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THE INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL, PART VII

MR. MIKI COMES TO WASHINGTON

Prime Minister Miki of Japan
MANY HEADS OF STATE today are faced with a serious credibility gap.

Governments of nations are being overturned at the rate of about one a month. The pace is accelerating, with eight this year so far.

Let me start from March 1973. I was attending an outdoor garden luncheon in New Delhi at the official residence of Dr. Nagarjuna Singh (then executive secretary to President V. V. Giri of India — now a judge on the World Court of International Justice). The chief priests and Pharisees without or perhaps execution. And Jesus Christ. Mrs. Gandhi might do well to confess now regarding her imprisoned sons — all members of the Japanese Diet (the equivalent of Congress or Parliament), and I introduced them to the emperor. But in August the emperor was taken alive by the military revolutionists and has been kept a prisoner since. A new military government replaced that of the emperor. One of the very last things the emperor did before being taken was to send me a telegram of congratulations on my birthday.

In August 1973 I was in Santiago, Chile, to see President Allende. Three weeks later I was visiting President Franjich of Lebanon — whose capital Beirut is the financial hub of the Arab world. While I was there President Allende was assassinated in the very room where I had the meeting, and his government was overthrown in a military coup.

Three weeks later I was speaking at a banquet in Bangkok, Thailand. At that time the Israeli-Yom Kippur war broke out.

Three weeks later I was speaking in Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, to an audience of some 11,000 Worldwide Church of God members, when a radio news flash was handed me saying a protest mob of 100,000 had overthrown the government of Prime Minister Kittikachorn, whom I know well, and he had fled the country.

In late January this year, I was speaking before several groups in Bombay, India, and before several of them I mentioned the above incidents. Jokingly I said, “I wonder what will happen right here three weeks from now?” In four weeks I returned to Bombay and discovered that a week before, the local state government had been overturned.

Since then President Thieu of South Vietnam fled his country and, as all know, the communist North Vietnamese took over that country. I had spent some time in private conversations with Prime Minister Thieu and had expected to hold a campaign there attended by some 25,000 to 50,000 in the university stadium. But the war danger made it impossible to assemble such a crowd in any one place.

And now, as I write, just the day before yesterday another head of state, Prime Minister Rahman of Bangladesh was assassinated, and the Bangladesh government was overthrown. I had spent some 45 minutes with this strong leader in private conversation in his office.

When things like this happen continually to those I have known personally, it impresses me deeply with the kind of world we live in.

Leaders and rulers are criticized, blamed, plotted against, and enemies seek to create great credibility gaps in their nation’s leaders.

Mrs. Indira Gandhi, prime minister of the world’s second largest nation, has very narrowly escaped being overturned. Political enemies, leaders of the minority party in India, sought to oust Gandhi by accusing her of using illegal methods in a recent election campaign. Mrs. Gandhi was found guilty by a high court. Mrs. Gandhi acted quickly. She had all opposition leaders arrested. Then she had the constitution amended retroactively, changing the law on the points concerned. It was passed by the Congress overwhelmingly. Thus she wiped out the crime. But what will she do now regarding her imprisoned political enemies? It seems hardly possible she can leave them all in prison — the number is very great — until they all die there. And if she releases them — then what?

One might get an idea out of the Bible. It is recorded that, on Christ’s return as world ruler, Satan is to be imprisoned 1,000 years (Rev. 20:2-3). But after the thousand years, it is recorded, “And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations.” And millions will be led against the world government ruled by Christ. Mrs. Gandhi might do well to read that prophecy. Of course she denies doing any real wrong, claiming the old obsolete law should have been repealed long ago, and saying she is upholding the democratic system of government, which is by majority. It’s not my job to judge Mrs. Gandhi.

But the most monumental credibility gap of all has been against the one world government, the kingdom of God. But only a few really believed Him. Many “believe on Him,” just as today, but they didn’t believe Him — that is, they didn’t believe what He said.

NOTICE IT: “As he spake these words, He came, more than 1900 years ago, to the nations.” And millions will be led against the world government ruled by Christ. Mrs. Gandhi might do well to confess now regarding her imprisoned sons — all members of the Japanese Diet (the equivalent of Congress or Parliament).

“THE BIGGEST CREDIBILITY GAP IN THE WORLD TODAY.”

The chief priests and Pharisees (rulers) had sent officers to take Jesus into custody and bring Him to them for condemnation, or perhaps execution. The officers were impressed with what they heard Jesus say and were afraid to take Him. When the officers returned to the chief priests and Pharisees without Him, “Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on Him?” (John 7:47.)

No credibility among any of the leaders or the ruling class.

Yet the prophecy says of Him: “... and the government of the world shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

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Mr. Miki Comes to Washington

WASHINGTON: Three decades after the atomic age was violently ushered in, victor and victim — in the persons of President Ford and Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Miki — met to underline the strong ties in U.S.-Japanese relations.

For both leaders, each still relatively new in their respective offices, it was a chance to measure each other's feelings in the wake of this spring's upheaval in Indochina. It is no secret that in Japan, the world's third largest industrial power, may prove to be the most critical factor of all in determining the future of all Asia.

Japan, unburdened by the cost of maintaining a huge defense establishment, has long since moved into a position of economic dominance in Asia. Her postwar constitution bans any military buildup, except for a relatively small "Self-Defense Force." Her main defense, ironically enough, is the very power that brought her to her knees in 1945: America's nuclear might.

With the U.S. taking care of defense needs, Japan is free to support growing cooperation among Asian nations — "with Japan in a position of leadership by virtue of her technology, expertise and financial strength," as Miki put it.

The prime minister is well-suited to lead Japan at this phase of its development. His credentials are those of a life-long believer in democracy. In an address to the National Press Club, Mr. Miki digressed from his prepared text to tell of his personal experiences with despotic governments. He told how that in his own life, as a 22-year-old student, he had spent some time in the United States. While here he was able to examine firsthand the dynamism of America's economic and political system. He also had an opportunity to compare the U.S. with other countries he visited on his return trip to Japan, witnessing conditions in Mussolini's Italy, Hitler's Germany and the Soviet Union, then under the harsh rule of Josef Stalin.

When he returned home, he experienced the rise of militarism in his own land. As a result of his experiences, he came to more deeply appreciate life in the free democratic societies. When he entered politics in 1937, Miki courageously spoke against those in power in Japan who were inexorably pushing their country into an open conflict with the United States.

Now, as prime minister, he strongly reiterates his nation's nonmilitary posture and close ties to the U.S. But Miki, sensing certain new "realities" in Asia, is also championing a new order for Asia. "The easing of tensions is only beginning in Asia," he told the National Press Club audience. "Opportunities exist for these nations to grapple with this problem [economic development] energetically, transcending differences in ideologies and social systems." Japan's policy includes an open stance toward China and North Korea, even though their political systems are so different from the democracy Miki fervently supports. Since Pusan, in South Korea, is only 30 nautical miles from Japan's Tsushima Island, anything that happens on the politically divided peninsula automatically affects Japan's security. For this reason, Japan favors every effort to ease tensions between the two Koreas, and yet strongly supports continued U.S. troop presence there as well as in Japan, where 50,000 Americans remain stationed.

