“It is our will that is being tried”—President Johnson
What our READERS SAY

The more I read about you, the more things become interesting. Your PLAIN TRUTH cannot find an equal, and the facts that you proclaim are facts indeed. Even though I cannot see eye-to-eye with some of your commentations on the scripture; yet, I'm willing to listen and learn as the scripture tells us to 'Prove all things, hold fast what it true.'

Joseph V. W., Rutland, Massachusetts

That's the exact right approach.

Unyielding Atheist

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The Right Approach

"Your program comes into my home and car just as often as I have time to listen to it. It is broadcast at midnight on weekdays and before church on Sundays. I am a policeman having to work very odd hours, and do not have the opportunity to hear your program when I would like. I especially enjoy the programs about juveniles, their morals, and delinquency. In my profession I see in fact what you discuss on your broadcasts. The people that do not believe what you say in regard to the rise in juvenile delinquency in this country are only kidding themselves. I know you are telling the facts, but it's a shame you cannot get the message over to all peoples."

Victor W., Woodbridge, Virginia

If Garner Ted ever puts his articles on evolution in book form, we certainly want a copy of it. We think it is one of the most important works ever to be written. It is especially important that school children read these articles to help them understand the truth. The lies they are told in school are contradicted better in these articles than most of the parents could do on their own."

A. R. McB., Sylvania, Georgia

No Purpose in Life

"I am a student at the University of Northern Iowa; and from the present state of the college, I can see a direct relationship, almost a reflection of the entire world situation. On the campus, one can find a small percentage of 'social drop-outs,' another small percentage of dedicated students, while the vast majority are lost in a maze of non-directional and non-purposeful lives."

J. N., Mason City, Iowa

Unyielding Atheist

"Please stop sending me your magazine. I am an unyielding atheist and nothing you say can change me. Everything you publish in your magazine is perhaps very beautiful, but from my point of view, in the twentieth century, it contains out-dated theories."

Reader, Lausanne, Switzerland

We keep confusing people with the facts.

The Right Approach

"I am a student at Hudson Valley Community College. I tuned in for the first time to WWVA on November 19 and again on the 26th. To my surprise, I found someone discussing the problems of our times with a logical, college-minded view. I hope you will continue to broadcast."

Glen J., Albany, New York

So do we.

"Since the 'World Tomorrow' was taken off the air in this country, I have been trying my hardest to beg the B.B.C. to include it in, at least, one of their many programmes, but, of course, it is

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Personal from the Editor

Today I am writing from the island of Barbados, in the British West Indies. It is one of the farthest south, and the farthest east of the West Indies in the Caribbean Sea, and not far from the north coast of South America. It is also not very far north of the equator.

On arriving at the airport here, it became quickly evident that just about everybody in Barbados listens to The World Tomorrow. Someone at the airport terminal learned my name, and soon it seemed everywhere I looked, someone was pointing me out to others.

The instant I was shown to my room in the Hilton hotel, before there was opportunity to clean up or rest, a hotel official told me newspaper reporters were already outside my door, seeking an interview. Simultaneously, the telephone began to ring. The hotel telephone operator asked if I was free to receive calls — many radio listeners were clamoring to extend greetings. Someone said a local radio station had mentioned my arrival on a news broadcast.

My experience here has convinced me that there must be a special school for training newspaper reporters — and that the reporters here, like myself, had never heard of that school, because these reporters had not been trained in the art of misquoting one interviewee, twisting and distorting everything said. These reporters in their honest simplicity quoted me truthfully. But then, I found that they, too, had been listening to The World Tomorrow for two or three years, and also subscribing to and reading The Plain Truth.

Before I describe what I think must be the nature of that school for newspaper reporters, let me explain how I came to find myself here so suddenly and unexpectedly.

Last Wednesday noon, at lunch in our faculty dining room on the Pasadena campus, Mr. Dibar Aparitan, professor of French and speaker on the French language World Tomorrow program, mentioned that he was flying down, early the next morning, to Barbados. He is heard, in French, on radio stations in the West Indies, beside French-speaking eastern Canada, and France and other French-speaking regions in Europe. Having been in the West Indies three times before, in answer to many requests for personal counselling, he had also visited Barbados, an English-speaking island, and had baptized several here. This trip he was to meet with a number of these people in Barbados, beside visiting Martinique, just north of Barbados.

I had never been to the West Indies. I knew that we had radio listeners all over these islands. Instantly the thought came that it would be good for the Work if I visited this region, to get to know something of the people here, their life, and what interest they might have in the Truth.

I decided to come along with him.

This visit has been an eye-opener. If we are to go TO the world with the very Message God sent by Jesus Christ, and which He has commissioned us to proclaim to all the world, as a witness to all nations, we need to know something about the people we are commissioned to reach. In a sense we are Christ’s salesmen — “selling,” without money or price, God’s Truth about why they were born — about the purpose God is working out here below for them — about their potential and God’s gift of eternal life through Christ.

Many years ago, as a salesman of advertising space in magazines and newspapers, I learned that the very first need in successful salesmanship is to know your prospective customer — to know what he thinks, and why — how he lives — what is his attitude toward what you want to advertise.
Always I made surveys of customer-opinion, before writing ads to sell goods or services in print.

We have been preaching to these people down here without knowing what they are like, how they live, what they think and believe. It was important to the work that I familiarize myself with these facts, and this was the first opportunity I had had to come. So I came.

And I have learned much that I hope will result in much good to these people — that will help us to serve them better.

It is like a strange new world. Somewhat like some of the south sea islands in the Pacific, only having had much more of the influence of British civilization.

The people here are mostly colored. Here the white people seem to be outnumbered about 10 or 20 to one. The newspaper reporters were colored. Most businesses appear to be run by colored people. But, unlike United States Negroes in the South, they have not known slavery. They have compulsory education. They are not illiterate. They have an attitude of self-respect, and I have seen no racial prejudices. They seem to be a happier people than those of many other countries.

A while ago — it was close to mid-afternoon, and I had skipped lunch — I went down to the outdoor snack bar for a sandwich. The waitress asked, “Are you Herbert Armstrong?”

“How did you know?” I asked.

She grinned. “I hear you on the radio, and I saw your picture on the front page of the newspaper this morning.”

Almost immediately four or five men attendants at the snack bar were around me, asking all kinds of questions.

“I don’t agree with everything you say,” exclaimed one, “but I listen, because the program is interesting, and I like to hear all the facts you keep giving.”

“You learn more about the world you live in, and world conditions, and what they mean?” I asked. “Yes, that’s right,” he answered.

That pretty well sums up what I find to be the average attitude. Nearly everyone here, it seems, listens. The fact many, perhaps even most, do not agree with everything we say, only indicates that these people are a thinking people. But, also, the fact that several on this island have already requested a personal conference and baptism, and have been found ready for baptism, shows that these thinking people, once they find what we say proved, are willing to accept truth, and turn from former ideas and beliefs, and ways of life, when proved erroneous and wrong.

Just at this point I was called to the telephone. The manager of one of the two local radio stations, Radio Barbados, was on the telephone. He asked for a telephone interview that he could put on the air in the news hour.

I said, above, that reporters were at the door of my hotel room before I could unpack traveling bags, wash and clean up, or sit down for a moment’s rest. That was early evening, about sundown. Next morning, a feature writer and a photographer from one of the papers appeared for an interview and photographs. So, we were on the front page this morning.

But here is a remarkable thing, in my experience:

So far, both newspapers have honestly and faithfully reported what I said, without twisting and distorting it. I think it is about the first time in my experience this has happened. It made me think there must be a school for newspaper reporters that teaches most of them to misquote those interviewed, distort what is said, omit what the reporters don’t like, about what is said, and add what is not said.

This idea comes from having heard Bob Newhart’s comedy record, with the skit on “the Bus Drivers’ School.” The idea was that the drivers of city street buses, according to Newhart, could not possibly do things so badly unless there was a school to teach them how to do things that way.

In lessons simulating, and acting out actual situations, at the school, he had this little old Mrs. Silkirk running to catch the bus.

“Hold it, hold it!” he called to the bus driver, impersonating the instructor at the school. “You pulled away altogether too fast. Did you notice, she gave up about the middle of the block. You want to always hold out the hope that she might catch it. But you must remember that some of these little old ladies run at half-speed, and if you’re not careful they might suddenly put on a spurt, and before you could speed up and pull away, they might catch you and hop on. For homework tonight you are going to study on how to mispronounce the names of streets.”

I have often wondered how newspaper reporters can misspell names, misquote those interviewed, omit important facts, put emphasis on others and manufacture things the person interviewed never said — unless there is a school to teach them such things. In any event, these Barbados reporters must never have attended such a school. What they have reported so far has been honestly done — and I trust the feature story to appear in next Sunday’s paper will be as accurate.

One thing has impressed me in Barbados. Even though three or four have told me they don’t agree with everything we say on the World Tomorrow, they not only keep listening, they think, they enjoy the program, and they are friendly.

One of the employees at the snack bar said The World Tomorrow has made quite a change in the religious ideas people here hold. I think they realize we are always saying: “Don’t believe me, because I say it, but listen without prejudice, check up, search out the facts, and believe what is proved.” That, it seems, is what these people do.

There has been so much interest here — so many have written to us requesting personal interviews, counseling and help, that we have sent here, to take up residence in Barbados, one of our ordained ministers, Mr. Clarence Bass. He is competent, well educated, having earned the M.A. degree. He also has done graduate studies at Ambassador College in Pasadena. His charming wife is a native of Jamaica, and will feel right at home here.

Mr. Bass will not call on or visit anyone unless requested to do so, but any of our Barbados readers who might (Continued on page 47)
PRIDE OF U.S. POWER--
WHERE IS IT?

A well-executed Communist twin offensive has spectacularly shattered the pride of American military power in Asia. First North Koreans hijacked U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo on the high seas. Then the Viet Cong launched a series of stunning, ferocious attacks throughout South Vietnam that caught Allied forces by surprise. Even more surprising still, has been the reaction by officials to these grave events.

by Gene H. Hogberg

WHAT we have warned for years, has happened. U.S. fortunes have taken a sudden turn for the worse in Asia. The nation has won its last war.

The American public had been told over the past several months that the war in Vietnam was clearly turning in U.S. favor. In November, Gen. William Westmoreland, U.S. Commander in Vietnam, expressed the personal belief that American servicemen could even be gradually phased out of an increasingly pacified Vietnam in about two years.

Then, suddenly, in the space of one week, everything went wrong.

Two Crises at Once

On January 23, elements of the tiny North Korean navy seized the U.S. Navy intelligence ship Pueblo and its 83-man crew in international waters off Wonson, North Korea. The Pueblo, an electronic marvel complete with the most sophisticated “snooping” gear, had been left unprotected and virtually unarmed at the time of the hijacking. Before help could come, Pueblo was in Wonson harbor.

With U.S. attention swept temporarily to the heated-up Korean situation, the Communist war strategists in Hanoi made final plans for the greatest Red offensive to date in South Vietnam.

It came one week after the Korean flare-up and it was carried out with such ferocity that Allied forces — even though suspecting something — were simply caught off guard. Viet Cong insurgents smashed their way into 25 provincial capitals. They attacked U.S. military installations throughout Vietnam, even attacked and held part of the U.S. embassy in Saigon for a brief period. Saigon is now a wreck, with sections of the metropolitan area nothing but bombed-out ruins.

Communist Defeat? — or Victory?

American military advisors to the President were quick to assert, after the initial Viet Cong attacks subsided, that the Communist offensive was a “complete military failure.” The President himself felt compelled to address the nation. He denied the Reds had achieved a psychological victory.

“Impressive” statistics were given — 24,000 Communists lay dead after the first nine days of the uprising, versus a tiny fraction of that number of American dead. South Vietnamese casualties were put near 4,000.

But other statistics tell a different story. President Johnson admitted on February 2 that the VC had destroyed 38 American planes and helicopters. They also damaged — how seriously was not told — another “100-odd” aircraft — all of which will have to be replaced.

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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

In this installment, events leading to the providential acquisition of the second Ambassador College campus, in England.

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Now we come to the year 1959. The office my son Dick had opened in London had expanded as far as it could expand. It then occupied the entire floor of an office building in downtown London.

However, the office building occupied but small ground area, and each floor consisted of only three office rooms, beside corridor and lift (elevator to Americans).

When Garner Ted and I boarded an SAS (Scandinavian Airline System) polar-flight DC-7 plane at Los Angeles International Airport, in early June, 1959, we had no idea whatsoever of establishing another liberal arts college campus in England. Our purpose was to find larger office quarters.

We did have in mind combining new and enlarged office space with an altogether different kind of college. We felt it might be advisable to open a small college for men only, of various races and nationalities. The idea of such a college was to make it primarily a college for training men either as ministers or religious service among various races and countries, as the broadcast and The Plain Truth developed need.

Now in Book Form

Actually, I was writing one or two of the earlier installments of the Autobiography on this very trip. What I am now writing about — events of 1959 — was occurring while I was writing earlier chapters.

And since the last installment was published, in the November, 1967 number, the first 30 installments of the Autobiography have been published in book form, as Volume I. This first volume of the Book contains 510 pages. It is quite a healthy-sized book.

It contains the first 30 chapters which were written and published serially in The Plain Truth between August, 1957 and July 1960.

More than a hundred thousand of our readers have now received this first volume in book form. But The Plain Truth circulation has grown until some three million of you will be reading this issue of the magazine. And I think this is a good time to explain to the rest of you, who have not requested your free copy of the book, why it was written. This is covered much more explicitly, of course, in the book.

Why should the story of my life be published? For years I felt it should not. But every month we receive many letters asking such questions as, "Who are you? Who, or what is back of you, supporting your work? What is your religion — what denomination? How did you get started? Were you ever of his 20?"

Well, for one thing, this first volume of the Autobiography answers all those much-asked questions. Apparently some persecutors think many are interested in hearing about my past life. A number, who do not know me or the facts, are willing to sell you, for a price, their distorted, deliberately untrue version of it. One, who must think people want to know what I believe, has published a list of 20 things he claims I believe — and I do not believe a one of his 20!

I think that if I had lived in the time of Jesus' earthly personal life and mission, and I had wanted to know about Him and what He believed and taught, I should not have gone to His enemies and persecutors, the Pharisees, Sadducees and scribes. I should have gone straight to Him. He said that if they persecuted Him, they would persecute us who He uses to preach His SAME GOSPEL. I preach what He preached, and His sayings about the persecution is surely true. I do not persecute them, nor do I answer them, nor dignify their slander and lies with retaliation.

But we have nothing to hide.

People by continuous thousands keep asking these questions — and that is one of the reasons I decided, in the summer of 1957, to write this Autobiography. It answers those questions. It lays bare my life, truthfully, and experiences exactly as they happened.

Paul Told Life Story

One reason I felt, for years, that I should not write it, was the feeling that God had called me to preach His Gospel, not to talk about myself. I have not departed from that basic position — but the Apostle Paul also was called to preach Christ's Gospel, and he twice related his life story. The first four Books of the New Testament record the life story of Jesus. Not all of it, perhaps, but those portions helpful to us, and vital in getting to us His GOSPEL. The Old Testament is God's WORD, as well as the New, and it is replete with the life stories of many men.

