputed king of Israel," Absalom impatiently demanded.

"I suggest that many more men than twelve thousand be used against David," Hushai replied. "Soldiers should be drafted from all parts of Israel to build you a mighty army that you can personally lead into battle anywhere without fearing defeat. Then you can be certain of taking David and destroying all who would defend him. If he is hiding out in the open, he will surely be found. If he is concealed in some city, there'll be enough men available to tear that city down. Besides, you'll need a large fighting force to repel any surprise attack from outside the nation."
The thought of being at the head of an army of multiple thousands appealed strongly to Absalom’s sizable vanity, just as Hushai knew it would. When Absalom made it known that he was greatly in favor of this plan, his supporters enthusiastically agreed with him, and that was just as God knew it would be because He had decided it that way. (II Samuel 17:11-14.)

While plans were being made for drafting a large army, Hushai went to Zadok and Abiathar, the priests, to tell them what had taken place.

“David must be informed of this,” Hushai said. “Send a message to your sons, wherever they are, and instruct them to take word to the king.”

The priests told a certain woman what to do and say. She sought out their sons, Jonathan and Ahimaaz, where she knew they were hiding outside Jerusalem, and conveyed the message to them. They took it to David, who learned that he should hurry eastward across the Jordan river as soon as possible. There was the chance that Absalom would change his mind and decide to immediately send a small army in pursuit of the king.

Contacting David wasn’t without its perils. Just as the priests’ sons started on their mission, they passed a young man who recognized them. It wasn’t long before Absalom heard that Jonathan and Ahimaaz were seen hurrying northward. Absalom guessed that something contrary to his welfare could be taking place. He sent soldiers to find the priests’ sons and bring them back for questioning.

Aware that something like that might happen after they were recognized, Jonathan and Ahimaaz decided to delay their trip for a little while, lest they be overtaken in open country. They sought refuge at the home of a friend who was loyal to David, and not any too soon. Absalom’s men were scouring the neighborhood, and even entering and searching homes. When they came to the home where the priests’ sons were hiding, their search was in vain. After the soldiers had gone, the woman of the house went outdoors to where some ground corn was spread on a cloth. She took up the corn in the cloth, thereby uncovering the mouth of a well from which Jonathan and Ahimaaz climbed out and went safely and thankfully on their way.

After David had been told what had been taking place, he and those with him set off at a brisk pace eastward across the Jordan river. They crossed the stream that same night and continued to the northeast. (II Samuel 17:15-22.)

Ahithophel was told that Absalom favored building a large army over the next few days instead of a quick pursuit of David with only a few thousand men. When the advisor learned that his suggestion wouldn’t be followed, he realized that Absalom’s cause was lost. Ahithophel was very wise in politics.
(II Samuel 16:23.) He knew that any delay long enough to raise up a large army would give David time to recruit a loyal army among the rugged cattlemen of the eastern tribes. This would mean that support for David would grow even faster than support for Absalom. Absalom wouldn't stand much chance of overcoming that support, since David's army would have better leadership. Ahithophel knew then that he had been very foolish in deserting David, that there was no more political future for him, and that he would soon be regarded as a traitor to his nation and probably be put to death as one.

Later, somebody found him hanging lifeless from a rafter in his home. He knew that it would eventually happen to him, and he preferred that it would come about by his own hand. (II Samuel 17:23.)

Eastern Tribes are Loyal

David's group soon reached the city of Mahanaim on the south border of the territory of Manasseh, adjoining the territory of Gad. There they were welcomed to stay by loyal Manassites and Gadites. Loyal clan chiefs quickly began to rally support around King David. Every day more and more followers joined David from all parts of Israel, most of them having come to volunteer for a growing army.

After Absalom's soldiers had departed, following a careful search for Jonathan and Ahimaaz, the two young men climbed safely out of a well.
While King David was at Mahanaim, even Shobi, son of the former king of Ammon, brought gifts and help to David and the people with him. So did two chief Israelites, Barzillai and Machir of the tribe of Manasseh. Having heard that the Manassite city was overcrowded and short on food because of the many guests, they sent beds, metal basins, earthen vessels, grains, beans, lentils, flour, honey, butter, cheese and even sheep. David was very thankful for these needed things. (II Samuel 17:27-29.)

So many people came to join David that it was necessary for him to count them and put leaders in command of an organized army. It was divided into three parts, with Joab, Abishai and Ittai in charge.

