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THE INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL, PART V

MIDEAST—CLOSER TO PEACE?

Israeli Tanks On Maneuvers
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...and has nothing to sell. Contributions are gratefully welcomed and are tax-deductible in the U.S. Those who can are encouraged to turn them over to working out their own knowledge. You gave your creation to man to use this wonderful earth you gave him — to preserve it, improve it, and work for it in his good and needs.

Being God, you not only are creator. You also are educator and revealer of necessary basic knowledge which man can never discover or produce of himself. So you start from the instant of his existence to teach the first man and woman that basic necessary knowledge. And you give this first man the opportunity to be the king of the earth, over those who will populate this beautiful, wonderful earth by the reproductive process.

Of course you have put within these humans your very own image and likeness, powers of thought, reasoning, and the making of decisions — else they could have had no individuality, personality, or character.

But, alas! You find that this first pair of humans doesn’t believe what you say, as you begin revealing to them necessary basic knowledge — knowledge of what they are, why they are, where they are going — their incredible awesome human potential. They decide to take to themselves the knowledge of what is good and what is evil. They flastily disobeyed you and refused to obey the laws of your government, let alone accept the rulership of administering that world government.

So you adopt a “hands-off” policy for 6,000 years. You leave them to the production of their own knowledge. You turn them over to working out their own form of government, making their own laws to regulate their own man-made society. You allow a self-centered nature to enter their minds — a nature of vanity, lust and greed, of jealousy, envy, and hatred of others, of competition and strife. And now, the 6,000 years are about up.

You look down from your throne of the universe in heaven to see what the members of the human race have done with their minds, their powers of thought, and especially this wonderful earth that you gave them.

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

You know, Plain Truth readers, as I now spend 80% or more of my time traveling over this earth — over North and South America, over all of Europe and Asia, over Africa, Australia and New Zealand, flying through the air between 550 and 600 miles an hour, looking down on this earth and its teeming millions of creatures, I wonder — I wonder how God the Creator looks at it. I wonder how it looks, as seen through his eyes?

Let me tell you some of the things that have indelibly impressed themselves on my mind.

For thousands of years this was a multi-divided world. It had come to be inhabited by many races from many original races. But here were hundreds and hundreds of different peoples, speaking their hundreds of different languages, each in its own country or area and language-dialect.

For thousands of years humanity drifted along on virtually an even keel. There was little or no communication between individual areas because of the language barrier and lack of rapid transportation or instantaneous communication.

There was little diffusion of knowledge until the printing press was invented. Transportation and travel was on foot, by camel, elephant, horse or mule, rowboat or sailboat.

But suddenly, in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries all that changed! The steam boat appeared. Combustion engines put wheels to work developing faster travel by land. The automobile appeared. Roads were built. Railroads developed greater speed. Then came the motion picture.

People from all parts of the world began to see what people in other parts looked like. Styles originating in Paris, New York or Hollywood were seen and copied all over the earth. Then came radio, and then television. When I was eleven years old the first airplane flight was made. The wars developed the airplane as a weapon of war. Then came the jet, the telephone, and now miraculous, almost instant telephone connections to any part of the world by means of satellite.

I am writing this from Nairobi, Kenya, in central east Africa. Nairobi is a modern city replete with hundreds of modern buildings and skyscrapers. I’m on the sixteenth floor of a hotel, which counts floor one after the elevators pass the ground floor, another floor, then a restaurant floor, and a floor designated as “pool.” And also it numbers floor thirteen, so I’m actually on floor twenty, counting the ground floor.

Whether I am here, in Djakarta on the island of Java on the equator, in Melbourne, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Tokyo, London, New York, Paris, Buenos Aires, Rio, or any part of the globe, I am in a modern city on the same general pattern. Suddenly, it has become one world. There is not much difference today in all parts of the world.

So if I were to “play God,” I do, as it were, look down from heaven and see what has happened to this earth.

And what do I see? I see a sickness of the mind — a “progress” that has killed the air, the water, the soil — yes, and as former Prime Minister Eisaku Sato of Japan said to me, polluted human minds! I see a civilization that has reduced rainfall by robbing the forests without adequate reforestation, robbed the earth of its raw materials, robbed the soil of its life cycles — a civilization that is sickly and diseased, governments, businesses and industries that are corrupt, a crime-ridden society, governments of man’s devising, nations that try to kill off another in another war. Over half of the world’s

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THE POUND SINKS, INFLATION RAGES, AND BRITAIN TRIES MORE OF THE SAME

The news breaks on the third anniversary of the famous 1972 deal that has come to be known as "the great grain robbery." At that time the U.S.S.R. had secretly negotiated the purchase of one fourth of that year's American wheat crop—at the bargain basement price of $1 billion, part of which was financed by a $750 million credit arranged at subsidized interest rates. In wake of the deal, U.S. food and livestock prices soared and American grain reserves were depleted. While this year's Russian grain purchases probably won't be as extensive as those of 1972, the Russians, ever the shrewd capitalists despite their ideological tenets, are buying at a time of comparatively low prices and slack demand. Even with projected U.S. record wheat and corn harvests, any new purchase would face bankrupting strikes, and trade unions, the government does not have a ten percent cut in wage increases as "a plan to save our country," Britain's Prime Minister Harold Wilson told the Britons. Yet many employers will face bankruptcy if they don't yield.

Earlier this year, Chancellor of Exchequer Dennis Healey announced $3 billion in new taxes, closing many former "tax loopholes." Now Mr. Healey is calling for a ten percent cut in public spending. Unfortunately, the various new policies do little to touch the root causes of Britain's economic malaise. And principle among these is the simple fact that British industry does not produce enough goods and services. Output per man-hour is 20% lower than the one of the lowest efficiency ratios in the industrial world.

Yet, ironically, if they have any effect at all, the government's new measures will hinder British output. The recent closure of tax loopholes and the freeze on higher incomes may completely kill whatever incipient inoculation that British industry has left.

Another reason for Britain's lackluster production is its outmoded industrial plant and low economic investment in general. British taxes on investment income are some of the most severe in the world—far more stringent than socialist Sweden, for example. As a result, investment in Britain is declining. Yet recent Labour economic moves have had the effect of raising taxes on an already overtaxed economy.

Furthermore, the wage restraints are, at best, only temporary inflation expedient. The nation's coal miners, who were talking about 100 percent pay hikes, have agreed to the 10 percent cut in government spending. Yet public spending already gobbles up 60% of the gross national product—the equivalent in America of a $300 billion budget. So there is still a long way to go to reach fiscal sanity.

