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"The Search for Peace"
Young Men and Women

"Your article 'Young Men and Women' was such an astonishing one. I wish everyone was required to read it. I greatly admire the two young men who took the time and cared enough to write this eye-opening article, directing it to the modern teen-ager. After reading this, I want more than ever to attend Ambassador College."

Miss Leola S., Garden City, Kansas

"Today I received the March 1968 copy of The Plain Truth. I was immediately struck by the article entitled 'Young Men and Women.' I think that marvellous picture of Lake Loma, Big Sandy, was what caught my eye first. Anyway, I read through the article there and then, and it really impressed me. I am sixteen years old and have inevitably been asking myself the questions dealt with by the two students who wrote the article. It's really an excellent new way of putting over your message. It put many things into perspective for me, and I found it very encouraging. Your college students certainly have got a message for other teen-agers. I, and I'm sure others, would like to see another youth-to-youth article in The Plain Truth."

Student, Ashford, Kent, England

Dollar in Trouble

"Thank you for the interview in the February issue with Mr. Rundt. Can we have more of that type of article? It was extremely interesting. Unlike articles in most news magazines, it gave some clear answers to some penetrating questions."

John C., Elko, Nevada

Japan

"I like the article that Richard F. Plache wrote about Japan, and the riots in Tokyo. I watched some of the riot on television when they showed it on the news. But, the only thing wrong with that is they didn't tell the real important news behind the news of the riot. That's where The Plain Truth comes in, giving the real picture of the riot in Tokyo."

Frank M., Lapeer, Michigan

"I must tell you how much I enjoy reading the monthly Plain Truth magazine, and how I look forward to receiving each copy. An article in this month's magazine particularly took my interest — that on Tokyo. The people of that city seem to take no thought to their health and the threat air-pollution presents to them. They display the same lack of concern that I see in the people about me; as long as their bodies function more or less well, supplemented by doses of medicine, or pills, they are content to satisfy their lusts for material possessions, perhaps sacrificing their health for a new car, or the latest refrigerator, or television set. These things are not bad in themselves, they are inanimate but when one steps back and disassociates oneself from these people, one sees that here in the twentieth century, idolatry has again reared its head and these people are no less than human sacrifices."

David G. P., Liverpool, England

Our Awesome Universe

"Thank you for The Plain Truth: what truly magnificent pictures especially the front cover of the Andromeda Nebula."

Reader, London

Correspondence Course

"With each succeeding Lesson it seems as though a window has been opened, letting in not only draughts of good clean air, but providing a vision of what the Bible contains if we would only see it. I am indeed grateful to you.

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A NEW CRISIS has struck the colleges and universities of the English-speaking world. Students are in open revolt. And this means WORLD CRISIS, which threatens the continued existence of human life! It threatens YOUR very life! Its real seriousness is little realized.

Just what is this new revolt striking college campuses, making the big news headlines and newscasts? And why?

It affects not only college students. It affects everybody! It affects governments, commerce and industry, society as a whole.

I am the Chancellor of three colleges — two in the United States, and one in England. We don't have these disturbances on the Ambassador College campuses. There is a reason! And I want to tell you that reason! But as an educator I am intensely concerned about what is happening at other colleges.

First, WHY do I say this new crisis on college campuses threatens all other phases of civilization? I say it because this world in all facets of civilization is precisely what its leaders have made it. And the leaders in governments — in business — in religion — in the entire social structure — are the product of the educational system. They think, plan, and act as they have been taught in the schools and the colleges.

These college students today, learning to defy all law and authority — being schooled in rebellion — being taught that there are no absolutes — no solutions to problems — no hope for the future — these are the leaders of the future!

THINK OF IT! Never before has such a thing happened in college and university life. Sit-down strikes! Mass demonstrations of rebellion against college rules! Seizure of college administrative buildings. College officials held prisoner in their own offices. At America's largest university not long ago a Communist-influenced student uprising forced the resignation of the President! Those supposed to be in authority capitulate before the students they are supposed to teach and rule!

This present student rebellion has been churning like a hurricane into ivied administration and classroom buildings. It's high time EVERYBODY knows the FACTS!

Students are demanding more "freedoms," more say in college policies. That word, "freedoms," is the current catchword for permissiveness — meaning drugs, drunkenness, illicit sex, abolition of rules and all restraints. The pressure is on to relax all rules and regulations on smoking, drinking, having cars (for "necking" and illicit sex), visiting hours and prohibitions of cohabiting in dormitories for those of opposite sex, and on "curfew" for girls.

This demand for such "freedoms" comes in the wake of the recent morals collapse.

We have no such problems at the Ambassador Colleges — and there is a REASON! But many college authorities are being backed into a corner — bewildered before an onslaught of student questions.

Here are some of the questions to which undisciplined students "DEMAND" answers:

Should not students have the right to DRINK freely (even under age) in their dormitory rooms? Shouldn't they be allowed to "DATE" in their rooms — with the doors closed? Should they not be allowed to stay out all night whenever they wish?

At one of the oldest and most famous U.S. Eastern universities students gained permission for girls to visit boys' dormitories every day in the week. On weekends they may remain until midnight.

At another Eastern college a ban was put on liquor being consumed at school parties. A storm of student protest
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followed. Three hundred marched on the residence of the President, shouting: "We want booze! We want booze!"

At one of the largest Eastern universities senior co-eds for the past few years had been allowed to stay out as late as they please. Then student demands won permission for junior women to have the same "liberty." Similar demands are being made at colleges all over the U.S. and Britain.

On many a campus students are saying they should not have to obey any rule with which they do not agree. And if the university has rules they do not wish to accept they should disobey those rules. Any system which leaves it to every individual to decide whether a rule or a law is just — whether it ought to be obeyed — is no system at all. It is plain anarchy!

But why such a condition? Very few know the history of the educational system. Few know that this world's educational system has come out of paganism — and even fewer would comprehend why that would make any difference, anyway. Few are concerned with the fact that education has drifted into stark materialism, with the infusion of German "rationalism." Few are concerned about the fact that modern education has leaped the track of sanity by putting the label "knowledge" on ignorance, and branding truth as superstition. The fact that education has rejected the only source of true knowledge, and spurned the right approach to acquiring knowledge, does not seem to worry anybody.

Why are the educational institutions of this world in a state of decadence today? Why have they lost hope, why do they fail to impart to students the real purpose and the true meaning of life? Why do they instill only false values? They teach students how to earn a living in the professions, the arts or the sciences or the technologies. But why do they fail to teach students how to live?

Why are they unable to teach humanity how to have world peace? Why do they fail to prepare 18-through 24-year-old students for a happy life in marriage — teach them how to train and rear happy children — how to build a happy home and family life? Why do they fail to teach the laws of health, the prevention of sickness and disease?

Why, as a consequence, do we have a raging increase in divorces, broken homes, juvenile delinquency, crime and violence, sickness and disease, neuroses and mental disturbances?

It is a truth little realized that in this world's education there is perpetuation of false values, the teaching of distorted history, warped psychology, perverted arts and sciences, fables represented as knowledge.

In one vital respect, the Eternal God labels the deceived and misled victims of this system as more ignorant than the dumb animals — for the so-called educated of this world have lost the knowledge of their Maker! They are the descendants and successors of ancient Israel, and of them the Eternal says: "Hear, O Heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward" (Isa. 1:2-4).

What a paradox! Where once the "educated" called themselves "gnostics," meaning "we know," today they are largely "agnostics," meaning "we don't know — we are ignorant." Today they say there are no absolutes. They never speak in positive language. They say: "I think"; "We may well suppose"; "We are coming to believe"; "Many are of the opinion." To speak dogmatically as one who positively knows is regarded as intellectual heresy!

The existence of God — the revealed knowledge from God in the Bible — are regarded as foolishness. And yet God says that the "wisdom" of this world is foolishness! God says this world's educators are without excuse. "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools," say God; and "they did not like to retain God in their knowledge" (see Rom. 1:20-28).

It is true — and the whole world will know in another short 15 years — this world's "education" has reached the stage of decadence, and it will soon be obsolete.

There are three colleges today that are pioneering, recapturing true values, building toward a revitalized educational system of the world tomorrow!

Students at the three Ambassador Colleges are taught the real purpose and the true meaning of life. They are taught how to live! They acquire true culture. They are prepared for happy marriages, happy homes, happy families. They are prepared for success.

Ambassador students are happy students. They know how to smile, how to laugh. They radiate. They enjoy fun, and they also enjoy hard work and diligent study. They receive a broadened and a balanced education. They are taught to think — and to think about what they are doing while they are doing it! They are taught to question, to research, to get the facts, and to prove what is true and what is false.

They develop intellectual curiosity, and with it intellectual honesty. Their lives are interesting, exciting, rewarding.

But there are no Communists. There are no student demonstrations, mass protests or rebellion, or marches on the President's home. There is discipline and there is government — the kind that serves the welfare of the governed.

An astonishing percent of Ambassador undergraduate students have previously earned degrees from other colleges or universities. They come to obtain the kind of education they failed to receive before — a kind valuable as life itself, and acquirable nowhere else in all the world.

Students with a hunger for this kind of education, capable of doing advanced college-level work, should write immediately to the Registrar, Ambassador College, Pasadena, California, 91109, requesting the College Catalog; or, those in Britain, Continental Europe, Republic of South Africa, or Australasia, should address the Registrar, Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, St. Albans, Herts., England, requesting the College Prospectus.
Did Dr. Martin Luther King’s Death Cause the April Riots?

The world was shocked — stunned, by the death of Dr. Martin Luther King. Then, in swift succession, riots, arson, looting and killing broke out in dozens of U.S. cities. World leaders flocked to his funeral. Eulogies and praises for Dr. King could be heard — even from those who only weeks before had called him “rabble rouser.” WHY? WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN? WHERE IS IT TAKING US?

by Garner Ted Armstrong

Hearing of the shocking and brutal murder of Dr. Martin Luther King filled me with a sense of outrage, sorrow — and foreboding. I had just returned to Los Angeles on that fateful Thursday, after witnessing the blast-off of America’s huge Saturn V rocket from Cape Kennedy in one more of the preliminary tests to America’s planned flights to the moon.

What a paradox!

That morning, I had seen over one hundred million dollars’ worth of taxpayers’ money thundering into space. I had seen what appeared to be a completely successful (only later, we learned trouble with the second and third stage engines made it less than that) space launch — a monolithic, towering giant the height of a 36-story building slowly — slowly, with earth-shaking, clattering, staccato, body-throbbing explosions, gather speed, and hurtle out of sight into the eastern sky.

The space shot was the culmination of millions of man-hours of dedicated work. The result of cooperation — unity — harmony! Here was the result of literally thousands of persons of every conceivable background, with hundreds of different corporations manufacturing different components — all blending together with fierce dedication to produce a gleaming metal giant that would gulp fifteen tons of fuel every second — a spectacular sight; one that set the gallery of professional newsmen to cheering in spontaneous outburst at the sight of a success for the United States.

Then, later that same Thursday — came the shocking news of the attack on Dr. King. Yes, what a paradox! What irony it is that our vaunted technology can demonstrate to the world cooperation, dedication, unity, harmony, in producing bigger and more powerful things! In manufacturing the vehicles that can carry man (or hydrogen bombs?) around the world in orbit, or into outer space.

Yet we cannot seem to produce better men.

Just as one tiny valve — one tiny leak in a fuel line — one tiny, faulty transistor, could cause that huge missile to fail; so could one twisted, sick mind, hiding in a sleazy boarding house, cause a whole nation to falter!

Wrong Priorities! Wrong Goals!

What irony it is that we can appear so dedicated to greater engines which can be used for mass destruction — and so utterly apart when it comes to the needs of human beings!

In the wake of the bloodletting, rioting, looting and arson that followed the assassination of Dr. King — Americans reflected on the subject of race.

Many well-known Negroes, previously known for their high tolerance level — their commendable objectivity — suddenly made statements tainted with bitterness and doubt.

Many well-known whites — among them leaders in many areas of society — who had previously spoken out against Dr. King, were suddenly making statements of outrage, sorrow, and — was it shame?

Obviously — whether it was reflected in anger and resentment, or in shame and sorrow — the death of Dr. King was a deep emotional experience for the whole nation.

I couldn’t help viewing these two momentous experiences in contrast.

First, I had been physically shaken, the sound waves reaching me with literal physical shock, by the launch I had witnessed that morning. Then, within hours, I was again shaken, this time emotionally, by the news of yet another anarchical assassination in our country!

To me — the contrast of seeing the harmony and unity on the one hand, and the disharmony and chaos on the other — was inescapable.

Reflecting on the priorities of a nation willing to spend multiple hundreds of billions on the space race on the one hand — and either unwilling or unable to provide means to solve its own domestic problems on the other — I couldn’t help but marvel at the irrationality of such priorities!

For all our scientific greatness — we haven’t learned to live together in peace.

For all our technology; our military
machine; our industrial capacity — the man himself seems shriveled, little, somehow smaller.

What is our goal?

Is it to become better human beings? Or find out whether the moon can be colonized?

Is it to devote ourselves to discovering what WE ARE — or to find out what the moon is made of?

Riots Erupt

Never before in the history of the nation had so many cities become the scene of mob violence so suddenly. Beleaguered police forces simply couldn't handle the massive task assigned to them — had to be reinforced by National Guardsmen and Federal troops.

As if in symbol of the nation's deep racial sickness, black, towering clouds of smoke framed the executive mansion and the Capitol building.

In Washington, D.C., seven persons were killed in a mad, wild orgy of arson, looting and shooting. Bands of looters roamed the streets in automobiles — openly defying curfews, smashing store windows and carrying off goods in full view of newsmen and police.

In hundreds of cases, looters went gaily about their crimes while police stood by — under orders to avoid violence wherever possible. Roaming bands smashed store windows and looted shops within two blocks of the White House. On one occasion, looters struggled for long minutes with a five-foot-long hi-fi set, attempting to force it into a small foreign sports car. Police, who had been watching the whole affair, finally arrested them.

Looters broke windows, then stood watching to see what the police reaction would be. When the police did nothing, the mobs moved in and ransacked the stores. Uncounted millions in losses, in literally dozens of U.S. cities were chalked up to looting alone — with additional uncounted millions in property losses. It will never be known what the mad, wanton violence cost taxpayers in the maintenance of Federal troops in riot areas, or in the precise amount of money lost in looting.

But what was lost psychologically — racially — was perhaps more costly.

Americans were shocked to see machine guns mounted around the Capitol building — Federal troops protecting the nation's government buildings from its own citizens!

As if on cue — almost as if planned — literally dozens of American cities erupted in violence. Washington, D.C. counted 7 persons killed, 1,166 injured, 7,370 arrested — more than 700 fires set, amounting to more than 15 million dollars in insured damages alone.

Quickly, Chicago, Baltimore, and
other large cities exploded in violence. It took over 10,000 troops to restore a semblance of order in Baltimore, where 6 were counted dead, and about 900 injured. Around 5,500 were arrested, and more than 10 million dollars lost in more than 250 separate cases of arson.

The rioters in Baltimore followed a near workaday schedule. They took breaks for lunch and dinner—slept through much of the night, then began fire-bombing and looting again through the mornings and evenings.

In Chicago, it took 7,000 National Guardsmen and 5,000 Federal troops before most of the pillaging was brought under control. Still, 11 were killed in Chicago, with about 1,000 injured and more than 2,000 arrested. Property damage soared to more than 10 million dollars, and more than 1,000 persons (most of them black, living in Negro areas of the city) were left homeless.

In the wake of Chicago’s riots—many store owners said they would simply refuse to rebuild—would stay out of business.

And from tiny town to big cities, violence flared and burned across the length and breadth of America.

The list of cities seems endless. More than one hundred and twenty-five cities in 29 states and the District of Columbia reported violence—including Birmingham, Mobile, Denver, New Haven, Jacksonville, Miami, Atlanta, Chicago, Des Moines, Wichita, New Orleans, Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Kansas City, Mo., Newark, New York, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chattanooga, Memphis, Nashville, Richmond, Seattle and Tacoma.

At least 39 persons were killed, and more than 3,500 injured. More than 20,000 were arrested, and more than 2,600 fires set. Property damage was estimated at more than forty-five million dollars in insured losses, with millions upon millions more in other losses and costs.

In all, 68,887 troops were used, including 15,000 in Washington, 11,000 in Baltimore, 12,000 in Chicago, 4,000 in Detroit, 4,500 in Pittsburgh and 3,000 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Many saw, symbolized by the view through national television cameras of the Capitol building and White House etched in a background of black smoke, a virtual revolution in America.

Anarchy? Police State? Revolution?

Some began recalling the Civil War, and the Revolutionary War. Others saw the massed troops as a drift toward a virtual police state.