Despite occasional friction over trade and other matters, the United States and Japan remain locked in a symbiotic alliance from which both benefit. Neither side is anxious to see this situation change. As Miki stated, "In this journey for human survival, continuing Japanese-American amity and cooperation are a powerful and positive force in the world.

The prime minister, a realist, is well aware of the pressures that could build up for rearmament in his own country should the United States significantly shrink back on its remaining military posture continued U.S. troop presence there as well as in Japan, where 50,000 Americans remain stationed.

Some atheistic communist countries have outdone even the "liberated" West. Why not look at your own? Try to see yourself as others see you. Health is in your mind.

 Trials of the Ages... by Earl Nightingale

The incredible human potential, Part VII

How could the great God, who is spirit, reproduce himself out of physical matter? Part seven explains how.

Seeing Yourself Walk By

Instead of examining the motives of others, why not look at your own? Try to see yourself as others see you.

DOWN THE DRAIN (Continued)

"Is England going down the drain (what — again?)" asks humorist Art Buchwald.

STARVATION OR PLENTY?
The Director of the Ambassador College Division of Agricultural Research, examines worldwide food trends.

ORCHIDS AND ONIONS
Reader reactions to "GTA Speaks Out." J. G. Calander's satire and other August articles.

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Recent research in biofeedback reveals what the Proverbs have always said: Health is in your mind.

BLACK AFRICA — NO LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL
The Dark Continent is showing few signs of emerging into the light.

SEXUAL REVOLUTION'S BITTER FRUITS
Some atheistic communist countries have a more open display of Christian morals than the "liberated" West.
The Crisis of Portuguese Monarchism

Many observers fear that Spain's long political isolation from the rest of democratic Western Europe has left it, like Portugal, vulnerable to a wide swing from right-wing to left-wing dictatorship. The absence of democracy in Spain, as in Portugal, has resulted in the communist party being the strongest, most organized opposition force - even though it is still officially outlawed.

Franco's designated successor, Prince Juan Carlos, is perceived as too conservative in the eyes of many among Spain's large monarchist bloc. His father, Don Juan, has recently asserted his right to the Spanish throne. As a consequence, the prospects for a new "high" are dim.

The Economy: Danger Signs Are Flying

Storm clouds are building up once again on America's economic horizon. A steady stream of price-increase announcements in basic commodities, such as steel, plastics, chemicals, and metals, has raised fears of renewed inflation.

Consumer prices have accelerated to a 14.4 annual inflation rate, the same as wholesale prices. The latest figures signal a possible return to double-digit price increases.

Because of the Russian grain purchases - which seem to grow bigger by the week - the fourth year in a row will now pass without any significant stockpiling of food. Government sources now admit that the grain sales will have a much greater impact on domestic food prices than originally expected.

Complicating the picture is this summer's Midwest drought, which, when the growing season is finished, may approach the severity of last year's dry spell. Perhaps the most disturbing fact of all is the extremely high rate of inflation that still persists at the end of the deepest recession since the 1930s. Administrations are hoping for, at best, a 6% inflation rate by the end of 1975. Curiously enough, 6% was considered so high just a few years ago that when inflation reached that level, President Nixon declared a national emergency and ordered wage and price controls. In fact, since the late 1940s, the trend has been toward progressively higher inflation rates at the end of each recession: the economy, in effect, reacting with money like an addict reverts with heroin.

For the time being, the prospects for a new "high" are hanging in the balance. The main casualties of the recession were housing construction and automobiles, two industries particularly vulnerable to high interest rates. Yet even at the beginning of the recovery, interest rates are poised to skyrocket.

A federal budget deficit of $81 billion - up from $44 billion last year - has raised fears of renewed inflation. Three nations - Tanzania, Zambia, and Botswana - boycotted the gathering completely in protest of Amin's chairman-ship of the meeting. Other heads of state sent lesser delegations because they feared possible overthrow. "People in their entourage, including all those who might have started a coup back home."

For the delegates who did show, Big Daddy Amin offered a full schedule of entertainments and exhibitions to occupy their leisure moments - including staged pro-Amin demonstrations, bare-breasted dancers, a special OAU road rally, and an accordion concert with Amin himself beating the keys. And in Amin's most elaborate display, Uganda's air force bombed an island in Lake Victoria. The island was renamed "Cape Town View" for the event to symbolically show how Amin - who has assumed the title of "Field Marshal" - would handle the white regimes (Continued on page 4, col. 1.)

Spain After Franco: To Go the Way of Portugal?

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Sexual Revolution's Bitter Fruits

The tempest-in-a-teapot stirred up by Betty Ford, the First Lady, when she said she "wouldn’t be surprised" if her 18-year-old daughter Susan — the nation’s "First Teen-age" — admitted to an affair, only underscores the mass transformation in moral values that has swept over America in the past two to three decades.

Within this time span, pornography has blossomed from a peep-show, "washed-up magazines" subsurface into a multibillion-dollar industry whose standard-bearer "girly slicks" far exceed many conventional magazines in both circulation and advertising revenue. "Adult" book stores, dispensing everything imaginable, and then some, to arouse every conceivable prurient interest, abound in nearly every city, having successfully contested the sin of Sodom; they are not even ashamed. What a catastrophe!

"They have doomed themselves" (Isaiah 3:9, New International Version) — a prediction which seems to have been fulfilled. Only a minority, it seems, have known how to rightfully use — in private, in marriage, in their homes — the gift of the Lord.

Throughout the world, divorce and a loosening of standards have continued to increase alarmingly. The percentage of divorces in the United States (one out of every 11 marriages) is now equal to the proportion of divorces in the entire world in 1948. By 1973, that proportion had doubled to one out of seven marriages. And recent surveys show that acceptance of homosexuality as an "alternate life-style" is the most "liberalizing" factor, according to a survey by the University of California. Women are also having babies out of wedlock at an increasing rate. Within this time span, pornography has blossomed from a peep-show to an industry which has street corners, movie theaters, bookstores, no "gay bars," and a much healthier family life in its wake.

On the other side, there is a strong move toward "no fault" divorce and more lenient moral codes. The distinctions between the rating codes — G, PG, R, and X — are being stricken from state statutes by lawyers defending the Gay Liberation movement. Across the United States, some 4,000 "gay bars" are in operation, catering not only to the homosexual minority but also to those who visit such establishments is "chic." The figure stands at 48%, according to a 1973 Gallup Poll, with 43% approving of such activity and apparently 9% unable to make up their minds. Four years previously, two thirds of those polled disapproved.

And recent surveys show that married women are also having more affairs than ever before, some estimates running as high as 40%. Acceptance of homosexuality as an "alternate life-style" is the latest, though in context, logical, consequence of the sexual revolution. Barriers "discriminating" against homosexuality in government, business and even the military are falling. Anti-sodomy laws are being struck down by state statutes by lawyers defending the Gay Liberation movement. Across the United States, some 4,000 "gay bars" are in operation, catering not only to the homosexual minority but also to those in the "straight" community who consider that frequenting such establishments is "chic."