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...While the rest of the modern industrialized world looks forward to declining inflation and unemployment rates, Great Britain stands out as the one glaring exception. Its inflation rate is twenty-five percent and accelerating while unemployment is heading for the symbolic one million mark. These facts have not escaped the attention of the international money markets where the pound experienced a disastrous run earlier this week.

"Getting Tough"—But Not on the Unions

Faced with what he terms "economic catastrophe," British Prime Minister Harold Wilson has unveiled "tough" anti-inflation measures.

The Labour government's package includes a ten percent limit on pay hikes, a freeze on the salary of anyone earning $19,550 a year or more, and "tightening" of existing controls on prices.

Ever wary of offending the trade unions, the government has, incredibly, put the burden of helping to pare down the pays of others earning 20% less on the pay curbs on employers. Wilson warns that if "recalcitrant employers" yield to union wage demands, they [the employers] will face legal sanctions. Yet many employers will face bankruptcy if they don't yield.

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DEFIANT GESTURE: India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi waves at supporters following her lower court conviction of corruption in the 1971 election campaign.

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India—Falling Under a Soviet Spell?

Rigid press censorship, suspension of civil liberties, and arrest and imprisonment of the political opposition now pervades what was, until June 26, "the world's largest democracy."

Invoking images of a "deep and widespread conspiracy" against her government, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has declared a state of emergency, ordering the middle-of-the-night arrests of 600 political opponents. The opponents were protesting Mrs. Gandhi's continued rule.

Ironically, the government clampdown, ostensibly aimed at preventing outbreaks of widespread disobedience, is the same tool by which Mahatma Gandhi gained Indian independence from British rule in 1947.

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Surprisingly, a number of parallels may be found between India and the current situation in Portugal. As in Portugal, all opposition parties except the pro-Moscow Communists have been suppressed. As in Portugal, the rules are bent for leftist demonstrations: 150 persons recently violently and predictably, an anti-American demonstration in New Delhi while the police did nothing. And, as in Portugal, the ruling party is using its power to push through sweeping social reforms through the economy.

The effect of these moves is to produce an India even more closely aligned with the U.S.S.R. than ever before, an event which has its most ominous implications for Japan, most of which depend on oil shipped through the Indian Ocean seaways. Over thirty Soviet ships now proved simultaneously in the Indian Ocean—the first Russian fleet there in seven years.

Several correspondents claim the growing Soviet fleet already has access to facilities off the Indian naval bases of Vishakapatnam and Vizianagram, as well as the Indian-provided facilities in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The most recent events in India promise to lock the Indian Ocean even more into Soviet control.

The emergency powers assumed by Mrs. Gandhi serve as confirmation that New Delhi is drifting under the canopy of Russian hegemony. □
THE $2 BILLION WINNER: American-made F-16 fighter on display at recent Paris Air Show. Jr/ built by General Dynamics, won the "arms deal of the century" when NATO partners Belgium, the Netherlands, Norway and Denmark signed the F-16 over last year. NATO supports the U.S. air forces. Despite continued heavy dependence upon the United States, European members of NATO want to more closely coordinate their own defense needs.

A COMMON DEFENSE FOR THE COMMON MARKET

BRUSSELS: For the first time in Common Market history, defense is being discussed as belonging in a European framework. This new development has come out in the European Community's "Commission Report on European Union," just released.

While the study acknowledges that the "Atlantic Alliance is and will continue to play a decisive role in the security of Western Europe" the security of the union "cannot be truly guaranteed if defense matters are purely and simply left on one side [the United States] when the union is being established." This is a significant new development since the Community has for years shunned any mention of defense matters in its struggle to establish a full economic union. But now the context is changing. The last three European summit conferences have set the major objective of transforming "before the end of the present decade...the whole complex of the relations of member states into a European union." This would include a common foreign policy and therefore the instrument of that policy—a common defense system.

What is being proposed in the commission report is a single decision-making center that would make up a real European government, independent of the national governments and absorbing all the executive functions of the council as well as the executive functions of the present commission. It would be responsible to the parliament of the union. What would remain for the member states? They would be responsible for areas not covered by Community powers, such as "sovereign" states within the U.S.

All of the present discussion is background material for Belgium's Prime Minister, Leo Tindemans. The nine governments have given him the responsibility of producing a first draft on what shape the European union might take.

GRAIN ROBBERY (Continued from page 3)

changes should put a crimp in any effort to build up shrunken grain reserves, which many weather experts, in particular, have been urging U.S. agricultural leaders to undertake.

Interestingly, the rumored purchases also coincide with Al-exander Solzhenitsyn's current American visit. In recent speeches, the exiled Russian writer has recalled Lenin's dictum about trading with the Communists: "Let the bourgeois sell us his rope. We will then sell it back to him to hang himself!"

At the same time that the Soviet Union once again demonstrates its dependence on the capitalist world for food, the outspoken Solzhenitsyn is calling for an end to Western trade and assistance. The current crop of Soviet leaders, he points out, would then have to concentrate their attention on feeding their own people and would have less time and resources to devote to building up the military.

Solzhenitsyn also believes that "detente" is a sham, and that "the cold war is still going on the other side. They [the Kremlin leaders] sign treaties with you and still they curse you. The cold war has never stopped for a second."

Many observers, Solzhenitsyn included, cannot understand why the United States does not, at the very least, attempt to extract firm political concessions from the Soviet in exchange for the needed foodstuffs.

Combine the famous writer's latest statements with the latest grain deal and one can draw an interesting parallel to the statement found in Leviticus 26:16 in the Bible: "...and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it."
Rabin Makes Historic Visit to West Germany

BONN: The security precautions were especially light in the West German capital last month. Throughout the city streets, patrol cars roamed in increased numbers. Police and army helicopters hovered over government buildings.

The reason for the extraordinary measures, however, was understandable. Government officials believed that he, as a Jew and an Israeli, had mixed feelings about the trip, but that he wanted to bridge the painful past with a future of hope. On arriving in Germany, his first stop was the site of the World War II concentration camp Bergen-Belsen (near Hanover).

In Bonn during talks with government and opposition leaders, a major item on Mr. Rabin's agenda — beyond discussions about the Middle East — was Israel's huge trade deficit with the European Community, currently running at more than 1 billion dollars a year. Israel felt that the Federal Republic could help close this gap to a more manageable level, and West Germany, as a result, agreed to give Israel 140 million deutschmarks credit during the coming year. Observers noted that Israel needs money as much as it needs weapons to survive.