In the wake of the riots, leading magazines published interviews with Negro "moderates" and "militants" alike.

Some said they saw no hope for America’s cities. This clearly implied more and more of the same kind of violence, finally resulting in all city life in many areas simply ceasing — with the cities becoming literally waste places — devoid of life.

Other saw more hope in the symbol of the massive funeral for Dr. King, and the hastily approved Civil Rights legislation by Congress than in any events of the past several years.

But all, universally, saw a magnitudinous problem of such gargantuan proportions so as to be virtually indescribable. All saw America at the crossroads — tottering on the brink of destruction from within— crumbling as a society unless some way could be found to solve racial problems.

From world capitals came expressions of profound shock, dismay, or resigned aloofness. Perhaps it was equally symbolic that, at the very time President Johnson was seeking a "mutually acceptable" site for talks with the Hanoi Government, America was rent asunder again by massive race riots which this time came within sight of the White House windows.

Were These Riots?

But were all the riots really riots? Observers noted there were no demands made — no slogans shouted — no placards or banners evident. Just wanton arson and looting. Were the so-called riots caused by the death of Dr. Martin Luther King? Certainly, the immediate national coverage of the assassination, plus additional national coverage of each and every important incident of violence, helped give impetus to smoldering feeling. But was it the real cause?

Many officials noted the riots, if they were that, seemed run almost on a timetable — and that fire-bombing and harassment of firemen and police seemed almost planned. So, once again, the spectre of Communist opportunists taking advantage of an explosive situation reared its head.

But, regardless of whether riots, crimes of opportunity, or attempted revolution, each act was using the death of Martin Luther King as an excuse! An excuse. Not a cause, or a "reason" — but an excuse!

How else can the profile of rioting in Washington and Baltimore be explained?

Surprising New Profile of Rioters

Some very revealing facts have been unearthed from the ashes of Washington following the riots in the nation’s capital.

The Negro population in Washington, D.C. is almost two-thirds of the total, and Washington has a Negro mayor. There is a majority of Negros serving on the city council, and also on the school board.

While the police force is nearly one-fourth Negro (not quite the same ratio as the population of the city), a continuous attempt to bring about friendly relations with the Negro populace and the police department has been maintained.

Obviously, the biggest employer in Washington, D.C., is the Federal Government. And more than thirty percent of all local Federal Government employees in Washington are Negros. Looking at the District of Columbia as a whole, Negros account for more than fifty-five percent of the District payroll.

Integration has been in effect in schools, housing, and all public accommodations and services for a very long time!

Still, many of Washington’s Negros rioted!

But who were the rioters? Were they only a “minority” of the underprivileged and poverty-stricken who did not have jobs? Were they those who were some-
NO, THIS ISN'T VIETNAM!

Soldier stands guard in front of burned-out area of Washington, D.C. after burning and looting which followed death of Martin Luther King.

AP Color Photo
Many of those arrested for looting during the riots had good-paying jobs, drove late-model automobiles, and were well dressed!

Many of the automobiles used in looting of shops and stores were late model. Even expensive foreign sports cars were seen, and, perhaps the most shocking of all, several of those arrested were employees of the Federal Government with jobs above the $100 per week bracket.

As you read this article, those employees of the Federal Government are back at work.

In Baltimore, Maryland, a city which had been a near “model” in race relations, and had never before experienced a major racial disturbance, it took nearly 11,000 troops to bring the riotous conditions under control.

Was it a “coincidence” that Stokely Carmichael, racist black-power militant, was seen meeting local black-power leaders only three days before the Baltimore riots began?

Strange! almost as if on cue — almost as if “planned” from the outside, young hoodlums began to form in groups at exactly 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 6. In only moments, fire-bombing and looting broke out. And, as mentioned earlier, the Baltimore looters followed an almost routine schedule in their setting of fires and looting of shops.

Were these, then, riots? Were these outbreaks of wrath demonstrating the frustrations of a downtrodden and beleaguered part of the population who were somehow enraged because of poverty, discrimination, and the time-honored and traditional causes of race riots?

Hardly. What broke out in many of these cities was not a “race riot” but simply a wanton series of crimes of opportunity!

What possible excuse could a group of thugs in Washington, D.C. have for carrying boxes of new shoes from the shattered interior of a shoe store because of a murder in Memphis?

What possible excuse would a fifteen-year-old in Chicago have for burning the store of a Jew because of a depraved act of an unknown assailant in Memphis? What possible excuse could there have been for Negroes fire-bombing homes of Negroes, and shops of Jews, other Negroes and whites alike with indiscriminate vandalism — because of a sickening murder in Memphis?

There was no excuse. No reason. That’s because violence is inexcusable and unreasonable! The new profile of many of the rioters in the April upsets across the length and breadth of the United States was that of crimes of excuse! Crimes of opportunity!

You could almost hear the self-justification and excuses used by those who indulged in the violence. They would have said, “Well — Dr. King tried it the non-violent way and look what it got him!”

But what a shopworn, picked-over, misused excuse! And what shameful hypocrisy. Does it make any sense? Riotous youths who ostensibly decry the violence that took Dr. King’s life will brutally murder, loot, pillage — all the while hiding behind the excuse of “revenge”!

No, these were not “race riots,” nor were they “caused” by the death of Dr. King!

Obviously, seething tempers exploded at the news of Dr. King’s death. But law-abiding, respectable Negro Americans, while expressing anger, shock, and dismay at the brutal killing of Dr. King, would no more have thought of rioting, burning, or killing indiscriminately than should the white population think of blaming all Negroes for the criminal acts of the rioters!

There is always a natural, human, carnal RACIST reaction to crimes of this nature!

The natural, RACIST reaction to Dr. King’s death was, “Whitey got him!” It was, “White America killed him!” And the natural, RACIST reaction to the riots which broke out was “The Negroes are rioting!”

What was your reaction?

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Thousands Have Asked—

VIETNAM IN PROPHECY?

Can the Vietnam dilemma be solved? Is peace possible? Bible prophecy reveals the answers!

by Raymond F. McNair and C. Wayne Cole

Few realize the prophesied outcome of the Vietnam struggle. Very few, even in the Western world, appear to know how — or why — the Vietnam struggle started.

Why haven't you been told the truth about Communist strategy in Vietnam? How many know that Red plans call for a far worse fate for the U.S. than mere military defeat — than another Dien Bien Phu.

The worldwide Communist movement is using Vietnam as a means of internally weakening the U.S. — so Communism can eventually spread in all Asia! Then their goal is (as it has always been) world revolution.

Time for Deep Concern

The Vietnam struggle is the world's number one concern. But it seems very few can agree as to how the painful Vietnam thorn in Uncle Sam's side can be extracted.

President Johnson's announcement of his intention to de-escalate bombing in North Vietnam sparked a worldwide flurry of hopes.

Mr. Johnson's Honolulu talks are another step in his determined efforts to bring about a solution in Vietnam.

But, does President Johnson — or any presidential candidate — really have the answer to world peace? Do they really see any way by which the U.S. can end the war without losing face — without suffering a humiliating prestige-setback in the eyes of the world?

Counting the Cost

Did the U.S. really count the cost — before getting involved in this war? Apparently America is just now really beginning to count that cost.

Just what is the cost?

As of April, 1968, over 24,000 Americans had been killed in Vietnam and over 124,000 wounded.

Total U.S. troop strength is now nearly 525,000, and it may go to 550,000.

South Vietnam has already lost around 57,000 military men killed, plus 35,000 civilians assassinated or kidnapped by the Viet Cong, and untold numbers of civilians have been wounded. Furthermore, hundreds of villages and
cities have been razed — burned, shelled or bombed. Some estimate war damage at several billions of dollars. Countless thousands have become homeless refugees.

And these are just the figures for South Vietnam. The U.S. estimates that over 300,000 enemy soldiers have been killed, and countless thousands wounded — plus North Vietnamese civilians killed and wounded by bombing.

America has already dropped more explosive power in her raids on North Vietnam than the combined Allied Forces dropped on Germany in World War II.

The U.S. has already spent over $45 billion in Vietnam. President Johnson revealed that the U.S. spent $25 billion in Vietnam in 1967. Each month the U.S. is spending over $2 billion. And... this is only part of the cost!

This gigantic effort on the part of the U.S. has netted her little except: a divided nation at home, a weakened U.S. dollar, and mounting anti-Americanism abroad!

History of Vietnam Struggle

The Chinese were the first to conquer and rule Vietnam — long before the birth of Christ. They ruled for about one thousand years.

Then the Mongols next ruled Vietnam — until ceaseless guerrilla harassments drove them out near the end of the 13th century A.D.

Other peoples have conquered part or all of Vietnam throughout its long history. Some of the would-be conquerors came by land and some by sea, but none ever remained as undisputed masters!

In the early 1600's the modern, or colonial, period began.

As early as 1615 Italian and Portuguese Jesuits began proselytizing around Da Nang. The Dutch tried to establish trading settlements in the 1630's, and the British and the French attempted to set up trading establishments about 1680-1700. But none of these were welcomed by the Vietnamese.

It was in the 1700's that the French really began to force a hold on the Vietnamese coast. The French used Catholic missionaries as the main spearhead of their approach to rulership over Vietnam. King Louis XVI signed a treaty with the king of Cochinchina (now South Vietnam) by 1787.

French rule was not fully established over Vietnam for about another 100 years. Many bishops, missionaries and other church officials were put to death during this time. This persecution of Catholics by the Vietnamese caused the French and Spanish to take drastic action.

A joint French-Spanish naval expedition, under Vice Admiral Charles Rigault, was sent to Vietnam to take control of the situation. Vice Admiral Rigault took Saigon in 1859, and in 1862 the three eastern provinces of Cochinchina (Vietnam) were finally ceded to France.

In 1873 the French took Hanoi, were driven out, and retook the city in 1882. French Indochina was finally established by the decrees of 1887.

France then ruled (by a governor-general) what today comprises Laos, Cambodia, North and South Vietnam. It was some years before France was able by its military and diplomatic means to bring all this territory under firm French rule.

Under the French, Indochina prospered!

Vietnam Under Japanese

Then World War II struck! Japan seized Indochina in 1941 and thereby brought down the Bamboo Curtain, shutting out the rest of the world from Southeast Asia. During their occupation of Indochina nearly all vestiges of French rule and authority vanished. When the Japanese were ousted by the Allies in 1945, French power and influence in Indochina (including Vietnam) was virtually nil.

The forces of nationalism had begun to stir in Vietnam between World Wars I and II.

Even before World War II, a little man by the name of Ho Chi Minh had travelled to Paris, London, Moscow and other parts of Europe. He became indoctrinated in Communism and made acquaintance with Joseph Stalin and Chou En-lai. He circulated in the Communist underworld during those days. Soon, he landed in China where he began promoting his lifelong ambition of gaining complete independence for Indochina from the French — under a Communist government, of course.

When the Japanese invaded Indochina in 1941, Ho Chi Minh organized Vietnemese guerrillas to infiltrate his native land of Vietnam and harass the Japanese until their defeat in 1945.

Two days after the Japanese surrendered on August 14, 1945, Ho Chi Minh proclaimed the Democratic Republic of (North) Vietnam. And from that day until this, his one goal has been the union of all Vietnam under Communist rule from Hanoi.

After World War II, the French went back to Indochina (on March 6, 1946) to try and pick up the pieces of their French Indochina empire. Friction between them and the Vietnamese quickly developed. A number of battles followed. But the real turning-point came on May 7, 1954, when Ho Chi Minh's Vietnamese Communist forces dealt the French a crushing blow at Dien Bien Phu! Ten thousand French prisoners were taken.

This humiliating defeat by Ho's Communist forces broke the back of France's will to regain her control over French Indochina. France was now ready to pull out. She had lost the war mainly through French ennui. She didn't have the heart to win. So she decided to give up and retreat to the European continent. France's Indochina operations had been very costly—35,000 killed, 48,000 wounded!

After the French were defeated at Dien Bien Phu, the question of Vietnam entered the international arena. In the summer of 1954 an international conference was convened in Geneva to deal with Far Eastern problems. Vietnam was one of those problems. The Geneva Conference agreed (on July 21st) to a cease-fire in Vietnam. There was to be a pullback of hostile forces from the 17th parallel so that a cooling-off period might follow.

Under the 1954 Geneva Agreements, Vietnam was divided at the 17th parallel. All Communist forces were to be
withdrawn north of this parallel within 100 days. Both North and South Vietnam were supposed to halt the import of foreign arms, and to forego any military alliances.

Supervised, free elections were scheduled to be held in Vietnam in July, 1956 — to reunite North and South Vietnam.

But...not one single provision of the Geneva Agreements has been carried out to this very day!

How America Became Involved

After the Geneva Agreements became known in Vietnam, about one million Vietnamese fled from the North to the South — to escape the strict Communist-ruled regime. Almost before the ink was dry on these armistice agreements, Ho Chi Minh declared that North Vietnam would never rest until the South was “liberated” by the Communists.

U. S. involvement in Vietnam actually goes back to the end of World War II. Under President Truman, military aid to the French in Vietnam was heavy. This U. S. aid continued under President Eisenhower. In 1954 he stated that the U. S. was "not a party to or bound by the decisions taken by the (Geneva) conference."

Under President Eisenhower, the U. S. pledged full support of Premier Diem’s new South Vietnam regime. The U. S. would only send “advisers” to Vietnam — at least at first.

The War Escalates

The U. S. had only about 14,000 men in South Vietnam by October, 1963.

In August, 1964, the U. S. had only 16,000 men in Vietnam. But the Gulf of Tonkin incident quickly changed this picture.

President Johnson reported to the nation that in retaliation he had ordered planes to take action against the enemy which had attacked a U. S. ship in the Gulf of Tonkin.

Mr. Goldwater supported the President. “We cannot allow the American flag to be shot at anywhere on earth if we are to retain our respect and prestige,” said Mr. Goldwater — echoing a
A WAR-WEARY PEOPLE

After almost a generation of continual warfare — with the Japanese, the French, now with their northern brothers — South Vietnamese simply have lost most of their national character and pride.

Top photo, a Pulitzer prizewinning Horst Fass photo shows father with dead child — symbolic of a people weary of killing. Bottom photo shows Vietnamese returning from market under shadow of military vehicle.

Wide World Photos
May, 1968

Why America Is in Vietnam

Nobody who has seriously studied Communist teachings can deny that their ultimate goal is world revolution. They plan to achieve their goal through subversion, guerrilla warfare, and through outright military confrontation when they feel they can win.

U.S. policy planners took the view that it was imperative to draw the line somewhere—in this case, at the 17th parallel. They felt it better, if need be, to fight the Communists in Southeast Asia, rather than on American soil. They also felt that if the Communists gobbled up too many nations, they might ultimately become so powerful that America and her allies in Western Europe would be unable to stop them.

America has taken the stand that she must stop the Communists in Vietnam and not let them take that nation—as a prelude to marching on down into Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand.

Why are the Communists so concerned about winning in Vietnam?

They know that Vietnam is a vital key, the very cornerstone of all Southeast Asia. They also know that if the United States is too weak to protect them. These Asians would then be willing to join with the Chinese Communists rather than let their own nations be overrun with another Vietnam-type war in which many of their peoples would die, their cities and villages would be destroyed, and their entire civilizations all but disappear. They don’t want war ravaging their countries as it has Vietnam.

But... if the U.S. wins this Vietnamese struggle, the Communists will appear weak to the peoples of Southeast Asia and would “lose face.” This would cause many of the nations of Southeast Asia to tie themselves more closely to the U.S.—seeing she is able to hold a giant protective shield over any of her allies.

International Bankruptcy

The Communists can now see that it is national bankruptcy which is causing Britain to have to pull back her forces—from the Orient, the Middle East and from Africa.

They can see that the U.S. dollar is in a weakened position, and they know that the $25 billion which we are pumping annually into Vietnam is enough to seriously weaken the U.S.—if it is kept up.

They know full well that the U.S. will have to bow out of Southeast Asia, or will have to pour much more into that area if she is to continue to defend it. They are jockeying for military advantage, and are getting ready to put pressure on the U.S. in as many areas of Southeast Asia as possible. At any
time, they can stir up things in Korea, and can cause the U.S. to have to put tremendous resources and men into Cambodia, Thailand and other countries—if they wish.

Few realize that the Communists (in Russia and China especially) don’t really wish an early victory in Vietnam. They would prefer to have the U.S. continue to pour astronomical sums of money and men into Vietnam for some time to come. This would accomplish the following important objectives.

Firstly, it would bleed the U.S. white—would in time so weaken America that she would be forced to pull back her troops from the Orient due to economic necessity—as Britain is now having to do!