Divorce and its tragic impact on the family continues its steady rise. Several states have now instituted "no fault" divorce to make split-up proceedings less painful and less time-consuming. But for the children affected by broken bonds, the situation is far from painless. According to psychologist Urie Bronfenbrenner, only one out of 14 children under six was brought up by one parent in 1948. By 1973, that proportion had doubled to one out of seven children. Dr. Bronfenbrenner is alarmed over what he terms "the high levels of family fragmentation" in the United States.

Overall, the fruits of the sexual revolution have not been good. Only a minority, it seems, have known how to rightfully use — in marriage — the new freedom and sense of sexual identity which has been granted by a society which has swept over America. Are children suffering? Are sex roles being confused? Are people more unhappy than ever before? A short answer would be: "yes." The answers are: yes, yes, yes.
it's fun to blame the French. "I know. It's one thing for the British to say we're going down the drain, but you more or less have to point it out to the rest of the world," he commented.

"Why is that?" I said, "He did a broadcast in America last week." The British pound is being attacked, the ministers are in revolt, the Labour government has lost control and the newspapers (when they are printed) scream "crisis," "shock," "strike," "protest."

The real problem for me is that I have been visiting Britain for 26 years, and every time I come here it's "going down, the drain."

The headlines are always the same, and if you believe them the entire country will be under water in two months.

An English friend of long standing with whom I was sharing a room the first time that I visited said to me, "You know, we are going down the drain."

"You told me that 20 years ago," I reminded him.

"Oh, yes, but this time it's serious. We've lost the will to work, inflation is at all-time high and there is going to be a very bad mango crop this year.

"But the British, being so crowded, the hotels are full of tourists, the streets are packed with cars. How do you explain that?"

"All of you have come here to watch us go down the drain."

"That's not true," I said defensively. "If there is one thing we don't want, it's for England to go down the drain. Where would our public television get its BBC documentaries if you went down the tube?"

"The drain - not the tube," he cautioned me. "You must take my word for it. It's hopeless."

Even Prime Minister Harold Wilson doesn't say, "I can't believe that. Wilson seems to have the situation in hand. And don't forget you now have oil in the North Sea."

"But we can't get it out in time. Our major fear is that as we sink down we'll meet the oil coming up and we'll drown in our own petrol."

"Yet if what you say is true, where are there so many Arab sheiks in London now?"

"They're here to take over our troubles. We have more Arab sheiks than the French."

"Is Britain going down the drain?"

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In the meantime, the Anti-Portuguese guerrilla organization FRELIMO - the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique - assumed the reins of power as the new nation's first president.

Machel and the new militant leadership of Mozambique have pledged to pursue a rigid Marxist path for their primarily agricultural nation of 7.3 million people. They have reaffirmed their support of "liberation" movements in the neighboring white-ruled nations of Rhodesia and South Africa and have indicated the possible application of economic sanctions against those nations.

The realities of economics, however, may dampen the new regime's ideological ardor. Mozambique's wobbly economy is heavily dependent on the power of its electrical output to South Africa - meaning additional millions of dollars of precious foreign exchange to Mozambique. It is believed, consequently, that Mozambique will honor its contract with South Africa despite its dislike of her racial policies.

All factors considered, many believe that Mozambique will be forced by circumstances to pursue a more moderate policy toward the white south than FRELIMO's unrestrained ideology would otherwise dictate. But on the unpredictable African continent, burns haven't always been tempered by reality.

—Melvin Rhodes
The child in the woman’s arms had a stomach hanging out like a plastic bag full of water. The child’s skin was drawn tight around its forehead and its eyes were recessed. The mother forced her way through the guides and beat on the car window. She desperately yelled in halting English, “My baby... dying... hungry.”

“We had been told specifically not to give anyone anything or else we could cause a riot. I was shocked beyond description. I’ll never forget that child...”

These were the impressions of Mr. Thurman Gaskill, an Iowa farmer, after a trip to India.

Mr. Gaskill then went on to attend the World Food Conference in Rome last November where representatives from over a hundred nations gathered to assess the world food problem and hopefully to come up with some solutions.

North America — the Only Hope?

“The only realistic hope for 700 million people around the globe who face starvation lies in the granaries of the U.S. and Canada.”

“This is the one clear-cut conclusion that can be drawn when you strip away all the data that went into the World Food Conference here in Rome...”

(“As Famine Spreads — What’s to Be Done,” U.S. News and World Report, November 18, 1974, p. 87.)

Because of the humanitarian propitiousness of the North American people, a tremendous amount of food and fiber has already been made available or given to those in need. But in the years of 1965 and 1972, the U.S. gave a staggering 84% of all world food aid. All other countries worldwide gave only 16%. This is certainly a commendable tribute to the American farmer and the American people.

But can the U.S. and Canada feed the world?

A recent report stated there is now a food crisis in 40 nations around this world. At the time the report was written, food grain stocks had dwindled to 90 million tons — just enough to last 26 days at present rates of consumption. This is the lowest point in two decades, and it was estimated that within a few months it would be down to a one-week food reserve.

The United States and Canada don’t present a problem in this regard. They have been blessed with food supplies that will last considerably longer. But in other parts of the world, literally hundreds of thousands of people have died from malnutrition and starvation since the World Food Conference. What are the real causes?

Agriculture in History

History shows that agriculture is the backbone of a nation. The valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates supported some of the highest of ancient civilizations, but today the barren landscape there is dotted with remnants representing forgotten cultures; the ancient irrigation works are filled with silt, and the ancient seaport of Ur is now 150 miles from the sea, with its old buildings buried under as much as 35 feet of silt.

The same soil degeneration is evident in Central and South America. As Dr. Lamont Cole explained, “Archaeologists have long wondered how the Mayas managed to support what was obviously a high civilization on non-irrigated soils of Guatemala and Yucatan. Evidently they exploited their land as extensively as possible until both its fertility and their civilization collapsed.”

Before the fall of the Western Roman Empire in A.D. 476, the agricultural regions of Italy were severely depopulated. Disease epidemics took a heavy toll, and the exhausted, eroded soil was unable to yield enough return to bear the terrific weight of imperial taxation. History demonstrates that as agriculture goes, so goes the nation.

Food vs. Population

In the past 300 years population has increased from 500,000,000 to just over 4 billion people. At the present rate of increase (2.0 percent per year), the world population doubles in only 35 years. With a present population of about 4 billion (1975), this extrapolates to a population of 32 billion by 2080. “For a population of this size to be fed at the same inadequate level as that of today will require a corresponding eightfold increase in food production” (Food, Readings from Scientific American, 1973, p. 183).

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization says that all the best lands are already being farmed in the world today. Only marginal land that is more subject to erosion is left on which to expand production. Another report says that intensification by using larger amounts of fertilizer, pesticides, water, and farm machinery per acre of cropland is the only way we can have any significant increase in production. Thus the only real food reserves lie squarely with the productive capacity of farmers.