Meanwhile, Absalom's army had been mobilized. It wasn't as large as David's son hoped it would be, but he didn't have the patience to wait for the size of fighting force Hushai had talked about. Anxious to pursue David, Absalom moved his army across the Jordan river to a wooded area on the high plains south of Mahanaim.

When David heard that Absalom's army was so close, he ordered his officers to take their troops out to meet Absalom before his army could surround the city of Mahanaim. David intended to go along, but the chief men under him pointed out that it was going to be a battle for the safety of the king, and that he should remain in the city and pray for God's help. (II Samuel 18:1-3.)

"So be it," David finally agreed, addressing Joab, Abishai and Ittai. "One reason I want to go is to see that Absalom is

Ahithophel, the advisor who had unwisely deserted David, was found hanging from a rafter in his home. He had hanged himself after he realized that Absalom had rejected his advice.
taken prisoner without being harmed. If I can't be there, then it is the responsibility of you three.” (II Samuel 18:4-5.)

Absalom was surprised and troubled when he heard that David's smaller army was coming to meet his. He was disappointed that he wouldn't get a chance to besiege Mahanaim. Riding on a mule at the head of his army, he tried to convince himself that David's men were bluffing, and would not be so foolish as to actually clash with a much larger number of troops.

At last the two armies were very close. Then they rushed together in deadly combat. There was the thumping of many feet, a clashing of swords, shrieks of pain and the rattle of armor. Absalom was aware that all about him his men were falling, but no one tried to attack him or even get near him. The noisy, bloody action moved on, leaving him alive and strangely alone among his dying soldiers.

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RACE RIOTS

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these 22 million comprise about 20 percent of the "inner cities" in the United States — the sprawling urban areas of the same big cities you've been reading of in the past weeks.

Within the past few years, an additional five million — including 200,000 southern Negroes—mostly comparatively uncultured — have moved into the heart of the same big cities.

Washington, D.C., has a population of sixty-three percent Negro. BUT NINETY-TWO PERCENT OF THE CRIME is Negro. In other words — the crime rate in the Negro community is totally disproportionate to the population — and huge beside the white community. Is this prejudicial? No — just plain, cold, serious fact!

And the story is very much the same in many other cities with similar large Negro populations.

Newark, New Jersey, has 55 percent Negro population, and Baltimore, Maryland, has 41 percent. In St. Louis it's 37 percent, and Chicago and Philadelphia have Negro populations of 30 percent each.

What has been the real effect of this massive migration into the North?

Think about it! As a statistical fact, the broad majority of these recent arrivals have NOT been educated sufficiently to compete in job opportunities with their northern cousins.

To blame ALL such lack of education on discrimination is a simple untruth. To deny there has been discrimination would be an equal untruth. But many causal factors apply. Lack of desire for education, and an underlying apathy are equal factors with lack of opportunity. And it is also a fact that many Negro schools and integrated schools in the South provide superior educational opportunities to northern, big city schools. (Whole articles could be written about the horrible conditions in many schools in the heart of suburbia — where attacks on teachers, use of dope, open fornication, VANDALISM, uniformed police in the hallways are the growing scene!)

As a result of all these factors, and many more you will soon see mentioned, the majority of these new arrivals sink into worse conditions than they left behind. Resentment sets in. Frustrated at finding a job — able to afford only the most wretched of apartments or tenement houses — these same hundreds of thousands find release only in degeneration of all descriptions.

Mounting crime, spiraling venereal disease, rising use of drugs, increasing destruction of the home and family are a few of the worse symptoms.

Here are a few more of the cold facts!

Less than 50 percent of all living Negroes up to age 18 have ever lived with both parents! THINK about that fact! That means LESS THAN HALF of the whole youthful Negro population of the United States has known what it means to live in a normal home! And you would be staggered if you knew the conditions that prevail in LARGE percentages of the homes where there HAVE been both parents present — and you would be further staggered if you knew the FEW, the PRECIOUS FEW Negro youngsters who have been reared in homes that are TRULY stable — where love and respect, and where DISCIPLINE and CHARACTER abound!

After all, such homes are PRECIOUS FEW among WHITES — and even rarer, BELIEVE IT OR NOT — among Negroes!

Today, fully twenty-one percent of all Negro families are without a father! And, while one in fourteen white babies born is illegitimate (a SHOCKING rate!), among Negroes the PROVED rate is
ONE IN FOUR — and in some of the big cities it is much closer to EVERY OTHER CHILD BORN!