In the Bonn daily 'General-Anzeiger' of July 9, 1975 a commentator said, "We cannot stick our hands into our pockets and play the part of an uninterested spectator. Also we cannot take the threat of Israel's annihilation upon us, we can only reduce the danger."

Although there were still differences of opinion between Prime Minister Rabin and the Bonn government, it could be said that this visit was the climax of developing relations between Israel and West Germany — the peak of the normalization process.

Upon his return to Israel, Mr. Rabin said that he found West Germany had more understanding of the Israeli situation than any other country in Europe.

Israel indeed needs understanding friends. For a nation of only three million and one of the few countries not linked to a single international defense organization, such understanding is a vital requirement in a hostile world based on power politics.

Prime Minister Rabin has certainly turned to the nation best prepared to help Israel in terms of economic might (besides the two super-powers), as West Germany is the backbone of the European Community, having more financial reserves than the other eight EEC members combined.

— Wolfgang Thomsen

**ART BUCHWALD**

How Do You Fight a Limited Nuclear War?

WASHINGTON: The good news from the Pentagon this week is that the Air Force has just announced it will start training its crew to fight a "limited nuclear war" in case its fleet of B-52s ever has to drop a few bombs on a target in Europe.

"Certainly not. At the moment small nuclear wars have been considered unthinkable. But we hope that attitude will change and countries will start thinking about them instead of large nuclear wars that could wipe out a continent."

"Everyone is for small nuclear wars," I said, "as opposed to large ones. But how do you persuade the other side that you're not engaging in a large one?"

"How will we know if we're attacked with nuclear weapons that the Soviets or even the French have no intention of destroying the entire country?"

"It won't be easy," the source said. "But if we announce a new nuclear strategy which is more flexible, then the Soviets will adjust their strategy accordingly. For example, suppose the Russians launched an attack on Mobile, Ala.; we would retaliate by hitting Minsk. If they then hit White Plains, N.Y., we would drop nuclear weapons on Kiev. That would be considered a limited nuclear war. As long as there weren't attacks on our major cities, both sides could live with it."

"I can see that. But how will we know that they are only engaging in a limited nuclear war?"

"The source seemed irritated. "That's what the hot line is for, stupid," he said. "The Soviets would alert us to what cities they intend to bomb, and we would alert them about cities we would hit. If they double-cross us and bomb New Orleans instead of Mobile, we'll just lay a little ol' nuclear bomb on Leningrad. Our insurance is that they don't want their entire country destroyed and neither do we."

"I guess we could all live without Mobile and White Plains," I said. "But by changing our strategy from the deterrent of mutual destruction to limited nuclear war, aren't we encouraging both sides to start seriously thinking about using 'A' weapons?"

"Yes and no. The important thing is that we must have more options. Right now the only options we have is to use our weapons all-out for destruction. The Soviets are also stuck with the same option. But, let's face it, if we could use our atomic weapons just to knock out a few Soviet factory towns in the Ukraine, the Russians would only be under an obligation to destroy some place like Detroit."

"Nobody would miss Detroit," I said. "But suppose we had some Hawks in Congress who got mad and said, 'No one can win a limited war. We have to go all out or nothing!'"

"You'll get some of that. But no President is going to get us involved in an all-out nuclear war. It would wreck the economy and play havoc with inflation. So no matter how much pressure the Hawks put on, the President will see that an all-out war doesn't get out of hand."

"Now I know you're going to get mad at me for asking this question," I said. "But suppose one side or the other decides it is losing the limited nuclear war and, rather than face disgrace, turns it into mass destruction? What happens to your strategy then?"

"It will never happen."

"How do you know?"

"Because our military people aren't crazy."

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"Because anyone who comes up with a limited nuclear war plan has to be sane."

"How do you know?"

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WEEK ENDING AUGUST 2, 1975
The INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL...

The Missing Dimension in Knowledge

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Part V

SOMETHING CAUSED THE Creator God to decide to create man on this planet. What was it and what is the purpose for humanity’s presence here. Where are we going, and what is our purpose?

These are the most vital questions. Yet science cannot give the answers. No religion, philosophy, or other explanation teaches this most important of all knowledge.

Earth Not Originally Populated by MAN

It came as an eye-opening surprise to many readers to learn in PART IV that originally this earth was populated by angels — not by man.

In PART IV, I took you back into pre-history; I covered a most important, little-understood phase of the historical record, I covered the original creation of the vast heavens and this earth, in perfection and glorious beauty. Angels were in existence before the creation of the earth. It could have been many millions of years ago. The earth was created before the habitation of angels. Angels are individually created spirit beings, created immortal and holy, superior to and more powerful than man. However, the human potential, when attained, will elevate man much higher than angels.

Most people know almost nothing about God. To understand ourselves, why we are, where we are going, and how, we need to know more about our Creator.

Our present life is like going on a journey. Suppose you had just won a prize — an all-expense-paid trip to some other country. Wouldn’t you want to know where you are going, how to get there, and as many things as possible about this new land you are about to visit? Would you then be even more excited with eager anticipation to know as much as possible about this one great trip of life? And to know that, you need to know some things about the God who is sending you and providing the way.

It is vital at this point, then, to know this as revealed in the Bible. The Eternal God not only is Creator of all that is, but is also ruler over all he creates and also educator. He reveals knowledge basic and vital to know — knowledge otherwise inaccessible to man. Yet mankind — generally — has rejected revelation as a source of basic knowledge.

What God creates he maintains. What he creates he creates for a purpose. He intends it to be put to use — a right use that preserves and improves. This use, maintenance and improvement is control by the government of God.

This earth, originally, was intended to be the abode of a third of all the angels. The angels, beholding the earth at its perfect and beautiful and perfect they shouted spontaneously for joy! (Job 38:4-7) It was to provide a glorious physical universe where work, etc., would have taken place, and preserve and increase its beauty.

And whether or not it had been revealed to the angels, it was a supreme trial and test. It was to be the proving ground of obedience to God’s government and their fitness to take over and develop the millions of other planetary systems in the vast universe. For apparently God had created the entire physical universe at the same time he created the earth. The seventh word in Genesis 1:1 should be translated “heaven.”

Radioactive elements and the law of radioactive prove that there was a time when matter did not exist. God is a spirit. God is composed of spirit. God was before all else — the creator of all things were created prior to the earth. There is strong probability that matter had never existed before the original creation of the earth — that the entire physical universe was brought into being at that time.