So I saw that God Himself uses the life stories of individuals as a means of transmitting to us His GOSPEL MESSAGE, and often in a more interesting and practical manner.
And, finally, I had lived a most unusual and, I think, exciting life—especially in the early formative years; and even my own sons were not really familiar with those experiences. And I knew this written account of them would be helpful to my own sons.

Many hundreds of letters have come from subscribers of *The Plain Truth* saying that they not only have been tremendously interested in reading these experiences, but they have been helpful, and instructive in God's Truth, and the practical application of God's Word to their personal lives, by reading of my own personal trials, problems, and experiences.

May I be candid in saying frankly that I feel that other thousands of our readers also will find these recorded experiences not only live and interesting reading, but of real practical help and benefit to you! Our staff will gladly send, absolutely gratis and postpaid, to any of our readers who wish to request it, a copy of this 510-page book, so you can begin at the beginning.

**Volume I — in Brief**

I might mention here, briefly, that it not only records the facts of my birth — the place, date, etc. — but a number of early boyhood experiences, beginning age 3. It explains how I swore off chewing tobacco at age 5 — an incident that is humorous now, but was not so funny then. And another painful experience — getting spanked at age 6 in school! It tells what, at age 5, I had decided I was going to be when I grew up; my first "girl friend" at 6; building a tree house, and being sent on a hunt to buy "pigeon-milk" at 8. Then, at 8½, the agony of being forcibly kept awake until midnight, at church, watching the old century out, and the new 20th century in. Of seeing President McKinley (and, later, Theodore Roosevelt, Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson and others). Of eating President Theodore Roosevelt's "opossum dinner," and forthwith swearing off of eating opossum; of learning to swim by being thrown by larger boys into water over my head and hands, and told I had to swim or sink. I swam!

Then, early religious training — what and where it was; how and when the spark of ambition was ignited; of being appointed a country school teacher at age 17; of deciding on a life profession, after a course of self-analysis at 18. Then, formative influences, what kind of education I had, unusual and exciting early business experiences; my experiences in dating girls, how I met my wife, and intimate facts of our romance and marriage — which marriage was to last, happily, fifty years lacking only 3½ months. Of World War I personal experiences, complicating marriage plans, and how the problem was solved. Then our first child, the flash depression of 1920, college competition, launching a new business; what church my wife and I joined; and finally, how I was angered into intensively studying the Bible for the first time in my life, and the shocking facts I discovered. The story of my struggle with the living Christ, my conversion, learning whether God really answers prayers, efforts to convert relatives, and finally my first "sermon." Then we come to the birth of Garner Ted — how he was dumb, unable to talk, and why you and millions hear him today.

Then experiences which were a prelude to the ministry; becoming ordained; and early evangelistic campaigns and exciting experiences. Then the real beginning of the present worldwide, fast-expanding Work — how *The World Tomorrow* came to be on the air — the unusual facts of the starting of *The Plain Truth*.

All that is contained in this one book — VOLUME I of the Autobiography. Of course we never charge for *anything*. It's free — gratis, and we even pay the postage. Does that sound "suspicious"? I suppose some would ask, sneeringly, "Yeah, but what are you going to get out of it, and how?" In this "getting" world I suppose most people cannot conceive of anyone wanting to give instead of get. Jesus said the giving way is more blessed, but not many seem to believe Him.

Well, strange as it may seem, I do — and you'll find the detailed account in this book of how and why I quit looking to men for financing God's Work; and found I could actually RELY ON God for it. Of course God uses human Co-Workers — but we never ask, beg, nor even INVITE anyone to become one of this small but growing family of Co-Workers with the living Christ. One reason we are pleased to offer this volume is that it lays bare all these remarkable, almost unbelievable FACTS about this Work — facts that are not understandable to our persecutors who misrepresent those facts. It is God's Way, and I wish all who profess to be Christ's ministers would follow His Ways!

**First Ship Radio Station**

But back, now, to that polar flight on an SAS DC7, in early June, 1959. That was prior to the introduction of JET planes in regular commercial service.

We arrived in Copenhagen about 3 o'clock in the morning. It was already becoming dayight — because Copenhagen is far north where the days are very long in summer and very short in winter.

There was some mix-up in our hotel reservations. I think we were to go to one hotel, and learn there what hotel our travel agent had booked for us. Anyway, I remember that after an hour or two waiting in the lobby of the hotel to which our taxi first took us, we transferred to another hotel several blocks away.

This was our first visit to one of the Scandinavian countries. We took this flight, stopping first at Copenhagen, because we wanted to contact the first radio station that we had heard of operating offshore from a ship. The offices of this station were in Copenhagen. Also, we wanted the thrill of a polar flight, and, as I remember, only this SAS flight from Los Angeles to Copenhagen was then operative as a polar flight. Flying on the pre-jet prop plane, it was much slower than today's jets.

I was not able to contact the manager of the station, who was out of town. However, I did contact him later by telephone. Nothing definite came of it at the time, but it did open to our investigation the idea of broadcasting from offshore ship stations, to countries where no radio time can be purchased or used by *The World Tomorrow*.

We enjoyed a day in Copenhagen, and then flew on to Cologne, Germany. We carried with us a portable Ampex
The Ampex 600 models — I believe do from inside Germany, while Ted handled the controls.

German Enthusiasm for Work

We were much impressed by the phenomenal progress the Germans had made since our last visit, in recovering from the war. Now factories and downtown business blocks and stores and offices not only had been rebuilt, and residence apartments constructed, but we noticed a much finer, more expensive quality of merchandise displayed in store windows.

Cologne suffered one of the worst beatings by allied bombing of any city — 80% to 90% destroyed. In all their cities, the Germans rebuilt first their factories and industrial and production facilities. People lived in temporary shacks or small temporary houses. They kept them neat, planted roses, flowers, shrubs for beauty outside working hours. Stores operated, at first, from bombed-out wreckage or any temporary kind of quarters.

Production came first, not fine living. In 1956 and 1958 I was awakened frequently in hotel rooms by Germans walking briskly to work about 5 or 5:30 A.M., yodeling or singing lustily. While the English, supposed the conquerors of the second World War, lolled around, came to tea and took an occasional lazy work-break, the Germans worked with enthusiasm, vigor, and purpose.

Today the whole world sees the result. I talk a good deal about cause and effect. Every condition is the result of a cause. If Britain has gone down economically, no longer a world power, virtually bankrupt today, there has been a cause. The English, in their proud and stubborn attitude, have refused to acknowledge the cause they were producing. Now they are down, and, as an important nation in the world, out! They have toppled the bars of moral restraint. They have gone in for laziness, indolence, gambling, and haughty, stubborn indifference. They are beginning now to really reap what they have been sowing!

The British have written a lesson they still refuse to learn or admit.

But, every visit we made to Germany, we noticed the cause of a dynamic economic upsurge — hard work, industry, vigor, purpose. They have purposed to come back. They are once again beginning to shout: "Deutschland über alles!"

Office Hunting in London

From Cologne Garner Ted and I flew over to London. There, Raymond McNair, in charge of the Work in Britain and Europe, and Ernest Martin, Business Manager of our London office, had been searching for a larger, more suitable office space prior to our arrival, hoping to have a few desirable selections for our decision. This time we wanted office space in a building where additional office rooms could be leased as our needs expanded.

But up to that point their efforts had not been very rewarding. Most of those they had inspected were not suitable, or worth showing to us. They did have three or four, one of which they termed "the least of the evils." After looking them over, we agreed with their appraisal.

One we inspected was a three-story, old, badly maintained apartment building. We supposed it could be used for the kind of small college we had in mind — for a small number — perhaps not over 35 — men of different races. They could live in the apartment rooms, mostly very small, and the one or two lounge rooms might be enlarged by tearing out a few partitions and doing a remodeling job. These might be used as offices and classrooms. But the place was of third-rate quality, old, ill-kept — and, the price was too high.

It was very discouraging.

Lastly, they showed us "the least of the evils." It had once been a mansion, or home of very good quality, three stories, and a block and a half north of Regents Park. It was fairly close to the downtown business section. The location was good. It occupied a lot of about 75 or 85 feet width. But it, too, had been neglected, poorly maintained. Of course we knew we could give it a going-over. It could provide sufficient office space, and perhaps we could use it for our small, limited-size college of the type we then had in mind.

And Then — Out of the Blue!

We had spent two or three days looking. Mr. McNair and Mr. Martin had spent several days looking prior to our arrival. It began to seem like we were going to have to settle for this "least of the evils." It could be bought, and on terms we could handle. But we were not a bit happy over the idea.

Mr. McNair had entered Ambassador College in October, 1948, in the second year of its existence. He had always been a steady, balanced, persistent plunger — never quitting — never giving up. He didn't give up, now. He continued to telephone estate agents.

Then, suddenly one of these agents suggested something he didn't suppose we would be interested in — but he ventured to suggest it; a place just outside Greater London, north by northwest, in the Green Belt. It was a fairly large house, larger than the "least of the evils." It had a few acres of grounds.

"Could you handle the office work from a location that far out?" I asked.

"Yes," said Mr. McNair, "I think we could if the place were otherwise satisfactory."

"Why don't we go out and have a look at it yet this evening?" I suggested. Mr. McNair had made plans to meet with a group of people that evening in London for a Bible Study.

"Why don't we have Ted take this Bible study tonight, and you and I drive on out there?" I suggested.

It was arranged.

Finally, after we had gotten completely out of London, we had to drive down a lane, and then a still narrower winding, twisting lane. It didn't raise.
our anticipations. But then, we were getting used to disappointments.

Finally we turned in to the place. There was a sign, "Hanstead House." I don't know why, but that name sounded very unattractive to me.

Then suddenly we came to the iron gates in front of the mansion. It was like turning suddenly from the back-alleys of discouragement and dilapidated disappointments into a million-

daire's beautiful mansion and grounds!

This place, too, had been neglected for two years. Weeds were hip-high. But the house looked proud and majestic. We could not see in very well — it was almost dark — but what we could see appeared to be in reasonably good condition inside. The building was of stone and stucco. It had a very attractive and fairly impressive en-

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THE WAY TO PREVENT MENTAL ILLNESS

Millions needlessly suffer from various forms of emotional and mental illnesses. There are definite causes for all the fear, frustration, and mental breakdown in the world today — and there is a CURE! It's time we learned HOW to have healthy, happy, SOUND MINDS!

by Richard H. Sedlaczik

The true state of mental and emotional health in today's world is appalling! It is now estimated by officials that 15 to 30 percent of the world's population suffers from some kind of mental or emotional disorder.

But why? Why is there so little peace of mind around the world — and, perhaps, even in your home? Why, in this age of scientific "enlightenment" and technological and medical "advancements," should mental illness skyrocket at such an alarming rate?

A Shocking Picture!

In the United States alone, more people are in hospitals suffering from mental illness than from cancer, heart disease, and all other diseases combined. And one half of all hospital beds in the U.S. are occupied by mental patients!

Most people who are not receiving hospital care take pills for their mental or emotional problems. One in every seven Americans is estimated to be taking tranquilizers in an attempt to "escape" from anxiety and worry!

Take a close look at the alarming facts.

The American Blue Cross Association estimates that some 19 million Americans are mentally or emotionally unbalanced. This means that one in ten is suffering from some mental disorder! But Blue Cross also estimates that only between 10 and 20 percent of these are receiving some kind of treatment.

The mental and emotional health of New York City dwellers is especially shocking. "Every other adult in this city admits to having had an emotional or mental problem for which he [or she] wanted some help. But only one in twelve sought such aid." (By Earl Ubell, New York Herald Tribune, Nov. 19, 1965).

In Britain, one in four has some kind of psychiatric disorder, ranging from minor neurosis to major mental illness, according to a recent survey.

Mental and emotional illnesses rate number one in Australia. A survey made by the New South Wales Association for Mental Health showed that "one person in every three who consulted their family doctors needed help for some form of mental stress." The report estimated that "one family in five in New South Wales could expect to have a member as a patient in a mental hospital at some time" (daily Telegraph, June 26, 1967).

"Professionals" Affected Too

Even psychiatrists are winding up "on the couch" needing psychiatric help. Last September a study team which examined the records of nearly two hundred doctors who were treated at two British psychiatric hospitals reported the startling fact that most of them were psychiatrists!

"Psychiatry as a specialty may attract more doctors themselves in need of psychiatric help," the team reported in the British Journal of Psychiatry, "for the stresses involved in the practice of psychiatry may predispose to mental illness." Their recommendation was that all prospective doctors should be screened by psychiatrists to prevent them from breaking down later in life!

Mental problems also affect the clergy. A recent survey of two thousand ministers of one well-known denomination in the U.S. reveals that nearly one fourth of the ministers and their wives have had psychiatric care or counselling, or would like such assistance!

Did you ever think to ask yourself, why? These are the men the public looks to for assistance when trouble comes.

Basic Reasons Why

Mental problems most often begin with WRONG THINKING!

This past decade has witnessed the age of avoidism — unwillingness to face facts and make decisions. This tragic state of mind exists at all levels of society — including the government! "Let's avoid controversy" is the slogan of our era!

Avoidism is the very nature of mental illness! The sick patient, unwilling, and sometimes unable, to face the problems of the real world, retreats into the unreal jungles of his own mind. Whenever the real world is blighted with avoidism, it provides the precise climate in which mental illness can flourish.

Another tragedy in our thinking is passivism. It is characteristic of those who just sit idly by. The television becomes the family altar. Hundreds of thousands of children are allowed to spend more time worshipping its mys-
Passivism is both a symptom and a cause of mental illness. Scientists, in their quest for mere physical knowledge, have actually produced *madness* in a sane person by putting him in an environment where there is absolutely *nothing to do* — a total state of passivity! Much of what is wrong with the world today is sloth, apathy, dullness of mind and mental laziness! This is far worse than mere physical laziness.

Another vital factor destroying mental health is the *blurring of standards*. Clergymen and laymen alike seem no longer to have precise ideas of good and evil. Many are guilt-ridden because of conduct which they aren’t sure was wrong. Or right.

The *hydrogen bomb* has become the symbol of our age of mental sickness. People feel themselves powerless to deal with such massive forces. They try to quit thinking about them. They go about their usual routines, but the terror still lives in their subconscious minds. This *fear* is a factor in the desire of so many to *get as much as they can* for all the vague, twisted, unhappy lives and mental anguish in the world today. Hopelessness prevails. There is *no understanding of what lies beyond!* God is unreal. Man feels absolutely cut off from God.

Man needs to know *who, what and why he is!* To know the very *purpose for his existence!* To know why he feels "empty" and what he needs to fill that vacuum — that *spiritual void* which exists within his mind!

Yet most people don’t know the answers to these basic questions of life. Why?

**God’s Purpose for Mankind**

God made human beings for a *purpose*! That great and wonderful purpose for human existence was first revealed in the Garden of Eden. *God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...”* (Gen. 1:26).

God made man — His greatest masterpiece of physical creation — of the dust of the ground. A *clay image of Himself* — in the form and shape of God with the potential of developing the character and mind power of God. But man was made *incomplete*. Man was made to need *God* — to receive the *Holy Spirit* of God.