Simultaneously, according to an exhaustive computer study, “The Limits to Growth,” nearly half of all arable land available for agriculture will be consumed by urban-industrial growth before the year 2050.

“Will we be able to feed all of these people?” asks the report.

The answer is no — not with today’s farming practices as they are still being carried out in much of the world. Not with the lack of agricultural research in the developing countries. Not with today’s lack of incentive for farmers in many nations. Not with today’s supplies of fertilizers. Not with today’s supplies of fuel. Not with today’s storage and distribution methods”. (From an address by Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz at Expo ’74 in Spokane, Washington, October 5, 1974.)

Weather: The Wild Card

It is acknowledged the world over that the major limiting factor governing food and fiber production, overshadowing all others, is the weather. Headlines read: “Old Man Weather Vents His Anger,” “Rains Do Little for Late Season Crops,” “Abnormal Weather,” “Bad Weather,” “Drought,” “Heat Waves,” “Hail,” “Killing Frost,” “Million Acre Flood...”

“All it will take is normal weather,” says one report, but “the new weather report is unfavorable to crops.”

U.S. Weather Bureau records indicate a pattern of “wet and dry” weather that seems to follow a 20-year cycle. Many Americans can remember the drought of the 30’s and the dry 50’s.

Now in the 1970’s many parts of the world are again experiencing the expansion of dry areas causing drought and the concentration of rain in other areas causing floods. Adverse weather seems to be reported from everywhere. To be able to control the weather, then, would be an important place to begin in altering the cause of food shortages.

The Key to Weather Control

The Creator God revealed knowledge of his laws to the ancient Israelites. The laws he gave Israel were designed to produce happiness, peace of mind and the abundant life. These laws can provide a foundation for all knowledge, including agriculture. Notice what God said would happen to the Israelites if they obeyed him:

“It shall rain upon one city, and cause not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered...” (Deuteronomy 28:25-27).

But “if you will not hearken unto me, and will not do all my commandments, but if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments...” (Deuteronomy 27:19). We cannot avoid his anger. We can at least learn to know when he is sending showers of water or drought from the sky to the earth.

Abundance Worldwide

Someday, God’s blessing of agricultural prosperity will be a reality. Notice the words of Amos:

“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reap- er, and the treader of grapes shall trample his press with the tread of the reapers; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall yield their fruits...” (Amos 9:13-14).

But until the causes of the curses that mankind is suffering from are corrected, upsets weather, disease problems, malnutrition, hunger and starvation are going to grow steadily worse. However we, individually, can do something today in our lives, in our families, and in our communities — if we will. We can begin to obey God and return to him, but he won’t force us to. He wants us to obey his laws as much as he wanted ancient Israel to. Read about God’s merciful attitude toward the Israelites:

“Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts... And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground any more...” (Mal. 3:7, 11).

Personal action can be taken on the land which each of us controls. For further information about what you can do now, write Ambassador College Agriculture, P.O. Box 111, Big Sandy, Texas, 75555.
WORLD CRISIS IN AGRICULTURE

and only 10% of Earth's land surface is under cultivation.

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GTA Speaks Out ... on Hollywood

This one's an orchid, with a great big "RIGHT ON!" to Ted Armstrong for speaking out against "The Spirit of Hollywood," also to Garry Haggerty for the accompanying artwork.

These were the first negative comments I had come across about the movie "Jaws," (even the conservative Christian Science Monitor gave it a positive review). I personally had no desire to even get close to a film depicting women and children being torn to shreds by a shark. When movies like "Jaws," "Tommy," "Godfather II" and "The Exorcist" (now returning for a second run) are the box office smashes and Academy Award winners, we can be sure that our society is bordering on insanity, if not there already.

Please keep laying it on the line!

Edward Storick
Pasadena, CA

As a reader of Plain Truth for many years, I must express my thanks and deep appreciation for your timely and important article, "The Spirit of Hollywood." You brought out the situation so clearly that it deserves to be reprinted in all the newspapers, starting with the New York Times, the Washington Post, and every city and town all over the country.

The problem that you touched on is a serious and painful one, one that endangers our entire culture, our literature, our theater, and everything that is connected with our spiritual life.

W. Strin
Madison, WI

... On Ford's Slip

Regarding the June 21, 1975 issue, Garner Ted Armstrong Speaks Out! "Press Stumbles Over Mr. Ford's Slip." When I saw President Ford on TV stumble and fall as he stepped off the ramp at the airport in Europe, at first I just cringed; I could almost feel his embarrassment. Then, I had the notion that maybe this incident had a humbling effect that might have been needed at a time such as this. I can only imagine what thoughts and "delusions of grandeur" must go through a man's mind as he is received in such honor and greeted with such opulence. His office is "towering" as he is received in such honor and greeted with such opulence. His office is "towering," as you put it: however, an "office" is merely an abstract entity and it is hard to honor an intangible. But, most of all, a man is just a man, and we all must know the truth about ourselves, lest we be deceived by worldly trappings; sometimes pride really does come before a fall.

K. Jones
Dallas, TX

Just thought your most recent article on our stumbling (stumbling) press was a classic in expertise. The subject is quite fitting, presentation was perfect and conclusions were even lemons! They have no "honor for the King" and think only of "doing to others what they wouldn't think of allowing for themselves." A pat on the back.

R. Laird
Vista, CA

In your June 21, 1975 issue of Plain Truth, Garner Ted Armstrong has written an article entitled, "Press Stumbles Over Mr. Ford's Slip." It appears to me that Mr. Armstrong is much more upset over the incident than Mr. Ford is himself.

When someone commented on the incident later to Mr. Ford, he in his usual way made a joking remark about it. In my eyes, that made him a much bigger person.

It would be well for us to keep our sense of humor.

Mrs. Marjorie Dietrich
Amsterdam, NY

On Homosexuality

As a homosexual, not by choice, I assure you I found the article on page 11 of the July 12th issue to be extremely offensive. You would do well to consult physicians and psychiatrists to determine if most homosexuals are so by choice.

I would like to ask you what was meant by worldly trappings; sometimes pride really does come before a fall.

Richard H.
Asbury Park, NJ

I am not now, never had been, and never plan to be a homosexual. Not am I part of the new morality acceptance of it. But I do believe your article could have been written with a deeper level of understanding.

Homosexuality and lechery, as I might agree, is a serious type of mental illness, which is difficult to correct. But by labelling it as a "degenerative perversion," as you did in the article, I can see several reasons that people might have to, none of them good or helpful.

Homosexuals with guilt feelings already present could become even more guilt-laden, thus weighing down their ability to recover in a healthy fashion.

James B. R.
Fall Church, VA

J. G. Calander's Satire

I would like to ask you what was meant by the article, "Nudity in Church." Why was it in the paper? Was it intended to be satirical? If it was to be satirical, it wasn't pulled off as clearly as it should have been. Please let me have a reply from you.

Ron Goodenough
Austin, TX

Yes, the article was a satire. We're sorry that a few irate readers misunderstood it. Mr. Calander will try to write "straight from the shoulder" from now on. We apologize - that good enough for you, Ron?