These are some of the more important statistics to illustrate the single most important factor behind all these massive acts of vandalism.

That fact is that the NEGRO FAMILY IS CRUMBLING! The fabric of family life in the Negro community is simply coming apart — and you are witnessing the DIRECT RESULT! Most of the bomb throwers, the bottle and brick throwers, the militant police cursers, and the store looters are YOUNGSTERS in their TEENS!

WHY are there far more crimes among Negroes? Why is illegitimacy out of ALL PROPORTION to the white community?


Or is it something else — something much deeper and broader?

Interview with a Sniper

In the recent Detroit riots, a news reporter interviewed an unidentified man who took part in the riots.

What sort of man was he? What kind of a home, background, education did he have? What are his REAL grievances? Had he really been deprived of opportunities to better himself — to escape the "ghetto"?

Let's hear his own words.

"When the thing broke out, me and my main man [best friend] were out there helping. We threw some cocktails. But after a while we got tired of that, so we decided to go home and get our pieces [guns].

"We had them [obscenity] cops so scared that first night they were shooting at one another. I know I got one or two of them. But I don't think I killed them, I wish I had, the dirty. . . ."

The young Negro continued.

"Man they killed Malcolm X just like that. So I'm going to take a few of them with me. They may get me later on but somebody else will take my place — just like that." (Three Negroes, two of them avowed Black Muslims, were found guilty of the murder of black nationalist leader Malcolm X in 1965 and sentenced to life imprisonment.)
RACE RIOT RESULTS — Firemen battle blazes in Newark (left, above) and Milwaukee (extreme right).

Asked about his background, this is what the reporter found:

"He said that his mother had died years ago, leaving him and his sister, with whom he lived for several months in a dilapidated apartment on Dexter Avenue."

The young Negro told the reporter:

"Man, that place was so bad that I hated to come home at night. My sister became a hustler [prostitute] for a guy I grew up with.

"He added that he had heard that she had been shot Wednesday night while looting a store.

"That [obscenity] makes me mad.

Why they have to shoot somebody for takin' something out of a store during a riot.

"Suddenly, he began talking about his early life.

"I went to school just like you did. I believed in all that oakiedoak and then I woke up one day and said later for that stuff, because that stuff would mess up my mind. I hustled and did a little bit of everything to stay alive.

"I got a couple of kids by some sister [Negro woman] on the other side of town but I never see them. What can I say to them . . .?"  (Los Angeles Times. Saturday, July 29, 1967.)

Why Did He Riot?

Here was a young man that had no home. His mother died early. He never mentioned his father. His sister was a complete failure — turning to prostitution.

He called his schooling, "all that oakiedoak" — and simply quit. But where was his father when this tender-aged boy decided to quit learning the English language; to quit learning history, geography, mathematics, music, literature, and government? Where were his parents? Wasn’t there some authority in his life to make him go to school because he desperately needed an education?

He turned to a life of a street urchin. Stealing, lying, hating— he let his
frustrations feed on RACE! Listening to the street talk around him — growing up amidst pimps, prostitutes, dope pushers, petty thieves and gangsters — he learned in a far different school from the one he left.

The confessed father of two illegitimate children, he could only dignify their mother by the title "some sister."

Full of apathy, laziness, DELIBERATELY refusing to take opportunity to EDUCATE himself — he sunk into the mire of ghetto life.

Now, this Negro victim of other youthful Negroes who gave him life, is passing on the same PROBLEMS to his children — also fatherless, as he probably was. So the vicious circle of broken homes, huge venereal disease rate, fatherless children continues to widen.

The ghetto is not the problem, it's the effect. Poverty is not the problem, it's the effect. When will we learn this?

Anatomy of a Riot

Did you ever wonder how a riot starts?

It's very simple.

Take several hundred or thousands of individuals like the Negro interviewed above. Most of them don't know their parents. If they had a family, there was constant bickering, fighting and quarrelling at home.

Most of these individuals were school "dropouts." They have little education and no skills. They're a socially, mentally inferior lot. The world a few blocks from their ghetto might as well be a foreign country. If they must venture into it for a time, they rush to get back to the safety of "their block."

They have no jobs; no responsibilities; no place to play; no hobbies; no interests — simply, nothing to do!

These same misfits of society hang around drugstores, soda fountains, bars and on the street corners. They want something exciting to do. Being the hate-filled and covetous human beings that they are, they want to destroy and get.