So the angel potential was to take over the entire universe — to produce, build, and improve the billions of physical planets surrounding the uncountable stars, many of which are suns. Our sun in our solar system is merely an average-sized sun. Some which we see as stars are actually many, many times larger than our sun. Our solar system, vast beyond the imagination of most minds, is only a part of our galaxy, and there are many galaxies! In other words, the physical universe which the mighty God created is vast beyond imagination! How great is the great God?

But God may not have yet fully revealed this awesome potential to the angels, for one third of them set out to take it from him by force, without first qualifying.

For this far-reaching purpose, God established his government on earth over them. Administration of the government of God over this globe was delegated to the superarchangel — the great cherub Lucifer. His very name means “shining star of the dawn” or “bringer of light.”

Lucifer was the supreme masterpiece it was possible for even the great God to create as an individually created being. The Bible reveals the existence of just two others of the same rank — Michael and Gabriel.

Bear in mind that even the holy angels and archangels — including this super cherub Lucifer — of necessity were created with the ability to think, to reason, to form attitudes, and to make choices and decisions.

He turned this Lucifer out with everything going for him. He sealed up the sum of wisdom, beauty and perfection. He was perfect in all his ways from the instant he was created until (Ezekiel 28:15) INIQUITY — rebellion, lawlessness — was found in him.

He had been trained and was thoroughly experienced in administration of the government of God. He was the viceroy of the earth. The seventh word in Genesis 1:1 should be translated “heaven.”

He created gloriously beautiful — perfect in beauty, but he allowed vanity to seize him. Then he turned to venal reasoning, God’s law — the basis of God’s government — is the way of love — outgoing concern for the good and welfare of others, love toward God in obedience, humility, and worship — the way of giving, sharing, helping, cooperating. He reasoned that competition would be better than cooperation. It would be an incentive to excel, to try harder, to accomplish. There would be more pleasure in serving self and more enjoyment.

He turned against God’s law of love. He became jealous of God, envious, and resentful against God. He allowed lust and greed to fill him, and he became bitter. This inspired a spirit of violence! He deliberately became his Maker’s adversary and enemy.

God changed his name to what he became, SATAN the DEVIL — which means adversary, competitor, enemy.

He directed his supernatural powers henceforth to evil. He became bitter not only against God, but against God’s law. He became subtle and used his subtle wiles of deception to lead the angels under him into disloyalty, rebellion, and revolt against the Creator and finally into a war of aggression and violence to attempt to depose God and seize the throne of the universe.

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As long as Lucifer remained loyal and established the government of God faithfully, this earth was filled with wonderful and perfect peace. The angels were vigorously happy to the extent of joy! The law of God’s government is the way of life that causes and produces peace, happiness, prosperity, and well-being. Sin is the way of life that has caused all existing evils.

The penalty of sin by the angels was death — for God had made them immortal spirit beings who cannot die. What God gave them was this earth as their abode and opportunity to qualify to possess and beautify the entire universe.

Their penalty (they are still awaiting final judgment up to now) was disqualification — forfeiture of their great opportunity, perversion of mind, and a colossal earthwide catastrophe of destruction wreaked upon this earth.

As a result, the earth came to the condition briefly described in Genesis 1:2 — (the Hebrew words “tohu and bohu” here mean waste and empty, chaotic and in extreme confusion) with water covering the whole face of the earth, in deep darkness. Lucifer was created a perfect bringer of light. Now he became author of darkness, error, confusion, and evil.

So the rebellion of the angels that sinned (II Pet. 2:4-6; Jude 6-7; Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:12-17) brought this extreme cataclysm to the earth.

And in all probability it did more! Whatever God creates is created in perfect condition. I am unable to believe that the other planets were created as dead hulks of waste and empty decay — like our moon. We do not yet know too much about the other planets, but every evidence so far indicates this same state of decay.

We have already covered, in this series, the awesome, incredible potential of MAN. Originally, this potential of being put over the universe was the potential of the angels. But they became disqualified.

I cannot believe God created our moon and the planets in this state of waste and decay. I believe in evidence of what God does reveal strongly indicates that the entire material universe was created when the earth was still perfect and beautiful. As just stated, God is not the author of waste, decay, and destruction, but Satan is. It seems, therefore, based on what is revealed, that a similar cataclysm of destruction most likely happened to the surface of our moon and the planets at the time it happened to this earth! And all this was caused by the rebellion of Lucifer and his angels! But notice what God next did.

In Psalm 104:30, “Thou sendst forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.”

Back, now to Genesis 1:2. “And the earth was [became] without form and void [Heb. tohu and bohu — chaotic, in confusion, waste and empty]. And darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

God now renewed the face of the earth, preparing it to become the abode of MAN! But WHY?

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 2, 1975
In Brief

by Stanley R. Rader

Solzhenitsyn and Détente

LOS ANGELES, July 13 – An amazing thing happened last week in Washington, D.C. President Ford met with one of the world’s most widely acclaimed anti-Communist writers, Alexei Solzhenitsyn, in the Oval Office. The meeting, brokered by a former South Vietnamese President Thieu and the world-renowned soccer player Pelé, the world-renowned soccer player who has come back from a short-lived retirement to sign a multimillion-dollar contract with a professional U.S. soccer team. Pictures of President Ford with the soccer superstar were widely disseminated throughout the United States and the free world.

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In October 1973, just two days before the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East between the Arabs and the Israelis in what has been known as the Holy Day War, former South Vietnamese President Thieu was telling Mr. Armstrong and me in Saigon that the third world war has been going on for almost thirty years but that the United States and its allies have failed to recognize this because the war did not have the conventional classic form of prior world wars. President Thieu explained, however, that the Soviet Union had been steadily and steadily fighting the third world war politically, ideologically, economically and militarily—by proxy in the last instance. He asserted that major hostilities, for example, could break out again at any time in the Middle East or in Vietnam and, in either case, others would be doing the Soviet bidding and fighting.

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Why God Created Man!

There is a truth perhaps never before understood by man.

Here is AWESOME TRUTH!

Now, at the beginning of all God must have seen and considered it. God has given us minds like the mind of God—only inferior and limited. God made us in his image, after his likeness (form and shape), only composed of matter instead of spirit. But God says to us: “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus” (Phil 2:5). We can learn to think his thoughts after him. If we have his spirit, we can learn to think, to some degree, even as he thinks.

How must God have looked at this situation after the colonial debacle of Lucifer and the angels that sinned?

This Lucifer was the supreme masterpiece of God’s creative power as a single, separately created spirit being! He was created the most perfect in beauty, mind, knowledge, power, intellect and wisdom within the almighty power of God to create in a being with power to think, reason, make choices and decisions on his own. God knew that no higher, more perfect being could be created.