God, on that sixth day of re-creation week, had only *begun* His master creation. God made man a perfect physical creation. But he was not yet a perfect *spiritual* creation! God made man for the purpose of being fashioned by the Spirit of God into the very character *“image”* of God — into very spirit-born *sons in God’s family*!

Job realized God was forming a special creation in his life when he said, “If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call [at the resurrection], and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands!” (Job 14:14-15).

Notice! “Thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.” That “work” was Job! Job knew he was merely a piece of divine workmanship — character — in the hands of the Creator. Man was born a piece of *pliable clay* to be molded *spiritually* in the hands of the Master Potter! (Isa. 64:8.)

Job is yet to become a completed *perfect spiritual character* at the resurrection! How? Through the *miraculous changing power* of the *HOLY SPIRIT*!

But what is the Holy Spirit? Exactly *why* do we need it? *How does it fill that great “void” in man?*

**The POWER of God**

Practically no one today understands what the Holy Spirit of God really *is*.

The Holy Spirit is the source of *divine power* — dynamic, *supernatural power* that can change your very mind!

The Holy Spirit is the essence of God — His very life, His mind, His *nature* and His *Love*. The Spirit of God is the very *Power* God used to create the universe! (Heb. 11:3.)

Man Must Be Begotten Again

The Holy Spirit is the “seed” or germ of eternal life. It is the begettal of the *spiritual life of God* within us. And just as a physically begotten baby receives the nature of its human father, so the spiritually begotten son of God also receives the *divine nature* of His spiritual Father, God! “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be *partakers* of the divine nature...” (II Peter 1:3-4).

The new spiritual life must now begin to *grow*. Once we are begotten by God’s Spirit, we must *grow spiritually* until we can be *born of God* at the resurrection. Then we will attain to the very *likeness* and *nature* — the very *composition* — of God!

Notice this marvelous truth with your own eyes: “Beloved, now are we the [begotten] sons of God, and it doth not yet appear” — just as an un­born human baby does *not yet “appear”* like its adult form — “what we shall be: but we know that, when He [Christ] shall appear, we shall be LIKE HIM...”! (I John 3:2.)

Rejected in Eden

God made His Holy Spirit available to Adam and Eve in the Garden of
Eden. All they had to do to receive eternal life was to obey God by eating of the fruit of the symbolic "tree of life" (Gen. 2:9, 16-17) which represented the Holy Spirit.

But because of rebellious, disobedient human nature, Adam and Eve rejected it! Instead, they partook of the wrong tree—the fruit of the "tree of good and evil" (Gen. 2:17; 3:3, 6, 7). They cut themselves off from access to the spirit of God and the gift of eternal life!

Ever since then, God has allowed man to go his own way. For nearly 6,000 years men have learned, by hard experience and suffering—by mental and emotional disorders—the results of living without the Holy Spirit!

There has been war—not peace, Death—not life. Why?

"For to be carnally minded is death: but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind [the natural, unspiritual mind with which each of us was born] is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God [the law which would bring life and peace] neither indeed can be [of itself]" (Rom. 8:6-7).

Jesus Christ came nearly 2,000 years ago to herald the arrival of the Holy Spirit once again for all who will accept it. But the vast majority have rejected God's gift of eternal life to man. The world has sought after self-gratification and whatever pleases the self. The world follows the way of the carnal, unspiritual mind which produces all the fear, worry, frustration and spiritual emptiness experienced today!

Man's Greatest Need

All mankind desperately needs God's Holy Spirit! A human mind guided by the Holy Spirit from God finds peace, happiness, spiritual power and eternal life!

The results of having God's Holy Spirit within one are "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5:22-23).

But the carnal mind, without God's Spirit, is hostile toward God (Rom. 8:7), and cannot think spiritually. To put it plainly, we are not fully sound-minded until we think like God!

Make no mistake! Most carnally minded persons have normal minds. That is, they generally think soundly, can come to certain right decisions, can be emotionally well balanced. But without the revelation of God's Word and the indwelling of His Holy Spirit they go off half-cocked in wild theories and speculations—in guessing about what is morally right or wrong. No mind is truly full and complete unless that person has received God's Holy Spirit.

The "sound mind" which comes through God's Spirit (II Tim. 1:7), means just what it implies. It is a truly balanced mind. The man possessing it is a balanced man—a whole man. He is guided by the supreme mind of God Almighty! Only the Holy Spirit can impart the deep understanding of our real purpose and goal in life which prevents one from "cracking up."

Man has yet to realize that the spiritual power available through God's Holy Spirit is the power needed for true sanity, self-mastery, for accomplishment, success, abundant joy, peace of mind and the happiness we all desire!

Do you now begin to see what this world is missing?

Do you begin to grasp how much better your life would be if you were in spiritual contact with your Creator?

God's Holy Spirit can free you from fear, frustration, and the threat of mental illness plaguing mankind today. God's Holy Spirit imparts mental health, happiness and soundmindedness.

But there are prior conditions to receiving it!

The Steps to True Sanity

First, you must "thirst" for—sincerely desire—God's Holy Spirit more than anything else. Jesus said: "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water! But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive..." (John 7:38-39).

Peter then clearly defined the way to receive this Spirit of Power: "Repent, and be baptized...and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

When we are reconciled to God by the death of Christ as a result of our sincere repentance of past sins, faith in Christ's shed blood for the remission of our sins, and our submitting to the symbolic burial of our past sinful life in the waters of baptism; then God is more willing to give us His Spirit than we are willing to give bread to our children! (Luke 11:10, 13.)

But remember, God gives His Spirit only "to them that obey Him" (Acts 5:32). No one who continues to flagrantly break God's law of love can receive the Spirit of God.

So if you are willing to obey your Creator, if you are willing to surrender your will to "live by every word of God" and let the Bible be the authority in your life, then God will certainly give you His Spirit—His power in your life!

Find Out for Yourself

You can know more about God's Holy Spirit and His purpose for mankind!

You can understand the answers to the really big questions concerning your very existence that you have always wondered about. You owe it to yourself to learn the meaning of today's chaotic world conditions and how you can escape the nuclear holocaust awaiting this present generation!

How?

Simply by enrolling in the free Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course!

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THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

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

“...You have said the nation could have peace immediately in Vietnam if we trusted in God for our protection. But doesn’t Judges 1:19 indicate that God is sometimes unable to save a nation from its enemies?”

G. J., Indiana

God’s power is unlimited. He made the universe and everything in it (see Isaiah 40:1). He brought the Flood upon mankind. He delivered His people Israel from bondage in Egypt through many mighty miracles. He destroyed pagans and in the general interest of our readers.

“...“Where did St. Valentine’s Day come from? What should I tell our children about these customs?”

L. H., California

Schools are supposed to educate children. Yet how many are taught in school the surprising origin of Valentine’s Day?

Centuries before Christ, the pagan Romans celebrated February 15 and the evening of February 14 as an idolatrous festival in honor of Lupercus, the “hunter of wolves.” The Romans called their festival the “Lupercalia.”

The custom of exchanging valentines — where did that originate? You might have supposed it is a Christian custom.

It is not!

Exchanging valentines and all the other traditions in honor of Lupercus — the defiled hero-hunter of Rome — “have been handed down from the Roman festival of the Lupercalia, celebrated in the month of February, when names of young women were put into a box and drawn out by men as chance directed,” admits the Encyclopedia Americana article, “St. Valentine’s Day.”

But how did these traditions come to be labeled “Christian” — when they are, in fact, pagan?

And how did this pagan festival acquire the name of “St. Valentine’s Day”? Who was the original “St. Valentine”? Why is the little naked Cupid of the pagan Romans so often associated today with February 14?

Read the surprising answers in our reprint article on “St. Valentine’s Day.” It’s free. Write for it immediately.
Ukrainian Minister of Propaganda — and a farm manager — for the Pendjikent district in the Tadzik S. S. R. Photo taken in the Park of Rest on the Karl Marx Collective Farm two days before the park was officially dedicated.
THE UNFINISHED REVOLUTION

Why is it safe, in the USSR, to walk the streets alone at night? What is it like to live on a communist-run collective farm — stripped of all your land except for a garden plot around your house? To bring our readers the answers to these questions, we continue, in this issue, the fourth in a series of eyewitness reports on Soviet power.

by Herman I. Hoeh

Almost everyone today is as ignorant of this fundamental truth as was Pontius Pilate over 1900 years ago. Pilate reasoned that his authority derived from his appointment to office by Caesar. Jesus corrected him. Here is the account of that important conversation. It is found in John 19:10-11.

"Then saith Pilate unto him [Jesus], Speaketh thou not unto me? Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?"

Jesus answered firmly, and with respect: "Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above."

The ABOVE is God!

God is Supreme Ruler in the Universe. He ordained the way man should live. That way is summarized in the one word love. It is further amplified in love toward God and neighbor. Love toward God and neighbor is manifested in ten primary areas — the ten points of the Ten Commandments.

But man has rebelled against God's Law from the beginning. At the tower of Babel men decided to form their own government in defiance of the government and law of God. God decreed that if that is what men were intent on, they could go on their own way, and write their own lessons through hard, bitter experience. But God set a limit on human rebellion. He has allowed human beings six thousand years to go the ways that seem right to man, but which end in sickness, sorrow, poverty, suffering, war, revolution and death (Proverbs 14:12).

There is a way that seems right to Communists: There is a way that seems right to the Western Democratic nations. Yet, tragically, neither know THE WAY that would bring humanity peace, joy, prosperity and abundant well-being. THE WAY that would end crime, privation, fears and worries.

The Crime Problem

Throughout the world the United States has earned the reputation of a nation overrun with crime. Crime and sex are paraded before the public in movies, on television and radio — and exported by American business interests. Large districts of almost any major American city are unsafe to walk through at night — and, all too often, during the day.

In the early years of the Soviet regime, a skyrocketing crime wave developed. The Soviets at least had the good sense to put the fights of the victim ahead of the criminal. Today — though the cause of crime has not been removed by Soviet planning — it is possible to walk the streets of the USSR at night and feel safe.

When we first arrived in Kiev, the capital of the Ukrainian SSR, we mistakenly shied away from its many dimly lit streets. We soon learned different. It is safe — even for women — to walk the streets of the Soviet Union at night, both in the Russian republics and in...
Soviet Central Asia. Not in years have we experienced the relaxed feeling of knowing that the shadows passing us are ordinary citizens — not criminals lying in wait.

The Soviet Union does have its problems with workers stealing from the state, with drunken brawlers and pickpockets (my inner coat pocket was slit on a crowded bus by a pick-pocket in Moscow). But woe be to the man or woman who appears before the courts for a second or third offense! It's off to the corrective forced labor camps — or death!

No political or economic system devised by man will ever prevent crime. Man can only curtail it. Soviet dreamers, who thought Communism would be the perfect environment, have found to their sorrow that Communism does not prevent crime from occurring. Communism cannot remove the root cause of crime — human nature. It will take the Kingdom of God — the Government of God — the Law of God — and the Spirit of God to do it. And that Government is coming soon to set this war-torn, revolt-ridden world aright!

Stripping the Peasant of Land

Communist theorists, beginning with Karl Marx, believed that if all things were shared in common, people would soon learn to be unselfish, wholly considerate of others. They thought that their brand of "new economics" would alter human nature. Most Communists still believe in their theory — even though it isn't working!

Communism is a devilish counterfeit of the Kingdom of God and the Spirit of God. It takes the Spirit of God to impart the new nature that ultimately will totally replace human nature. The apostle Peter explained it: "According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto
life . . . whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the DIVINE NATURE, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (II Peter 1:3-4).

No man-devised economic system — or political system — no man-devised religion — no human government on earth can achieve that! Communism can’t. The decadent Western nations can’t. Only God can impart to man what he lacks — a divine nature.

But the world is in rebellion against God’s rule. Man wants to try his own ways in opposition to God’s way — and yet he wants the very results that only God’s way can bring.

This spirit of hostility against God is manifest all over the world. Here in the Soviet Union it appears in a special form. In its efforts to remake man, the Communist Party has totally altered man’s social and economic environment. The Party began, in 1917, with the help of landless peasants, the liquidation of the land owners — many of whom were oppressors.

But the peasants — who, in 1917, marched under the banner: “Land to the peasants” — soon discovered what Communism meant. The land that they thought would be theirs was to be taken over by the State in the name of the people!

Soviet land today is collectively owned “by the people” — says the official Party statement. But it is administered by the State and its bureaus under the direct supervision of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Communists, of
Above, rice mill with paddle wheel on Karl Marx Collective in Soviet Central Asia. Mill was operated by Uzbek father and son, center. Upper left, view of interior of mill — rice is being hulled and cracked. Below, extremely primitive methods are used to separate rice from hulls.
course, believe that their dictatorship is justified since, in their eyes, they have the one true scientific answer to all the world's problems. The results prove otherwise.

Communist Party members are in charge of all collective and state farms. One of their primary functions is the direct management of the farms. But a more important function — often overlooked by Western visitors — is the education of the peasants in Communist thought and planning. Peasants on collective farms are still allowed very small private garden plots around their homes. To induce him to give up even these small gardens to State ownership, the Party sends out ministers of propaganda. In Pendjikent, Tadjik SSR. His beaming smile appears at the beginning of this article. A self-assured man, he convinced that Communism is the wave of the future. The collective farm he manages (pictured on these pages) is very backward. Its Uzbek and Tadjik laborers have been happy with their way of life ever since Cyrus the Great marched through the country 25 centuries ago! This farm is improving. But the human nature of its staff and workers has not changed. Pride, vanity, frustration were written over the faces of the men who greeted us on this farm — the same pride, vanity and frustration that plagues all the world.

Communism will not change that. But God can — and will!

Editor's Note: We are in receipt of a letter from Moscow commenting upon this series. We thought it would interest our readers. It is printed here with our brief comment following:

Dear Mr. Hoeh,

Your article, "Unfinished Revolution", printed in the December issue of The PLAIN TRUTH, contains a number of considerable inaccuracies which distort the Marxist, communist views on such important questions as the revolution, the state and democracy.

Quoting a certain Polish defector in this article you speak of "the master plan of the Soviet Union which calls for the overthrow of the non-communist world between 1970 and 1980", and assert that the Soviet Union "openly admits it is plotting the overthrow of every non-communist government".

Maybe this defector did say something like this in the striving to justify his action and to get an American passport more quickly. Actually, however, these assertions have no real grounds whatsoever.

Marxists-Leninists are against the export of revolution. As far back as the twenties the Russian Communists, and later also the Communists of other countries, condemned the so-called theory of "permanent revolution" advanced by Leon Trotsky which supposed the transfer (i.e., the same export) of revolution to other countries. The Marxists-Leninists maintain that in order to overthrow capitalism and successfully carry out a socialist revolution in any country there must exist the necessary objective conditions, the chief of which is the desire of the majority of the population to carry out such a revolution.

Furthermore, in our epoch Marxists-Leninists consider it possible to carry out socialist transformations without a revolution — by peaceful, parliamentary means. Here again, this is up to the people of each country.

Now regarding the state and democracy.