The Communists know that “money is the sinews of war.” They well know that it takes money to build planes, tanks, guns, ships, and other war armaments. If the Communists can get the U.S. so overextended in national commitments that she is led to the brink of international bankruptcy, then they can thereby force America’s hand and make her pull back from treaty obligations in Southeast Asia.

This would then give the Communists a free hand to engulf all Southeast Asia.

Secondly, the war in Vietnam is generating immense anti-Americanism throughout the whole world, as well as plenty of ill-will at home.

South Vietnamese Character

Many people have little or no conception of the tremendous difficulties which the U.S. faces in trying to rout the Communists from South Vietnam.

The South Vietnamese people are a rather backward, semi-illiterate people. Many of them don’t really understand why the war is being fought. Many (if not most) of the Vietnamese people are very apathetic. They aren’t willing to work hard to build up their country. Neither are they able to bear the brunt of the fighting.

The Vietnamese just want to make sure they get their rice, and have freedom from fear of being attacked and killed by the Communists, the Americans, or anyone else! They don’t want to have to pay too heavy taxes. Beyond
OPEN BLACK MARKET

Vendors display American goods. Notice, some familiar product names! Black market stand is just two blocks from National Assembly Building. Goods come from Post Exchanges or are stolen from docks and warehouses.

Wide World Photo
these points, they couldn’t care less which government rules over them!

Corruption — from Top Down

Another weakening factor in South Vietnam is — widespread corruption! Because of it, there is no real foundation on which to build a stable local government. Corruption, graft, bribery are commonly reported to be rife throughout South Vietnam — from the top right down to the bottom of the social strata.

In other words, the whole society is tired, disspirited — rotten to the core! America has flooded South Vietnam with goods, materials and military hardware! But many of these goods are stolen even before they reach the docks! Much of this winds up on the black market in Saigon or in other cities. The docks have become a veritable cesspool of corruption. Many South Vietnamese have become millionaires almost overnight.

And they have done it mainly through bribes, kickbacks, and other forms of corruption. Many positions (both in the government and in the military) have to be bought. South Vietnam’s new warlords often sell a province chief’s job for three million piastres, one million or more for a district chief’s job plus kickbacks. A division commander’s job may even cost five million piastres.

As an example, the U.S. decided to send 120 deserving South Vietnamese veterans to the U.S. on four-year scholarships to American colleges and universities. When the South Vietnam Ministry presented its list of 120 candidates, the U.S. officials checked and found that not one of them was a veteran. They were all brothers, cousins, friends, creditors or debtors of those in the Ministry who had submitted the list of names!

It is reported that corruption is so rife throughout every stratum of South Vietnam’s society that nobody wants to clean it up — because he is probably involved in it himself. The Vietnamese have shown neither the capacity nor the desire to root out the rampant corruption which they know exists.

The South Vietnamese have needed to put their shoulder to the wheel and push, doing their bit, without which there is little hope that the U.S. or any other country can ever establish a stable society in South Vietnam!

In contrast, there is comparatively little corruption among the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong! Communists have as one of their goals the stamping out of corruption!

America has begun to wage, in Vietnam, a second war (the “Other War” — a war of pacification) to try and educate the South Vietnamese to the serious responsibilities of running their own affairs. But so far they have gotten virtually nowhere. America’s pacification program has gone very slowly, and could, at best, only be referred to as “creeping pacification.”

Enemy — Hard to Identify

The U.S. has the very difficult task of fighting an enemy which she often can’t even identify, since the South Vietnamese look exactly like the Viet Cong (South Vietnamese Communists). Sometimes the Viet Cong even use the same dress as other South Vietnamese. This further confuses American and South Vietnamese troops, since the only way they can really tell who their enemy is, is when he fires at them.

The terrain of South Vietnam is such that it makes it very difficult for the U.S. troops to find or destroy the Viet Cong. The U.S. does all right in direct confrontation with the armies of North Vietnamese or Viet Cong. But the U.S. hasn’t yet found a way to effectively flush and destroy the elusive Viet Cong from the South Vietnamese countryside.

Another reason why the U.S. is not winning the war is that the nation has not wholeheartedly entered the Vietnam war. In fact, America has not even officially declared war on North Vietnam — though she has been bombing their cities for a long time.

Our Pride Has Been Broken!

Many Americans believe that the only way for America to fight a war is to go in to win! They feel this would cause the North Vietnamese to sue for peace — and quickly. Such “hawks” believe Russia, China and other Communist nations would not dare risk having their cities blasted with America’s nuclear might — merely for the sake of saving Ho Chi Minh’s neck!

But long ago, God Almighty prophesied that the day would come when we would lose pride in our power. And that day has arrived! God said: “And I will break the pride of your power” (Lev. 26:19).

America still has overwhelming military superiority — over all of the Communist nations put together. Many ask: “Why is she afraid to use that power?” She appears to be obsessed with a fear of what other nations will think — is fearful of “world public opinion.” But we are still like the lion among the nations (Mic. 5:8) — if we only knew it!

Bible prophecy reveals that not even America, with all of her nuclear muscle, can prevent Southeast Asia from eventually being overrun by Communism.

These same prophecies reveal that unless our nations repent, American and British power and influence will be obliterated — not by the Communists — but by a United States of Europe.

Then — if not before — the Communists will have a free hand in Asia — including Southeast Asia.

The sure Word of God reveals that an Eastern Army of 200,000,000 Communists will later invade Europe (Rev. 9:16).

(For the full story be sure to write for our free book: The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy and the booklet The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like.)

America doesn’t rely upon God Almighty for her protection. She makes endless compacts with foreign nations. God says that all of these alliances will come to naught.

The Word of Almighty God declares that all of our “lovers” (”allies,” Moffatt translation) will forsake us (Jer. 30:14; Hosea 2:10).

When will America wake up? When will we come to see the blind folly of relying upon foreign, Gentile nations for aid — instead of trusting and obeying Almighty God?
**RADIO LOG**

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

**MAJOR STATIONS**

**East**

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

**Mountain States**

- **WJOL** - Mount Airy, N. C. - 1380 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sat.

**West Coast**

- **KIRO** - Seattle - 710 kc., 10:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KRAM** - Sacramento - 1140 kc., 9 p.m. daily.

**LEADING LOCAL-AREA STATIONS**

**East**

- **WBMD** - Baltimore - 750 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
- **WPEN** - Philadelphia - 950 kc., 7 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **WPTT** - Raleigh, N. C. - 680 kc., 94.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 1:30 & 10:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 10:30 p.m. Sat.
- **WBT** - Charlotte, N. C. - 850 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.

**Central States**

- **WLAC** - Nashville - 5150 kc., 6:30 a.m. Sun., 5 a.m. Mon.-Sat., 7 p.m. daily.
- **WSM** - Nashville - 650 kc., 9 p.m. Sun.
- **WCKY** - Cincinnati - 1530 kc., 7, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5 a.m. Mon.-Sat., 12 noon and 5:30 p.m. Tue.-Sat.
- **WLW** - Cincinnati - 700 kc., 7 a.m. and 11:05 p.m. Sun.
- **WJJD** - Chicago - 1160 kc., 11 a.m. Sun.
- **WINS** - Milwaukee, Wisc. - 1130 kc., 9 a.m. Sun.
- **KSTP** - Minneapolis-St. Paul - 1500 kc., 8 a.m. Sun., 5 a.m. Mon.-Sat., 12 noon and 5:30 p.m. Sat.
- **WXEL** - Waterloo - 1340 kc., 8 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KXEN** - St. Louis - 1010 kc., 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m. Sun., 7:15 a.m. & 12 noon Mon.-Sat.

**South**

- **KRLD** - Dallas - 1080 kc., 8:10 a.m. daily.
- **WFAA** - Dallas - 820 kc., 10:45 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KTRH** - Houston - 740 kc., 7:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri.
- **WQAM** - San Antonio, Tex. - 1200 kc., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KWKH** - Shreveport - 1130 kc., 94.5 FM, 10:30 a.m. & 9:30 p.m. Sun., 1 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m. & 11:30 p.m. Sat.
- **WNBO** - New Orleans - 1060 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun.
- **KAAY** - Little Rock - 1090 kc., 9:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Sun., 5:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **WCN** - Atlanta - 1010 kc., 4 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **WAPI** - Birmingham - 1070 kc., 10 a.m. Sun.
- **WMGO** - Mobile - 1550 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **WINQ** - Tampa - 1010 kc., 12 noon Mon.-Fri., 12:10 p.m. Sat. Sun.
- **KRMG** - Tulsa - 740 kc., 10 a.m. Sun. & 8:30 p.m. daily. (CST)

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- **KCTA** - Corpus Christi, Texas - 1050 kHz, 2 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 4:30 p.m. Sat.
- **KEES** - Gladewater, Texas - 1430 kHz, 12 noon daily.
- **KTBB** - Tyler, Texas - 600 kHz, 12 noon daily.
- **KMAC** - San Antonio, Texas - 630 kHz, 9 a.m. Sun., 7:15 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KTBC** - Austin, Texas - 590 kHz, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **XEWG** - El Paso, Texas - 1240 kHz, 9 a.m. Sun. (in Spanish).
- **KTLU** - Rusk, Texas - 1580 kHz, 1 p.m. Sat.
- **KGNC** - Amarillo, Texas - 710 kHz, 9 p.m. daily.
- **KCTX** - Childress, Texas - 1500 kHz, 2 p.m. Sun., 11:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri., 12:15 p.m. Sat.
- **KFWQ** - Wichita Falls, Texas - 620 kHz, 4:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KFMJ** - Tulsa, Oklahoma - 1050 kHz, 12:30 p.m. daily.

**West Coast**

- **KQGO** - Spokane, Washington - 590 kHz, 8:05 p.m. daily.
- **KPEM** - Pasco, Washington - 610 kHz, 7 a.m. daily.
- **KVI** - Seattle, Washington - 570 kHz, 8 a.m. Sun.
- **KBLE** - Seattle - 1050 kHz, 12 noon daily.
- **KMAS** - Tacoma, Washington - 1360 kHz, 8:30 p.m. daily.
- **KARI** - Bellingham, Washington - 550 kHz, 6:30 p.m. daily.
- **KWJ** - Portland, Oregon - 1080 kHz, 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KLOQ** - Portland, Oregon - 1290 kHz, 9:23 FM, 12 noon Sun., 7:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KEX** - Portland, Oregon - 1190 kHz, 9 a.m. Sun.
- **KGY** - Salem, Oregon - 1450 kHz, 9 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KUGN** - Eugene, Oregon - 950 kHz, 7 p.m. daily.
- **KUMA** - Pendleton, Oregon - 1290 kHz, 6:30 p.m. daily.
- **KJJC** - Medford, Oregon - 1230 kHz, 6:30 p.m. daily.
- **KWIN** - Ashland, Oregon - 580 kHz, 9 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KAGO** - Klammath Falls, Oregon - 1150 kHz, 6:30 p.m. daily.
- **KSAY** - San Francisco, California - 1010 kHz, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 6:35 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KFRG** - San Francisco, California - 610 kHz, 7 a.m. Sun.
- **KEAX** - San Francisco, California - 1100 kHz, 6:30 a.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri., 4:15 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KSFV** - Modesto, California - 1360 kHz, 9 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KSBW** - Salinas, California - 1380 kHz, 7 p.m. daily.
- **KMK** - Fresno, California - 1340 kHz, 9 a.m. Sun., 5:45 a.m. Sun., 11:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KNGS** - Hanford, California - 620 kHz, 10 a.m. Sun., 6 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KCHJ** - Delano, California - 1010 kHz, 8 a.m. Sun., 7:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KGEF** - Bakersfield, California - 1290 kHz, 5 p.m. daily.
- **KDB** - Santa Barbara, California - 1490 kHz, 9:37 FM, 7 p.m. daily.
- **KRRD** - Los Angeles, California - 1150 kHz, 96.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KTRY** - Inglewood, California - 1460 kHz, 12 noon Mon.-Fri., 12 noon Mon.-Fri.
- **KFOX** - Long Beach, California - 1280 kHz, 100.3 FM, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 9 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KBIG** - Los Angeles - 740 kHz, 11:30 a.m. Sun.
- **KACE** - San Bernardino-Riverside - 1570 kHz, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:05 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KCKC** - San Bernardino, California - 1350 kHz, 9 p.m. daily.
- **KXIV** - Palm Springs - 970 kHz, 5 p.m. Sun., 7:05 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- **KOGO** - San Diego - 600 kHz, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
- **XEMO** - Tijuana - 860 kHz, 6 p.m. daily.
- **KALI** - Los Angeles - 1430 kHz, 4:45 p.m. Sun. (in Spanish).

**Alaska & Hawaii**

- **KFQD** - Anchorage, Alaska - 750 kHz, 7:30 p.m. daily.

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KNDI - Honolulu, Hawai'i - 1270 kc., 6 a.m., 6 p.m. daily.
KTRG - Honolulu, Hawai'i - 990 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 5:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
*KPOI - Honolulu, Hawai'i - 97.5 FM, 7 a.m. Sun.

CANADA
VOCM - St. John’s, Nfld. - 590 kc., 6:30 p.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
CJCH - Halifax, N. S. - 920 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
CFBC - St. John, N.B. - 930 kc., 7 a.m. daily.
CKCW - Moncton, N. B. - 1220 kc., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
CFMB - Montréal, Que. - 1410 kc., 5:30 a.m. Mon., 5:15 a.m. Tues., Fri., 5:10 a.m. Thurs.
EUROPE
In French -
CFMB - Montréal - 1410 kc., 5 p.m. Sun., Sat.
CKJL - St. Jerome, Que. - 900 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.
CKBL - Matane, Que. - 1250 kc., 10:45 a.m. Sat., 5:45 a.m. Mon.

In English -
MANX RADIO - 188 m. (1594 kc.) medium wave, 2:45, 7:45 p.m. Sun., 10:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.; 89 mc. VHF 7:45 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

In French -
RADIO LUXEMBOURG - 1293 m., 5:30 a.m. Mon., 5:15 a.m. Tues., Fri., 5:10 a.m. Thurs.

MIDDLE EAST
In English -
HASHEMITE Broadcasting Service, Amman, Jordan - 42 m. (7160 kc.) shortwave, 6:05 a.m. Sun., 5:00 a.m. Mon., Tues., Fri.

ASIA
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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.

“Why all the cry about police brutality and defying authorities, even from ministers? Aren’t Christians supposed to respect peace officers and respect government authority?”

T. A., Eugene, Oregon

People don’t just naturally love laws and respect authority.

Many who call themselves Christians — even ministers — don’t like the inspired teachings of your Bible. They stir up people to shout, not obey, these God-ordained admonitions.

That is why God inspired Paul to write: “Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates . . . to be no brawlers but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men” (Titus 3:1-2). What a far cry from today’s civil commotions!

True Christians respect authorities and obey civil laws!

The Apostle Paul was inspired to exhort the Church to give thanks “. . . for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life” (I Tim. 2:1-2).

Why such concern for civil authority?

Because that is God’s way of insuring that we have a peaceful land in which to live. Notice:

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil” (Rom. 13:1-3).

In the year of 1966, 99 policemen were murdered by criminals in the United States. A total of 335 policemen have been murdered in the direct line of duty in the past 7 years. One hundred and twenty-four additional policemen have died in accidents while in the line of duty (sometimes involved in chasing speeders or criminals) and, incredible as it may sound, one out of eight policemen in the United States was assaulted in the calendar year of 1966!

Think of it, eighteen thousand law officers were assaulted in the United States of America, the “land of the free and the home of the brave” in one year!

Thirty-eight out of every 100 assaulted in 1966 were injured.

The FBI statistics are for city, county and state police only, and do not include Federal law officers, firemen, national guardsmen, or other officers called out in the case of riots or uprisings.

Just WHO is being “brutal” to WHOM?

Federal and state laws authorize a policeman, who, remember, is sworn to uphold and protect the law against violation, to use whatever “reasonably necessary” force he must in order to arrest a lawbreaker.

A policeman is granted the same rights and privileges of self-defense when attacked as is any other citizen. But with one significant difference: a policeman is trained to use force if it is necessary.

Therefore, when an officer of the law is resisted, or even assaulted, the person perpetrating the offense usually comes out the loser. Not always, however, as the grim death toll among law enforcement officers proves.

Policemen sometimes lose their tempers. And usually, there is great provocation — not that such provocation justifies abusive language, or foul words — but anyone in his right mind should have no difficulty understanding why some law enforcement officers are on rare occasions driven to such intemperate conduct.

In our rebellious, hostile, crime-ridden cities of today, the rookie policeman finds himself becoming a member of a persecuted, hated, disrespected, ridiculed minority. A strange state of affairs — but all too true.