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President Ford has demonstrated that something is seriously wrong with the attitude of the White House (and that’s the position of the United States) toward détente. The Russians, on the other hand, do not seem to be confused. They are now ready to go on the offensive and the struggle for supremacy on an ever increasing scale.

In the United States, in the meantime, there is apparently deep-seated fear that almost anything might disturb the delicate fabric of détente. Nothing demonstrates more clearly than President Ford’s timidity with respect to the confrontation between the two superpowers that is assiduously avoided, but all else is done; short of the ultimate provocative act, to provoke the other side to do a provocative act.

Surely something must be done to avoid such a public display of presidential weakness or presidential fear or presidential unwillingness to do anything that might displease the Russians. Everyone will agree that we must avoid a major conflict between the two superpowers because such a conflict would undoubtedly involve the use of nuclear weapons on a scale sufficient to destroy civilization in both the United States and the U.S.S.R. if not the rest of the world. But one cannot help but ask whether the steady willingness to give and concede on issue after issue with the Russians over the past thirty years (as so beautifully articulated by Mr. Solzhenitsyn in his two public addresses in the United States). Solzhenitsyn in warning its readers everywhere of the menace of worldwide communism. Thus, one can see that Plain Truth under the guidance of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has been in the vanguard of those who saw only too well that imperialistic communism would pose to the free world in the aftermath of World War II.

Dear Friend:

The 375th issue of Plain Truth has been in publication for forty years. As the years have passed, Plain Truth has strengthened and matured. This is due to the fact that nothing has been added to, but the New Testament has been reproduced in the form of darauf, the very throne of the all powerful, all omnipotent, all one, all superior, infinite God. In this PART V, I have shown why God decided to create HUMANS— why God created man, and Christ Jesus” (Phil 2:5), We can learn to think, to some degree, even as he thinks.

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NEW MAGAZINE for mankind — HUMAN POTENTIAL.

by Arthur A. Fordig,  
Managing Editor

The world is a tangled mass of complexity.  
Masses of humanity are divided by national boundaries, by languages, by wealth or lack of wealth, by geography, by ideology, by religion and superstition, by education, by race, by hatred, by war, and by enormous government restrictions and piles of officially tangled red tape.

Today the world is divided by problems that are going beyond man’s ability to solve. Never before was there a greater need for international understanding and for man to build bridges of peace — between nations, races, languages, and cultures.

The AICF Is Born

One natural outgrowth of this need for international understanding is the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation. This non-profit foundation is dedicated to serving humanity worldwide — supporting charitable and humanitarian causes, educational and cultural projects worldwide — from benefits for handicapped children to major musical and cultural events; from agricultural research to archaeological excavations.

The goals and purposes of AICF are particularly edited as a part of this new publication of a new magazine — HUMAN POTENTIAL.

Human Potential Magazine

In May of this year, we began to realize the need for a totally unique publication — one that would be read by leaders in government, education and industry worldwide and one that would serve and promote the activities of the foundation, allowing for a powerful spiritual message. So a working “dummy” of a new magazine — HUMAN POTENTIAL — was designed and printed. It is top quality in every respect!

Sample copies have already been distributed to some of Mr. Armstrong’s overseas friends, and their reactions were very enthusiastic. Here are a few of the first congratulatory messages from Japan and India — sent via telex:

To: Dr. Herbert W. Armstrong, Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, Pasadena, CA

“Congratulations on the inauguration of Ambassador International Cultural Foundation. This led directly to the creation of AICF and its sister organizations in several other areas outside the United States. We will see these developing in the near future.

But that’s not all!

Beginning with a fall preview issue, the AICF will begin publication of a powerful new magazine — HUMAN POTENTIAL!

Hearty congratulations on the inauguration of Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and your new publication — HUMAN POTENTIAL! Japan welcomes establishing a sister foundation in Tokyo and Bombay. We promise full cooperation with the foundation in Japan.

Toshiro Yamaguchi, Member, House of Representatives, Japan

“Congratulations on the establishment of Ambassador International Cultural Foundation. Wishing great success in publishing HUMAN POTENTIAL, and believe it will be the most required and significant magazine in the world. I feel a strong responsibility and am most happy to work with you and Professor Gotoh in Japan.”

Jun Matsufuji, Ministry of Finance, Japan

“All my support for Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and its promotion of human cooperation and understanding through culture and education. Please accept my congratulations for efforts to promote world peace and international cordially. Wish you all success.

Fully expect your wonderful new magazine — HUMAN POTENTIAL — to advance the cause of world fraternity and be as unique as you yourself have always been. Yours with warm regards.”

Nagendra Singh, Justice, International Court of Justice

As of this writing, we have received many more such enthusiastic responses from our friends in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, the Philippines, India, Japan, Thailand and elsewhere. It has been very encouraging.

Perhaps the most definitive response of all was that of the Editor-in-Chief! After the editorial staff had prepared a “dummy” copy of HUMAN POTENTIAL, Mr. Armstrong wrote a letter explaining the purpose of the new magazine to the foundation staff and other worldwide employees of this Work. Here are excerpts of that letter:

“Under the auspices of the new foundation, I have authorized the publication of a new magazine, particularly edited as a part of this new dimension of the Work — a magazine that will go before kings and heads of governments. It will be monthly, six issues a year. It will have a larger page size than the original Plain Truth, of the very highest quality in every way — in paper stock, full-color printing, etc.

“It will contain articles on the very purpose of human life upon the earth. On the awesome human potential! On the way to world peace, and how it will come in our time. It will carry the true gospel message, in the same plain and understandable — yet non-religious sounding — language I use in my speeches and lectures, and in conversations with world leaders. It will put emphasis on revealing what science has never discovered, religion has never revealed, education has never taught.

“This new magazine, of necessity, will have only a limited circulation — edited primarily to continue repeatedly every issue that which I reveal in my present meetings and campaigns. Its circulation will include top government and professional people in such countries as Japan, India, Egypt, Israel, Thailand, Jordan, Indonesia, and of course in Europe.

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America, Britain, and Europe as well.

"I have just been presented with the first 'dummy' edition, and, as we used to say, 'it's a smash! Simply beautiful, and absolutely top quality! Larger in physical size than our other magazines, more pages, higher quality paper.

"The title? What could be better than HUMAN POTENTIAL?"

"Developing our incredible potential is all about! It is the reason we exist on earth!"

"We are already receiving enthusiastic responses from some of our friends in the Middle East, the Philippines, India, Japan and Thailand. These top people in government, education and industry, who endorse what I stand for and proclaim, will be writing articles that will be read by other world leaders in the new HUMAN POTENTIAL. This alone staggers the imagination. An editorial policy without precedent in the entirety of international journalism and publishing!"