You quote, as some "shocking definitions" the words of Lenin to the effect that "the state is a machine for the oppression of one class by another". This is indeed so. But it should be taken into account that Lenin had in mind not only the socialist state, as you are trying to impress upon the readers, but an entire state and even all the states from ancient times to our day.

Are not the court, procurator's office, the police, army and home security bodies inalienable attributes of modern states (both socialist and capitalist) for the purpose of "oppression and violence"?

For instance, has the Soviet state ceased to be an instrument of oppression although there are many different classes of exploiters and exploiters? No, it has not. Whom does the Soviet state oppress at the present time? All kinds of criminals: thieves, gangsters, hoodlums and other socially and morally dangerous elements, unfortunately, still existing in our society.

As to the functions of oppression exercised by such countries as the United States, to my mind, were sufficiently clearly demonstrated last summer in many cities of the country against the followers of terminating American aggression in Vietnam and against striking workers.

That is why Lenin, the Communists, hold that in the countries of socialist democracy the state, its Constitution, legislation, state machine and organs of oppression protect the interests of the working people, i.e. the majority of the population. While in the countries of bourgeois democracy the state, its laws and bodies act in the interests of that incomparably smaller section of the population which possess the implements and means of production, i.e. in the interests of the capitalist.

This is the plain truth the Communists adhere to on the question of revolution, the state and democracy.

Respectfully yours,

Avardad Liukhadze,
Novo-Pray Agency Political Commentator

• Of course the USSR does not "export revolution" while the necessary objective conditions for revolution are lacking. But what the Party does export are the ideas and the trained men whose purpose is to subvert and to set the stage for the revolution. What's being foolishly allowed in America today is the breakdown of law and order — under the influence of Communist subversion — and the toleration of illegal and organized crime.

What our READERS SAY

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like banging one's head against a brick wall!! I know of so many people who relied on these talks, like myself, to give us a purpose for living. The B.B.C.'s religious broadcasts offer nothing whatsoever, and are no example whatever. I know you say if it is God's will it will happen, but surely we must do our share apart from praying. I wish I knew!!

Mrs. R. L. H.,
Westview, Kesgrave,
Ipswich, England

• So do we.

Autobiography

"Please rush me Volume One of the Autobiography. I have read The Auto-

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biography of Benjamin Franklin and many, many other biographies of great men, but I just know that your life as a true servant of our Eternal God will be much more helpful than all the rest combined."

William W. K.,
Greensburg, Pennsylvania

"I am very interested in reading your Autobiography as my father and I have been reading The PLAIN TRUTH long enough now to understand how true the Bible is. You might have not meant this magazine for children, but I am thirteen years old and have found the magazine very interesting and it has ironed out a few problems that I had. Thank you very much for the helpful magazine."

S. Smith,
Dunbartonshire, Scotland
AMERICA'S SCHOOLS—
THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND

In twentieth-century America more schools have been built, more teachers trained, and more human beings have had more education than in any other nation in all history. It would be reasonable to expect that America would be the most peaceful, the most moral, the most stable land on earth. Remarkably, the exact opposite is true! You need to know why!

by Vern L. Farrow

W hat do you really know about the schools in your neighborhood or in your nation? You parents—you students—how much do you know about the behind-the-scenes forces that shape the curriculum being taught today? What do you understand of the goals, the objectives of the schools?

You will probably have to answer, "Not much!" As a lifelong educator, let me tell you some surprising facts you may not know, about education—and educators.

"Leave It to the Specialists"

People today are so pressured by the enervating demands of making a living, and so frantically searching for diversion that little time or energy remains to be concerned with the schools. And, after all, why be concerned? Aren't we as successful, as clear in their goals as we are concerned with the schools? Aren't we, as professionals, know what educational goals are right for children. We assume that the school curriculum is designed to achieve those goals. And, most naive of all, we assume that those goals are really being reached.

Well, tragically, we couldn't be more wrong! The educational establishment is adrift! As a matter of fact, it is no secret in education circles. The professional literature is full of the debate on educational goals.

Why Education Adrift

You may be shocked to learn that there is as much confusion (perhaps more) regarding appropriate goals for American education among the authorities as among laymen. A classic example of the confusion is reflected in a statement of the Educational Policies Commission of the National Education Association. This prestigious body drew up a document which they titled, The Central Purpose of American Education. The Commission suggested, in typical "word magic," a number of broad objectives such as: respect for individual dignity, personal liberty, responsible citizenship, instilling moral habits and building upright character.

But, in the final paragraph they sidestepped responsibility for defining these objectives or even giving guidance. The Commission finally admitted that, "Choices among possible activities are inevitable and are constantly being made in and for every school. But, there is NO CONSENSUS regarding a basis for making these choices. The need therefore is for a PRINCIPLE which will enable the school to identify its necessary and appropriate contributions to individual development and the needs of society" (The Central Purpose of American Education, The Educational Policies Commission, N. E. A., 1961).

Did you get it? Read it again! There is NO CONSENSUS among the "experts" and there is NO UNDERLYING PRINCIPLE...
giving guidance to the educational enterprise!

Incredible you say? Not at all!

Current journals and magazines in the field of education carry admission after admission revealing the problem. No single area of today's educational scene is more confused and yet more crucial than that of education goals.

Galen Saylor, who is Chairman of the Department of Secondary Education at Teachers College, University of Nebraska, listed as a major failure of the decade since Sputnik, "The failure of educators to define and delineate adequately and validly the true objectives, goals and purposes of the educational enterprise." He lamented that, "... during the past decade we have increasingly ignored educational ends in view [goals] or have seriously failed even to state what desired outcomes are being sought in ... the entire program of education itself" (Education Summary, Oct. 1, 1967, p. 4).

The professionals don't know where they are going. Conventions, conferences, seminars, and symposia are constantly hashing and rehashing the question of goals, but without agreement. As Henry Dyer, Vice-President of the Educational Testing Service wrote, "One would think that the accumulation of so much high-level verbiage on the subject of goals ... would have exhausted the subject if not the discussants [interested parties]. One would suppose that by now the question of educational goals would have been fairly well settled, and the problem of how to define them have found some useful answers. But the question is still very much open. The problem of goals is today, more than ever, a top priority and largely unsolved problem."

"The trouble is," Dyer continued, "that in spite of all the hard thinking and earnest talking about educational goals and how to define them, the goals produced have been essentially non-functional ..." (Educational Testing Service Invitational Conference on Testing Problems, New York City, Oct., 1966).

The editor of a prominent education journal recently admitted: "We are in a time of deep seeking on the part of people in education. Yet some schools seem to abdicate their responsibility for shaping education to meet the urgent needs of the day..." He wistfully asked, "What direction do we seek in education?" (Educational Leadership, October 1967).

"But, surely," you might say, "the wrangling, the debating, the unrelenting, yet unfruitful bickering only involves educators at the highest level. Surely, the classroom teacher, when all is said and done, knows where he is going. Surely," you might desperately want to believe, "the classroom teacher, wise, idealistic, virtuous, and moral, intuitively knows what is the best way for children."

No! Your image is fuzzy! Teachers are only human after all. They have no special gift, no ESP!

The problem extends from the top to the bottom. Listen to Ralph W. Tyler's indictment — "Many teachers carry on their daily activities without having any idea of the changes they seek to bring in the behavior of their students. Teaching, to them, is defined in terms of content to be covered or devices to be used, rather than in terms of ends to be reached. This is a serious weakness ... To teach without objectives is to work blindly" ("How Can We Improve High School Teaching?", School Review, Vol. 56, p. 387).

The situation is not unlike one of Rube Goldberg's amazingly complicated, but unproductive machines. The educational establishment seems to grind endlessly through its purposeless rituals. It is as if the central figures in an unending drama are "playing school," never asking, "Why are we going through the motions at all?"

You need to ask, "Why? Why this drift in education? Why this inability to formulate and follow through fundamental goals? What has gone wrong with our schools? What has brought the very bulwark of our culture to such a sorry state of confusion?"

Are you willing to lay aside some of your cherished ideas? Are you willing to consider some cold facts honestly? Then here are some of the answers!

The Crassest Opportunism

During the past decade a tragic change has come over the American academic scene. A deep, infectious, and probably irreversible change.

For the first time in the nation's history literally billions of dollars have been put up for grabs in the form of Federal and private grants to education. These fantastic amounts of money have been dumped lavishly upon universities, colleges, and school systems for almost any kind of scheme to "improve education."

But, money has a corroding effect on integrity even in the "Hallowed Halls of Ivy!"

In no time, the rush to get a share of this almost unlimited hoard produced a multitude of poorly planned, unproductive, and often conflicting projects! Sifting through the confusion, one wonders whether the purpose was to improve or destroy education!

But, what is most tragic, the frantic competition for grant money has resulted in an unfortunate change in the character of educational leadership at all levels. It has cheapened and compromised if not prostituted the former emphasis on high ideals and values. It has warped educational planning away from concern with the ends or goals of education and made a fetish of means and techniques.

With this change in attitude has come a new term — "grantsmanship!" A term which smacks of manipulation, politics, and all the tricks of the Madison Avenue huckster!

John W. Gardner, formerly president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, criticized the new emphasis on money as having brought on "...a crisis in values that has infected a generation of young scholars with the crassest opportunism in grantsmanship ... and wheeling-dealing.

"Many professors," he said, "think that students are just impediments in the headlong search for more and better grants, fatter fees, higher salaries, higher rank" ("Professors: The Crassest Opportunism", Time, Dec. 11, 1964, p. 61).

The search for money has triumphed over the search for goals and truth! It has become a way of life for all too many educators today!
Commercialization of Education

Money is having its destructive effect on education in another way, too, because education has become big business! Public education is the largest and most costly enterprise in the United States. It is a vast potential market for an almost unlimited and growing array of commercially prepared instructional materials.

Now that isn’t necessarily bad. As a matter of fact our schools benefit when the artistic, technical, and industrial skill of the nation is utilized to produce educationally sound learning programs and materials.

However, when commercialization moves in, it is always accompanied by its handmaiden, “self-seeking competition!”

You might ask, “Is competition bad?” The answer is a bold “yes!” When the competition of the marketplace invades the field of education it affects the lives and character of multiple millions of children and youth and it is wrong! Competition is spawned by a self-seeking attitude of getting rather than giving. This is the antithesis of what we say we want our children to become!

Can blatant competition between educators pushing a variety of programs, systems, and educational devices lend stability and direction to the educational enterprise? Such a position is ludicrous! What is needed in education is not competitive divisiveness, but rather cooperation, cohesiveness, and consensus!

Yet, this kind of competition is precisely what has been going on increasingly in recent years.

Education “experts” are being paid to endorse the instructional “wares” of publishers and manufacturers just as prominent athletes, race-car drivers, and movie celebrities are paid to endorse a variety of commercial products! You probably never thought of it in just that way before, but it’s a fact, and a very big fact!

Next time you pick up a school textbook or view an educational movie, take a look to see who the “educational consultant” was! Now no doubt these educators do give “consultation.” But there can be no doubt that the greatest value in the use of their names is the prestige and sales appeal it lends regardless of educational soundness or quality of the product.

Such consultants also conduct research with the product and report “favorable” findings at professional conventions or in education journals and company newsletters.

Now, let’s be honest! This is no more than a refined form of merchandising with all the potential for the most dog-eat-dog competitive chicanery! The result is that the children, exposed to this example, learn and use it in their own lives. They are taught to be self-seeking rather than generous and open.

When the textbook publishers of the nation have marketed more than forty different (some wildly radical) programs for teaching beginning reading in the past half dozen years, you have to wonder! And when system after system for teaching “new math” and
Despite millions spent for research and expansion of facilities, educators find time to investigate and treat only the results, not the causes of world's problems.

"new science" continue to hit the market each year, you have to wonder! And when at the present moment there are well over forty experimental curricula for teaching the "new social studies" just waiting for publishers to commercialize them, you have to wonder!

All of these different instructional programs are endorsed by "experts!" They can't all be right, yet all claim to make children "brighter than bright!"

It is as ridiculous as the toothpaste ads!

In the words of a special report to the Advisory Commission on International Education: "...academic honesty is no less marketable than a box of detergent on the grocery shelf" (Saturday Review, January 20, 1968, page 61).

At the other extreme is the strongest implication of what is legally termed criminal collusion. Recently, 18 publishers of children's textbooks were accused by the United States Justice Department of price-fixing in sales to schools and libraries! Nine states and four cities sought to have the publishers admit price-fixing and pay triple damages. The outcome was that the publishers signed a "consent decree" agreeing not to fix prices in the future! The question needs to be asked, If the publishers were involved, were
the educational "consultants" ignorant? (Education Summary, January 1, 1968, p. 3.)

Incredible? You bet it is! And in all too many cases it is sheer greed for the education dollar — A LUST FOR PROFIT!

But, what is worst of all, it fragments the thinking and efforts of the too few remaining conscientious educators and clouds the issue of right and fundamental goals for education.

But, opportunism and commercialization are not the really big offenders. They are merely the result of a deep-seated attitude of agnosticism which has infected our society.

All-Pervading Agnosticism

Most people have become convinced that there are no absolutes. It is not only popular, but now generally agreed, that to be "intellectually honest" one must doubt! To be sure of anything, even to be sure of being sure you're not sure is to label yourself as very square!

The world today has been duped into believing that everything is relative — that what is good today may be bad tomorrow — that what is true today may be false tomorrow — that even the physical laws of the universe which are in force today may naturally be reversed tomorrow! What hopeless chaos! With such a mentality prevailing is it any wonder the experts can't agree on goals for education?

They have no deep conviction about what tomorrow will be like. They have no guiding principle upon which to build.

Margaret Mead stated the dilemma when she said, "If we can't teach every student...something we don't know in some form, we haven't a hope of educating the next generation, because what they are going to need is what we don't know" (The Education of Teachers: New Perspectives, pp. 121-134).

There you have it! The prevailing mentality of agnosticism, doubt and confusion which permeates the thinking of society today!

Today's generation are political agnostics, scientific agnostics, religious and moral agnostics — and educational agnostics as well. The very best brains in this world's educational institutions don't know what values we ought to help children learn and respect. For example, Louis E. Raths, former Distinguished Service Professor at Newark State College frankly admitted that, "Since each person's experiences are different, we cannot be certain what values, what style of life, would be most suitable for any person" ("Helping Children Clarify Values," N. E. A. Journal, Oct. 1967, pp. 12-15).

Did you get it? Do you comprehend what he said? There are no absolute values that apply to all! Each person must somehow arrive at those values which seem most suitable for him!

There it is! Situation ethics! Customized morality!

There Is a Solution

Not a very pretty picture! Yet, this is the mentality which is preparing the leaders of tomorrow! Are you concerned? Are you shocked? Are you ready to challenge the "experts" — to prove for yourself whether there are absolute, eternal principles which should be guiding our schools?

Believe it or not, the answer to today's educational dilemma is found in the pages of your Bible — the Instruction Book given by the great Creator God to show man the right goals of education. And, unlike the gobbledygook of the "professionals," it is clear and easily understood to those who have become willing to believe it because God is not the author of confusion (I Cor. 14:33).

But, understand — these truths, these principles, these goals must be revealed by God because man does not have it within himself to guide his own steps. (Jer. 10:23.) Man's values, his choices and ways — when cut off from God — will always result in disaster (Prov. 14:12). Without God's revelation — the Bible — the foundation of all true knowledge — man is doomed to grope and stumble like the blind (Isa. 59:10).