The article on "Nudity in Church" started out to be misleading. But Mr. Calander is a master of deception — leading us on until he really shows what he means — hurrage for the man!

Keep printing the magazine. I love it!

Dave McPeak
Newark, OH

Please take my name off your mailing list. I did not approve of the article by J. G. Calander, "Nudity in Church," especially the part, "The Bible is, after all a pretty sexy book, in places. The key is to pick the right places — and ignore the rest." I do not approve of "ignoring the rest."

Diane Jacobson
Edina, MN

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WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 1975
The term "psychosomatic illness" conjures up visions of fleeting aches and pains the doctor can't diagnose, people who call in sick on Monday morning, and the hypochondriac who had his tombstone inscribed, "I told you I was sick."

But contrary to this popular image, a psychosomatic illness is not "all in your head." In fact, you can die just as dead from a psychosomatic illness as the other kind. And in reality, the "other kind" of illness may be extremely rare.

Psychosomatic (or as one author termed it, "emotionally induced") illness probably accounts for over 50% of all cases doctors see. Some estimate that as much as 90% of all illness is precipitated by unhealthy emotions. So, far from being a figment of some hypochondriac's imagination, emotionally induced illness is something we all suffer from at one time or another.

Thousands of years ago King Solomon wrote that "a broken spirit dries up the bones." Even the Bible recognizes the link between what goes on in our heads and the condition of our bodies.

"Gut Feelings"

Research scientists have discovered that stress (defined as wear and tear on the body produced by any activity) can be produced by feelings and emotions. How does this happen? Experiments have shown that every emotion automatically produces certain physical changes in our bodies.

One dramatic example of this was a man who had a surgical opening made in his stomach following an accident. This made it possible for doctors to observe the changes that occurred under different circumstances. When he was upset, "his stomach became red and engorged, and soon the folds were thick and turgid. Acid production accelerated sharply and vigorous contractions began" (Effective Psychology for Managers, Mortimer Feinberg, p. 92).

How do such dramatic changes come about? Here is how scientists explain it: "Whenever you are in a situation of threat, your body prepares to flee or to fight. In moments of peril everything gets into the act. First, messages from your eyes or ears get carried to the pituitary gland located at the base of the brain. [It] secretes a substance known as ACTH into the bloodstream. ACTH triggers the adrenal glands, located above the kidneys, which further secrete, cortisone. Then everything within the body pops. The heart beats rapidly. Muscles of the stomach and intestines contract, forcing the blood to circulate faster. Breathing speeds up. You are ready for the enemy" (ibid., p. 91).

If the provocation is minor — if it's not necessary to fight — then the body undergoes this stress for no good reason. You can't punch your boss in the nose for criticizing your work, so you suffer quietly while your stomach ulcerates.

After being battered by enough negative emotions, the body breaks down at its weakest point and illness results. The list of diseases directly brought on by emotions is seemingly endless. Everything from colds to cancer has been attributed to mentally induced stress. And in between in seriousness are such maladies as arthritis, asthma, fatigue, hay fever, headaches, high cholesterol, heart attacks and circulatory disorders, hypertension, hives, insomnia, and ulcers.

Your mind can make you ill. But the reverse is also true. As Solomon wrote: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine," and "A tranquil mind gives life to the flesh."

Just as negative emotions can wear the body down, positive feelings can...
build it up. And we now know that people have a lot more control over the way their bodies function than was previously thought possible.

Mind Over Matter

The link between mind and body has been intensely explored in recent years. One resulting field of study is called biofeedback, which has given us new insights into how the human body functions.

But just what is biofeedback? Dr. Marvin Karlins explains it this way: "It is simply a particular kind of feedback — feedback from different parts of our body: the brain, the heart, the circulatory system, the different muscle groups and so on. Biofeedback training is the procedure that allows you tune into your bodily functions, and, eventually, to control them" (Biofeedback, Karllns and Andrews, p. 39).

How does it work? "In a typical biofeedback training session a subject is given this feedback by hooking up with equipment that can amplify one or a number of his body signals and translate them into readily observable signs: a flashing light, the movement of a needle, a steady tone, the squiggle of a pen. Once a person can "see" his heartbeats or hear his brain waves, he has the information he needs to begin controlling them" (Biofeedback, Karlins and Andrews, p. 39).

Before biofeedback, it was believed that the autonomic nervous system (controlling breathing, heart rate, and other automatic functions) couldn't be consciously controlled. But research has proven this wrong.

Patients have taught themselves to lower their blood pressure, increase poor circulation, prevent earaches, and even report having the symptoms of colds, migraine headaches, and some irreversible chemical scars, which previously were thought impossible.

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- Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be a healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones (3:7-8).
- The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short (10:27).
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- A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls (25:28).

Life, Liberty and Longevity

How can we translate these findings into positive ways to prolong life and avoid illness?

The book of Proverbs shows that both doctors and scientists refer to as a 'positive mental attitude' can go a long way toward making one's life long like to do" (see accompanying box). This isn't just an ancient philosopher's opinion, either. Dr. Hans Selye, Director of the Institute of Experimental Medicine and Surgery at the University of Toronto and author of a number of books on stress, said virtually the same thing in the following quotation:

"This new close relationship between work, stress and aging. Aging results from the sum of all the stresses to which the body has been exposed during a lifetime. Each period of stress — especially if it derives from frustration, unsuccessful struggling, unusual increase in some irreversible chemical scars, which accumulate to constitute the signs of tissue aging. But successful struggle, no matter how intense, leaves you with comparatively few such scars. On the contrary, it provides you with the exhilarating feeling of youthful strength, even at a very advanced age. Work wears you out mainly through the frustration of failure. Many of the eminent arduous hard workers and patients who have lived a long life ... well into their seventies, eighties or even late nineties. They lived ... a life of constant leisure by always doing what they want to do" (Selye, p. 98).

Notice how Dr. Selye's words parallel so many have to be in control of their life — leaves valve, his gardens be always white, let not oil be lacking on your head. Enjoy life with the wife you love you, all the days of your life ... because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. Whatever your heart finds to do, do it with your might (Eccl., 9:7-10, RSV).

But very few of us find ourselves doing something we really enjoy "with our might." Dr. Selye agrees and adds that "few people belong to this group of the creative elite; admittedly, their success in meeting the challenge of stress cannot serve as a basis for a general code of behavior. But you can live long and happily by working hard along more modest lines and by finding the proper job and are reasonably successful. But you can live long and happily by working hard along more modest lines and by finding the proper job and are reasonably successful.

Health and Hope

Occupying one's life with enjoyable activities is important, but in order to do so he isn't, trouble is ahead in the form of depression and resulting disease. Dr. Martin E. P. Seligman stated, "to believe that depression, the common cold of psychopathology, is really the body's one's own helplessness. In this psychological postmortem of 26 sudden, unexpected deaths among Eastern Ko- dek employee, depression was the dominant state of mind. When these depressed persons became anxious or angry, they had heart attacks" (Catholic Digest, December 1974, pp. 95-96).