Policemen’s wives and families live in just as much fear of some terrible tragedy as do the families of many a civil rights worker. It is rampant, lawless, hate-filled human nature they fear — and crime is no respecter of color.

Most charges of “police brutality” stem from use of the force which must be used to disperse crowds during a riot!

Somehow, each member of the crowd feels he is only an “innocent bystander” when a policeman must shove, prod with a nightstick, or loudly shout at him in an attempt to disperse a potential mob — he feels unjustly abused.

Human nature, which is hostile (Continued on page 40)

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WHAT IS THE DEVIL'S RELIGION?

Many hundreds of requests have come from readers of The PLAIN TRUTH asking this intriguing question. Read here the startling TRUTH from God's own WORD about Satan's FALSE RELIGION!

by David Jon Hill

Have you ever heard of a church called, "The Devil's Congregation"? Have you ever seen a sign labeling a building, "Satan's Synagogue"? Have you ever heard a radio program called, "The Devil's Endeavor"?

Of course—NOT!
The god of this present evil world who holds sway over the darkened minds of poor deceived mankind is not so ignorant as to label his churches with their true names!

But does the Devil have a religion? Does he hate churches? And if he does not call them by his name, how can you tell where they are? What would the doctrines of these churches be—what does the Devil believe—or at least what does he try to palm off on others for them to believe?

Does the Bible have anything to say about the Devil's religion?

What the Bible Says

The only real source of truth to which we can go to find the answers to these questions is God's own Word! (John 17:17.) Many people today consider the concept of a Devil as ignorant and mythological. They consider Satan to be a mere concept held by primitive people to explain away the presence of evil in the world.

But then these same people also believe God is a mere concept—a myth to explain away the presence of creation and good! If you would like to understand more fully, and prove to yourself beyond any shadow of doubt that there is both a real God and a real Devil, then write immediately for the booklet Does God Exist? and also for the article "Did God Create a Devil?" Both are completely free of charge or obligation and we will be glad to send them to you.

Surprisingly enough there is a great deal of information concerning Satan the Devil, his religion, his way of thinking, his way of doing—and also the sure prophecy of God of what will become of his efforts. And there is more information concerning this very real Devil in the last book of the Bible than there is in the first!

Jesus Describes TRUE Church

Just before Jesus Christ was crucified, referring to Satan the Devil, He said, "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me" (John 14:30). Jesus went on to explain to His disciples that if the world persecuted Him (which it certainly had), it would persecute them also (John 15:19-21). He explained to His disciples that they and all those after them would be rejected by the churches of this world: "yee, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service" (John 16:2).

Jesus explained to His followers that they would be a little flock, disparaged and despised by the majority of the peoples of the world, downtrodden and persecuted right up until the time of His return as King of kings and Lord of lords! But He also encouraged them by letting them know that they were not to fear this persecution because it was God's will to give these persecuted few His Kingdom! "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

Christ Gives Prophetic Warning About FALSE Churches

When His disciples asked Him concerning future events and what would happen between their time and the coming of the end of the world, Jesus' first and continued warning was about individuals who would come claiming to be His representatives, using His name, but deceiving the world and actually being the servants of Satan the Devil! "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For MANY SHALL COME IN MY NAME [using the name of Christ, calling themselves Christian], saying I am Christ; and shall deceive MANY" (Mat. 24:4-5). And again He repeated His warning concerning false prophets saying, "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many" (Mat. 24:11).

Jesus Christ continued His warning, showing that because of this great false religious system which would claim His name but really belong to Satan the Devil—that because of this deception the whole world will be thrown into such chaotic confusion and war that "except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved" (Mat. 24:22). Jesus Christ predicted
what all of us in today’s world fear—the threat of COSMOIDE, the suicide of the entire human race!

Not satisfied with having pointed out two times that the cause of this chaotic tribulation was the great religious deception, Jesus Christ again firmly stated, “For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not” (Mat. 24:24-26).

Yes, Jesus Christ’s warning to His disciples of all times was that His Church—the Church of God—would always be a little flock, a despised congregation—a persecuted church—not the generally accepted organizations of the masses which merely appropriated His name, calling themselves Christian!

Satan’s Job

Satan the Devil, originally called Lucifer, was given charge of this earth along with a number of other angels (Jude 6)—but he was not satisfied with the earth as his domain. He rebelled against God’s way of doing things and tried to take over the throne of God in Heaven by violence—but did not succeed! “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven [notice that it is Satan’s idea to get to heaven], I will exalt my throne above the stars of God . . . I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High” (Isa. 14:12-14).

This being, who had been given charge by God to take care of the earth, sinned against His Creator! “Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, TILL INIQUITY was found in thee” (Ezek. 28:15). By this action of rebellion against the Kingdom of God, Satan the Devil became the “fader” of all those who are guilty of sin—he was the original sinner! (John 8:44.) Jesus Christ gives a personal, eyewitness account of this particular time of Satan’s rebellion when He tells us, “I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven” (Luke 10:18). You will notice that by Biblical definition it was Satan who “fell.”

Despite the fact that Satan had rebelled against God’s Kingdom, His government and authority, he nevertheless still held the office of responsibility over this earth given to him by God in the first place. In the temptation on the mount Jesus Christ qualified to take over this rule from Satan the Devil. By His victory over death He is able to take over the rulership of this world at any time. But there is a plan being worked out here below, and as yet the God of heaven has not intervened to strip Satan’s authority from him—Satan is still the god of this world—“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (II Cor. 4:4).

Satan does not appear to this world in the clothing that he has deceived this world into thinking the Devil would appear in—he does not appear with a pitchfork and horns and an evil look on his face.

Appears as Angel of Light!

Just as Jesus Christ prophesied in Matthew 24, Satan claims his converts are spiritual Jews—Christians—but Christ in a whole series of personal letters to His Church in all of its eras warns about these congregations—and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews [claim to be spiritual Jews, or Christians], AND ARE NOT, but are the synagogue of Satan” (Rev. 2:9). And again “… the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie!” (Rev. 3:9).

Satan looks like a lightbringer to the deceived eyes of a deceived world. His ministers look like and sound like what deceived people think the ministers of Christ should look and sound like—that’s the very meaning of the word DECEPTION! “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers [Satan the Devil does have ministers] also be transformed [apparently changed from what they really are] as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works [even though these ministers preach that there are no works, they are going to be judged by the Creator according to their works]” (II Cor. 11:13-15).

Whole World Deceived

Satan has done his job well—“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world!” (Rev. 12:9.) This great false deceiver has sent out his messengers with soft and oily words to soothe the troubled people on earth into thinking that they can do what they want to and escape God’s punishment for sin—death. Jesus Christ warned about this—“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat . . . Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves” (Mat. 7:13, 15).

In order to deceive the whole world, Satan has used every means available to him. There are many areas on this earth where deceived and ignorant human beings openly worship the Devil. Other hundreds of millions ignorantly worship pieces of rock and wood—big-belied Buddhas in the Oriental East and dead men’s bones in deepest Africa!

Other individuals who are perhaps a little more educated, Satan has deceived by the millions, getting them to believe that there is no God at all and that one of his own (Satan’s) political systems—Communism—is the answer to mankind’s problems! These great numbers of the peoples of the earth are easy for Satan to keep in subjection because of such long-standing ignorance and the fact that Jesus Christ and His Gospel have not been preached to them—
His name has not even so much as been mentioned to many millions of these poor, degenerate human beings.

But in the areas of the world where the name of Christ has been mentioned, where even the Word of God, the Bible, is circulated, and where from time to time people even read that Bible, Satan is very hard pressed and has to be very subtle and clever—to use the name of Christ, even to use the Bible, but still to deceive people!

Since Satan feels that he has been unjustly judged by God, he wants the people of this world to feel that they are unjustly judged by God. So he has his ministers tell them that they do not need to obey God—that the harsh, cruel God of the Old Testament has now been superseded by the new, loving and kind God of the New Testament. Yet God's Word says, "While they [Satan's ministers] promise them liberty, they themselves are the slaves of corruption; for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought into bondage" (II Peter 2:19, RSV). Satan deceives mankind into thinking that he can continue to do as he pleases and get away with it!

Satan’s Doctrines

The Devil believes in God! "Thou believest that there is one God; thou dost well! THE DEVILS ALSO BELIEVE, and tremble" (James 2:19). Isn’t that amazing—the Devil himself is not even as deceived as some of those whom he has blinded into thinking that there is no God—poor foolish atheists who like to ponder the thought of themselves being the descendants of warm ocean slime!

We can plainly see from this scripture that believing in God is not enough! Satan himself believes in God! Using the name of Christ is not enough either, because Jesus Himself prophesied that many would use His name, but that those many would be false prophets—servants of the Devil!

Using the name of Jesus Christ is a very dangerous thing—you must be sure that you are using it the way Christ would use it Himself! (Col. 3:17.) One historic record God preserves for us is almost humorous if it did not carry the sober realization that the name of Jesus Christ can only be used with extreme caution and according to the will of God.

"Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know [no evil spirit is ignorant of the fact that Jesus Christ was and is the Son of God], and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded!" (Acts 19:13-16.)

The Devil has many doctrines (I Tim. 4:1-4) but his chief doctrine is that of rebellion—disobedience to the laws of God—because he is a rebel! His is a system of confusion and he has caused this so-called Christian world to be so confused that there are over 400 different interpretations of what Christianity is. This cannot be God's Christianity!

Devil Quotes Scripture

Satan the Devil is not opposed to quoting Scripture—he even had the gall to quote Scripture to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Author of Scripture! "Then the devil took him up into the holy city, and settheth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone" (Mat. 4:5-6; Luke 4:9-11).

Satan is eager to quote Scripture—but he twists and turns it so that it is applied in the wrong way. Let's notice the first example in the Bible of how Satan twists the Word of God—this will be a good example to show how Satan's ministers, those who copy him, also twist the Scriptures today!

"Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman [Eve], Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" (Gen. 3:1.) Notice how he begins by asking a clever and subtle question, stressing the negative side, trying to put God in a bad light or make it appear that God is evil if He has done what Satan suggests that He probably did.

"And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said [this is God's Word quoted from Genesis 2:17], Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, LEST YE DIE" (Gen. 3:2-3.) Eve knew what God had said. God had very plainly said that if she ate of the fruit of this tree she would die—a very simple statement that God makes all the way through His Bible, explaining that if a man commits sin, death is the automatic penalty (Rom. 6:23). Also — when God says death, He means D-E-A-T-H, NOT eternal life in hellfire!

"And the serpent said unto the woman, YE SHALL NOT SURELY DIE!" (Gen. 3:4.)

In effect Satan was saying: "I know that God said 'thou shalt surely die'—but He didn't really mean that you would die. What God meant when He said 'thou shalt surely die' was 'thou shalt not surely die!'"

To this day Satan's ministers preach this same doctrine of error!

The only way that Satan is able to deceive people is to make them believe that God does not mean what He says. Satan substitutes for the doctrine of God, the last and desire of mankind. He offers to mankind what the carnal mind wants instead of what God knows mankind needs. Then in order to give it a "Godly and Christian" flavor he quotes a few scriptures out of context—explains that God doesn't mean what He says after all!

The pitiful thing about it is that so far mankind has gullibly swallowed the doctrines of Satan the Devil. Mankind, since Eve, has been hoodwinked into believing the Devil despite the
fact that the Devil says exactly the opposite of what God says! It has been this way from the beginning—God said, "THOU SHALT SURELY DIE!" (Gen. 2:17.) Satan said, "YE SHALL NOT SURELY DIE!" (Gen. 3:4.)

Which do YOU choose to believe?

Satan Performs MIRACLES

Since the Devil has counterfeited as many of the things of God as he can in order to deceive mankind into thinking his way is God's way, he has also used MIRACLES! Satan appropriated the name of Christ! He appropriated the titles of the servants of God and called his chief leader an apostle—but God labels this individual as a false apostle! Since Jesus Christ performed miracles and since He prophesied that certain signs (miracles) would follow His believers (Mark 16:15-18), Satan the Devil has also counterfeited miracles!

This need be no surprise to the true Christian. Jesus Christ forewarned through His Bible in many places that this would take place. Satan has worked this way before, and Jesus forewarned, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Mat. 24:24). The only ones who will not be deceived by the great miracles that Satan the Devil will do through the agency of his church will be those whom God is calling out of this world now—the "very elect"!

Satan's Power

The apostle Paul talks about the individual whom Satan the Devil is going to use in this end time to deceive the whole world—"Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that are perishing [correct Greek rendering]!" (II Thes. 2:9-10.)

Satan knows that he now has just a short time (Rev. 12:12). Therefore he is hard at work even at this moment as you read this article, laying the groundwork for the greatest deceptions that mankind has ever seen! Laying the groundwork for the greatest miracles he has ever performed in order to deceive mankind! Let's read that verse again in the Moffatt Translation, "... One whose arrival is due to Satan's activity, with the full power, the miracles and portents of falsehood, and with the full deceitfulness of evil for those who are doomed to perish, since they refuse to love the Truth that would save them" (II Thes. 2:9-10).

There are going to come, through Satan's agency and his churches, miracles and wonders that would cause anyone to believe (except the very elect, Mat. 24:24). Such outstanding miracles will be performed through his agents that the whole world will reel and gasp in open-mouthed wonder—and they will be real miracles!

The term "lying wonder" does not refer to the fact that the wonder itself is a lie. The miracle is real enough, but the miracle causes those who see it to believe a lie—that is, the miracle causes those who see it to believe that the agent Satan the Devil uses is the agent of God!

ARE Miracles Proof of God?

Almighty God specifically warns us about one particularly outstanding miracle that this false prophet urged forward by Satan will perform. "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles" (Rev. 13:13-14). This is THE FALSE PROPHET—the ultimate leader of Satan's religious movement who will even defy the Living God at His return—and all of this will occur in your lifetime!

What would you do if you were standing in a crowd of men and women and you saw a fellow human being dressed in ecclesiastical vestments—looking as if he were a servant of God—calling down fire from heaven consuming somebody standing next to you who denied the fact he was a servant of God?

What would you do?

What would you believe?

How are you going to know what is the counterfeit and what is the Truth?

Would you be deceived? We just read in the verse above that all those that dwell on the earth are going to be deceived by these miracles. Or will you remember this article that you have read in The Plain Truth, and other articles that you have read in The Plain Truth, warning you of these very things to come?

Jesus Christ not only prophesied through John in the book of Revelation that this will come to pass in your lifetime and mine, but He also left a record of just such a thing having happened in the past.

"Fire From God"

In the opening chapter in the book of Job, Satan was talking to God. God brought up the subject of Job. He asked Satan if he didn't think that Job was quite a righteous man, and Satan answered God by saying that he was not righteous for nothing, that God had blessed him with everything. So God allowed Satan to take everything away from Job—but let's notice exactly what happened.

As Satan began to destroy all of the things that Job possessed he allowed one servant to escape from each devastation that he wrought. That servant would come and report to Job the horrible things that had happened.

Now when one of these servants saw a great ball of fire coming down out of heaven and consuming the sheep, he automatically assumed that only God could cause such a great miracle, and so his report to Job was, "The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee" (Job 1:16).

Satan is the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2). He is still in the office of control over this world and its affairs insofar as God allows him to exercise that control. You will remember when Moses was calling the children of Israel out of Egypt under the direct supervision of God that the Egyptian sorcerers, the servants of the Devil of that day, were able to perform
great miracles by the power that Satan gave them.

Miracles alone are not a proof of the presence and authority of God!

Deuteronomy 13 very plainly explains this to any who would have a question—"If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and give thee a sign or a wonder [prophesies something to come to pass, or performs some great miracle], and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereby he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, and obey His voice, and ye shall serve Him, and cleave unto Him" (Deut. 13:1-4). Isaiah backs this up by saying, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

God warns all through His Bible from Genesis to Revelation that there have been, that there are and that there are going to be, lying, false, miracle-performing prophets deceiving mankind. But God gives you and me the key of how to know who serves God and who does not!

Whom to Believe?

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world!" (1 John 4:1). God's plain warning to you is: God's messenger - and not Satan the Devil's tool - because he says, "The Bible says."

Satan the Devil and all his benchmarkmen have been quoting the Bible since time immemorial. They have been and still are quoting it out of context and adding on Satan's favorite expression that God does not really mean what He says — and then adding their own interpretation, their own tradition, the commandments of men that they have received from Satan.

"Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is coming [correct Greek rendering] in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth NOT that Jesus Christ is coming in the flesh is NOT of God!" (1 John 4:2-3.) This is the one doctrine that Satan will not proclaim!

This is the one doctrine that Satan the Devil will not allow any of his ministers to preach! This is the one doctrine that The World Tomorrow program and The Plain Truth magazine dogmatically and absolutely preach!