Happily, young men and women who are thinking of a college education — or thinking of changing college because of what's wrong in today's education — can find the true values. You can know with certainty what tomorrow will be like. Why continue to be a part of the confusion and drift in today's schools?

There is an answer — Ambassador College. If you are concerned about a college education, you owe it to yourself to write for our college catalog— or Prospectus in Britain — and find out what genuine education can be like.
WHY the Dollar Is in Trouble

Exclusive Interview with a Leading International Business Consultant

For years, The Plain Truth magazine has published revealing articles on the true economic state of America and Britain.

Recently we sent Plain Truth staff members Gene H. Hogberg (who edits the "Prophecy Comes Alive" column) and Eugene M. Walter to research the meaning behind the crisis over the dollar and pound sterling. They interviewed bankers, economists and government officials in New York City and Washington D.C.

Those in government service, our men quickly found, were not free to express their opinions. Turning to the banking field, Messrs. Hogberg and Walter interviewed vice presidents of two of the largest banks in the world. These men also, though more informative, gave cautiously guarded answers. The reason being, of course, that the United States is in a far worse economic situation than most influential people care to admit publicly — except through carefully chosen channels of expression.

Our men then talked with Mr. Stefan Jean (Steve) Rundt, one of the world's foremost international business consultants. Mr. Rundt was not afraid to talk. His frank answers to the questions posed by our staff members appear on the following pages in this exclusive interview.

Mr. Rundt is head of S. J. Rundt and Associates, New York City. He publishes a weekly economics intelligence report that is subscribed to by many major U.S. corporations and every American bank doing international business. His thoroughly compiled and documented reports are well respected in the banking field. (Mr. Rundt and his trained staff peruse 600 sources of information in eleven languages.)

Mr. Rundt's service acts as a sort of unofficial "clearing house" for the banking profession. Being completely independent, Mr. Rundt is free to say what many bankers would like to say, but feel they can't because of various official pressures.

Swiss-born, Oxford-Educated

Mr. Rundt was born in Switzerland. He attended Oxford and the Universities of Geneva and Vienna, studying international law and economics. He was apprenticed in foreign banking in Switzerland and France and has worked with banks in Egypt and Italy.

Mr. Rundt first came to the U.S. from Switzerland in 1928. He was affiliated in the late Twenties and early Thirties with companies in the West Indies and Latin America. In the mid-Thirties he represented Swiss banks in Germany and in the Middle East. Before, during and after World War II, he served as a United States Intelligence Officer. For several years he was attached to the British in counter-espionage work. He was personally cited by General Eisenhower and the British Imperial General Staff.

In addition to his weekly world business summary, Mr. Rundt is the author of numerous articles which have been published in economic journals and trade papers. He has lectured before some 150 chambers of commerce, traders' clubs and other businessmen's organizations in fifty-odd cities on more than 630 occasions.

Predicted Devaluation

Mr. Rundt accurately predicted well in advance the devaluation of the British pound which took place November 18, 1967. He is also on record as having predicted America's balance-of-payments problem.

Over the years Mr. Rundt has consistently warned of the folly of leaders adopting the hazy but popular ideas of the "new economists" who believe that it is possible for the government to spend more than it earns, year after year. He has consistently counselled both the public and government to "live within your means."

Mr. Rundt's accurate analysis of economic trends — and also his constant revelation of high-level gimmickry and figure-fudging — has "earned" him a number of unpleasant phone calls from Washington, D.C.

Here, then, beginning next page, is our exclusive interview with one of the world's leading international business consultants.
world. You were quartered or boiled in oil—or whatever—because you clipped the emperor's or the king's coin. Today this is becoming the sport of the national treasuries.

Sterling's devaluation in the long run will probably help neither Britain nor anybody else to a major degree. All it did was to eliminate uncertainty for the moment with regard to one prime currency. As ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, James Callaghan said: "Devaluation is no substitute for greater effort and higher productivity. We have got ourselves a breathing space. That is all."

Many contend that a downgrading of the pound need neither help British exports to a far-reaching extent nor reduce the U.K. import bill substantially.

Q: Why is that?
A: Well, you see Britain is preponderantly a processing country. She must buy abroad to sell abroad. And as import costs will rise, so will the price tags of many export goods.

Moreover, inflation is now likely to be fanned. After a period of relative stability, prices could rise by almost the same percentage as spelled out by the pound devaluation. There is also the possibility of excessive pay hikes gained by the undisciplined unions.

In other words, it is still uncertain whether British industry will henceforth be possessed of a meaningful new competitiveness.

The Empire is gone, Commonwealth ties are loosening and even the Sterling Area is showing cracks. Whether Britain will be able to adjust to her new role as a small, rather poorly endowed island nation, to be sure rich in human talent, which urgently needs greater output; whether she will be able to return to more discipline; whether she will be able to modernize in depth and restructure her economy, remains to be seen.

EFFECT ON DOLLAR

Q: How has the pound's devaluation affected the dollar?
A: It started a reaction that gave the dollar its worst pounding in memory. The U.S. suffered the most massive gold hemorrhage in history, last November. It amounted to $475 million. And much more has been lost since, with more to come. The only time this country—or any other—experienced a somewhat comparable single outflow was on February 26, 1947. At that time the U.S. paid more than $448 million into the International Monetary Fund as its initial subscription.

The huge November loss brought U.S. gold stocks down to $12.434 billion—the lowest level since July 28, 1937. Moreover, the true gross gold reserve figure is actually around $11.4 billion. This is because slightly more than $1 billion in our reserves is in fact owed to the Fund and only "temporarily placed with the U.S." against a "certificate of deposit"—a little-mentioned gimmick. [Since this interview, reports indicate the U.S. gold outflow increased another 450 million dollars by year's end.]

Q: How much of our remaining reserves consist of "free" or available gold for which foreigners can turn in dollars?
A: At the present time we have $41.8-billion worth of greenbacks in circulation. $10.45 billion in yellow metal are required as mandatory coverage for these greenbacks under the 25 percent rule. This means that of the official $12.434 billion in gold still in U.S. coffers, as of November, less than $1.99 billion remains available or "free," and from this figure we must subtract the $1 billion mentioned above which was hocked to the I.M.F. So, in actuality, we have "available" less than $1 billion in gold! And there are foreign governmental and private short-term claims against our gold to the tune of around $31 billion! How long international financial cooperation can be maintained under such circumstances is anybody's guess.

Thus it is a foregone conclusion that
the 25 percent backing of the dollar will have to be greatly cut and probably altogether eliminated. [The President called for removal of the gold cover in his State of the Union Message.] This will free some $10.5 billion — the last of our gold — for use in defense of the dollar.

Q: Why are foreigners turning in their dollars for gold? What is there about the dollar and our economy that they mistrust?

A: This country’s economy is beyond any question of doubt, by almost all standards, the most potent and majestic in the history of the world, and as such is not mistrusted by anybody. But it is being wagged by two little tails. Or if you want to say, it has two little clay feet. One is our internal deficit, the other is our balance of payments shortfall — our external or international deficit.

This is so absurd that it isn’t even funny — a huge St. Bernard being wagged by a tiny little tail! But it is! And because of these deficits the outside world is of the opinion that this country’s monetary affairs are ill-managed. Now, I agree with that.

You saw sterling fall. It was a devaluation triggered from the outside — by lack of confidence. People forget that the word “credit” comes from the word “credo” — meaning believing, trusting, having faith in. You lend money to whom you trust; you take money from whom you do not trust. In monetary affairs it isn’t so much what is or what presumably will be, but what people think is and what people think will come.

Right now foreigners are trusting the dollar less and less. Why the mightiest nation of all time should repeatedly have to go begging is simply not clear in the minds of many outside our borders.

HOW BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS PROBLEMS ARISE

Q: You mentioned our balance-of-payments problem. How does a nation get involved in such a problem?

A: A balance-of-payments problem arises for a nation when that nation is in deficit on external account. A deficit means, in effect, that such a nation spends more than it takes in — that it lays out more than it can afford. For a while this can be done at the expense of reserves and/or by contracting obligations abroad. But in the long run it leads to loss of confidence outside one’s borders, and finally to international insolvency. No matter what the contentions of the modern economists, it would appear unlikely that they will be able to abolish gravity, that they will show us how to run balance-of-payments deficits forever.

Q: How long has the United States been running in the red on its international account?

A: Except for one year, the U.S. has been in the red on its balance of payments for 17 years. Over the eight calendar years 1958 to 1966 the U.S. chalked up a cumulative balance-of-payments shortfall of around 26 billion or one of 22 billion — depending on how you calculate and which set of figures you pick.

During the same eight years — and this is not a matter of the selection of statistics — this country lost almost $7.4 billion of its official gold stocks. Moreover, from 1949 to late 1967, our gold loss came to more than $12.1 billion, i.e. our official monetary stock was practically halved in 18 years.

And all this happened although Uncle Sam, 1958 to 1966 alone, recorded a huge cumulative trade surplus of anywhere from $30.5 to $35.9 billion — here again depending on which statistics you use. And this balance is still in the black. Also in the black for years has been the account of private American direct investments abroad.

Q: But how can this be? How can we have a trade surplus, but a balance-of-payments deficit?

A: Admittedly, our official trade surpluses are by no means altogether “real.” For one, U.S. trade statistics calculate both exports and imports f.o.b., even though only about one-tenth of our international sea-borne trade is carried by American flag vessels. Secondly, there is the matter of our tourism deficit — presently running pretty close to $2 billion annually. But thirdly, and by far the most important, our trade surpluses include unreserved sales and giveaways. Some of them are on terms as protracted as forty years, against all kinds of soft currencies, most of which we shall never be able to collect. We already “hold” or are about to “own” — without the right to dispose of them freely — some 17 billion Indian rupees. This is more than half of New Delhi’s entire paper money in circulation!

We seem to be obsessed with the Messianic notion that in one short shrift we can lift up the entire world, while, along the way, we are buying or at least renting friends.

It is the cost of this missionary zeal in our parts which keeps our balance-of-payments in the red. It also keeps the U.S. dollar, the currency of the foremost nation in the Free World, under a heavy cloud of suspicion.

Q: When did we begin to recognize the seriousness of our balance-of-payments problem? And what have we done to correct it?

A: For more than nine years, the shortfall of this Country’s international accounts was no secret. Yet, for the longest of time, the issue was uncerraimoniosly swept under the rug. Then came attempts to make others — whom Uncle Sam had once generously helped — help us. Messrs. Anderson and Dillon [former members of the U.S. Treasury Department] went on a Car ossa Pilgrimage to Bonn to beg the Germans for assistance. But to this day, while foreign Central Banks — in self-interest — have, indeed, closely cooperated to maintain dollar strength, some of the major industrial countries are not exactly enthused about unending help for the chief deficiteer of the world, namely the United States.

Q: What happened after this?

A: Next came a spate of palliatives and gimmicks. These ranged from intricate swap operations to gold borrowings from the I.M.F. to the so-called Roosa bonds. The latter are something this Country cannot very well be proud of. The most powerful Nation of all time with the most potent economy in history went begging.

Just one example: Little Austria, which after World War II had re-
ceived some $1.4 billion in U.S. assistance of all kinds, was asked to lend the U.S. a measly $25 million, and did so only against specially printed, schilling-denominated U.S. Treasury paper.

We also pressed nations which had been the beneficiaries of historically unprecedented American generosity and magnanimity to pre-pay their debts to us — prior to maturities — and to buy military hardware here.

Yet, all these and even more palliatives — some of them tragicomical — only treated symptoms without attempting to cure. They failed to bring this Great Nation’s balance-of-payments into equilibrium. They failed to stop the chronic gold hemorrhage. They failed to lift the dollar substantially above par on major markets abroad. And they did not prevent leading Central Banks on the Continent from setting limits on the dollars they are willing to hold in their reserves.

Q: What does this limitation on the dollars that foreign bankers are willing to hold mean?

A: It means that, at highest level abroad, the U.S. dollar is, indeed, not really acceptable in unlimited amounts. Thus it is fully convertible only by causing a still greater outflow of gold from our shores.

The world prefers gold to dollars, and no matter how much we may like to make gold our servant, it remains our master. It would be easy to abolish the mystique of gold which for millennia has guided man’s thought — provided we could persuade every cobbler in Pakistan, every merchant in India, every peasant in France and every banker in Switzerland and Holland to abandon his faith in the yellow metal and to switch over to, say, cowry shells or pickled strawberries. But until that time…

Q: What about the argument voiced by some that the dollar is superior to gold — that the strength of a currency lies in the economy behind it?

A: It is true that the fundamental prowess of a currency ultimately rests on the economic power and human talent behind it. But all the founding

of a currency upon the productive capacity behind it, and all the foreign exchange regulations so far have been shattered on the cliffs of man’s amply justified disbelief in the integrity of politicians, i.e. governments. Some 160 years ago Talleyrand said that diplomats and politicians are paid to lie until the truth suffices to mislead their listeners. And as recent events have demonstrated, this statement is as true today as ever.

Q: Why do people trust gold so implicitly?

A: People trust gold because it is an instrument of discipline and a standard of measure which is steady. In the words of George Bernard Shaw: "The most important thing about money is to maintain its stability... With paper money this stability has to be maintained by the government. With a gold currency, it tends to maintain itself even when the natural supply of gold is increased by discoveries of new deposits, because of the curious fact that the demand for gold in the world is practically infinite. You have to choose as a voter between trusting the natural stability of gold and the natural stability of the honesty and intelligence of the members of the government. And, with due respect for these gentlemen, I advise you, as long as the capitalist system lasts, to vote for gold."

Q: Under what circumstances could the nation abolish the gold standard?

A: We could abolish it if everyone else abolished it. But “everyone” hardly consists of a few politicians, mainly in the Anglo-Saxon countries, and the new-economists who want to “de-throne gold” to cover up their own guilt — the mistakes of their own making. I don’t think that these people will abolish gravity.

Now I’m not madly in love with gold at all. But I do recognize that the faith in gold of the vast majority of the people of this world — and that includes the Russians — is very strong. I’m not making a fetish of it; I’m just reporting the facts. The whole world has demonstrated that it likes gold — that it hasn’t too much faith in anything else. Since the whole world believes this it certainly would be a long-time job to dislodge this belief and to “de-throne gold” as some want to do.

Q: What about a return to the pure gold standard as some are advocating. Is this necessary? Indeed, is it even possible?

A: We cannot very well return to the pure gold standard, because to finance world trade and international investment there is not enough gold around. An upgrading of gold would probably cause more uncertainties than it would do good. The Exchange-and-Gold Standard, created at Bretton Woods 22 years ago, worked well, and would continue to serve its purpose if this country and Britain were to eliminate their balance-of-payments deficits.

We must bring down our fiscal deficit to something more civilized. And we must also protect the dollar’s domestic purchasing power. We are now going through the nastiest inflation in memory. Officially it is at an annual 4 to 4.5 percent, but in truth it is a great deal more. Just ask any housewife!

If the dollar were kept shining and hard and steady — fully acceptable — we would always have enough liquidity.