Dr. Seligman emphasized the beneficial effects of learning to hope, versus the helplessness caused by the feeling down, of loss of control over one's life: "I do not know what physiological mechanism is at work, but mounting evidence indicates that being placed in a helpless situation and reacting with passivity increases the risk of death, for human beings as well as animals." (Psychology: Today, May 1974, p. 80).

Here is where belief — faith and hope enter the picture. If a person can make scriptures like Romans 8:28-31 ("We know that all things work together for good to them that love God. . . . if God be for us, who can be against us") a part of his life, he will be much less likely to become depressed, grow old, or die from the effects of hopelessness.

The Bible is filled with information on how to maintain a hopeful, happy, sinless mind. But one of the best summaries is found in Philippians 4:4-8: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. . . . Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God, And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if anything is excellent, if there is anything worthy of thought, think about these things" (RSV).

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The Holmes Stress Scale

Psychiatrist Thomas H. Holmes of the University of Washington School of Medicine has developed a scale to measure the relative burden produced by various changes in a person's life. The amount of stress is measured on a point scale of 200: "life-change units" studied by Dr. Holmes and his associates show that if you accumulate more than 200 units in a single year your life has probably been disrupted enough to make you vulnerable to illness.
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In preceding installments I have shown what caused God to create man and put him here on the earth, the true purpose for human life, the breath-taking awesome human potential, and how God planned to actually reproduce Himself by a reproductive process out of earthly material substance.

Even an inhuman manufacturer sends along with the instrument or device he manufactures an instruction booklet describing what its product is to do with full directions for accomplishing its purpose. The most perfect mechanism ever invented and made is the marvelous mind and body that is man. It is only natural that our Maker did send along a full instruction booklet governing for our good what we are, why we are, where we are going, and what is the way. Yet man has made this the most misunderstood, misrepresented and maligned book that ever came into human hands.

Nevertheless, the missing dimension in knowledge is all there revealed. The incredible human potential is there revealed and made plain — if man would only read it — and believe what it says!

That is our source book. It covers pre-history, historic instruction for the present, and prophecy revealing the future. It reveals, as we have shown in preceding installments, that originally from eternity, there existed God and with Him there coexisted, also from eternity, "THE WORD," a second PERSON who also existed — the spirit that with God first created angels — also including the earth. At earth's creation, a great archangel Lucifer, a cherub, Uncreated Instinct, was filled with the GOVERNMENT OF God the earth was filled with wonderful PEACE, HAPPINESS and JOY. But ultimately Lucifer led his hosts in open rebellion. The government of God was rejected, no longer enforced. The earth as a result became waste and empty (Job 3:10), and utter darkness.

Then in six days God renewed the face of the earth. During this "creation week" of Genesis 1, God formed the first life forms that reproduced themselves — the flora, plant life. In plant life there was simple reproduction, without a mind — no brain.

Next God created the fauna — animal life on earth, in which He placed brain, consciousness, yet without the thinking, reasoning, decision-making process, and without ethical, moral or spiritual capabilities.

Finally came the creation of man — created in God's own image and likeness, had shape and form, but composed of physical matter from the earth. Man, to be born ultimately into the very God family, was designed to have Godly-type mind — ability to think, to reason, to make choices and decisions; capable of forming ethical, moral and spiritual attitudes.

God's purpose in creating man is to reproduce Himself — with such perfect spiritual character as only God possesses — who will not and therefore cannot err (1 John 3:2).

Such perfect spiritual and holy character can be created by fiat. It must be developed, and that requires time and experience.

Such character is the ability in a single entity to come to comprehend and distinguish the true values from the false, the right way from the wrong, to choose the right and reject the wrong, and, with power of will, to DO the right and resist the evil.

Animals are equipped with brain and instinct. But they do not have power to understand and choose moral and spiritual values or to develop perfect spiritual character. Animals have brain, but no intellect — instinct, but no ability to develop holy and Godly character.

And that pictures the transcendental difference between animal brain and human mind.

But what causes that vast difference?

There is virtually no difference in design, shape, and function between animal brain and human brain. The brains of elephants, whales, and dolphins are larger than human brain, and the chimpanzee's brain is slightly smaller. Qualitatively the human brain may be very slightly superior, but not enough to remotely account for the difference in output.

What, then, can account for this vast difference? Science cannot adequately answer. One scientist, earning his Ph.D. in zoology, a new science of brain research, concluded that, of necessity, there has to be some nonphysical component in human brain that does not exist in animal brain. But most scientists will not admit the possibility of the existence of the nonphysical.

What other explanation is there? Actually, outside of the very slight degree of physical superiority of human brain, science has no explanation, due to unwillingness to concede even the possibilaty of the spiritual.

When man refuses to admit even the very existence of his own Maker, he shuts out of his mind vast oceans of basic true knowledge, fact, and understanding.

When he substitutes falsehood for truth, he is, of all men, most ignorant, though he professes himself to be wise.

When man, in the name of science, denies his Maker, he blinds his mind to what he is, why he is, where he is going, and what is the way! No wonder this world is filled with evil! There has to be a cause for every effect!

But when our minds are opened to the knowledge of our God and His purpose, then we have glorious access to the vast missing dimension of knowledge: the very knowledge that God is using Mankind — that God is reproducing Himself — that He is using Mankind in the process, and that He opens our understanding to vast vistas of new knowledge.

So now consider: God is composed of SPIRIT. God is CREATOR, DESIGNER, RULER, EDUCATOR, GOD has SUPREME MIND. He IS THE PERFECT HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS CHARACTER!

But He is using material substance from this physical earth with which to reproduce HIMSELF. Out of physical earth He has formed man in God's image and likeness (form and shape).

But if man is to become God, in the process of God reproducing Himself, then the character that is to be built in us must emanate from God — and the spiritual life that is to be ours also must emanate from God.

In other words, God has had to plan to bridge the gap between material (of which man is now wholly composed) and spirit (which God now is, and man must become). Matter is NOT spirit — cannot be converted into spirit. HOW, then, can God change mortal material man into immortal, spiritual-composed God?

Man is composed wholly of matter. God says: "And the Eternal God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7). Man was made out of the dust of the ground. He receives his temporary human life from air, breathed in and out of his nostrils. His life is in the blood (Gen. 9:4). Man becomes oxidized by breathing air, even as gasoline in the carburetor of an automobile. Therefore breath is the "breath of life" — even as the life is in the blood.

Notice carefully that Man, made wholly of matter, dies and leaves a dying soul as soon as the breath gave him his temporary physical life. The scripture does not say "immortal" soul. Man does not have an "immortal" soul. He is a soul as soon as physical existence begins.

The Hebrew word for "soul" is nephesh. In Genesis 1:20-24, animals are called nephesh three times — only the translators translated the Hebrew word there "creature." Animals have the same temporary physical existence as man. Both die the same death (Ecl. 3:19-20).

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4). Again, God's Word says: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:20).

Adam was a soul, and God said to him, in regard to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."... in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2:17). But Satan denied this, and Adam and Eve believed Satan, as most of humanity has ever since.