These, many if not mostly illegitimate children, have stolen cars, fought with teachers, vandalized property since they were twelve! They've committed fornication; girls may be pregnant at fifteen.

There they are, groups of them, ages fifteen to twenty-five, on the street corner. It's a hot, sultry late afternoon. One of them draws out, "Tonight's the night, baby." The other answers, "Yeah, were going to get some scratch."

They hang around a corner shop. It's getting dark now. The shopkeeper gets nervous. He calls the police. A crowd gathers. The squad car pulls up, radios in for more help in case of trouble.

The police yell to the crowd, "Disperse. Go Home!"

The crowd doesn't disperse. They curse the police. Someone throws a bottle at them. The police rush to get the individual. The crowd attacks the police.

Perhaps the police shoots someone to escape being killed. Or else, the police flee the scene until help comes.

Meanwhile, the shopkeeper is beaten and his store is robbed. Some of the rioters set it afire in retaliation. Suddenly, others see an opportunity to replace the television set that's getting old since they got it in a riot two years ago.

Another store is smashed and burned. Perhaps a liquor store goes next — and then a gunshop! This spreads from block to block. Perhaps Communist agitators are near enough to exploit the situation. They send in agents to fan the fire.

Suddenly, a full scale WAR is in action.

...BUT WHY?

Is poverty the cause of the racial hatreds seething in men's hearts today? Is racial hatred oftimes the cause of poverty?

Is lack of education the cause of racial bias and hate? Or is racial bias and hate often the cause of lack of education?

Is joblessness the cause of race riots? Or are race riots the cause of joblessness in many cases (hundreds of businesses, shops, stores, restaurants were destroyed in the recent riots — and Negroes were employed in many of them, or served by them).

It's time you knew, ONCE AND FOR ALL, the REAL cause of race riots!

It's JUST PLAIN OLD HUMAN NATURE!
CRISIS Flares into Bitter Racial REVOLT!

Headlines from past issues of The PLAIN TRUTH, explaining the real cause of riots and warning of worse to come — until Christ’s rule brings peace, and changes men’s hearts.

— they don’t just automatically begin to use them!

And ALL SUCH BIASED AND PREJUDICED TEACHING IS WRONG!

What, about you?

Were you TAUGHT, from the time of childhood, that each person must be evaluated as a PERSON, according to his own individual character, honesty, and integrity? Probably not. Precious few are!

What were your earliest feelings toward members of another racial group? About people who spoke with a different accent than you, who wore different-looking clothes? About those who were not in the same social status as you, or those who “came from the other side of the tracks”?

Are You Free From Race Prejudice?

Every human being, regardless of his race, color, language or religion — becomes aware in his early formative years of distinct differences between himself and many other human beings.

Every human being is born, remember, with human nature. And unless the very elements of human nature are skillfully trained, shaped, formed and conquered by proper training, it becomes natural to hate other human beings!

As you developed, and became aware of other people who were different from yourself, you also came to certain conclusions regarding those differences.

Sociologists have proved the parents of nearly all racial, cultural or national groups are the first teachers to influence their children’s minds concerning other people.

If you are a Negro, do you remember the first time you asked your parents why another person’s skin was white and yours black? What did your parents tell you? Did they tell you that there are many different races on the earth, just as there are different heights, statures, languages and social groups? Did they explain how these races came to be?

Did they explain how it was God who first dispersed the races? Did they explain that each race has its special proclivities, its abilities and strengths as well as its inherent weaknesses and other characteristics?

Were you, in short, given some overall direction and guidance in your attitude toward members of another race?

Hardly.

Rather, you were given a completely PREJUDICIAL statement which tended to make you feel inferior — but which was aimed at helping you ride over that inferiority, by looking down on members of another race.

This is true whether you were white, asking your parents about the first Negro person you saw, or whether Negro, asking your parents about the first white person of whom you became aware.

Well, let’s face it. Human nature being what it is, and adding to it the social pressures, the constant teaching of parents, schools, social and economic differences, class distinctions, educational lack and language barriers, then you have a potentially explosive situation between the members of all races.

What REALLY sparked the recent explosion between the Pakistanis and the Indians?

Those people hate each other!

The very fact of the existence of an East Pakistan and a West Pakistan, a very unnatural and illogical arrangement for any nation or cultural group, centers around religion as well as race.

And what were YOU first told about “your” religion, as opposed to the religion of others? Were you told theirs is “just as good as yours is?”