For many years during the Forties and Fifties the dollar was as good as gold. People took it that way. It’s much nicer to fold a currency bill and put it in your pocket than to lug a small brick of gold around!

FAITH IN GOVERNMENT

Q: So it all boils down to faith in the United States Government’s and our Congress’s willingness and ability to manage both our domestic and international affairs properly?

A: Correct. I repeat: If the dollar and sterling were fully trusted, there would hardly be a problem with liquidity because there would be wide acceptability up to the highest level ad infinitum. There would be enough money for all legitimate purposes. Interest rates could come down. The world would march toward greater stability rather than monetary uncertainties and doubts because the U.S. dollar would then be really “as good as gold.”

The question of liquidity and of
financing world trade would easily be solved if the world had complete faith in the monetary management of the U.S. dollar and the British pound.

America is going in many ways whence Europe came. The Germans on the Continent — and in some respects the French, too — are trying very hard to go where we told them. Checkbook in one hand, Bible in the other, we taught the world what to do: balance your books, export more, do the right thing. Well, we told them all that and they are doing it. We, on the other hand, are merrily going on huge-scale domestic and international welfare, living on borrowed money, etc. — heading in the direction whence they came.

**Q:** Was the present plight of the dollar predictable?

**A:** Yes, it was. Way back on April 14, 1958, I stated in public that "the U.S. dollar is weak vis-a-vis most European currencies, a phenomenon emphasized by the fact that several Central Banks abroad prefer gold holdings to greenback reserves."

And on May 12 of that same year I said: "We are a great deal more dependent upon the outside world than the outside world is upon us. The unpleasant truth is that, in our international economic relations, our fundamental long-range position is not one of strength, but one of great potential weakness." As we are going, this surely is even truer today.

These are just two examples of warnings given years ago which have now come to pass. And please do not think that my Organization wants to take sole credit for what we discovered and forecast in the past eight or ten years. The facts were known, way back, to anybody who really wanted to know. Anybody who took the trouble of lifting the veil of governmen tally managed news could prognosticate with astounding accuracy.

**THE NEW ECONOMICS**

**Q:** We have mentioned a lot about the "new economists." What do they believe?

**A:** The neo-economists think you can pump-prime and make deficits year in and year out. I am old-fashioned enough to believe in gravity. I don’t believe you can spend more forever than you either have or earn. In bad years you can pump-prime; but in the good years you must take it back. It is as simple as that. The attempt to feel prosperous on borrowed money only leads to the day of reckoning — the moment of truth.

Monetary mismanagement, the application of palliatives instead of cures, loose credit policy by the growth-happy neo-economists, have started to bear bitter fruit.

**Q:** It seems that there are amazing parallels here between the "new morality" and the "new economics." Is this true?

**A:** I’m inclined to believe it. I believe that the "new economics" are an expression in the economics sphere of the lack of morality that exists in so many other spheres. Again, I do not believe that these "new economists" will abolish gravity.

**Q:** Has the "day of reckoning" you mentioned a moment ago now come for sterling?

**A:** For sterling, it certainly has come. After devaluation I felt that "Britain had the measles and is not likely to catch them again in the immediate future — even though later-on she may get scarlet fever." But now it appears that the pound is either not yet over its measles; has caught them again; or has contracted a bad case of scarlet fever.

It seems that even if there were confidence in the pound, there is obviously none in the people who manage it. Talk of yet another pound-sterling devaluation fails to abate, even though everybody knows that such a move would globally bring down the entire currency structure.

**Q:** Do you foresee the devaluation of the dollar in the near future?

**A:** We are not saying that the dollar will be devalued now. Chances are, it will not. But as we are going — I stress, as we are going now — we are introducing more and more palliatives instead of cures. That is the basic thing; we are living by gimmickery now. In our era of systematic self-bamboozlement and far-reaching intellectual dishonesty, acrobatics in figures, manipulations and statistical doctoring are on a victory march across the world.

**Q:** Could you cite some examples of gimmickry in addition to those you have mentioned here in passing?

**A:** Well, there are multiple millions of dollars' worth of certain U.S. securities which we have sold to foreign governments with a maturity of one year plus one day (or longer). Now peculiarly, everything up to 365 days is generously admitted to represent a liability; but anything one day more than a year counts as an asset!

Then there are the $800 million which are deposited by the IMF and the U.S. — wholly owned by both! Now how can that be?

And now we have in the works a plan for Special Drawing Rights from the IMF called "SDR's." I call them monetary LSD's because these things will put us on a credit trip.

All these involved schemes remind one of the old joke about "little lies, big lies — and statistics."

**Q:** How and when might the nation reverse its present downward trend? What is the ultimate solution?

**A:** I see no solution as things are going now. The world is drifting towards the point where everybody wants more for less, and this is no way towards strength. We live in a world in which there is a premium on disincentives. Many people on a dole or relief without taxes (now we call them "clients!"), are better off than those who work and pay taxes!

As you have seen — and as history shows — the gold bubbles are getting worse. This was the worst in living memory. So the next shock will be worse again.

Catastrophes do not come in accordance with what is logical or what would be "desirable." Thus, the contention that "It can't happen here" need not remain valid forever. As we are drifting or driving, without self-discipline, it could one day, indeed, happen even here.

So far there are no indications that a lesson is being learned from the fall of pound sterling, even though it gave us a warning in the form of the most severe monetary shock in many a year.
The Bible Story

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CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED TWELVE

KING SOLOMON'S SINS

To pay a debt to the king of Tyre, Solomon required that the Israelites pay more taxes. With this extra revenue he also built a part of the wall around Jerusalem and repaired and fortified several cities to the northwest and north.

Most of the hard labor on the cities was done by Canaanites living in those vicinities. These Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites were drafted for work, and were regarded almost as slaves. (1 Kings 9:15-23; II Chronicles 8:1-10.)

Solomon's Fabulous Voyages

About the same time Solomon increased his fighting force by adding to the numbers of his horsemen and chariots. He even established a navy, but it was more for commercial purposes than for war. The home port was in the Gulf of Akaba, the east finger of the Red Sea reaching up toward the rock-walled city of Petra. With these ships the king hoped to establish trade relations with distant countries that could supply unusual produce and rare items.

The Israelites had recently become a maritime people. But Solomon had to ask aid of the Tyrians, many of whom were sailors because their people had lived for generations on the eastern shore of the Great Sea. Tyrians trained a number of Israelites in the crafts of shipbuilding and the skills of sailing. Probably the ships were manned by crews that were more Tyrian than Israelite. (I Kings 9:26-28; II Chronicles 8:17-18.)

The ambitious voyages, some three years long, turned out to be profitable for Solomon. In one trip alone his ships would bring back cargoes that were worth
The fabulous sums. They sailed down the Red Sea, probably putting in at ports on the northeast coast of Africa. From there they went eastward into the Arabian Sea and on to the distant ports of India, Ceylon, Malaya and Japan.

Solomon forced men of surrounding nations to labor almost like slaves on his various projects.

When the ships returned, they brought spices, apes, peacocks, gold, silver, ivory, rare kinds of wood and other kinds of valuable and unique objects that stirred up deep interest and wonder in the many Israelites who had the opportunity to view them or own some of them. (I Kings 10:11-12, 14-15, 22-23; II Chronicles 9:10-11, 13-14, 21-22.)

Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon

Meanwhile reports of Solomon’s wisdom and wealth stirred the feminine curiosity of the Queen of Sheba to such an extent that she decided to make a trip to Jerusalem to find out in person how much the reports were exaggerated. The land of Sheba lay in Southern Arabia and in Ethiopia and Upper Egypt and Nubia. At that time the Queen of Sheba (Sheba was a son of Cush, the son of Ham) ruled Ethiopia and Egypt. Historians have so falsified Egyptian history that they have completely lost the identity of this famous Queen who is dated in history books over 500 years too early.
The Queen of Sheba, as she is referred to in the Bible, set out from her capital city Thebes with many servants and a large train of camels loaded with spices, gold and jewels. This wealth she presented to Solomon as a gift of friendship when she arrived in Jerusalem.

No Question Too Hard

To test the power of Solomon's mind, the queen asked him the answers to many difficult riddles. In ancient times this kind of mental gymnastic was a sort of equivalent of the higher type of intelligence test of today, except that it was regarded more of a game or a matching of wits. Solomon gave such prompt and outstanding answers that his guest was startled. She then asked him about many practical things, including her personal problems. The helpful and informative replies she received kindled in her a growing respect for the Israelite king.

In the days that followed during her long visit, the queen was amazed at the beauty of the temple, the magnificence of Solomon's palace, and the unusual design of his throne, the extraordinary choice of food at his table, the faithful obedience of his servants, the efficiency of his staff members and officers, his superb clothing and the rich attire of those about him and the way in which he made sacrifices to his God with such roaring fires.

"When I heard glowing reports about your wisdom and prosperity, I didn't believe them," the queen admitted to Solomon. "Since coming here I've found that the reports should have been twice as exciting and colorful to completely inform me. Israel must be very happy to have a king like you. Your God must indeed love your people to allow them to have such a wise ruler." (I Kings 10:1-10; II Chronicles 9:1-9.)

When the queen prepared to leave, Solomon didn't allow her camels to be taken back unloaded. She had given him gold that was three and a half million dollars in value, besides costly stones and an immense quantity of spices. Not to be outdone, Solomon made a generous remark that could have cost him half his kingdom if his guest had been a very greedy person.

"If there is anything I have that you desire," the king told her, "all you have to do is ask and it shall become yours."

After she had made her choices, Solomon had them carefully packed for her camels to carry. In addition to what the queen asked for, he gave her many gifts he was certain she would like to have but for which she modestly refrained from asking. (I Kings 10:13; II Chronicles 9:12.)
For a long time after the Queen of Sheba had returned up the Nile River to her native country, Solomon continued to prosper. In the course of a year it wasn't unusual for him to take in several million dollars worth of gold. He was given regular tribute by bordering nations. He had established trade agreements with others. His merchant caravans were constantly on the move to and from the north, east and south. From Lower Egypt he brought up an increasing number of chariots and horses. Horses were in demand in Israel. (I Kings 10:24-26; II Chronicles 9:23-24.) God had forbidden their use in war. (Deuteronomy 17:14-16.) Solomon possibly reasoned that this ban applied only to the past. At any rate, he unwisely established a standing cavalry and a chariot brigade. After he obtained all the horses he wanted, those that continued coming from Egypt and elsewhere were sold at a profit to people who wanted them for domestic or sporting purposes. Many mules from Egypt also added to revenue for the king. (I Kings 10:28-29; II Chronicles 9:25, 28.)

Lust of the Flesh

The Bible states, in a figurative manner, that silver was so common in Jerusalem that it attracted little more attention than did the stones on the ground. Solomon had so much silver and considered it so low in value that he wouldn't allow any
drinking vessels in his palace that were made of silver. All cups, chalices, goblets and tumblers had to be made of gold. Even some of the equipment for his army was made of gold instead of brass. Some of the soldiers' shields used at state functions were worth around a thousand dollars because of the gold content.

With all the income Israel's king received because of his keen business ability, plus the tributes and gifts he received, he became the wealthiest of kings at that time. But this wouldn't have come about without the help of God in many direct and indirect ways. (I Kings 10:16-17, 27; II Chronicles 9:15-16, 27.)

While his wealth was increasing, Solomon remained faithful to God in the regularly required sacrifices and in most other matters of obedience. At the same time he had a growing weakness that increased with his wealth and his fame. It was the desire for the love of many women. His ability and means to obtain them was a great temptation to him. In spite of his wisdom, his choice of wives started with that of an Egyptian princess related, by marriage, to the Queen of Sheba. Possibly this had some bearing on the trade pact he developed with Egypt in his early years as king of Israel. From then on he seemed to have a special liking for foreign women, including those from the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians and Hittites. (I Kings 11:1-2.)

Israel's powerful fighting force kept the pagan nations subdued. Solomon not only succeeded in keeping them in their respective territories, but he included some or parts of some of them in his expanding kingdom. They paid regular, heavy tributes. These were submitted in the form of gold, silver, precious stones, brasswork, cloth and livestock. (II Chronicles 9:26, 28.) It was possible that occasionally a young and pretty daughter of a king or chief was also included, eventually becoming another of Solomon's growing number of wives, of which there were seven hundred! Besides these, the king had three hundred concubines, or secondary wives. (I Kings 11:3.)

When Israel had come to Canaan, God had forbidden His chosen people to intermarry with those of Canaan or nearby nations. The Creator knew that intermarriage with foreigners would result in the Israelites being drawn into the worship of idols and false gods. (Exodus 34:11-16; Deuteronomy 7:1-6; I Kings 11:2.)

That is exactly what happened to Solomon, regardless of his brilliant mind and deep wisdom.

A Thousand Versions of Idolatry

During his years of attempting to please or at least stay on the friendly side of a thousand wives, Solomon was asked by many of them to consider turning to their
several gods. At first the king gave in part way to the wishes of his favorites by promising them that he would consider the building of shrines and altars for the worship of their pagan deities.

Solomon gradually lost sight of God and became totally concerned in physical things.

As time passed he became so involved in what he said he would do for so many of his wives that he found it was easier to carry out his promises than it was to listen to repeated, nagging requests—though probably he almost willingly carried out some of the favors because of his special affection for some of his women.

Solomon therefore ordered small temples to be erected for the worship of the Zidonian goddess Ashtoreth (also known as Astarte or Easter), for Chemosh the god of the Moabites and for Molech and Milcom, idols of the Ammonites. This was done on the Mount just south of the Mount of Olives, in full sight of the temple dedicated to God. (I Kings 11:4-8.)

Meanwhile, Solomon was paying a price for his excesses. Instead of becoming wiser and more mentally alert as he reached middle age, his mind lost much of its God-given brilliance. At the same time he aged rapidly in a physical way, insomuch that he looked older than he was. His unwise manner of living was leading him toward an early grave.

Then came a stinging message from the Creator, whose anger had been steadily growing because of Solomon’s turning to idolatry. Whether it came to him in a dream or through some prophet who was close to God, what Solomon learned was a staggering shock to him.

“You have ignored my repeated warning about turning to other gods,” God told the king. “Because you have done this thing and have broken so many of my laws, I have decided to take the kingdom of Israel from you!

“I am going to give it to one of your servants. But for the sake of David your father, I will not completely do it while you are alive. You are going to live long enough to witness the start of great trouble in this nation. After you are dead and your son has inherited the throne, it will quickly be wrested from him. Again, out of respect for David and for the sake of Jerusalem, I shall allow your son to retain leadership over the tribe of Judah.” (I Kings 11:9-13.)

Years previously, during David’s rule, God had spared the life of a young Edomite prince named Hadad when Joab had tried to kill all the males of Edom. Hadad and some of the people had escaped to Egypt. Hadad later returned to his country to enlist a small but powerful army with which to plague Israel. This
occurred at the time God told Solomon Israel would be troubled. Another man, by the name of Rezon, a captain in a Syrian army David had defeated, escaped to Damascus and established another small army with which to give Solomon's soldiers more grief. These two men were used by God to plague Israel, especially during Solomon's last days. (I Kings 11:14-25.)