So let us understand! Man is FLESH and BLOOD — composed wholly of matter — and that living matter IS a living soul. The soul is composed of physical matter, not spirit.

Now I have explained that human brain is almost identical to animal brain. But man was made in the form and shape of God, to have a special relationship with God — to have the potential of being born into the family of God. And God is a spirit (John 4:24).

To make it possible to bridge the gap — or to make the transition from man, composed wholly of matter, into spirit beings in God's kingdom, then to be composed wholly of spirit, and at the same time to give back the mind like God's — God put a spirit in each human.

In Job 32:8, we read, "There is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding."

This is a great truth, understood by few very few.

I call this spirit the HUMAN spirit, for it is IN each human, even though it is SPIRIT essence and not matter. It is not a spirit person or being. It is not the man, but spirit essence IN the man. It is not a soul — the physical human is a soul. The human spirit imparts the power of INTELLIGENCE to the human brain. The human spirit does not supply human life — the human life is in the physical blood, oxidized by the breath of life.
It is that nonphysical component in the human being that is NOT in the brain of animals. It is the ingredient that makes possible the transition from humanity to human. It is the ingredient that makes possible the transference of the soul into the body. It is the ingredient that makes possible the transference of a soul from one body to another body.

That I will explain a little later.

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This kind of knowledge cannot be seen by the physical eye, nor heard with the physical ear. Spiritual knowledge cannot enter the human mind by natural means - for spirit cannot be seen, heard, felt, tasted, smelled.

Then he explains that in this manner (verse 11) no man could have the knowledge of the physical. It cannot know - comprehend - the spiritual things of God. Why? Because even the human mind can know, naturally, only what knowledge comes to it through the senses of sight, hearing, smelling, tasting, feeling. A brute animal may see, hear, smell, taste or feel what a man does, and still be unable to utilize what enters his brain in thought or knowledge.

Now the second half of I Corinthians 2:11: "Even so" (in like manner) no man can know - have knowledge of, understand or comprehend - the things of God, except by another spirit, the holy spirit of GOD.

Just as no dumb animal can know the things of man, no man can know - have knowledge of, understand or comprehend - the things of God, except by another spirit, the holy spirit of GOD.

Man, just as no dumb animal can know, it is that nonphysical component in the human being that is NOT in the brain of animals. It is the ingredient that makes possible the transition from humanity to human. It is the ingredient that makes possible the transference of the soul into the body. It is the ingredient that makes possible the transference of a soul from one body to another body.

Stated still another way, all humans have from birth a spirit called "the spirit of man" which is in them. Notice carefully that this spirit is not the man. It is an immortal "IN" the man. A man might swallow a small marble. It is then a thing in the man, but it is not the man or any part of him as a man. The man was made of the dust of the ground - mortal. This human spirit is not the soul. It is something "IN" the soul which IS the physical MAN.

Notice, further, verse 14: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned ."

So, from birth, God gives us one spirit, with for lack of a better term I call a human spirit. It gives us mind power which is not in animal brain.

That mind power is limited of the physical universe. Why? Because knowledge enters the human mind only through the five physical senses.

But notice that God has not completed the creation of man at the creation of Adam and Eve. The physical creation was completed. They had this "human" spirit at their creation. But now must follow the spiritual creation. This required a second spirit in man - the holy spirit of God .

"And the eternal God formed man of the dust of the ground. . . . and planted a garden eastward in Eden . . . . and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and of the knowledge of good and evil" (Gen. 2:7-9).

Actually and literally, Adam, as yet, was "not all there." The spirit of man was in him - but not the spirit of God. God offered him freely the fruit of the tree of life (which contained spiritual life) - life in the holy spirit of God. Taking of the tree of life would have done two things: (1) opened his mind to comprehend spiritual knowledge, and (2) imparted within his mind the gift of God's holy spirit, leading to eternal life. But, when God explained to him the kingdom of God, Adam disbelieved what God said and disobeyed - sinned. Then what?

"And the eternal God said . . . and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: therefore the eternal God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man: and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life" (Gen. 3:22-24).

NOW GRAB THIS, please!

Do not forget God's great purpose! Through human man, composed of material substance, God is reproducing Himself - adding to His own holy, righteous, sinless GOD FAMILY. But God is a composed of spirit. How does God bridge the gap between mortal physical man and immortal spirit-composed God?

The very first human had made the wrong choice, and by sin rejected the government of God. God had driven him out of the garden of Eden and barred all possible reentry to the Garden of Eden . But of course God anticipated the probability of this. God's purpose must, nevertheless, stand! But HOW?

That is one of the things that the second Adam - Jesus Christ, He had offered Himself before the world was. But He was not to come, born human for the purpose of death, for about another 4,000 years.

He had marked out a 7,000-year period - the first 6,000 for mankind, cut off from God (with few exceptions), to go his own way - to write the lesson in human suffering and anguish of living contrary to God's way of life, commanded by the government of God - which Adam rejected.

This 6,000 years, with Satan still here, would be followed by a single 1,000 years, during which Christ would rule, having qualified to restore the government of God on earth. Satan would be totally restrained during the seventh millennium.

During that seventh millennium, the kingdom of God - the ruling family of God - would be established on earth.

Perfect spiritual and holy character cannot be created by divine fiat. It developed over a period of time, and requires a lifetime of experience.

Meanwhile, during the first 6,000 years, few would be offered opportunity to enter into the spiritual creation, which begins with the receiving of the second spirit - that is, the gift of the holy spirit of God. Outside of this comparative few, God adopted a "hands-off" policy toward the human race. Abel, Adam's second son, apparently followed God's policy, and when he called him "righteous Abel ." Enoch "walked with God." Noah found favor with God - but apparently that was all during the first 1,900 years or so.

After the flood, Abraham, Isaac, Israel, and Joseph lived God's way. Then God called and formed the nation of Israel, but they were offered no spiritual salvation or eternal life - only material and rational blessings. God called and used a few prophets. Then Christ came and made spiritual salvation possible for all. Yet only the first comparatively very small spiritual harvest has been called to spiritual salvation during the nearly 2,000 years.

Human Reproduction the Type of Reproducing Himself Few people realize that human reproduction has a sacred and God-plane meaning not applicable to any other kind of life. Human reproduction pictures spiritual salvation - which is actually God the Father reproducing Himself in the God family. Now see the astounding comparison.

MAN, remember, is composed wholly of matter from the ground (Gen. 2:7 and 3:19). But how can God bridge the gap between mortal physical man and immortal spirit-composed God?

It starts with a spirit (a portion of spirit essence) in the wholly physical man. Remember, this spirit is not the man - only something in the man. Remember, too, this spirit cannot see, hear, or think. The man sees, hears, and thinks through his physical brain and the five senses of seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling and feeling. The spirit in man imparts the power of physical intellect to the physical brain, thus forming human will, among other things, as a computer, adding to the brain the psychic and intellectual power. Knowledge enters the brain through the eye, ear, and the senses is immediately "programmed" into the spirit component - is stored in this spirit computer. This "computer" gives the brain instant recall of whatever portion of millions of bits of knowledge may be needed in the reasoning process. That is to say that memory is recorded in the human spirit, whether or not it also is recorded in the "gray matter" of brain.