This is the doctrine that Jesus Christ - the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8) — is presently living His life, by the power of the Holy Spirit of God, in the fleshy bodies and minds of the called-out individuals that He has added to the collective Body of Christ — the Church of God! This doctrine proves that Jesus Christ, living in those who are true Christians, will live exactly as He lived when He was in the flesh 1900 years ago — keeping the SAME LAWS, observing the SAME DAYS, living the SAME LIFE apart from the world around Him — this doctrine is denied by those false prophets, the instruments of Satan the Devil, those who belong to the Devil's religion!

To understand this doctrine, write immediately for the booklet Why Were You Born? — this explains thoroughly the purpose being worked out here below, the reason for human existence, the true doctrine of Jesus Christ!

Find Out—Check Up!

Don't just read this article and forget about it. Apply and obey the injunction that Jesus Christ gives to you through His servant John to "try the spirits" (1 John 4:1). Find out, check up!

Do as the Bereans did in Paul's day when he was explaining to them the truths of the Gospel of God (Acts 17:11) — receive this understanding with all readiness of mind but check every last scripture and find out if it's according to God's Word — and do the same thing with any other religious instruction you receive!

If you have been deceived, don't continue to be deceived! Those who continue to be deceived and remain deceived until the return of Jesus Christ are going to suffer the plagues He pours out on the servants of Satan — both religious and political!

You know that this confused world standing on the brink of nuclear cosmocide cannot be God's world — it is a world turned over to Satan the Devil — but Almighty God is returning SOON to restore order, to set up His Kingdom, to bring peace and happiness and safety and TRUTH to this poor Satan-deceived world!

Elijah, the servant of God, faced a similar situation in the world of his day — "And Elijah came unto all the people and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word" (1 Kings 18:21).

What answer will you give?

HOW YOUR PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID

May, 1968

So many ask: "How does it happen that I find my subscription price for The Plain Truth has already been paid? How can you publish such a high-class magazine without advertising revenue!

The answer is as simple as it is astonishing! It is a paradox. Christ's Gospel cannot be sold like merchandise. You cannot buy salvation. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ's TRUTH and mail it to all continents on earth. It has to be paid for! This is Christ's work. We solve this problem Christ's Way!

Jesus said, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published — Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Matt. 24:14) at this time, just before the end of this age. A PRICE must be paid for the magazine, the broadcast, the Correspondence Course, or other literature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to sell it to those who receive it without paying. He said, "I charge you to give freely of Christ's TRUTH, "It is more blessed." He said, "to GIVE than to receive."

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

Thus the living, dynamic Christ Himself enables us to broadcast, worldwide, without ever asking for contributions over the air to enroll many thousands in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course with full tuition cost already paid, to send you Plain Truth on an already paid basis. God's way is GOOD!
**ALOHA, MR. PRESIDENT!**

Here, in brief, is an on-the-spot report of Mr. Johnson's "Search for Peace" trip to Hawaii — its purpose, accomplishments and hopes.

Honolulu, Oahu

From the moment Air Force One landed at International Airport, Honolulu, Hawaiians expressed mixed emotions about the outcome of Mr. Johnson's meeting with South Korean President Park Chung Hee.

A few challenged Mr. Johnson with shouts and placards: "We want peace anywhere any time." They were the "Peace Pickets" — members of the Hawaii Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

Others — forming by far the majority — welcomed the President with a warm, Hawaiian-style, "ALOHA, MR. PRESIDENT!"

But have you ever wondered just what the greeting "Aloha" means? Why do the Hawaiians use it so frequently?

"Aloha is a very hard word to translate," a native islander explained to me after some thought. "It means 'Good Morning,' 'Good Evening' as well as 'Good Bye.' It means 'Welcome' and 'Greetings' — and even 'Peace be with you' or 'Love to you.'"

Such a small word with such profound meanings! Did the President realize these things as he saw the posters wishing him "ALOHA, MR. PRESIDENT!" or when he heard the cries of protest telling him, "We want peace anywhere, any time"?

He must have. For later, that day, at the Governor's Reception, he declared: "The one big problem that faces all human kind, all three billion of us, is how can we learn to live together in prosperity and in harmony, without friction and without war."

"Frank Discussions"

Before and after the conferences between the two Presidents, we were assured that the "frank discussions with our friends" would — and actually did — lead us closer to peace.

But how close is closer? And just how far away is peace? No one, not even the two Presidents involved, could answer that question. There are things men do not know, nor do they understand.

From the U.S. point of view, the Hawaiian conference was primarily a dramatic move to reassure our friends that we will continue to stand by our commitments. From the South Korean point of view, it was more than just a meeting with a powerful military ally. South Koreans wanted to know whether the projected "peace talks" with the enemy would leave them defenseless, and whether or not they would have a place at the bargaining table.

And then, of course, there was the question of the captured American ship U.S.S. Pueblo, whose crew is still being held as hostage pending an American apology.

The conference is now over — but the "Search for Peace" is still a search. A joint communiqué, issued as the meeting ended, indicated that the two Presidents agreed "that further aggressive actions by the North Korean communists would constitute a most grave threat to peace. In that event their two governments would immediately determine the action to be taken to meet this threat under the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea." In accordance with this Treaty, President Johnson reaffirmed the readiness and determination of the United States to render prompt and effective assistance to repel armed attacks against the Republic of Korea.

In other words, even if the war in Vietnam ended, the nation may find itself fighting in Korea! Hence a gloomy atmosphere hovers over the world; it is one of uncertainty, the fear of an unknown tomorrow — a feeling of "restlessness" similar to the one President Johnson spoke of in his state...
of the Union message several weeks ago!

Where Does U. S. Go From Here?

Yes, where to now? What does the U. S. do? What's the next step? What did the nation gain so far?

Just before I attended the first Press Conference at the Ilikai Hotel, I saw an interesting headline in The Honolulu Advertiser. It read: "A Danger in Peace."

What a strange title! What kind of danger can there be in peace? The article explained. A sudden peace in Asia may cause the economic collapse of a number of Asian countries. It spoke of economic fallout. For example, Japan netted around one billion dollars last year as a direct result of the war; thousands of Filipinos and Korean civilians worked in construction programs in Vietnam; one third of Singapore's exports, last year, were procurements for South Vietnam — and so on.

Politically, this feeling is echoed. As South Vietnam's Foreign Minister Tran Van Do expressed it, "I feel no qualms [about the future] as long as the fighting continues [but], I look forward to negotiations with serious misgivings."

Nor are South Vietnamese the only ones to speak out on this fear. Look at this U. S. pronouncement. "While death and destruction are taking a heavy toll in North and South Vietnam, most other Asian countries [all the way from Tokyo to Karachi] can count some gain from the war — so much so that a sudden end of the conflict could have extensive political and economic repercussions" (World Economic Review and Forecast, compiled by New York Times and published by D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc.).

South Korea fears negotiations will lead to U. S. withdrawal in Asia, leaving the area at the mercy of the Communists. The Reds have already begun an intermittent campaign of armed infiltration, terror and sabotage into South Korea. Just on the eve of the President's trip, North Korean infiltrators ambushed a U. S. army truck, killing two Americans and two South Koreans.

In other words, men must continue killing — and being killed — so as not to bring about financial hardship! The cessation of hostilities would cause grave internal problems to many nations. Just like a shower, the wars must go on! Nations have to — so the theory goes — produce armaments, manufacture bombs, tanks and all kinds of destructive weapons in order to prosper! Peace, it is said, spells unemployment!

"The Way of Peace, They Do Not Know..."

In his madness, Adolf Hitler spoke of war as being "a natural state between peace periods." Surprisingly enough, mankind has done everything in its power, since the beginning, to prove that Adolf Hitler was right, after all! Imagine! Ever since the first man walked on the face of the earth — some 6000 years ago — we have had approximately 14,000 wars of all kinds, big and small. In fact, since the Second World War, we have known more than 40 wars — hot, cold, and "lukewarm"!

Under the circumstances, would you say that men know the way of peace? If they did, how would you explain all these wars? And why is it that all the summit talks, all the peace conferences, and nearly all of the treaties have proven futile?

President Johnson greets South Korea's President Park in "Search for Peace" Conference.

No, man does not know the way of peace. His "search for peace" is like striving after the wind. "Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known... There is no fear of God before their eyes" (Rom. 3:13-18).

You do not need to be a college graduate or to possess much education — or even to believe in the Bible — to realize that what God says in these verses is absolutely true. You need but throw a glance at the world around you. Yes, take a look at our nations, at our society, at our family life. Better yet — take a good look at yourself to see if you know how to live in peace and harmony with those around you — or even with yourself.

The world in which you live is on the brink of cosmocide; humanity would cease to exist if Almighty God were not to intervene. The "twin paths" of diplomacy and military preparedness — underlined by Mr. Johnson in Hawaii — may, at the most, produce a temporary appeasement, but not a permanent (Continued on page 47)
THE WAY TO PEACE

THAT THE WORLD REJECTS

Are YOU under God's protection in this violent and war-torn world? You had better read this article to be sure!

by Roderick C. Meredith

Jesus Christ brought to this earth from God the Father.

And in this age above every other, you desperately need God — His guidance, His blessing, His protection! There is no use "kidding" yourself about this fact. You have only one life — and this is your life!

What You Should Do

You had better face the fact that you are very likely one of the multitude going the broad way that leads to destruction! If you are following the crowd, if you have the same general attitude toward religion that most people do, then without doubt you are deceived! For remember that Satan the Devil "deceiveth the whole world" (Rev. 12:9).

But many hundreds of you are coming to the realization that over The World Tomorrow broadcast and through the pages of this magazine you are receiving the very message that Jesus Christ brought to save this world from itself. If you are to come under the blessing and protection of the God and Father of Jesus Christ, you need to be sure of that message — act on it, obey it.

You need to prove to yourself once and for all that there is a personal, living, active, all-powerful, Creator God. You must know that the Bible is His inspired Word — His direct revelation to man of that essential knowledge of the real purpose of life and of the spiritual laws of life which, if obeyed, will bring happiness and success. You must prove and know that the Holy Scriptures carry authority — that they are backed up by the power of the Living God who gives you every breath of air you breathe.

You may already understand these things. But be sure that you have proved them to the extent that you would fear to disobey the commands of God in His Holy Word. It must be regarded as an authority over your very life. Christ said: "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word which I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

Once you have fully proved these basic principles to yourself, then you need to study and understand and obey the true message of Almighty God contained in His Word. You must respect and fear the Living God enough to obey His commands.

God's Message

The clearest revelation of God's plan and purpose was revealed by Jesus Christ. And after all, to be a "Christian" simply means to believe in and obey what Jesus Christ taught — to accept and submit to the message He brought from God the Father.

Jesus stated: "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak" (John 12:49). So Christ's message is direct from God the Father.

It is to be obeyed!

Jesus came to "reveal" the Father (Mat. 11:27). Above all else, He revealed God as the over-all Supreme Ruler of the universe. He taught that man is not to follow his own ideas and traditions, but is to "live by every word of God" (Luke 4:4). "Search the scriptures," Jesus said.

Christ taught His disciples to pray: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,
as in heaven, so in earth” (Luke 11:2).

He continually taught obedience to the Law and Will of God. When a young man asked Him the way to eternal life, Jesus answered: "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" (Mat. 19:17).

So if you are to be a true Christian, you must yield yourself to obey God's Will, keep the Ten Commandments specifically, and surrender your will so completely to your Maker that you will “live by every word of God.”

The entire New Testament reveals that God purposes to form within those whom He calls holy, righteous, perfect spiritual character as a prerequisite to the precious gift of eternal life in His kingdom. The basis of this character is the absolute yieldedness of one to obey God's perfect spiritual law revealed by the Ten Commandments and spiritually magnified in the New Testament. It involves a complete surrender of your personal will to God. It is a complete change in attitude, belief, and way of life. The apostle Paul was inspired to write: "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:2).

But human will and strength cannot affect this change. The spiritual love and power must come as a gift from God!

**God's Help Is Required**

You may perhaps known of many people who make “resolutions” to live a better life; of drunkards who decided to "give up the bottle;" of criminals who "reformed" by some means or other. If so, you will recall that most of these changes were neither permanent nor satisfactory. And even in those cases where a change in some area of life became permanent, the entire life, attitude, and actions were not totally yielded to the complete and perfect will of the Creator by any means.

Human beings cut off from the true God can "reform" themselves to a limited extent. But they can never affect that process we call "conversion." For true conversion is a total change which is affected by God in one's very mind and nature.

After real conversion, you begin to study the Bible, meditate on God's Law, and pray and talk to God continually. By this process, and through His Spirit, you come to have the very thoughts and nature of God within you.

Your whole life is completely changed—converted, and you grow in grace and knowledge day by day. In spiritual attitude and character, you become more like Christ in every phase of life. Such a total change takes place within you as would be impossible to bring about or account for except as a supernatural act of the Almighty God.

But this supernatural help from God is available only on certain very important conditions.

**You Must Believe the True Gospel**

Jesus Christ and His apostles always preached the gospel of the kingdom or world-ruling government of God. In Mark 1:14-15, we read: "Now after that John was put into prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, . . . repent ye, and believe the gospel."

Notice that the two things Jesus commanded were repentance and belief in His message.

Jesus also taught that belief in the true gospel which He preached and obedience to the laws of God were inseparable. In Luke 16:16-18, He stated: "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man preseth into it. And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than for one tittle of the law to fail."

Here we see that the law and the prophets—the Old Testament scriptures—were the only revelation from God to man until John the Baptist's ministry. But now the spiritual message of peace and salvation and the magnification of God's laws in their spiritual intent and purpose is revealed.

But note that Jesus connected obedience to God's laws with the New Testament gospel of the kingdom. And, as if to squelch any doubt that He was referring to God's spiritual law revealed in the Ten Commandments, He continued by specifying the transgression of one of those very laws as that to which He was referring: "Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband comitteth adultery” (verse 18).

Throughout the Acts of the Apostles, we find that the inspired servants of Christ continued to preach the gospel of the kingdom—including, of course, obedience to the laws of God. We see that Philip preached this gospel in Acts 8:12. Paul said he preached it to the Gentiles at Ephesus in Acts 20:25. And in Acts 28:30-31, we find that he continued to preach this same message of peace to the end of his ministry—even to the Gentiles at Rome.

This is the true gospel. It is a message of the government of Almighty God over our lives now as preparation for entrance into His soon coming world-ruling kingdom when Jesus Christ returns with Divine power and glory as King of kings and Lord of lords. And since God's kingdom has laws, it is a message of surrender and obedience to the laws and rule of God.

You must first repent of your ways, you must turn from sin which is the transgression of God's spiritual law contained in the Ten Commandments (I John 3:4), and believe the true gospel. Then there is another most important step you must take. That is water baptism.

**Water Baptism Is Absolutely Necessary**

After total repentance and belief in the true gospel, water baptism is the next essential step you must take to be truly converted and to receive of God's Holy Spirit. In fact, it is a test of your real repentance and willingness to obey God.

Jesus Christ commanded the apostles: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:15-16).

Jesus meant exactly what He said! In His parting commission as recorded...
by Matthew, Jesus said: “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (Mat. 28:19).

In Peter’s inspired sermon on the day of Pentecost, he shouted: “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).

Notice that you are promised the gift of the Holy Spirit only on condition that you repent and are baptized. Later, Peter speaks of the Holy Spirit, “whom God hath given to them that obey Him” (Acts 5:32).

You must do what God says. You must repent and be baptized or you will never receive of God’s Holy Spirit.

There is no other way!

The apostle Paul stated: “Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his” (Rom. 8:9). In other words, unless you have fully repented of your sins, come to God through Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, and been baptized as He has commanded, you are not Christ’s—you do not belong to Him. Therefore, you are not a Christian in God’s eyes—never have been—and never will be unless you are finally willing to surrender your life to God the Father, and accept Jesus Christ not only as your Saviour, but as your High Priest, your coming King, your Ruler—the One whom you will obey throughout all eternity!

God’s Spirit is the very nature and life of God through which we become His begotten sons. His Spirit will help us grow to maturity in Christian character.

Its fruits are listed in Galatians 5:22-23. Notice them: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance”—or, as better translated, “self-control.”

The Holy Spirit gives us power for self-mastery, self-discipline, self-control. And through it, God’s Love is shed abroad in our hearts (Rom. 5:5). The Holy Spirit makes us like God.

You need God’s Spirit. You need His guidance and protection. But the tremendous decision to yield yourself wholly to God—to live by His every Word—to obey Him throughout all eternity—such a decision must not be taken lightly.

Baptism Involves a Vital Decision

Baptism symbolizes the death and burial of the old, sinful self, and the rising from the watery grave to a new, a changed, a converted life. It also pictures the death and burial of Jesus Christ to pay for our sins, and His resurrection as the firstborn from the dead.