And Now — a Real Competitor

Then a third man came on the scene to give Solomon even more concern. He was Jeroboam, an ambitious and capable man whom Solomon employed as the superintendent of public work projects in and around Jerusalem. He was the servant God had mentioned in His recent, dire prediction to Solomon.

One day as Jeroboam was coming out of Jerusalem, a man stepped up to him when no one else was around and asked to speak with him. At first Jeroboam didn’t recognize the fellow, who suddenly removed a new coat he was wearing. Then Jeroboam recognized him as the prophet Ahijah, who had succeeded Nathan and Gad, prophets in David's time. Ahijah’s next surprising move was to violently tear his coat into twelve pieces. He kept two of the pieces and handed the other ten to the astonished Jeroboam.

"These ten pieces of cloth represent ten tribes of Israel," Ahijah said. "Take them."

"But why are you giving them to me?" Jeroboam asked.

"God has told me that He is about to tear the kingdom of Israel from Solomon,
and that He will give you ten of the tribes over which to rule,” Ahijah explained.

“But why me?” Jeroboam queried. “And why only ten tribes?”

“Isn’t it enough to learn that God chose you?” Ahijah pointed out. “And aren’t ten tribes enough? For David’s sake and for the sake of Jerusalem, Judah will remain under the rulership of Solomon’s family. You will become king over ten of the tribes, which Solomon’s family will lose because of the king’s disobedience in turning to pagan gods and breaking so many of God’s laws. God has instructed me to tell you that if you will be obedient, you and those after you of your family will continue to rule the ten tribes.” (1 Kings 11:26-39.)

Later, after Jeroboam had thought over the exciting event, he could scarcely contain himself. He had much to say to his family and friends about what he was going to do. His statements soon reached Solomon, who became so envious and angry that he sent soldiers after Jeroboam.

“That man is a traitor!” Solomon declared. “He is scheming to seize my throne! Bring him to me, and I shall sentence him to death!”

Jeroboam had friends in the palace who warned him before the soldiers arrived. He escaped from Jerusalem, but he knew that it would be dangerous to stay anywhere in Palestine or even in bordering countries. He fled all the way to Egypt, where the young king was pleased to harbor a man of Jeroboam’s ability. (I Kings 11:40.)

The highly talented and studious Solomon suddenly died at an age when he should have been at the prime of his wisdom—at about sixty. If he had been a more temperate and obedient king, probably he would have lived for many more years. The passing of such a famous ruler was a mournful event for Israel and for many people outside Israel. Solomon had reigned for forty years after having become king at about 20 years of age (I Kings 11:41-43; II Chronicles 9:29-31.) Through him God not only did great things for Israel of that time, but also for people of today who gain from reading the books of the Bible Solomon wrote—Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon.

Solomon designated his son Rehoboam to succeed him. After a period of mourning for Solomon, thousands of people gathered at Shechem, about thirty-five miles north of Jerusalem, to witness Rehoboam’s being made king. Among those in the crowd was Jeroboam, who had returned from Egypt when he heard of Solomon’s death. (I Kings 12:1-2; II Chronicles 10:1-2.)

When Rehoboam appeared before the people on the inaugural platform, he
expected them to cheer, but they didn't. He glared disdainfully at them, but his expression changed when he saw Jeroboam moving toward the platform. Many men of high rank were pressing in behind him. None of them looked either pleased or friendly.

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trance. There was, on the south side, what appeared to have been an expanse of lawn—now high in weeds. But on either side of that weed-grown lawn were rows of the most beautiful and stately Cedars of Lebanon we had ever seen.

We were a little excited. This began to look promising!

"I want to see the inside of this mansion," I said to Mr. McNair. "Can you arrange for us to come back tomorrow morning, with the agent, to let us inside?"

"We'll stop by his home on the way back to the hotel and try to arrange it," he responded. It was arranged for
This time Garner Ted and Mr. Martin went along. And we planned to arrive at 9:30, to go carefully over the grounds and talk it over privately among ourselves before the agent arrived.

When we arrived, in full daylight, all four of us were tremendously impressed. We began walking around. I noticed three large urns in what appeared to have been a garden in front of the front entrance— one a very large and costly urn. Then we discovered that there was an aviary. We discovered a little brook running down what appeared to have been a very fine and costly garden. At least I noticed, among the weeds, several plants I knew to be very fine and expensive shrubs.

The young men began to shout.

Almost in unison, we all exclaimed, "This is Providential! This means God wants another full Liberal Arts co-ed college in England, just like the one in Pasadena!" It was like a sudden realization — a knowing — a recognizing of the divine guidance and intervening to show us His will!

The other fellows were shouting for joy.

"Hey, pipe down!" I said. 'Not so loud! If that estate agent arrives and hears you fellows, the price will double! Besides, we haven't bought it yet, and we don't know whether we can!'

There was not really any doubt in our minds, though. It was like recognizing a revelation straight from God. We knew this meant we were to establish a college in England. Not the kind of college we had in mind. The kind we now recognized God had in mind.

This may seem preposterous to some readers, I know. But we are engaged in God's Work. We have learned how God works. It was like God had flashed a message straight from heaven like a sudden bolt of lightning.

Here was a college campus, already there! We knew that, for this purpose, we would need additional buildings, for Administration offices, for dormitories, perhaps for additional class and lecture rooms. We knew, too, that in the Green Belt it would be almost impossible to obtain a building permit to erect additional new buildings.

But on this place we noticed there were quite a number of very superb horse stables, cow barns, and even a building for an electric generating plant. We felt sure we could obtain a permit to remodel those existing buildings suitable for our usage.

Of course we knew there were many problems to hurdle. We had, first, to see whether the county authorities would grant us a change of occupancy permit to operate a college at that location. And there was the rather big matter of negotiating for the purchase — and whether we would be able.

When we inspected the inside we saw that this Hanstead House, as it was then named, was a very ornate building of fine quality — comparable in quality and size to Ambassador Hall on our Pasadena Campus. Ambassador Hall is the former Hulett C. Merritt mansion and estate, the most fabulous place in Pasadena. Yet it had come to us at a price less than it would cost to erect the iron fence along the South Orange Grove Boulevard frontage of it! Ambassador Hall had come to us virtually as a gift. When we saw the ornate interior of Hanstead House, we began to have misgivings. Perhaps we would find the price completely beyond our reach.

Beside, the estate agents office had intimated that TWA was considering as a school for stewardesses.

We also had noticed that there was a patio English sunken garden on the east side of the mansion, and there were four large greenhouses.

We didn't know, then, that there was such a beautiful formal garden on the west front, the most magnificent rose garden we had ever seen, and the very exotic Japanese garden through which the little brook ran — these were so thickly covered with weeds we did not discover them.

How this mansion, with these outstanding gardens, the aviary, greenhouses, Cedars of Lebanon, all finally came to us for £8,000 ($22,800) — the not uncommon price of a five- or six-room cottage on a 40- or 50-foot lot in America,— and that on terms that gave us several years to pay, will be explained in the next installment.

Pride of U.S. Power
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The most obvious outcome of all this is: The Communists have a will to win. America does not. The Reds are on the offensive. They are pushing and driving toward definite goals. Communist suicide squads are willing to sacrifice their lives to achieve key objectives. The U.S. is fighting a half-way war, with total victory not even intended. Seeing this, the Communists — whether in Vietnam or Korea — simply no longer fear the United States will fully use its immense military might.

Power — But No Pride

In his State of the Union Message, President Johnson analyzed the problem correctly when he said: "It is our will that is being tried and not our strength."

National pride and prestige is at stake! Yet, recently, one presidential hopeful stated most emphatically that America's prestige was not at stake in the Pueblo incident. Nothing could be further from the truth!

Other top congressional "leaders" have tried to play down the seriousness of the Asian situation. One shamefully suggested the U.S. give a false admission that the Pueblo was seized in North Korean waters, rather than resort to force to regain the pirated ship and its crew. Another leading senator again asked the U.S. to seek an "honorable compromise" in Vietnam, rather than victory.

Where is America's pride of power? It has vanished — just as Bible prophecy said it would!

Look at Leviticus 26:19. This prophecy applies to America at this end time in history: "And I will break the pride of your power."

The U.S. still possesses immense power — but is afraid to use it. God has stripped away from us the pride in that power. Without pride, without direction, without will, military power — however great — is useless. America has won its last war!
PLEASE DON'T GIVE ME "THAT OLD-TIME RELIGION"

NO WONDER "religion" is utterly rejected by so many millions today. NO WONDER a broad segment of American businessmen and women cannot find ANYthing about "Christianity" to inspire and challenge them. NO WONDER hippies reject the time-honored "establishment" of our "spiritual heritage."

Here's the TRUTH about a part of Christianity you've probably never heard before—the part about what it means to be a Christian!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

FROM the sudden upsurge in religion of the '50s to the riots, demonstrations and hippie movements of the '60s, the pendulum has swung from one extreme to another.

Today, as never before, people are looking for something.

Youth looks for some new, strong leader—a new faith, a new hope. Negroes look for broader rights, more acceptance, less prejudice. Government looks for ways out of Vietnam; for ways to stop the gold outflow and weakening of the dollar, and for solutions to the gnawing problems at home.

All this searching, looking, questing has led one leading scientist, Dr. Herman Kahn, of the famed Hudson Institute, to predict drastic social changes in the future. He said there would be more and more "movements," some rational and some irrational; hippies, "LSD without question" and even a "NEW RELIGION."

But why a "new" religion? What's wrong with the "old" one?

Plenty.

"Gimme that Old Time Religion!"

It's about time men of the cloth wake up to realize modern society cannot—will not accept the traditional "faith of our fathers"—"old-fashioned gospel" churchianity of the past!

Small wonder youth is in revolt, that all of society is in turmoil; when religion has failed utterly to give them any real purpose in living! Irreligious people see religion as a "spiritual tranquilizer"—an imaginary sop to stave off fear; an empty faith to cling to; an impractical dream in a hard, cold, practical world. And are these people so wrong, after all?

Just how does it sound, to an educated, fairly intelligent businessman, to hear frantic pleas of "Ohhhhh won't you come—just now—and give your heart to the Lord??" (often pronounced "lard").

How does it sound to millions of frustrated youths, facing Vietnam, the bomb, and a seemingly useless future, to be told with stentorian thunder, "CHRIST is the answer!!" (pronounced, oftentimes, "crast").

How many people are really given some meaningful goals to cling to when they hear, "REPENT, sinner—right now (pronounced "rat naow")—and don't take a chance on goin' to hell" (sometimes pronounced, "hail").

I don't need to tell you how it sounds. You know.

It sounds utterly meaningless to most people. It sounds ignorant, and less than sane to some—impractical and terribly out-of-date to others. And it is not working! But—shocking as it may sound—you have probably never heard the plain truth about what it REALLY MEANS to "give yourself to Christ" or to "live a Christian life!"

Have you?
a person do such a thing as giving his own self to Christ? What does it mean? Is it merely a temporary decision, or a sentiment? Is it something that is of the emotions only? Or is it a down-to-earth, concrete, practical course of action—a way of living?

The Common Belief

A foremost religious leader once said, “First, let us understand what Christianity is not. It is not a way of life!”

But what does the newly converted Christian do then, that makes him a Christian? Commonly, it is believed that the remorseful feeling of sorrow over past mistakes and misdeeds, plus the acceptance of Christ—the worship of Christ—is a saving experience. Hundreds of thousands of sincere, well-meaning, earnest people are content they are Christians—satisfied they are headed toward eternal life—when they actually have never taken the first step toward becoming a true Christian, believe it or not!

Christ Says REPENT!

Listen to what the Bible actually says! “From that time Jesus began to preach...” (Matt. 4:17). Jesus was a preacher. Jesus Christ came with a message from God the Father—and that message was what He preached! What was the very first thing He told His audiences to do? “...repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matt. 4:17). Notice—the words of Jesus are: “repent!”

Later, the apostles—Peter, James and John, the apostle Paul and others—preached the same message Jesus brought from His Father. When Peter stood up to explain the amazing events of the Day of Pentecost in 31 A.D. he said, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). Later, Peter said, “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19). Jesus gave stern warning that “except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5).

Then there is something required in addition to the acceptance of Jesus as personal Saviour! Jesus said so!

A CHANGE Required

Do you suppose it could be possible that these many thousands of sincere, well-meaning people could actually be trying to gain eternal life—but are headed in the opposite direction? What does the Bible say? What did Jesus actually say?

He instructed, “Strive to enter in at the strait [difficult] gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able!” (Luke 13:24.)

Diametrically contrary to what many thousands of people presently believe, and what is taught as an accepted standard of Christianity today, Jesus said, “Not every one that saith unto me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter into the kingdom of heaven...” (Matt. 7:21).

Again, He said, “This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth [by professing Christ—by making a “decision” for Him orally] and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men” (Matt. 15:8-9).

Do you see? Jesus Christ, the Saviour (and He should be the one who really KNOWS, shouldn’t He?) tells us that it is possible to worship Him—to praise Him—to believe in Him—and be doing it all in vain!

What was it Christ said to do? “REPENT.” That was His cry. That was His message!

To repent and be converted is to change. That is the very meaning of the word “convert.” Just what is that change, then?

Change What?

“I’m a changed man,” said the reformed smoker. “I have finally quit the tobacco habit!” This man felt, because he had dropped a bad habit, he was a changed man! But was he really?

What is it Christ wants you to change? Merely your way of “thinking” about Him? Do you change your “outlook” on religion? Do you change your church? Change your habits? Change what?

The apostle Paul explained that the...
person lies the root cause of it all: vanity!

“Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; ALL is vanity” (Ecc. 1:2). Every person is filled with vanity, in one form or another. Notice that Paul tells us, “For the creature [correct meaning, “creation”] was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope” (Rom. 8:20).

All is vanity! The desire of every person to be “liked” by others—to be “well thought of,” to be accepted by the society, looked up to, respected, admired, and loved by others—all this is vanity!

It is this vanity which leads a person to say, “What will my friends say?” or, “What will people think?”

Ensnared in Society

Having been reared in a world that measures everything by what people think, you probably are quite concerned about the opinions of your friends, neighbors and relatives. You are wrapped up in this age, this society! Whatever is the standard, whatever is looked upon with approval by these people, whose acceptance you covet, that becomes the standard of your life! If you’re like most people—you live in the way which is most likely to gain for you the acceptance and approbation you seek. You are a part of this world. Your life is regulated by this world its customs, its holidays, its practices.

Most people are ensnared by it—trapped into conformity with whatever is the way of the majority—following like blind sheep wherever society leads, never questioning whether it is right, but simply conforming to the ways of others.

Many people have seen this desire to conform, and have rebelled against it.

But, non-conformists who would be honest with themselves would be forced to admit their non-conformity is merely conforming to a different group than before. The “hippie” who claims to be “non-conformist” actually wears a uniform—adds himself to certain clearly definable social customs as an obvious mark of his new conformity! “Kidding” himself he is “escaping” from the establishment, he enslaves himself to a new establishment!

And all this is just so much vanity!

It is to release us from these shackles of tradition and society that Jesus calls us out of this world!