"HUMAN POTENTIAL will be in a class by itself!"

Editorial Content

We have already received several manuscripts submitted by international figures that will appear in the first few issues: a Japanese leader's view of Israel, an Egyptian official's perspective on the Middle East, the case for international law written by a World Court justice, a report from Thailand, etc. Many top people, worldwide, are wanting to contribute.

Besides international articles and those of a moral and spiritual nature, we will also be publishing articles on archaeology, nature, the wonders of the human mind and body, creation vs. evolution, historical expeditions, the art and cultures of the world, etc. — all in beautiful color.

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Foundation Memberships

The far-reaching activities of AICF — including the publishing of HUMAN POTENTIAL magazine — will be supported through paid memberships in the foundation. A charitable contribution of $25 will entitle the donor to one year's subscription to HUMAN POTENTIAL (six issues), plus other benefits that will be explained in future mailings. A portion of this contribution ($5) will defray the cost of publishing and distributing the magazine. The remainder, which is tax deductible, will go directly to support the charitable activities of the foundation. Foundation monies will be kept totally separate from either Ambassador College or Worldwide Church of God accounts.

This type of financing, similar to that of National Geographic, will allow for maximum growth without impacting our day-to-day budget for radio, TV and our free publications.

We certainly invite and encourage you, our Plain Truth subscribers, to help in this truly world-wide project. Memberships are open to those of a moral and spiritual nature that will appear in the first few issues: a Japanese leader's view of Israel, an Egyptian official's perspective on the Middle East, the case for international law written by a World Court justice, a report from Thailand, etc. Many top people, worldwide, are wanting to contribute.

Soon we will begin to actively promote memberships in the AICF throughout the United States, as well as worldwide — regardless of one's affiliation with us in other respects. Memberships are open to all who want to help in this truly world-wide humanitarian effort.

Please address communications to AICF, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, CA 91129.

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Each issue of HUMAN POTENTIAL will feature over 100 large-format pages of highest quality color photography presented in superb graphic design — with imaginative editing geared toward easy reading on important ideas, activities, and people. Above are some typical two-page layouts of the pre-publication edition of HUMAN POTENTIAL. They cover such diverse cultural disciplines as music, anthropology and archaeology.
THE MISSING DIMENSION IN SEX

PART V

In previous installments we have covered the FACTS — as they were from pagan times, as they continued through medieval Christian repression, as they are today under the "new morality."

by Herbert W. Armstrong

HISTORY has been written — in uncounted and uncountable volumes, by illiterate scribes and by doctors of law and literature, in all nations, in all languages, on every continent. The historical record is vast. The topic is vast. This will not be the last installment; nor is it the final word on the subject of sex. But it is a starting point, a vantage point. It is an attempt to clear up the fog, to remove the cloud that has obscured the way for so many years. It is an attempt to bring into focus the real issue, to bring into focus the real truth.

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The record shows that the Eternal God began speaking to the man — communicating knowledge — giving instruction. It was on another sabbath day, some 4,000 years later, that Jesus spoke and instructed His followers. God's instructions — never changing (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8). As that first sabbath came on, God set the example — teaching the gospel to the first man — giving that man, so far as His example set on His sabbath day!

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now be the understanding! Genesis 1:1: In the beginning, Elohim — the kingdom of God — created the heavens and the earth. And Elohim — the God family — said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." God always names what He is about to do. The "missing link" in the process, known as Adam, was to serve.

The First Man and Woman

Now consider the first man. Adam was not born. He was created, suddenly, a full-grown adult man. His wife, Eve, was created, suddenly, a full-grown adult woman.

But we must not suppose that they were created with a full storehouse of knowledge implanted automatically in their minds. Perhaps you never thought of this light before, but consider: Before the advent of the adults of today, come into possession of the knowledge we have? We were not born with it. A newborn babe knows nothing about breathing. He is born with a mind capable of learning knowledge — a very little at first, but cumulatively additive. Humans must be taught — must learn. That first great act of God's creation by work, was the creation of man. It was on the sixth day of that first week. Earlier that sixth day God had created cattle, the other mammals, the creeping animals. The creation of Adam was the very last act of the work of creation. That day, by God's order, ended at sunset.

As that day's sun set the seventh day of the week arrived, "God ended his work which he had made" (Gen. 2:2). Notice what God ended. Not creating! He ended His work which He had made. God did not end creating! Only His work — those things made by work! Now He created His Sabbath by rest — not by work! He blessed the sabbath day and sanctified it — that is, set it apart from other days as His, for holy use and purpose. He established the sabbath day as the day for assembly and spiritual instruction. Adam was created with a mind, as yet unfilled with knowledge, but capable of receiving knowledge, reasoning from it, acting.

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Here, in briefest condensation, we find the teaching of the cosmos — that “the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life” (Rom. 6:23).

The Bible says all have sinned — and Adam sinned first of all (Rom. 3:21, 3:23, 5:12). God could not have allowed Adam to sin without first having taught Adam what sin is. The Bible definition of sin is: “Sin is the transgression of the law” (John 3:4). And again, sin is the conscious, knowing transgression, for “to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (James 4:17).

Adam knew about God’s law — for Adam sinned! Therefore, definitely, God instructed Adam and Eve about His great basic spiritual law, God’s WAY OF LIFE! And that instruction was given immediately — of necessity before they sinned.

On the physical plane, God instructed them in regard to food (Gen. 1:29; 2:9). He instructed the first man and woman. He ordered them that they would travel the new road. But they, and their children universally ever after, rebelled and chose to travel the wrong road — the way that somehow seems better to a man, but which leads him into pain, suffering, sorrow and death (Prov. 14:12; 16:25).

So God did instruct the first man and woman in the intended right, whole-some, happiness-producing, uplifting manner of sex.

In the passage quoted above, God commanded sex to be used for reproduction! He said, “Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth” (Gen. 1:28).

SPECIAL Meaning of Human Reproduction

So one of the purposes of sex in human is reproduction.

But that is far, far, from the only purpose, as we shall see later!

Now reproduction, merely as such, is, of course, common to animals and plants, as well as humans.

But, in humans, reproduction has a SACRED and GOD-plane meaning not applicable to any other kind of life.

We shall see, later, that the birth of a human baby differs in striking manner from that of animals. Animals are not born to become the very heirs of God!