Or were you told you have a perfect right to your ideas?

Racial tensions in the United States are being aggravated during these modern times, not quieted. Bigotry and bias are INCREASING, not decreasing.

Meanwhile, a far-reaching, significant CHANGE is occurring among the Negro
To comprehend the recent riots in depth, what really happened — you need to comprehend these significant developments.

The Breakdown of Negro Society

In recent nationally circulated news magazines, it has been reported that Negro life in the United States is deteriorating, rather than getting better; that the Negro family structure is approaching complete breakdown, and crime in the Negro community is mounting at an appalling rate.

The United States Department of Labor conducted extensive tests into the home life of the Negro population of the United States. Here are a few of the shocking facts.

As mentioned, one out of four Negro babies born is illegitimate. For 1963, for example, while only 3.07 percent of babies born to the total white population were illegitimate, 23.59 percent of the babies born to the non-white community were illegitimate.

The U.S. Labor Department statistics further show that in predominantly Negro communities the percentages were much higher.

For example, in Central Harlem, the Negro section of New York, the rate of illegitimate births in 1963 was 43.41 percent of the total births for that year.

To compound the problem, the birth rate among Negroes is proportionately higher than among whites.

Remember, all these figures are proportionate; that is, they relate percentage to the total population, rather than to the number of cases alone.

It was found that the birth rate is nearly half again as high for Negro women as for white women in the United States, being 104.3 births for every 1,000 women of childbearing age in 1963 among whites, and 149.3 births among Negroes.

As many of you long-time readers of *The Plain Truth* know, I have had much to say about broken homes and divorce in the past.

Nearly all my comments have been limited to the white population of our peoples alone. In our booklet *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing*, no distinction is ever made concerning various racial communities within the United States, Great Britain, Australia, South Africa, or any other country.

Broken Homes — a Curse of Modern Society

The plain truth of the matter is that the family is breaking down and disintegrating among all racial communities, around the world!

And remember, too, that Almighty God seriously indicts His people *Israel, more than any others* for this breakdown in the family!

He said, through Isaiah, "As for my people [and he was referring to the House of Israel!], children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths" (Isa. 3:12).

But nowhere in all the world is that breakdown of the family and the home any more rampant or shocking than among the Negro community in the United States!

Negroes are finding that equal opportunity, equal privilege, equality before the law is not the panacea to cure all the ills of the Negro community.

For example, more than one fifth of all Negro women who have been married are now divorced, separated, or for some other reason living apart from their husbands!

And what effect would this have on the morals, the character, the education, the economic status of all these children?

The riots in Detroit, Newark and elsewhere are clear examples of the effect.

A study in 1960 concerning "Aid to Dependent Children" was begun to determine the number of children who are on relief as a result of such broken homes. The results were revealing.

It was found that 14 percent of Negro children were needing such public assistance, as compared to 2 percent of white children.

Don't deceive yourself!

The shocking environment in which millions of little Negro children must exist would tear at your heart and bring tears to your eyes! It is a heinous crime that millions of little babies are born out of wedlock each year around this earth — to be allowed to grow up in a hostile world filled with hatred, resentment, racial bias and bigotry; with illiteracy, poverty, fears and resentments their only lot in life.

And remember — discrimination does not cause illegitimacy. It does not cause mounting crime, or divorce, or rising venereal disease, or increased drug usage!

Take a look at the percentages in crime between the Negro and the white community.

It is a statistical fact, substantiated by government crime studies, that Negroes are far outnumbered by whites in most cities.

In Chicago and Detroit, for example, three fourths of the persons arrested for such crimes as murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape and aggravated assault were Negroes. In 1960, 56 percent of all persons committed to State institutions for murder, and 57 percent of those committed for assault were Negroes.

What about dope?

In 1961, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, there were 40.4 habitual users of narcotics per 10,000 population in Central Harlem. But this compared with 5.2 per 10,000 population in New York City as a whole.

Add it up. Figure it out. It is not a crime to be poor — but being poor does not justify crime.

It is not a crime to be uneducated — but being uneducated does not legalize crime.

Take a long, long look at the plain truth of the seemingly insoluble problems confronting our large meccas of commerce and industry, our largest cities that this world has ever seen!

The Economic "Gap"
It's a world sick with hate, jealousy, prejudice, class distinction, poverty, fear, illegitimacy, immorality, licentiousness, resentment, divorce, crime, disease, riots and war!