Jesus Calls You OUT of Society

Jesus said, “My Kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36). He was the Messenger from God the Father of a better kingdom—the world-ruling Kingdom of God! When Christ walked this earth as a man, He spoke to His disciples of a soon-coming world government that would supersede and put down all opposing, man-made governments, and rule this world! (Rev. 2:26-27.)

He prayed that His disciples would be separate from this world. “I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine” (John 17:9).

Did you know Jesus Christ Himself said—if you are a true Christian, your former friends, your relatives, this society will hate you? Listen!

“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you” (John 15:18-19).

Jesus said your own family would begin to look down on you, if you are really willing to obey Him! “Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a man’s foes shall be they of his own household” (Mat. 10:34-36).

If you are really following Christ—living as He lived, doing as He did—keeping God’s Law as He did—this society, even your closest former friends and your own relatives, will begin to resist and persecute you.

“Forsaking then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind...
and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me” (Mat. 10:37-38).

Jesus plainly said ANYONE who would rather be his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple!” (Luke 14:26.)

Count the Cost

In this section of Luke the 14th chapter, Jesus sternly warns every prospective Christian to COUNT THE COST of being a true follower of Him! How many people are being told to COUNT THE COST — or even told WHAT THAT COST IS?

Are they being told what it really means? Are they being told how to give themselves to God — how to serve Christ — what to do — what it means — are they being told to COME OUT OF this society, and NOT be conformed to the world?

No! They most decidedly are not!

What IS The Cost?

Remember, Jesus tells you what you must do to become a Christian!

"Not every one that saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Mat. 7:21). "REPHENT" said Christ! "DO THE WILL OF GOD," said Jesus!

God’s will is expressed in His Word. "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). It is the truth, the word of God, that will set you free.

Here, then, is what it really costs to become a true Christian, and to become a begotten son of God!

IT COSTS YOUR LIFE!

LITERALLY!

Does that shock you? Perhaps it does, unless you think I mean that statement as a kind of “spiritual phraseology.”

God’s Word tells you that you must literally LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE for Christ.

"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38).

After you have been BROKEN UP, and your own human will has been TOTALLY SHATTERED, after you are DISGUSTED WITH YOURSELF — FILLED WITH ABOHORRENCE at your own actions, your own way of life — your own self, which is the VANITY within you — then you should be baptized!

What It Means

Immersion into a watery "grave" is a deep spiritual symbolism which signifies the actual, LITERAL BURYING of the old self — you — the way you have been, and the resurrection of a new you — now conquered by God, surrendered to God, meekly and humbly CHILDLIKE in your obedience and TRUST in Him as your Living Saviour.

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin [the former "you"] might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin" (Rom. 6:3-6).

Paul explained this principle further when he said, "For I was alive without the law once [without a knowledge of the law]: but when the commandment came [to his consciousness — so he became AWARE OF WHAT SIN WAS] sin revived [he was able to see clearly that he was a great sinner] and I DIED!” (Rom. 7:9.) Paul said, "For sin, taking occasion by the commandment [being brought to light for what it was by the law of God] deceived me, and by it slew me. Wherefore [because God's law had shown him he was a sinner] the law is HOLY, and the commandment holy, and just, and good!” (Rom. 7:11-12.)

A Change of Mind

The apostle Paul was a true Christian. He had the Spirit of God, which is promised to every one who will literally lay down his life, and surrender the self-will, performing the ordinance of baptism, and coming to God's throne of grace as a meek child. Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal. 2:20).

After REPENTING, and being baptized, which symbolizes the BURYING of the old carnal self, which was formerly HOSTILE toward God — the Holy Spirit is then implanted within your mind, and CHANGES your mind. Jesus Christ begins to motivate your thoughts, guide and direct your every action — LIVE HIS LIFE over again, WITHIN YOU!

And He does it through the power of God's Holy Spirit!

This is a great mystery to most human beings — and yet, the Spirit of God MUST enter our CARNAL minds to change those minds, and make them yielding, humble, and obedient to God, where they had been hostile, antagonistic, resentful, and bitter toward our Creator!

The receiving of God’s Spirit to change human nature is the receiving of an outside POWER — a begettal which makes us His sons!

A Changed Attitude

If you are a true Christian, you will not be able to blindly follow the customs and practices of this society any further. Instead, you will begin asking, “What is God’s will; what does God say about it?” And you will begin to SEARCH THE BIBLE TO GET TO KNOW the will of God.

Your outlook and attitude will gradually become CHRIST-LIKE. You will begin saying, with Christ, "Nevertheless not my will, but THY will, be done!"

Where you formerly "went along with the crowd" in social activities, in customs of dress, in business practices,
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you will then begin to question the ways of the crowd. You will want to first ascertain what God's will is concerning these ways of life!

That is the definition of a Christian!

A Christian is a person who lives by every word of God!

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Mat. 4:4). So said your Saviour! But are most professing Christians really living by every word of God?

Not so! Most professing Christians do not even know a small portion of what the Word of God says! It is because they don't study the Bible, and begin to drink in the Word of God that they gullibly swallow and accept whatever others say and believe!

What It Means To You

A Christian, then, is conquered by God. His carnal will is broken! He realizes he has sinned! Sin is any action that is contrary to the laws of God (I John 3:4). He then cries out to God and asks for forgiveness for those sins, and a lifting of the death penalty, which every sin brings (Rom. 6:23). He accepts God's promise of forgiveness, on faith, by accepting the sacrifice of Christ, accepting Jesus' death in place of his own. The Christian then takes the ordinance of baptism which shows God he really means it.

He expects God to stand back of His promise to give him the Holy Spirit, as a result of the repentance and the baptism which God demands. Then — AND NEVER UNTIL THEN — will you become a true Christian.

Finally, you will begin to practice as a habit, the very life of Christ. "He that saith, 'I know him,' and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:4).

"He that saith he abideth in him [is a Christian] ought himself also so to walk [live], even as He [Christ] walked" (I John 2:6).

The true Christian, who has really repented, will live as Christ lived! He will keep the laws of God, being obedient to God in every way, and becoming recipient of the great happiness and tremendous blessings that come with that obedience!

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" (I Pet. 2:21).

Check up on yourself!

Study these scriptures in your own Bible. Many of you think you are already "saved" and that you are already good Christians! But "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:12).

Remember, to examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" (II Cor. 13:5.)

Serve Christ — obey Christ — live as Christ lived, follow Christ, imitate Christ!

That is what it means to give yourself to Him!

Personal
from the Editor

(Continued from page 2)

Fort-de-France, Martinique:

It is now Monday afternoon. This morning, early, we left Barbados and flew on a short distance north to the picturesque island of Martinique. There is one noticeable difference here. The people on this island speak French. Most do not speak a word of English.

Here, it is Mr. Dibar Aparian who is well known. He is the voice of The World Tomorrow in French. He is heard Monday through Friday on the station most listened to in Martinique. A number whom he had baptized on previous visits here met us at the airport. Whereas Barbados was more or less flat, I find Martinique hilly and even, in parts, semi-mountainous.

Mr. Aparian is to speak here tonight. Even though very few understand English (and I do not speak French), he wants me to speak briefly, and he will translate for them as I go along.

Wherever I find people converted — having been baptized by our ministers — their lives changed — having received God's Holy Spirit — they are all alike in spirit and attitude. They are warm, friendly, happy, their faces illuminated and in smiles. It's the same all over the world, regardless of climate, country or race.

It makes me realize one thing about the various cultures one finds in different parts of the world. Americans traveling in England notice a different culture — a different spirit and attitude — even though basically the British and Americans are the same people, from the same stock.

One even notices this difference in different parts of the United States — New England, Deep South, Middle West and West Coast. Travel through Germany and you notice a still different culture. France is not like any of the others. Spain has a culture all its own, and so does Italy. The same is true in Switzerland, and, somehow nearly everyone likes the Swiss. Go to the Arab countries in the Middle East, and you find a totally different culture. Also in Russia, in China, in Japan, in Australia. Canada is different than the United States.

BUT — one astonishing thing I have noticed: wherever you go, regardless of nation or race or part of the world, wherever you find God's people — those who have really repented, surrendered to God and His authority, really received Christ into their lives, and received God's gift of His Holy Spirit — these people are ALL ALIKE — all of the same culture — all of the same happy, beaming, spirit. I know those who are Chinese, Russian, British, South African (and Afrikaners), German, French, Mexican — white, black, yellow — all are of one culture, one mind, one love, one happiness!

How do you explain it?

I know how, and I hope you do!

It is the same here in Martinique as in Barbados — as on the Ambassador campuses in Pasadena, Texas and England. It is mighty rewarding!
While the eyes of most Americans are focused on events in Korea and the war in Vietnam, another virtually unseen war is well under way.

And the U.S. is losing — badly.

Unpublicized War

It is economic war, a struggle for control of international commerce.

The heralded "success" of the Kennedy Round talks to reduce barriers on world trade is proving very short-lived. Trade agreements reached only seven short months ago are being endangered.

It is already very difficult for some U.S. firms to sell on the international market. All sorts of restrictions, non-tariff barriers, new forms of taxation are being thrown up against American products, especially in Western Europe.

One little example: the "chicken war" of the early 60's now has a parallel in a budding "turkey war." Cut-up frozen turkeys from the U.S. suddenly have been slapped with a supplementary duty of 9 cents a pound by the Common Market countries.

U.S. Retaliation?

In reaction to this and other acts the U.S. is threatening to retaliate. Many powerful industries in the U.S. are calling for government protection from an incoming flood of lower-priced imports. Official "leaks" from Washington hint that the Administration will ask Congress to impose a small tax on imports (perhaps 5%) coupled with an equivalent rebate on American exports.

In Geneva, officials of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) are worried. Unless something is done to stem the reaction-retaliation process, leaders fear all hard-won progress toward free trade will collapse.

A New Second Front: Shipping

No country is as ill-equipped to engage in an all-out trade war as is the United States.

Most Americans are impressed with the might of their nation's military naval force, with its nuclear powered submarines and surface vessels. But, for the most part, they are totally unaware of the one great weakness in U.S. sea-power — the merchant marine.

America's merchant vessel fleet is the shame of the nation's economy. U.S. flagships (American-owned vessels registered in the U.S.) are too old, too small, too slow and too uneconomic to compete in international trade. Nearly 75% of the 1,080 ships in the active U.S. merchant fleet are 20 or more years old! One industry spokesman calls them "obsolete rust-buckets."

The most modern American-owned ships don't even fly the Stars-and-Stripes. For tax breaks and other advantages they are registered in Panama, Honduras or Liberia. They fly the flags of those nations, and operate according to their national laws.

Depending on Foreign Nations

The United States' volume of world commerce exceeds that of all other nations. Government statistics reveal that, in 1966, a total of 404 million tons of commercial cargoes moved to and from U.S. ports. Yet, only 7.2% of this huge volume was carried in the holds of American flag ships!

By comparison, Norwegian vessels carried 17% of U.S. overseas commerce!

Almost all major nations of the world — the U.S. an exception — are rapidly adding to their merchant fleets. Their ambition is to carry as much of their commerce as possible in their own ships. For example, Japanese vessels carry approximately 40% of their nation's trade. Most other trading nations carry 30% or more of their own exports and imports.

The U.S. figure again — 7.2%.

U.S. Becoming a "Have-Not" Nation

The grave danger of depending upon foreign ships to transport U.S. cargo is heightened by this alarming fact: America is now a "have-not" nation with regard to certain key minerals and materials necessary to sustain its military and industrial might.

Of 77 basic strategic items, 66 must be imported from foreign sources!

According to Edwin M. Hood, president of the Shipbuilders Council of America, these include:

Nearly 90% of the cobalt used for the production of high-temperature alloys, jet engines, and so on.

88% of the bauxite, the principal ore in the production of aluminum so vital to aircraft manufacturing and other military hardware components.

100% of natural rubber needs, and 99% of the manganese needed to produce steel.

"By volume, 96 percent of these
Shown unloading is largest shipment of cars ever to enter Port of Los Angeles on a single vessel. Ship is the M/V Stadt Wolfsburg following maiden voyage from Emden, West Germany with cargo of 1,857 new Volkswagens. The Volkswagen corporation owns and operates its own fleet. This progressive policy saves the company — and West Germany — valuable foreign exchange.

imported materials — without which a great segment of America’s industrial complex could not function — is today carried to the U.S. aboard ships flying the flags of other nations. In other words, even now, WE ARE AT THE MERCY OF FOREIGN POWERS — many of which are openly hostile to our objectives in Southeast Asia.” So reports the president of Shipbuilders Council of America.

U.S. Now 16th in Shipbuilding

America’s fleet of floating “rust-buckets” is not being replaced anywhere near fast enough. Over the past several years, deliveries of new U.S. flag vessels have averaged only fifteen ships per year.

Russia, by contrast, is launching 100 new merchant ships annually!

Early last year, the United States slumped to sixteenth place in the world for merchant ship construction. Not only did the U.S. shipbuilders trail traditional shipbuilding nations such as Japan, Sweden, West Germany, France and Britain. But . . .

Such “powers” as Poland, Spain, Denmark, Yugoslavia, East Germany, the Netherlands, and even Finland, all ranked ahead of the free world’s biggest and richest country in shipbuilding. Soaring costs, outdated construction methods have nearly doomed the U.S. commercial shipbuilding industry.

Time of Siege

With a sick merchant marine, with an economy dependent upon foreign nations to carry its goods, the United States is in grave peril. And Bible Prophecy said it would be this way!

Turn to Deuteronomy 28:52: “And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates.”

Here we see prophesied a time of “besieging” — meaning economic boycott, as we shall see — which is to confront the modern-era peoples descended from the ancient ten-tribed House of Israel. This refers to the English-speaking world today (write for proof in our free book The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy. It’s free!) Why the punishment? Because of our mounting national sins, criminality, moral decay and perversion!

Other prophecies show the power to do the besieging is a West European politico-economic system. The Common Market is steadily growing in strength, and now threatens to wage a trade war with the U.S.

The prophecy in Deuteronomy 28 clearly says the besieging will take place “in all thy gates.” The main gates of any modern country are its port cities.

A siege in “thy gates” therefore indicates ultimate trade stoppage — no more U.S. goods carried in and out by foreign ships.

The resultant disastrous effects of trade war and boycott (coupled with internal drought and weather upsets, other disasters) are prophesied in verses 53-57 of Deuteronomy 28 — read it for yourself!

The stage for this grim scene is being set now. But you need not suffer. Write for our free article, “If World War III Comes, There is a Way of Escape.” It gives the keys for your personal safety in the tumultuous days ahead.
★ PRIDE OF U.S. POWER—WHERE IS IT?
A well-executed Communist twin offensive has spectacularly shattered the pride of American military power in Asia. See page 3.

★ THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
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★ THE UNFINISHED REVOLUTION
Part IV. See page 17.

★ AMERICA'S SCHOOLS—THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND
In twentieth-century America more schools have been built, more teachers trained, and more human beings have had more education than in any other nation in all history. It would be reasonable to expect that America would be the most peaceful, the most moral, the most stable land on earth. Remarkably, the exact opposite is true! You need to know why! See page 23.

★ WHY THE DOLLAR IS IN TROUBLE
Exclusive interview with a leading international business consultant. See page 28.

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