The apostle Paul writes: “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:3-4).

The decision to be baptized hinges on your willingness to completely surrender your will and your life to God through Christ as your Saviour. He paid the penalty for your past sins, but when you know the truth you can no longer willfully do what you know is sin and expect God’s forgiveness.

God rules by His Law! “Keep the commandments,” said Jesus.

“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” (Rom. 6:16.)

When a choice has to be made between following the ways of your friends and family, or obeying what you have found to be the will of God—which course do you follow? Do you take the easy way out and follow men? Do you serve and thereby worship the ways of men more than the ways of God?

Don’t “kid” yourself! You can’t fool God!

When you learn some new point of truth in the pages of this magazine, or on The World Tomorrow broadcast, or in your own personal Bible study, do you put it into practice in your life—do you obey it—or do you reject it because it conflicts with what your church or your particular society believes and observes?

Are you like the Pharisees who rejected Christ because “they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God?” (John 12:43.) God seems far away to some people, and their friends seem so close and so important. Which do you worship? Which do you obey?

If you had to give up your job—your only source of income—in order to obey some point of truth you found in God’s Word, would you do it? Would you exercise faith, as Jesus did, and rely on God’s many promises to “supply all your need?” (Philip. 4:19.) Would you worship God—or mammon?

These questions apply to you!

Be Sure of Your Decision

If you still have some questions about baptism, or if you are not certain as to the proper mode of water baptism, then write immediately for Mr. Armstrong’s free booklet All About Water Baptism. This will explain any questions you may have on this subject.

But the decision to be baptized is yours. If you feel that you are ready to make an unconditional surrender to God through His Son Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, then write a letter, air-mail if necessary, to Mr. Armstrong telling us that you want to be baptized this summer.

Each summer, we send out teams of ministers and advanced ministerial students to counsel with and baptize those who are ready to fulfill this command of God. These men will be leaving very soon after you receive this article. So don’t delay!

Get your letter, addressed to our nearest office, in the mail immediately telling us you want to be on the baptizing list for this summer. Our men will then contact you and arrange to meet you at your own home or in a nearby town or city.

You need salvation! But you need to be absolutely sure that you are willing to do your part and give yourself to God, so that you can then be certain that He will grant His blessings, His protection, His salvation to you.
**AMERICA'S SCHOOLS—**

**CRADLE OF CITIZENSHIP? OR CHAOS?**

As America teeters on the brink of domestic and international disaster, her youth is reacting with violent resentment toward LAW AND ORDER! WHY? What has happened to education for RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP? The schools are failing to influence youth toward civic pride, personal integrity and social responsibility! You need to understand WHY!

_Said one boy._

"Yes! CRIMINAL! Juvenile civil disobedience is CRIMINAL! So are threats of assault on the person of the President of the United States by so-called youth "peace" groups!

But why this contempt for law and order among our young people? Why this lawlessness? What has gone wrong?

**Citizenship Education Has Failed!**

The public school in the United States was, from its inception, an institution for promoting civic responsibility. Citizenship was listed among the Seven Cardinal Principles formulated by the National Education Association in 1918. Authorities in education have reaffirmed this role consistently and emphatically. Listen to this from the Educational Policies Commission: "The political order depends on responsible participation of individual citizens; hence the schools have been concerned with good citizenship" (The Central Purpose of American Education, NEA, 1961).

And, Earl C. Kelley, professor of secondary education at Wayne State University, a respected author in the field recently wrote, "...the great public school system...has as one of its primary tasks that of building citizens" (Gibson, Social Foundations of Education, 1967, p. 142).

There can be no doubt that one of the primary assumed functions of the public schools is citizenship education. But, how effective has it been?

In the past twenty years this country has spent increasingly monumental sums of money for education. Yet, we are experiencing increasingly monumental problems with our youth!

Recall for a moment the vandalized school described earlier and consider this paradox. The punk who flooded the library also sat in class and read that civics textbook! Why didn't an attitude of responsible citizenship rub off? And what of that kid who crammed the flag in the sink? He recites the Pledge of Allegiance daily. Why then is it just so many empty words to him?

These are serious questions. Do they trouble you? Are you concerned? Then it's time you began to understand some of the reasons behind the growing lawlessness of youth in our society.

**Confusion Is Basis of Failure**

There is little argument among educators that the moral commitment of the public schools rests with the social studies area of the curriculum, usually including civics, geography and history.

Likewise, there is little argument that the main objective of the social studies is the "development of democratic citizenship." Beyond this, there is unbelievable confusion!

Direction is erratic, purpose is unsure, even bizarre! Professor S. H. Engle, Indiana University confesses: "There is confusion if not open disagreement, about the nature and hence the purpose of the social studies" (Massialas, New Challenges in the Social Studies, 1965, p. 1). Yes, confusion and disagreement!

"Educators have debated for ages..."
FOSTERING CIVIC PRIDE? — School children and someone’s mother pass downtown store during Halloween night. As part of various holiday seasons, merchants allow school children to paint store windows. This and other related types of activity — in and out of school — supposedly builds citizenship and forms the basis for social studies activities. But what does using up hundreds of hours painting black cats, ghouls, goblins and other less discernible objects in classrooms — and school approved projects — have to do with citizenship? 

the extent to which they should stress...those standards and convictions which they feel should be conveyed to the student,” writes Dr. John S. Gibson, of Tufts University. “We are still arguing,” this noted educator continues, “about the role of values...especially in the social disciplines.” (McLendon, Readings on Social Studies in Secondary Education, 1966, p. 33.) We ARE STILL ARGUING! What an admission.

And Professor Jonathan C. McLendon, University of Georgia, critically concludes: “The formulation of objectives for social studies has generally fallen into a pattern characterized by profusion, vagueness, and grandiosity, frequently to the point of meaninglessness” (Readings on Social Studies in Elementary Education, 1967, p. 6). CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE OF OPINION! More confusion!

There is, then, no blueprint and without a blueprint what kind of structure can possibly be built? This is a very apt analogy of what is happening in social studies classes throughout the U. S.

Social Studies Without Substance or Relevance!

With guidelines vague, impractical, or nonexistent, social studies programs long ago became a sort of detached, unrealistic, “fun”-type activity in elementary schools.

At the high school level the whole area has become almost totally “avoidable.” The social studies program may consist wholly of elective subjects. But even when “Civics” or “Modern
Problems" courses are required, they are too often 'mere "innocent mimicry of democratic processes" without substance or relevance!

To their credit, there are a few educators who have recognized the failure of social studies curricula to generate real learning and growth in civic behavior. But such voices are few in number and little heard against the noisy background of the entrenched practitioners!

Social studies curricula have endured year after year perpetuating irrelevant and boring diversions. One writer put it this way, "...while social studies education is the one curriculum area most affected by social, economic, and political changes, it has, in fact, been the most immune to change. An elementary or secondary teacher who left teaching in 1947...and returned in 1967...would be more secure in teaching social studies than almost any other curriculum area..." (Jarolimek, Washington Education, November 1967, p. 15).

And what is the basis of "traditional" social studies during the most impressionable years?

Much to the relief of too many elementary teachers, the school year is neatly divided into a series of "holiday" seasons. These seasons allegedly provide a basis for educationally sound social studies activities. However, it would be more accurate to say that they provide an excuse to avoid coming to grips with the difficult task of defining and teaching the disciplines involved in good citizenship!

A Holiday Curriculum!

Beginning with Halloween, the sequence continues almost without relief from one emotional "spectacular" to another — Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Valentine's Day and Easter.

When will we get the courage to ask teachers and school administrators what educational objectives justify observance of these days year after year?

Have you ever stopped to consider what is the relationship between black cats, pumpkins, goblins, and good citizenship? And isn't it especially ludicrous when the very essence of Halloween is GETTING LOOT? The very origin of "trick or treat" is rooted in the notion of INTIMIDATION and EXTORTION! But mighty few elementary school classrooms will refrain from squandering the better part of two weeks preparing for and sanctioning this night of antisocial behavior.

"Ah, but they outgrow it," you may be thinking. But do they? What are student riots, boycotts, and violent demonstrations after all? Aren't they — just as any criminal act — merely manifestations of unbridled selfishness and contempt for social order? They are nothing more than the childish philosophy of TRICK OR TREAT grown up!

You think about that! Ask yourself, "Is it possible that our schools have indeed instilled in our youth an infantile TRICK OR TREAT mentality?"

Answer it for yourself! Richard E. Gross, president of the National Council for the Social Studies, has dared to speak out: "Certainly it is high time that we leave behind the 'holiday curriculum' that has dogged the social studies... We have had enough black cats, witches, Pilgrims, turkeys, Santa Clauses and reindeer, valentines, and Easter bunnies. These have too long detracted from more important and worthwhile social studies." (Washington Education, November, 1967, p. 12.)

Avoid Problems!

While this world and this nation sink deeper into the morass of frightening problems that are pressing down on human societies everywhere — the population explosion and starvation, international tensions, urbanization, pollution, rioting and crime in the streets, the new morality — such conditions are seldom discussed in our schools. Social studies classes skirt these issues with meticulous care!

Avoid problems, avoid conflict, avoid controversy. This might well be the motto of most public schools of the nations. The unfortunate result of the "holiday curriculum" and this faint-heartedness over the past several decades has nullified any effectual citizenship education.

Our schools have produced a generation unequipped to cope with the problems of life except through blind violence and unrestrained self-gratification.

But why should we be concerned? What difference does it really make whether our children and youth develop an attitude of responsible citizenship? Can't law enforcement agencies and riot troops maintain an acceptable level of law and order regardless? What's all the fuss?

Good question. No doubt the U.S. could impose the force necessary to eliminate-vandalism, rioting, and crime. It's not a very pretty prospect, but the welfare of the majority might be secured in that way. Then perhaps we would cease to bother ourselves with citizenship education.

Or could we?

No! WE COULD NOT!

No society or institution can survive without responsible citizenship. But where will you find a right and true blueprint for good citizenship?

Believe it or not, YOUR BIBLE is the blueprint and instruction manual for achieving PERFECT CITIZENSHIP!

Yes! The Bible is a book about LAW and ORDER! It is a book about GOVERNMENT! It is indeed a book about CITIZENSHIP!

A Christian is admonished to follow Christ's steps (I Peter 2:21; I John 2:6) and Christ was a PERFECT CITIZEN! He lived in absolute obedience to the Law of God and the civil authority of man! We are also to become perfect citizens.

"But what's in it for me?" you may be thinking. EVERYTHING! Peace, a clear conscience, self-respect, protection of the law now, and the promise of ETERNAL CITIZENSHIP — yes even RULERSHIP IN THE WORLD TOMORROW! (Revelation 2:26, 27.) WHAT A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY! You need to write immediately for the free booklets, Why Were You Born? and THE WONDERFUL WORLD TOMORROW — WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE.

There are already hundreds of young people — students at the three Ambassador College campuses in America and Britain — who are living by God's BLUEPRINT — growing in good citizenship! You too can be qualifying with them for a FABULOUS FUTURE!
The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN

SAFETY ONLY UNDER GOD!

Because the people of Judah and Benjamin had turned to idolatry, God allowed a huge Egyptian army to invade Judah and capture many of its towns. When the Egyptians reached Jerusalem, they intended to break through the massive walls and take over the wealthy capital.

At first God purposed to let the invaders destroy the city's occupants, including king Rehoboam. (II Chronicles 12:1-4.) But he spared them after Rehoboam and other leaders repented of their evil pursuits. (II Chronicles 12:5-7.)

The Temple Looted!

The Bible doesn't tell how the Egyptians managed to get into the city. Probably it was by means of extra heavy battering rams or wall-scaling apparatus. However it was done, the Israelite soldiers atop the walls undoubtedly took the lives of many of the attackers by showering down arrows, spears, rocks, melted lead and anything else they could pour, throw or drop. At the same time arrows from Egyptian bows downed a great part of the would-be defenders, who would have lived if they hadn't resisted.

Once the attackers were inside the city, the outnumbered Israelite soldiers surrendered. They expected to be slain. When the Egyptians merely took away their weapons, they had reason to be puzzled. They didn't know that Shishak had given an order that no Israelite in Jerusalem should be put to death unless he resisted. What Shishak didn't know was that the God of Israel had planted in the Egyptian king's mind the decision to give that order.
It was a bitter episode for Rehoboam when Shishak, followed by his officers and flanked by Egyptian troops strode into the palace where the Israelite king and other leaders nervously waited.

"I am disappointed," Shishak said as he looked about, omitting any formalities that could take place between two kings, even under such unusual circumstances. "I assumed you would meet me in that part of your palace where you usually receive visiting dignitaries. I have heard that the furnishings there are somewhat unique."

Rehoboam knew that his conqueror was telling him that he wished to be conducted to the throne room with its many treasures. He bowed very slightly, and tremblingly led the way. When Shishak saw the ornate, ivory throne, so resplendently bejeweled, his dark eyes glittered with admiration. He walked slowly about, taking in the costly objects in the vast room, but his gaze kept returning to the magnificent throne Solomon had designed.

Scarcely able to control his excitement, Shishak demanded to be shown through the rest of the palace and through the temple. He knew that other treasures were stored elsewhere, and forced the Israelites to disclose the location of the secret rooms, far below ground. After Shishak and his officers were satisfied that they had located most of the wealth of the city, scores of their men poured into the palace, temple and treasury to seize valuable objects and pack them in the costly rugs, draperies and curtains that were at hand. Everything the Egyptian leaders desired was taken. Even the ivory throne was dismantled to be moved to Egypt. Shishak had no intention of leaving such
a prize behind, even if it cost the lives of all the Egyptians required to carry it across the desert.

One might wonder what happened to the Tabernacle equipment and furnishings in the sacred rooms of the temple. If Shishak had any awe for the God of Israel, probably he wouldn't have attacked Judah. Having little or no fear of the Creator, he therefore wouldn't leave anything of special value. But God caused Shishak to leave enough furnishings to carry on the temple service. (II Chronicles 13:11.)

**Egyptian Bondage Again**

When the king of Egypt left Jerusalem with the greatest amount of wealth any conqueror had ever taken from a city, that wasn't the complete cost to the Israelites. Because the people of Judah would remain subject to Egypt, Shishak demanded that they send a regular tribute to him. Such tributes might not have been possible to raise if the Egyptians had devastated the land and ruined the economy. This drain of wealth to Egypt fulfilled the prophecy of Shemaiah that Judah would become a servant to Egypt. (II Chronicles 12:8-9; I Kings 14:25-26.)

In the next few years Judah partly recovered from the invasion. Rehoboam's close brush with death caused him to apply himself more dutifully as ruler. Restoring the costly furnishings of the palace and temple was impossible. Some were replaced by items of much lesser value. Brass shields, for example, took the place of the gold shields of the palace guards. Inexpensive substitutes were made wherever replacements were needed. (I Kings 14:27-28; II Chronicles 12:10-11.)

What was more important was the establishment of activity at the temple and the halting of pagan religious practices throughout Judah. But in time, as Rehoboam carelessly fell back into his former corrupt habits, the idolatrous customs started to creep back in the land like a poison coursing through a man's bloodstream. Meanwhile, Jeroboam's army continued fighting with Rehoboam's army in occasional small-scale battles. These senseless skirmishes went on all the rest of Rehoboam's life, which ended twelve years after the invasion by the Africans. Solomon's son was buried in Jerusalem where those of the family of David had been entombed. (II Chronicles 12:12-16; I Kings 14:29-31.)

Abijam, one of Rehoboam's many sons, then became king of Judah. Unhappily, he wasn't much of an improvement over his father, whose tendencies and desires showed up in Abijam. God allowed this young man to reign just long enough—three years—in order that there would be a continuance of the family of David on the throne and so that he could accomplish at least one outstanding thing in the history of Judah while he was king. (I Kings 15:1-5; II Chronicles 13:1-2.)
The startling report came to Abijam that Jeroboam had mustered 800,000 troops with which he planned to conquer Judah and become ruler of all twelve tribes. Abijam tried desperately to raise an army of the size of Jeroboam's, but he could get only 400,000 soldiers together. In time he could have increased the number. Time was something he didn't have, inasmuch as Jeroboam might march into Judah any day. Abijam wanted to prevent that. (II Chronicles 13:3.)

"We know God is with us!"

He took his army north toward Tirzah, the capital of the ten tribes. The move was none too soon. Jeroboam's army was moving south at the same time. When Abijam learned that the two armies were about to meet, he halted his men at the base of Mt. Zemaraim, a few miles east of Bethel.