And the only real solution is the return of Jesus Christ to establish His World-Ruling government on this earth, and straighten out all peoples once and for all!

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in this world suppose does exist! They — most of the finest, most scholarly, most "educated," greatest-capacity minds — do suppose there is no God — or, at least they are skeptical — agnostic — doubting — and, in reality, assuming that no such Supreme Being exists!

If those human leaders — those self-exalted, vain people who are the leaders in this world's civilization, were the highest power in existence for the guiding of humanity's destiny — for solving the world's colossal problems — for delivering mankind from its overwhelmingly tragic state — if man's only hope lay in these misguided and vain men and in our own selves alone — how utterly hopeless we would be!

If I did not know that the living God is — and that He is very soon going to intervene in world affairs I would rather be dead. In working out His Purpose here below God has appointed a 6,000-year duration of keeping Hands off — of allowing mankind full freedom of choice to demonstrate, once for all by human experience, just how helpless man is to save himself, and to bring himself peace, and happiness, and abundant well-being. If I did not KNOW these things I should not want to live — I should rather be extinct!

Man must yet learn not only that God is, but that all good things come from God — that He is man's only hope — and that He has set man's potential destiny — if by free choice man is willing — as the highest glory that any mind can possibly conceive!

Yes, I am grateful that I have been brought safely back to the Headquarters of God's Work for the continuance of the responsibilities the Great God allows me to be used in performing.

And that new grandson? I have mentioned before in this Personal column, I believe, of how Mrs. Armstrong and I were simply unwilling to give up our daughter-in-law, Lois, from being our daughter. She was the wife of our elder son, Richard David. She was widowed when Dick was killed in an automobile crash nine years ago, leaving a three-months-old son. After about two-and-a-half years, one of God's fine young ministers, Mr. Ben Chapman, and Lois, wanted to be married. They asked our permission. (Of course they didn't need it, but they asked it anyway, because they wanted to). We were not willing to sever the "daughter" relationship with Lois, so I suggested that, to consent, we should have to just consider Ben as our son.

"O.K., Dad," said Ben, with enthusiasm — and so, Ben and Lois are just like my very own children. Little "Dicky" is not so little anymore — he's a fine big boy past nine, and he has two younger sisters whom we have considered our grandchildren. And now I have to think how happy Mrs. Armstrong would be to know that Ben, who has been such a fine and loving father to Dicky, has another son, this time of his very own "flesh and blood," and to carry on his name!

God has granted to us humans the wonderful, God-plane family relationship — the only creatures in all God's creation to be blessed with the marriage-home-family relationship. Truly all good things do come from God!

My lovely wife of sixty years is no longer living — until the Resurrection — but my heavenly Father, and my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, still live eternally! How grateful I am for that!

And so I end this little Personal talk by quoting God's Word through David: "O give thanks unto the Eternal, for He is good! . . . O that men would praise the Eternal for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men." (Psalm 107:1, 8).
PROPHECY comes alive IN TODAY'S WORLD NEWS


Saddled with chronic, nearly insoluble economic woes, the British government announced on July 18 plans for a massive withdrawal from the Far East.

Ignoring pleas from her allies, London stubbornly declared that British forces in the vast "East of Suez" region, now numbering 40,000 will be halved by 197[. Only a prolonged Vietnam War might push the timetable back.

Australians are now left to face the growing nuclear might of Red China all by themselves—or with the faint hope of U.S. support.

An obituary for the British military was written by Arthur Gavshon of the Associated Press:

"The haul-down of the Union Jack in a region once dominated by the Royal Navy symbolized the final phase in the dismantling of the modern world's mightiest empire."

The tragic thing is that the British are doing the scuttling all by themselves! They have not been defeated on the battlefield or on the sea.

But how far will Britain sink? A lot farther yet, Bible prophecy reveals. To find out in graphic detail, write for our free, beautifully illustrated 240-page book entitled The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy. This book will astound you.

Montreal, Quebec — Front pages of Montreal newspapers react to President Charles de Gaulle's "campaign" for Quebec separatism.

De Gaulle's "Campaign"

Another part of the crumbling Commonwealth, Canada, has just experienced the worst threat ever to its shaky national unity. It came from an unexpected source — France's President Charles de Gaulle.

De Gaulle, while a guest of the Canadian government on a five-day state visit, acted instead like a conspirator. He stirred up a hornet's nest of French-Canadian feelings in Quebec, Canada's largest province. Canadian officials considered it a shameful display of meddling in Canada's affairs by a foreign head of state.