In humans, there is TREMENDOUS, AWES-INSPIRING meaning and significance to begettal and birth that is entirely non-existent with animals or plants. And God intended — had man been willing to heed God’s instruction — that the very knowledge of these deep and wonderful meanings should bring man dynamic joy!

For as far as the purely physical functions of the process are concerned, reproduction is the same in mammals as in humans. That is a mere physical process. But there is deep, spiritually tran-

sendent meaning in human begettal, gestation, and birth that raises it to an altogether and incomparably higher plane than mere animal reproduction.

Children are begotten through sex. And that very begettal, period of gestation, and birth of a human baby as such the picture of the spiritual salvation and gift of eternal life made possible through Jesus Christ!

This is another reason Satan seeks to deceive this world regarding the purposes and right attitude toward sex.

By this very binding of the world to God’s purposes of sex, Satan has turned the whole world the true light about God — that God is actually a family — a divine kingdom into which you and I may be born! He has been and is today from the world the real truth of salvation — what it is, where it leads, how we are to get there, etc.

This FALSE Morality — both the so-called old and the so-called new has been, for far more potent weapon for the destruction of humanity than has ever been realized!

How Reproduction Pictures Spiritual Salvation

Now see and understand how human reproduction pictures spiritual salvation.

All human life comes from a tiny egg, called an ovum, produced inside the human mother. This ovum is about the size of a pin point. Inside it, when highly magnified, can be seen a small nucleus. But this ovum has a very limited life, of itself! Some doctors and scientists believe it has a life of some 24 hours, unless fertilized by a sperm from a male.

But human life may be imparted to it by a sperm cell produced in the body of the human father. The sperm cell is the smallest cell in the human body — about one fifty-thousandth the size of the ovum. The sperm — technically named a spermato-zoon (plural, spermatozoa) — on entering an ovum, finds its way to and joins with the nucleus. This imparts life — physical human life — to the ovum.

But it is not yet a born human being. Human life has merely been begotten. For the first four months it is called an embryo. After that, until birth it is called a fetus. This human life starts very small — the size of a tiny pin point — and the sperm that generates it is the smallest cell in a human body!

Once begotten, it must be fed and nourished by physical food from the ground, through the mother. From this physical nourishment it must grow, and grow and grow — until physically large enough to be born — after nine months. As it grows, the physical organs and characteristics gradually are formed. Soon a spinal column forms. Then, gradually, a body, a head, legs, arms. A heart forms and begins to beat. Other internal organs form. Finally hair begins to grow on the head, fingernails and toe-nails develop — facial features gradually shape up. By nine months the average normal fetus has grown to a weight of approximately six to nine pounds and is ready to be born.

The Type of Spiritual Salvation

Now notice carefully the astounding comparison!

First, understand briefly what spiritual salvation means.

God said, in the “forbidden fruit” chapters of Genesis, that man is wholly composed of physical matter from the ground (Genesis 2:7 and 3:19). Job said there is a spirit in man (Job 32:8). It is explained in 1 Corinthians 2:9 no man could have human comprehension, knowledge and wisdom, but by “the spirit of man which is in him” (verse 11).

This spirit essence is not the man, but something in the wholly physical man. It imparts the power of intellect to the physical brain. It marks the vast, vast difference between animal brain and human mind. This spirit cannot see, hear, or think. The physical brain sees through the eye, hears through the physical ear, thinks with the physical brain. Yet this spirit acts as a computer, adding to the brain the psychic and intellectual power. Also it adds to man a spiritual and moral faculty not possessed by animals.

The human’s life, however, is not supplied by this spirit. Human life is INDEFINITELY FAR MORE THAN merely a temporary period of physical, chemical existence, caused by the breathing of air, the circulation of blood through the heart and arteries, and being fueled by food and water. Man’s life is more temporal and physical, chemical existence, like the life of an automobile engine, or all vertebrates.

To Be Born Again?

Remember, God told Adam and Eve that for disobedience and stealing the forbidden fruit they would surely die. But God had offered them freely the gift of eternal life, by choosing the “tree of life.”

When they chose the forbidden fruit, God drove them out of the garden, and put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever’ (Gen. 3:22).

But, through Christ, a repentant human may yet receive God’s gift of eternal life. To use the words of Jesus — not denied — “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Of course, I am not saying that a man must quite grasp that. He knew that he had been born by being delivered from his mother’s womb. He knew the difference between being born and being merely begotten — something few theologians seem to know today.

Jesus explained: “That which is born of the flesh is flesh: and that which is born of the Spirit is SPIRIT” (John 3:3-8). Man is mortal. Man came from the ground. He is FLESH — material flesh. Jesus was not talking about another physical body — but He was talking about a spiritual body! To use the words of Paul: “If a human shall BE SPIRIT — be wholly composed of spirit: He shall then have been born of God” (John 3:4, 24); man is physical flesh.

A human has to be begotten by his human father. To be born again of the spirit — of God — one must first be begotten by the spiritual father — Almighty God.

The Amazing Comparison

Now see how human begettal, period of gestation, and birth, is the astounding...
identical type of spiritual salvation — being born of GOD — being given ETERNAL LIFE in the kingdom of GOD — the GOD family into which we may be born!

The Spirit of Hollywood

It seems we have entered a time when nothing short of the cataclysmic, the catastrophic, the gory, and the sensationally violent will make, for success, but tickets in the motion picture industry. Almost everything one sees anymore is some type of spectacle exploiting every conceivable human emotion of fear, apprehension, shock, disgust, and shame — from the torturous nightmare of the sickening spectacle of a shark dismembering human bodies to the blasting of people to bits with gun and stabblings with knives, and bludgeonings with cudgels.

It seems that's "show business" these days. Films with happy endings have seemingly all ridden off into the sunset.

There are plenty of blood-end-gore spectacles to choose from. You can go into a theater and be convinced you are sitting in the midst of a cataclysmic earthquake, scared half out of your wits that everything is going to come tumbling to the ground around you. Or you can sit through a San Francisco sky-scraping fire in Towering Inferno and watch screaming people plunge through raging flames, diving down elevator shafts and hurling themselves out of windows to their death on the streets below. Or you can witness the sickening dismemberment of a young woman by a gigantic shark in Jaws.

I haven't seen any of these pictures, and probably won't. I'm just reporting what the critics have said, from a prodigious number of newspaper and magazine articles gathered from around the world by our News Bureau.

Those who have talked to people who have gone to these movies — and this is what amazes me — claim that they dearly love to be terrified! They go to the theater with the avowed intention of being scared out of their wits, although within a protected environment where it can't happen to them — at least not right there and then. I really don't quite get it. But I know why the producers do it — dollars make the world go round, and blood, gore, and disaster is where the dollars are these days.