A little later Jeroboam arrived with his men. Confident that he had the upper hand, he halted them very close by, as though defying the southern army to dare to start something. As the tension mounted, a strong voice sounded from somewhere above. Many thousands of eyes looked up to see a lone figure standing on the top of Mt. Zemaraim.

"Listen to me, Jeroboam!" the figure called down. "Hear me, you men from Tirzah! You should know that God said only those of David's family should always

Abijam surprisingly appeared on the top of Mt. Zemaraim to address Jeroboam and his army, poised below to attack the lesser army of Judah.
rule the kingdom of Israel, or at least a great part of it. It was an agreement that is to stay in effect as long as there is salt in the sea. In spite of that, Jeroboam desires to become king of all Israel, even though he is not of the royal family. Nor is he worthy to continue to be ruler of even a part of the kingdom because of his idolatry and because of the ways in which he troubled my father when Rehoboam was a young and inexperienced king!"

By this time Jeroboam and the soldiers of both armies began to recognize the speaker as Abijam, who hoped that he could avert a battle by pointing out that Jeroboam was foolish to attack Judah.

"Do you actually believe that you can prevail against the army of a tribe that has stayed closer to God than you have?" Abijam continued. "What advantage will your greater numbers be to you as long as you have only your powerless calf images to rely on? And how can you expect victory after having put the priests of God out of your land, replacing them with pagan priests? As for us, we are relying on the God to whom we sacrifice at the temple at Jerusalem. We know He is with us. You would be wise to not fight against us. If you do, when you hear the sound of trumpets from the priests who are with us you will know that you are about to fail in battle!" (II Chronicles 13:4-12.)

As Abijam slipped out of sight, scattered laughter and hoots of derision came from some of Jeroboam's soldiers. Others seemed to be sobered by what they had heard. Many of them didn't get to hear all that Abijam had to say, having been ordered by Jeroboam to quietly leave and go on the double around Mt. Zemaraim and move up to the rear of the army of Judah.

It was a jolting surprise to Abijam's troops to discover that they were being blocked from the south as well as from the north. Fighting their way free of the two mammoth jaws of humanity appeared impossible. They were so filled with fear that many of them called out loudly to God for help. At a signal from Abijam, who had returned from the top of the mountain, the priests sounded their trumpets with a peal that could be heard for miles.

God Topples House of Israel

The sound had a strong effect on Jeroboam's men. Abijam's words about what would happen when the horns blew were still fresh in their minds. They paused in their charge, fearing that the sound really could be an ill omen. In those same fateful moments Abijam's troops sensed the uncertainty of their attackers. Encouraged, they forgot about escape and turned to rush at Jeroboam's hesitant men. The noisy shouts and sudden fierce conduct of the southern army unnerved the northern army...
as though by a miracle. Abruptly the frightened men turned and ran, giving their incited pursuers full opportunity to strike them.

Hours later the ground around Mt. Zemaraim was littered with half a million corpses from Jeroboam’s army. The remaining 300,000, many of them badly injured, managed to escape in all directions. It was an astonishingly quick end to such a large army. Jeroboam fled when he saw that defeat was certain. Abijam and some of his men pursued, but failed to overtake the fugitive.

After resting for a day from the exhausting strain of battle, Abijam and his men moved on to seize several towns in the nearby regions. The king of Judah didn’t plan to take over every town in northern Israel. He wanted only to have control over those that were close to Jerusalem. (II Chronicles 13:13-19.)

Because of his confidence in God in the conflict with Jeroboam, Abijam became a stronger king for a time. Then his personal interests and pursuits became more important to him than the welfare of the people. In his lifetime he married fourteen wives and was the father of thirty-eight children, an achievement that was almost a career in itself. When he began to fall into his father’s ways of living, God allowed his life to come to an end. Otherwise, much of the nation probably would have followed his wrong examples. (I Kings 15:6-8; II Chronicles 13:20-22.)

Asa, one of Abijam’s twenty-two sons, became the next king of Judah. Even as a very young man, he had observed how idolatry had brought so much trouble to Israel. As soon as he came into power he began a strong campaign to rid his domain of evil religious practices by destroying pagan altars, images and places where idols were worshipped. Besides, he gave his officers orders to put out of the country all who were found to be sodomites, degenerate men who often posed as priests at places of idol worship.

In banishing idolatry, Asa met with an awkward situation in his palace when he found that his grandmother, one of Rehoboam’s wives, was an idol worshiper. She had arranged to have a special idol made and set up in a nearby grove for private worship. It was embarrassing to the king to ban the queen dowager from his court, but he had no choice. As for the idol, it was torn down and burned.

As the purge of his nation progressed, Asa proclaimed that the people should look to God and His Commandments for the only right ways of living, and that only then could they enjoy a time of peace. As a result of changes for the better in the people, there was no war for the next ten years.

Again crowds thronged to the temple to worship and sacrifice. It was almost as it had been in the early days of Solomon. However, some sacrificed at places they picked themselves, usually close to their homes. The priests and the altar had been
established at the temple for that purpose. Other places should have been removed by Asa. It was the one thing he failed to do in his efforts to help Israel. Otherwise, he lived very close to God. (I Kings 15:9-15; II Chronicles 14:1-5.)

Prosperity Invites Looters

With peace came a measure of prosperity to Judah. It was a time to build new, fortified towns where the borders of the land could be strengthened, and to muster and equip men for better defense. Military might couldn't substitute for God's protection, but if any nation was known to have a small army and poor fortifications, it was almost the same as inviting some greedy king to attack. (II Chronicles 14:6-8.)

As it happened, a covetous king was planning to attack Judah. He was Zerah, leader of a nation of Ethiopians. He wasn't very concerned about the size of Asa's army because he believed that he, Zerah, commanded a much larger number of troops. And he was right. There were a million, plus the drivers, archers, and spearmen of three hundred war chariots!

Even before Zerah's northbound army had reached the Paran desert south of Canaan, Asa was notified of the invaders by scouts who constantly patrolled the borders of the nation. Judah's king hastily gathered his 300,000 soldiers from Judah and 280,000 archers from Benjamin and took them southward. If there had to be a battle, he preferred to fight it as far from Jerusalem as possible. It wasn't until he came within a few miles of his enemy, in a valley in southern Judah, that he realized how greatly his troops were outnumbered. He had only about half as many men.
As the two armies faced each other and lined up for battle only a mile or two apart, Asa became very troubled. His capable and experienced officers couldn't give him much encouragement because they felt that the probability of defeat was very great. Asa knew that the lives of over a half million men and the safety of Judah and possibly all Israel depended on the outcome of a fray with the invaders. Only God could alter that obvious outcome. It was time for the king to pray.

"You know that we must stand against these enemies," Asa said to God, "and you know that they are so numerous that they could surround us. But we will go against them in your name, trusting that you will not let them prevail against us, for if they do, and if we are your people, it would be as though they prevailed against you. If helping us in battle were something you are too weak to do, it would be foolish to ask. We know, though, that you have the power to do anything. We're putting our lives into your merciful hands."

By then the Ethiopians and their Egyptian allies had spread out all across the southern horizon and to the southeast and southwest, like a gigantic, curved trap ready to snap shut with bone-crushing force on its victims. (II Chronicles 14:9-11.)

A growing cloud of dust came up from the middle of the valley, heralding the charge of Zerah's chariots, followed at a slower pace by a horde of foot soldiers whose shields, spears and swords glistened sharply in the brilliant sunlight. Shouts from thousands of throats came up the valley like the savage shriek from some kind of massive animal. Only minutes later the rumbling chariots were close, and heading straight toward the ranks of the House of Judah!

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The Plain Truth

A CRIMINAL Society?

Are we becoming a criminal society? For years, on The World Tomorrow program, and in these pages, I have emphasized juvenile delinquency, growing disregard for law and order, mounting crime and preoccupation with violence in our sports and entertainment.

Yet, tragically, each year crime increases in the United States.

Now, we see the international spectacle of Americans in frenzied criminal orgies on such a scale as to require troops of the United States Army to train their guns at our own citizens.

For years, I have insisted human nature is criminal. Sometimes, people are shocked to hear me say a baby is born "criminal." Sweet, precious, lovely though he may be to his parents — a tiny, struggling, helpless little life. He is nevertheless capable of huge passions and unacceptable behavior.

Every baby must be taught self-control. He is not born with any instincts of kindness, patience, goodness, love, understanding, emotional control, honesty, integrity, faithfulness.

He is born, rather, with a pull in his nature toward self. His first instincts are totally selfish — directed inwardly.

Each individual child, black or white, must be taught everything from control of his bodily processes to control of his emotions.

But what chance have millions upon millions of Americans had — allowed to "grow up" (certainly not "reared") by careless, unqualified, selfish parents in an atmosphere of self-centeredness, fights, hatred, racism, and unbridled emotion?

And what "chance" have millions of Negro youths had — many of them knowing no father of their own, having no stable home life whatever (every fourth Negro child is illegitimate, according to proven statistics) and "learning" everything they "know" in an environment of illicit sex, broken homes, fights, stealings, street gangs, prostitution, dope addiction and all assorted kinds of crime?

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Each person must be taught to be honest. He will not be honest naturally. Sometimes that lesson must be painful. Millions of Americans have admitted, privately, to committing acts for which they could have been jailed at one time in their lives or another (over 90 percent, according to a recent poll).

Millions of us would have to admit — if we would be honest with ourselves — that it was only the fear of being caught, and punished for criminal acts that held us back — kept us from giving vent to a natural drive of human nature.

Each person must be taught to have patience, kindness, understanding. He is not naturally gifted with these loftier human emotions. He must be taught to have them.

And sometimes the lessons are severe. But are most people being taught these values? Are little white children taught it is a dirty shame, and a hypocritical bit of nonsense, to call a Negro a "nigger," or a Jew a "kike," or an Italian a "wop"? No! Most grow up in an environment of racism and prejudice.

Are white children taught to hate racism? Are they taught to wonder what it is like to be a member of another race? To learn respect and appreciation for the differences in each race, and in every other human being? Sadly — sickeningly, there exists virtually no such teaching in homes across America today!

Are most Negro children taught it is wrong to feel inferior, and to hate white people? Are they taught to forget the past, and look toward the future? Taught to have patience, understanding, a great capacity for forgiveness?

Of course not! And racist reaction to such a statement will be the typical ones of "Yeah! You want US to be 'patient' while you use our women, steal our property, work us to death for no wages, treat us like dogs, etc., etc., etc."

The non-racist reaction will be one of understanding.

Millions of Americans flock smugly in and out of their churches each weekend — listening to the droning voices of thousands of preachers into thousands of platitudes — and go home clapping...
Did Martin Luther King’s Death Cause This...?

Looters and arsonists in Chicago, Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and other cities caused millions of dollars’ worth of damage. Was it really to protest Martin Luther King's murder?

their racist hates to their breasts just as firmly as ever!

Face this truth!

Millions of white persons leave the steps of their church every Sunday with their “nigger” jokes, and their suspicions and hatreds just as firmly entrenched in their lives as ever!

There has been just about as much race hatred spawned from pulpits as from ghetto streets! Deny this, and you deny some of the most obvious facts of our wrong way of life. Deny it, and you’re denying your own human nature that is within you—denying your own race problems!

Yes, babies are born criminal.

Each little child must be taught to have the ideals of honesty, integrity, and understanding. And all too few have been taught these principles.

Let’s understand more about human nature!

HUMAN NATURE—What It Is!

It’s human nature to hate.

God, the Inventor of the human heart, reveals its true nature. “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9.)

Yes, the normal, natural, fleshly mind—the mind with which you were born—is desperately wicked, unless it has been changed by the nature of God!

Paul was inspired to write, “The carnal mind [the natural mind of every person] is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be”! (Rom. 8:7.)

The normal, natural, carnal mind of every man and every woman—yes and of every child—resent the things of God! The natural mind is always suspicious! It is envious, lustful, evil, resentful, hateful!

James wrote, “Do you think that the Scripture saith in vain, ‘The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?’” (James 4:5.)

Today, if you feel you’re basically a “Christian” kind of person—you probably feel Christ really was the promised Messiah. You feel, whether or not you are a really zealous Christian—that Jesus Christ probably really was genuine. At least, if you’re like most people, you couldn’t call Christ a guilty evil-doer, could you?

But what about those who lived right with Jesus Christ? Who saw His miracles with their own eyes?

What about those who lived in Jerusalem during the time of Christ’s merciless beating—His terrible night of kicks, curses, spitting, hatred, venomous accusations? What about those who had a part in it?

What about the hate-filled mob that screamed out their animalistic bestiality—“Kill Him! Crucify Him! Butcher Him!”?

God tells you not to bear them any malice—not to hate them—even as Christ Himself said, from His tree
of death, “Father forgive them — they know not what they do!”

But do you understand the reason they acted as they did?

Do you recognize the exact, same identical nature in yourself?

It’s there — recognized or not.

Many of those same participants in the illegal crucifixion of Christ took their hatred, their firm belief they had rid the world of a terrible person — to their graves with them.

They somehow convinced themselves they should be terribly, indignantly, “righteously” angry at Christ!

They convinced themselves He was a fake! They thought they “knew” they were uncovering, exposing, and punishing some great evil!

Christ Says It Will Grow Worse!

And remember — Jesus predicted this evil disease of hatred would grow worse and worse — heightening in intensity until blind rage would characterize our day.

Paul said, “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind [a deceitful, hateful, degenerate mind], to do those things which are not right [margin]; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers [delighting in scandal — in filth, evil, rumor!], backbiters, haters of God, despisers, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant-breakers [not true to their word, never willing to give the other fellow the benefit of the doubt], without natural affection, implacable [their minds unwilling to change — to admit new light, to see new facts, or accept the truth!], unmerciful: who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them” (Rom. 1:28-32).

This world is literally filled with human beings who fit this very description! And why not? It’s a description of human nature in the raw —

human nature just the way it is!

Jesus warned, “in the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). He prayed to His Father, “I have given them [His disciples, and true followers in any age] thy word, and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world [they’re living different lives — lives that have been changed to conform to the life Christ led] even as I am not of the world” (John 17:14).

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

Yes — like it or not — admit it or not — the plain facts of your Bible are that suffering hatred will be the lot of anyone who truly repents, and strives diligently to live the abundant, happy, joyous life Jesus Christ makes possible!

Jesus said, “If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin”! (John 15:22.)

The thousands of “rioters” who took to the streets in April were deluding themselves with the same evil notions. They had somehow convinced themselves they should be “terribly angry” with the whole white race. They deluded themselves they were “doing it for Dr. King” when they gave vent to their passions and lusts. They became rightly indignant, angry at shopkeepers, and wealthy people around them. They became enraged at the symbols of authority, the police.

They kidded themselves they were licensed to do it. That they were deserving of the privilege to riot, loot, and burn. They, too, like the deluded ones who crucified Christ, believed they were punishing some great evil.

But what a shameful hypocrisy!

Why destroy a man’s whole life’s accumulation of work with one molotov cocktail because of the insane crime of another man? Why add one murder to another and suppose the first justified the second?
“good” ideas and deeds of humans will change the truth of God’s Word.

Human nature is rotten!

Human nature is RACIST!

It’s an evil, filthy, DOWNWARD PULL — tending toward violence, destruction — no good thing! Paul was inspired to say, “For I know that in me (that is, IN MY FLESH,) dwelleth NO GOOD THING” (Rom. 7:18).

The human heart is evil — even the human heart that likes to THINK IT IS GOOD!

Human nature is NATURALLY fearful, resentful, self-justifying, egotistic, vanity-filled, hateful, despicable, proud, defiant, rebellious, boastful, obnoxious, annoying, acidic, selfish, self-centered, jealous, lustful, disobedient, stiffnecked, blasphemous, destructive, corrupt, presumptuous and vile!

It really is! That’s why God says REPENT! CHANGE human nature by taking in some of the very nature of God (II Peter 1:4).

Take a look at your own mind and heart. THINK about the lives of others around you. Ask yourself a few personal questions — and be honest with yourself about your own nature!

What About YOUR Private Life?

What about your heart and mind? Do you “fly off the handle” easily? Do you become ENRAGED at someone over racial, religious, political issues? Do you become so ANGRY, so MAD, so CONSUMED with inflamed passion that you would literally resort to VIOLENCE?

Millions do! Millions have!

And why? The answer is simple. It’s like a recipe for an evil concoction. Just take human nature. Sprinkle in a few situations; add a lot of entertainment pressures, such as TV violence, radio jazz and noise, movieland make-believe, newspaper sensationalism. Especially lurid accounts of RACIAL outbursts here and there — add some paper-backed perversity and sex; stir well — and VIOLENCE will erupt!

It’s been said, “You are what you eat.” And your MIND is what you THINK! And if your STEADY DIET IS
ONE OF VIOLENCE - then you could become a violent person very easily!