De Gaulle barnstormed through Quebec with all the energy of a candidate running for political office. Climaxing his tour with a speech before thousands in Montreal, July 24, the French President shouted, "Long live free Quebec" — the rallying cry of the Quebec independence movement.

The crowd went wild. They yelled: "Free Quebec — De Gaulle said it."

Then De Gaulle remarked: "I want to confide in you a secret. On my motorcade and in Montreal I found an atmosphere resembling the liberation of France in World War II."

Canadian officials in Ottawa, the capital, were stunned! Prime Minister Pearson bluntly reminded De Gaulle that all Canadians are free, and that many thousands of them died to liberate France in two World Wars.

De Gaulle's conduct was pure divide-and-conquer strategy. He knows full well that a Canada divided against itself is a weaker ally of the United States. He would like to see Quebec's economic dependence upon the United States and the rest of Canada broken. He called for the Quebeckers to be "their own masters."

Racial Turmoil Mounts

"Smoking, chaotic destruction!" This was the scene in Detroit, Michigan, at the height of civil insurrection there. The toll: Over forty deaths and a half billion dollars of damage.

Regrettfully addressing the nation in
a midnight televised address, President Johnson called out federal troops to put an end to "pillage, looting, arson and murder."

To date, outbreaks of racial violence have erupted in over 50 U.S. cities this summer. This compares with 38 riots for the entire 1966 "hot season."

Predictably, the worst outbreaks have occurred in several congested Northern cities with sprawling "ghetto" slum areas. However, racial violence has also gripped such seemingly remote areas as Cairo, Illinois; Waterloo, Iowa; Hartford, Connecticut; Erie, Pennsylvania; and Minneapolis, Minnesota — cities with small percentages of Negro population.

"War Room"

So fast have the outbreaks occurred that a little-publicized government information center for urban riots—dubbed "The War Room"—has been established in Washington, D.C.

Using charts, graphs and maps the men in "riot central" attempt to predict the next city where racial warfare will begin. These experts hope, of course, to forestall new violence. But no predictable pattern to racial unrest has yet been found.

Even in Great Britain fear is mounting of future racial clashes. There is growing friction between native Britons and immigrants from India, Pakistan, and the West Indies. British authorities were not at all happy about Stokely Carmichael's recent visit there.

"We are going to internationalize the race struggle," Carmichael declared in one speech.

Far more racial chaos is yet to befall our Godless sin-gripped nations. Our ugly urban conglomerations festering with all kinds of crime, protected vice, and political graft and corruption have helped lay the foundations for the present state of affairs. We reap what we sow. And the harvest is truly bitter.

This curse is just beginning. Some extremist Negro leaders are openly predicting a racial Civil War in the United States by 1971 or 1972! The head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, H. Rap Brown, has said: "If America won't come "round, we'll burn America down!"

The Bible graphically prophesied of this tragic racial dilemma now facing our peoples. The prophet Isaiah warned both the ancient nation of Israel and its modern descendants today, the United States and the British people:

"Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate as overthrown by strangers" (Isa. 1:7).

Who are these "strangers?" Deuteronomy 28:43 reveals that these are the minority Gentile elements in our midst ("that is within thee"). "They shall get up above thee very high," this scripture reveals.

It is certain that many more cities face the same fate as Detroit and Newark. But you can escape and come under God's protection in these terrifying times if you want to. Write for our vital free article, "Human Nature is VIOLENT." It will give you a guide on how to conduct your life in the tumultuous days ahead.

**WAR-TORN DETROIT!** Gutted buildings in nation's 5th largest city. Arsonists set well over 1000 fires, caused over $200,000,000 in property damage.
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With every outbreak of violence comes the clamor from officialdom to "find the CAUSE" of riots. Special investigative boards are appointed. Hundreds are interviewed, reams of words are written. But still the riots continue — with beleaguered mayors and governors saying, "I don't know what could have CAUSED such a terrible mess!" It's time you saw the REAL cause of race riots — time you faced the stern truth, regardless of your race or color. See page 3.

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Instability is the hallmark of our times! The spectacle of dignified government leaders engaging in screaming harangues; senators, congressmen losing their tempers — the constant reports of riotous mobs raging at police — these and other violent outbursts of rampant human passion fill your newspapers. Here's WHY such unbridled emotion, and what YOU ought to do about it. See page 17.

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