You can't really blame the producers entirely, however. They're struggling frantically to give the public what it wants. So it is you — the public — who pay to see these pictures who keep the producers coming back with even bloodier, more unbelievably grotesque, abominably gore-filled, violence-ridden motion pictures.

What it takes to win Academy Awards is not necessarily winning over some group of judges by your film's unparalleled acting, by the tremendous thought that went into it, or by the expertise of all the technical aspects of it. Rather, it is judged by what it adds to culture or to education, whether it is uplifting, whether it leaves one with a rewarding sense of fulfillment or leads the viewer toward broader avenues of higher cultural and artistic values.

No. It is simply a matter of plain old dirty greenbacks. That's what makes the Academy Awards. The judges nearly always go for something that was a tremendous hit at the box office. It really doesn't matter whether it was dipped in blood, and gore, spooky, or downright terrifying. If it was box office, it is going to be nominated.

There is an unbelievably depraved picture called "Tommy" which is perhaps the most debasing of all — and, of course, excellent box office. A little boy, Tommy, is just about driven out of his mind, becoming literally deaf, dumb, and blind. His brain snaps when he witnesses his mother and her boyfriend in the very act of putting his father to death. While he is in this helpless state of mindlessness with all his senses gone, Tommy's stepfather ridicules him. He is then burned, held under water, tossed down a flight of stairs, tortured by his cousin, molested by a homosexual uncle, drugged into temporary insanity by an employee of his stepfather, abused, brutalized, and molested through the entirety of the movie.

How is that for a socially-redeeming theme? What kind of mind must a person have to sit through such a film? Try this word and see if it fits — sick. It seems to me the movie-going world has got to be sick.

Another example rather widely reported was a Kung Fu type flick called The Street Fighter. This film gruesomely depicted a world so full of blood and violence and characters so incredibly and thoroughly evil that it was the first movie rated "X" for its violence.

And, of course, there is Godfather II which is probably one of the new lows in baseness, cruelty, violence, corruption, and brutality.

Harking back to last year, everyone has heard the stories about The Exorcist, with movie goers passing out, vomiting in the theater, and some actually becoming mentally disturbed from what they saw.

Have you ever wondered if there isn't some greater mind, some greater influence than just man and his lust and greed behind all of this? Your Bible says in I Corinthians 4:4 that Satan the Devil is the god of this world. Revelation 12:12 calls him "old serpent who deceives all nations." In Ephesians 2:2 he is called "prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience" — a spirit of destruction, of unhappiness, of smallness, of violence, of hopelessness and futility.

In this age of gigantic global problems threatening the annihilation of the entire human race, there is a virtual explosion of interest in the occult, in spiritism, witchcraft, and Satanism. And accompanying it is this unbelievable preoccupation with violence, gore, and blood. To me there is a very definite connection.

It has often been said that you are what you eat. Your physical body is made up of the nutrients that you put into your mouth. In the same way, your mind is the sum total of what you think. Your mental capacity, your being, your psyche, your character is what you think. The more you let your mind dwell on crime, violence, blood, guts, and gore — the more you want to go and feed on human dismemberments, shark attacks, human incinerations, cataclysmic earthquakes, and physical orgies of blood and destruction — then the more damage you are doing to the most precious possession you have, your mind.

Little by little, every day, many Americans are eating a kind of diet which is gradually poisoning their bodies. But there are even more people who are busily wrecking, ruining, and destroying their minds by feeding on the incredible violence that is available today on television and on the silver screen.

Perhaps one of the sickest and most shocking films of all will soon be coming out. It is directed by the guy who directed Godfather II. He now wants to have an all-star cast portray in a motion picture the most brutalized, shocked horror stories of the Viet Nam war years including actual battlefield footage as well as enacted footage.

Tentatively entitled Apocalypse Now, the film will show U.S. soldiers high on drugs living in a destroyed temple with Vietnamese girls treating them like animals. It will show the massacre of Viet Cong soldiers, American G.I.'s relishing the effects of nerve gas attacks, and so on.

Will anyone stop this man from presenting such a picture which will so utterly destroy and debase any remaining reputation of the U.S. Army? I doubt it.

I imagine in a year or so you'll be able to go see it. Will you? The choice is up to you. Personally I wouldn't park my automobile across the street from the theater which would show such gore. I don't want to pollute my mind with it.

Do YOU?
population is in dire poverty, living in fifth and squallor, half or more illiterate or nearly so. The world is filled with the sick and diseased in hospitals. Its inhabitants are turning to immorality which results in divorce and broken homes and families.

I think if I were God, I would thunder out: "Give ear, O Earth, and HEART! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MY BEAUTIFUL EARTH I TURNED OVER TO YOU? You have polluted, perverted, ruined, destroyed, and injured every particle of this earth you were able to get your hands on! You have perverted the wonders more I gave you!

"Those that you have educated you have turned against me and fanned militaristic, destructive, minds. Expecting minds fables, lies, nonsense, while at the same time you call my truth fable or superstition. You have turned truth into error. You have forgotten the God who gives you no place in your knowledge dissemination for me. You have turned to a way of life that is destroying your minds and your bodies and your earth. You have sought false values and devoted your time and energies to things that never satisfy and are worthless and destructive. You have sought pleasure and ease and spurred righteousness. You have forgotten the God who gives you life and breath, and you have despised his right ways, and turned to every wrong way!"

And I think I would thunder out: "THE TIME FOR AN ACCOUNTING HAS COME. I AM ABOUT TO PUNISH THIS WORLD FOR ITS EVIL!" Jesus of Nazareth said that when this world reached its end time, the condition would be like it was in the days of Noah, Then God did look down to see what men had done to his earth. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually... the earth also was corrupt before God; and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth" (Gen. 6:5, 11-12).

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Thank you for the recent articles written by women (Carolie Ritter and Amy Bowman). Women need some articles written by women. There are some areas where the female mind relates better to another female's mind. Believe it or not, men don't understand some things!

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God, the Creator of life, reserves unto himself the right to take life (Deut. 32:39 and Isaiah 45:7). At one time in history he used the nation of Israel to bring about and punishing extremely degenerate nations in the land of Canaan. It was not Israel's deci­sion, it was God's! But Christ said, "Blind and are the peace­makers..." (Matthew 5:9). His spiritual pre­decessor, John the Baptist, said, "Do violence to no man, and the justice of your heart doing so. (See Matthew 10:34-36; Luke 12:51-52; John 15:18-19) and John 18:30-37.)

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