Will you be one who will be filled with rage because of your spouse's religious beliefs? Will you become brutally violent because of racial prejudices and hatreds? Will you ever be one who will persecute someone else for his religious, racial, political or personal beliefs?

Probably not, you may think — but, THINK AGAIN! Unless you're changed, unless your very nature has been altered from a violent nature to a peaceful one — you MAY!

It's a SICK, SICK, SICK WORLD!

Look around you. Unless you are careful, you could become one of the rioting, looting-crazed individuals preying on a sick society! Most people today are passive about the crime and violence in our midst.

Law enforcement officials decry the near obsession of the modern courts with insuring the protection of the criminal and his "rights," instead of strengthening the laws prohibiting and punishing criminal acts.

It is a great sin to harbor race hatreds in your heart. It is an equal sin to take the law into your own hands. Vengeance belongs to God — and that is a law of God that He fully intends to enforce! He will do the punishing for the massive crimes and sins of humanity. It is up to the constituted authorities God allows to exist (there is no authority God does not permit to exist — or it would not exist!) and to God Himself.

Forming HABITS of Violence

Probably, you feel depraved acts of wanton destruction and violence are committed by a certain type of person. But you're wrong.

It is this very enigmatic problem that worries modern-day law enforcement officers. They see horrible acts of murderous violence being committed more and more by the "average" person. They prove conclusively that crime is not limited to those who have grown up in slum or underprivileged areas; that all criminals are not demented, or retarded. They shake their heads in disbelief at bestial atrocities committed by "good" people in society!

Why does it happen? Why do members of a family fly into a sudden fit of rage, grab a gun, and murder in cold blood, other members of the same family?

They probably just witnessed a dozen murders on television and in the movies, and read of more violence in the news! They had probably been feeding and gorging their minds on some murder mystery thriller, in almost every leisure moment!

Is it any wonder, when tempers flare, and a person reacts almost automatically according to HABIT?

If you're not extremely careful what you see, how you think, what you hear, what you read — you may be establishing the same pattern of violence in your own life!

So think about it. INVESTIGATE your life. Be willing to be honest with yourself about yourself! God says, "Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope... woe unto them that call evil good, that was sure a 'good' movie, you might have said!] and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter"! (Isa. 5:18-20.)

A New Kind of "Justice"

In the immediate aftermath of the April riots, many leading news magazines told of the new policies of some big-city police departments to "contain" a "riot area" rather than using force to stop looting and arson.

Some leaders attacked this policy — saying it was tantamount to POLICE GIVING PERMISSION to riot. Others attacked those who attacked the policy. Mayors attacked mayors, and police chiefs disagreed with each other.

One advocated shooting arsonists to kill, and looters to cripple; another said he would not resort to use of "unprincipled" force. (Which makes one wonder what series of acts, deeds, or crimes would finally make the use of force "principled"?)

But a seeming CONTRADICTION!

It was as if the rioters could have called the police station in ADVANCE, They could have, presumably, told police they had decided to "riot" in this and the other given area. The police, under this new policy, would presumably then be honor bound to seal off this area, and to insist NO ONE INTERFERED with the rioters while they rioted to their hearts' content.

Shockingly, several eyewitness reports emerged from the riots which told of police helping distribute bottles of liquor from smashed stores, and, in one case, stoop to retrieve a dropped article a looter had stolen, and hand it back to him!

Yes, what a seeming CONTRADICTION!

In Vietnam, the United States has fully committed, apparently, the last American military or financial effort to STOP Communism. In Vietnam, America did not let the Viet Cong or the North Vietnamese simply "stake out a claim" about which parts of the country they wanted to take over, and then stand aside. Yet, in the pursuit of the policy that human life is more precious when it comes to civil criminals than international ones, people caught up in frenzied thievery and bloodlust in the streets of our cities are now given notice they are secure from any physical harm.

It was not always this way.

I grew up in a society where I literally was taught to FEAR punishment for an unlawful act.

I knew the police would arrest me, and probably put me in jail if I stole, or burned, or injured or killed!

But TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

Today, a potential destroyer of property or life HAS NO SUCH THREAT OF JUSTICE HANGING OVER him!

And your Bible prophesied this will all GET MUCH, MUCH WORSE before it gets any better!

This society, and the WHOLE WORLD, is in the throes of a worldwide catastrophe that is going to usher in the prophesied END OF AN AGE!

You are now LIVING in the very moments of history foretold by Jesus Christ of Nazareth in Matthew the 24th chapter! You are now LIVING in the midst of a sick world.

Check up on yourself! Be willing to call a spade a spade! Label things what
they really are! And then, with the help of Almighty God, root out of your life the hatred, prejudice, bigotry, and murderous violence of this violent world!

Coming — a Better World Tomorrow

Perhaps most of all, you need to investigate your own RACIAL feelings. Do you truly have love for members of all races? Can you see each person as PRECIOUS in the sight of God, and his present criminal state? Can you search your heart, and ask God to look down inside your innermost feelings, and root out prejudice, inferiority, suspicion, resentment, and all hostile, carnal, human feelings toward members of another race?

Can you Negro people realize that many whites tend to "overreact" to you — being even overly friendly, perhaps because they are ashamed of their racism of the past, and trying to ride over it, and make up for it?

Can you white people realize, DEEPLY, what it must be like to see all through a black face, and have people treat you as less than human, turn you from public facilities, tell jokes behind your back? Can you, really? Can your heart go out to members of another race, and can you ASK GOD'S FORGIVENESS FOR RACISM?

If all our whole nation could do this — all our race problems would be over.

You can do it — sure you can. But only you can do it for you. You cannot expect what you do for yourself to help someone else automatically overcome his racial feelings. But you can pray for him. You can put your own life in the hands of God, and wait for His KINGDOM to bring true racial equality at last!

Aloha, Mr. President!

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peace. Men do not know the way of peace.

A Prophetic Wish

Upon his arrival at the Iolani Palace at Honolulu, Mr. Johnson made a most dramatic — and certainly PROPHETIC — statement. He said: "There will come a time — and I am sure of it — when the guns will be silent in Vietnam, when Asians will know not only peace, but freedom to manage their own affairs — when the realities of Asia's prosperity will match the richness of Asia's potential."

Such a time will come, indeed, and it will not be for the Asians alone. All nations of the world will know such richness and prosperity. But it will not come the way men think. It will happen when JESUS CHRIST intervenes by returning to earth as King of kings and Lord of lords, to rule all the nations with equity, justice and supreme authority.

At that time, not only the Hawaiians but the people all over the world may well cry with tears of joy and say "Aloha" to their Chief. But their Chief will not be a human being. It will be JESUS CHRIST Himself, with all of His supreme power. And He in turn will answer them in an "Aloha" which will truly mean "PEACE ON EARTH" and "GOOD WILL TO ALL MEN."

What a wonderful world it will be — the soon-coming WORLD TOMORROW!

What our READERS SAY

(Continued from inside front cover)

for providing the stimulus which is now making me dig for myself in the pages of the Bible.”

Trevor R. M., Attleborough, Norfolk, England

"I am truly sorry that I discontinued my Bible Correspondence Course last year, and would be most grateful if you were to send me Lesson No. 10. Although I have wanted to ask you to do so, I did not have the nerve, until I saw your reply to other people who are in the same position, in last month's magazine."

Student, Broadstairs, Kent, England

Watch Jerusalem

'I was delighted to read ‘Watch Jerusalem’ for, of the many journals I get, only yours has shown the significance of Israel’s victory. I suggested to my Vicar that this was the start of the end ... but he said 'Oh, I get sick of people who quote Revelation and Daniel as gospel.' Poor man, he cannot see prophecy fulfilled in our eyes. But here is another very interesting point. A few weeks after the taking over of Jerusalem, a Rabbi of a North London Synagogue (and a Modernist) said: 'It will be a bad day for Israel if Temple Worship is reintroduced.' I presume by this that the building of the Temple even then was more than a thought."

Subscriber, Becontree Heath, Essex, England

Happy Marriage

"Thank you very much for the new booklet on ‘Your Marriage Can Be Happy’. One of the things that impressed me was the picture of the wedding chapel in Reno, Nevada. I work on the General Delivery window at the main post office in Reno, and I meet many people who come to Reno not only for marriage but also for divorce. The women especially come up to my window and ask for mail under two, three and sometimes as many as four different last names. One can see it in their faces: they are not truly happy. They are in search of something only God can give — a happy marriage.”

Joseph B. A., Reno, Nevada
West Germany’s extreme right-wing National Democratic Party scored the biggest victory in its short history, April 28.

A few days before the election, a Cabinet minister in Bonn declared privately: “If the NPD gets 10 percent, it will be a definite alarm signal for us all. Especially since Baden-Württemberg had the reputation of being the most democratic area of Germany.”

The NPD came within a hair’s-breadth of the “alarm signal”—9.8%!

The upstart NPD now has successfully placed representatives in seven West German states. NPD chairman Adolf von Thadden confidently predicts his right-wing group will seat 40 to 50 delegates in Bonn after the September 1969 national elections.

Reaction to Leftists

The surprisingly strong showing by the NPD was spurred by the recent five-day leftist student riots erupting all across West Germany. Older Germans especially were swayed by NPD pledges to restore “discipline and order.”

The West German press pulled no punches in telling the nation the meaning behind the latest NPD success.

“The election results certainly confirm the old adage that leftist radical tumult rears rightist radicalism,” said an editorial in Die Welt. Implied was a comparison between the latest events and the turbulent last days of the ill-fated Weimar Republic when leftists and rightists battled each other in the streets of Germany. Up from the chaos rose Adolf Hitler.

Now the parties of the “Grand Coalition” or at least elements within the Christian Democratic Party will have to move further to the right in order to keep the votes which would otherwise go to the NPD in next year’s national election.

“Germany is at the hub of power” reported top international analyst Joseph C. Harch, April 29.

“Whatever has been said about the importance of Vietnam to peace and freedom elsewhere can be multiplied a hundredfold about Germany—and it will still be an understatement.”

How very true! This is why the end of 23 years of relative political calm in Germany is so significant.

For years the pages of The Plain Truth have warned the American and British public of the emergent extreme right in West Germany. Now it is coming to pass.

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Israel Challenges U. N.

As we go to press, this report from our correspondent in Jerusalem has just been received:

The long-awaited Israeli Independence parade into Jerusalem is now under way. Over 500,000 people have crowded into Jerusalem for the celebration. Last night dancing was held in the streets amongst fireworks commemorating the 20th year of Israeli Independence.

Marching into Jerusalem today are a happy, confident people with tears of joy streaming unashamedly from the eyes of some. No longer do they sing like a nation barely able to hold its own among its hostile neighbors. A demonstration of the power of the Israeli forces is being presently witnessed. Passing overhead at this moment are Israeli Mystere and Mirage jets—a part of the 300-odd aircraft flying over Jerusalem today. They are forming the Star of David, and the Hebrew number 20, signifying their 20th anniversary.

Going by also are American- and Russian-made tanks, many of them captured from the Egyptian, Syrian and Jordanian armies during the Six-Day War. The pride of Jewish might in the Middle East is being adequately demonstrated today. This spectacle of Jewish armies marching into a united Jerusalem under Jewish control has brought an end, in the Jewish eyes, to the prayer uttered for the past 1900 years: Lesh Shanah Taharah Ba’b’kalim — “Next Year, Jerusalem.” To the Jews, 1968 is that long-awaited year.

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Foreign Impact of U. S. Riots

“It’s the violence that gets you,” said a London office worker. “President Kennedy in Dallas...and now Memphis.”

Americans fail to grasp the tremendous impact the riots of the last four years are having upon foreign allies. One of Britain’s leading newspapers, The Evening Standard, reported recently, with much concern:

“The one power upon whose military strength we in the West have ultimately relied in the past quarter century is threatened by events which, as summer draws on, could rock the very foundations of its existence and conceivably tip it into the abyss of a second civil
war... If this, one of the twin pillars of the world power structure, should collapse... leaving a sinister vacuum... the consequences are terrible to contemplate."

Similar fears about U.S. leadership appeared in newspapers all over Europe following the April riots which hit 125 American cities.

Other Grim Statistics

Almost lost in the wake of the widespread chaos is the fact that crime—"ordinary crime," not riots and looting—is one of the biggest and most lucrative businesses in the U.S.

The recently published FBI report for 1967 reveals that there was a 60 percent increase in bank robberies last year. Murder was up 16 percent; aggravated assault 9 percent. Throughout the nation a woman is raped every 12 minutes. A house in the United States is burglarized every 27 seconds.

Summing it up for 1967, America's total crime rate jumped 16 percent!

Crime since 1960 has leaped 88 percent. The U.S. population, in that same period, grew only 10 percent. This means that crime is growing nearly nine times as fast as the population!

It is significant to note that during the Washington riots, "ordinary crime" throughout the District dropped. Obviously, many of the looters and burners were of the criminal element and too preoccupied with rioting to pursue their "normal rounds."

Why Violence?

But why all this crime, brutality and violence in America today?

One very good reason should be obvious to everyone. It is the fact that violence is woven deep into the fabric of American society.

Most Americans—and this includes all races—have been spoon-fed mentally a diet of violence throughout their lives. Television now brings violence to Americans in living color. In any given week, for example, dozens of people "die" in your living room, knifed, beaten or shot by pistol, rifle, or shotgun. Children are NOT IMMUNE to such "entertainment," regardless of what some sociologists claim!

Motion pictures and "legitimate" theater are even worse than prime-time TV. Today's films are loaded with nudity, weird sex themes, tolerance for drug addiction—and above all, BRUTALITY and VIOLENCE.

Reported the Hollywood correspondent for United Press International recently: "It may be significant that only one of the films nominated for an Oscar this year could be defined as a 'family picture.'"

ONLY ONE!

Films scheduled to be on the silver screen in the next few months are even worse. Said an entertainment critic for the Los Angeles Times on April 16: "There's a fair chance that every actor and actress at next year's Academy Awards will have been nominated for portraying a sexual deviate."

The subject matter of some of these forthcoming pictures is too horrible even to mention briefly in this column.

Rationalized one producer who refused to mention his name: "We are a violent and sex-obsessed country. Stories involving both are printed every day. Why, then, should they not also be told on the screen?"

Violent Days Foretold

Your Bible graphically prophesied this violence obsession that grips our peoples today. The prophet Ezekiel warned modern descendants of the ancient ten-tribed House of Israel—the people of the United States and the British people: "Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence... Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none...." (Ezekiel 7: 23, 25.)

Hear also what God thunders to our people in Hosea 4:1,2, this time in the "Living Prophecies" version:

"Hear the word of the Lord, oh people of Israel... There is no faithfulness, no kindness, no knowledge of God in your land. You swear and lie and kill and steal and commit adultery. There is violence everywhere, with one murder after another."

America is paying the penalty for educating its youths—white, Negro and all nationality groups—into a life where violence is acceptable and normal. FBI statistics graphically reveal that fifteen and sixteen-year-olds are now our biggest headache!

If you are having trouble with your teen-agers or sub-teen-agers you need to read our enlightening booklet, The Plain Truth About Child Rearing. You can save yourself and your children some horrible heartaches by following the Biblical precepts outlined in this manual to successful child rearing.

Also, be certain to read the full-length article in this issue of The Plain Truth on the tragedy in Memphis and the resulting week of violence. It will detail other causes of the maelstrom of anarchy storming America.
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★ DID DR. KING'S DEATH CAUSE THE APRIL RIOTS?
The world was shocked — stunned, by the death of Dr. Martin Luther King. Then, in swift succession, riots, arson, looting and killing broke out in dozens of U.S. cities. World leaders flocked to his funeral. Eulogies and praises for Dr. King could be heard — even from those who only weeks before had called him "rabble rouser." WHY? What does it all mean? Where is it taking us? See page 3.

★ THOUSANDS HAVE ASKED—VIETNAM IN PROPHECY?

★ WHAT IS THE DEVIL'S RELIGION?
Many hundreds of requests have come from readers of *The Plain Truth* asking this intriguing question. Read here the startling TRUTH from God's own WORD about Satan's FALSE RELIGION! See page 20.

★ ALOHA, MR. PRESIDENT!
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★ THE WAY TO PEACE THAT THE WORLD REJECTS
Are YOU under God's protection in this violent and war-torn world? You had better read this article to be sure! See page 27.

★ AMERICA'S SCHOOLS—CRADLE OF CITIZENSHIP? OR CHAOS?
As America teeters on the brink of domestic and international disaster, her youth is reacting with violent resentment toward LAW AND ORDER! WHY? What has happened to education for RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP? The schools are failing to influence youth toward civic pride, personal integrity and social responsibility! You need to understand WHY! See page 30.