Yet through Christ, a repentant humanity may yet receive God's gift of His holy spirit. To Nicodemus Christ said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Of course Nicodemus could not quite understand that. Almost nobody today understands it. Jesus explained, "That which is born of the flesh IS flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit IS SPIRIT!" (John 3:6). Man came from the ground. He IS flesh. Jesus was not talking about another physical birth - but about a spiritual birth - when man shall RE spirit, no longer composed of matter, but composed wholly of spirit! Yes, LITERALLY! Then he shall have been born of God. God is a spirit (John 4:24).

Now to become human, each of us had to be begotten by his human father. Likewise, to be born again - of the spirit which is of God. The spirit, one must first be begotten of the SPIRITUAL FATHER - of God.

This is explained in Romans 8:16: "The spirit [of God] itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the [be]spite of the spirit confused: all things, then heirs [not yet inheritors or possessors]; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ."

And God's holy spirit, now combined with our human spirit in the human mind, does twine together the human with divine eternal life to be later born into the God family as a divine being, then composed wholly of spirit (2) and imparts to the man 11
mind power to comprehend spiritual knowledge — to understand the things of God (I Cor. 2:11). The Scriptural Christian now has, conditionally, the presence of Eternal Life — God Life — within him (or her), but he is not yet an immortal spirit being — not yet composed entirely of spirit.

He is now an heir of God as the son of a wealthy man is heir of his father — but not yet "born again" — not yet an inheritor or a possessor. But in His holy spirit dwells in us, God will, at Christ's coming back to earth as King of kings, "quickens" to immortality our mortal bodies by His spirit that dwells in us (Rom. 8:11; I Cor. 15:45-56).

Now see how the astonishing analogy continues:

Just as in human reproduction, the imperceptible embryonic, which later becomes the fetus, is not yet born, but still being nourished through the human mother; so the begotten Christian is not yet born into the God family. The divine life has merely been begotten.

Satan has managed to deceive most of fundamental Christianity into believing they are "born again" on accepting Christ.

But just as in human reproduction when the human characteristics of form and shape and the human body and brain gradually begin to form during the period of gestation, so did spiritual and holy and good character of God begin to take form and grow. Actually in many, this divine character may form so slowly it seems hardly in evidence at first, except in that some there will appear the glow of that entity of spiritual "romance" — which may radiate in that "first flush of spiritual conversion. But so far as growth of spiritual knowledge (I Pet. 3:18) and spiritual character is concerned, that is still to be learned and developed.

When newly converted, one is now a spiritual "child." He now must be nourished and fed on spiritual food. Jesus said man must not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. The Bible is the written Word of God, just as Christ is the personal Word of God. This growth is the character development that requires time and comes largely by experience.

Above all, it requires continual Bible study to show one's self approved of God, as well as much continual and earnest prayer. When you study the Bible, God is talking to you. When you pray, you are talking to Him. You get to really know God in this manner, just as you become better acquainted with people in conversation.

Yet most of this spiritual character development comes through Christian fellowship with other spiritually begotten people in God's church.

Further, just as the human physical embryonic and fetus are given physical nourishment through the human mother, God's church is the spiritual mother of all believers. God's church is called "Jerusalem above, which is the mother of us all" (Gal. 4:26).

Nor is there any parallel. God has set called and chosen ministers in His church to feed the flock, "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry [proclaiming Christ's gospel] throughout the fullness of the God Life in the world], for the edifying of the body [churches] of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:12-13).

It is the duty of Christ's true ministers (and how few today), to protect the begotten but yet unborn saints from false doctrines and from false ministers!

What a wonderful picture of God's reproducing Himself in human reproduction!

Remember God intended human reproduction to be a family matter. It adds human children to the human family. The human family is of a definite and exact type of the God family. God has bestowed marriage and family life on NO OTHER Form of life except on humans, whose potential it is to enter the family of God!

But consider further! As the physical human fetus must grow physically large enough to be born, so the begotten Christian must grow spiritually large enough to be born, so the begotten Christian must grow spiritually in grace and knowledge of Christ (II Tim. 3:16; I Cor. 2:15) — must overcome, develop and grow in spiritual character, during this life, to be born into the kingdom of God!

That is well illustrated by the parables of the pounds and the talents. In the parable of the pounds (Luke 19:11-27), Jesus pictured himself as a nobleman going to a far country (heaven) to receive a kingdom and later to return. He called his ten servants and gave each a pound. While He was gone, one of the ten traded with the money and gained ten pounds. He was commended and made ruler over ten cities in the kingdom of God. A second gained nothing — and had even that pound taken from him. In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), one was given five talents, another two talents, and another one — each according to his own ability (like handicap golf). On Christ's return, the one who had been given five talents had gained five more (reproducing spiritual growth and overcoming in this life).

He was commended as a good and faithful servant and given responsibilities accordingly in God's kingdom. The one who had two talents also — just as much in proportion to his ability. He, too, received an equal reward. But the one who had been given the one talent did nothing with it. In other words, in his Christian life here and now, he did overcome, he did not grow spiritually — he developed no character. He repudiated the "receiving CHURCH" and considered he was already "born again" but did not think he needed to overcome spiritually, or develop spiritual character. He thought he was "already saved." He said he didn't believe in salvation by "works." What he didn't realize is that while salvation is a free gift, we are rewarded according to our work. But by doing nothing, he lost not only the reward, but he lost out on the free gift of eternal life.

Christ's answer to such, when He returns with the kingdom of God, is, "Thou wicked and slothful servant... Take therefore the talent from him. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Many have been deceived into a false salvation.

To conclude the parallel: As the physical fetus gradually develops the physical features, organs and characteristics one by one, so even the begotten Christian must develop in spiritual character during this life, one by one, love, faith, spiritual knowledge, patience, gentleness, Kindness, and temperance. He must be a doer of the Word of God.

Character is the ability to distinguish the true values from the false, to choose the true and reject the false, and, with the power of will, to do the right and resist the evil.

By Bridging the Gap

Finally, how has God planned to "bridge the gap" from physical human beings into spiritual human beings that come from the physical ground?

First, He put in the physical man a "seed of God" spirit. It is not, however, the human spirit that makes the decisions, comes to repentance, or builds the character. As I have emphasized, this spirit does not impart life, cannot see, hear, feel or think. It empowers the physical man to think through his brain, see, and do these things. But this spirit records every thought — every bit of knowledge received from the physical ground.

The human man is made literally from clay. It is like the master potter forming and shaping a vessel out of clay. But if the clay is too hard, it will not bend into the form and shape he wants. If it is too soft to mold, it lacks firmness to "stay put" where the potter bends it.

Notice in Isaiah 64:8, "But now, O Eternal, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand."

Yet God has given each of us a end of his own. If one refuses to acknowledge God or God's ways — refuses to repent of the wrong and turn to the right, God cannot take him and create a godly character in him. But the human man must be pliable — must yield willingly. If the human stiffens up and resists, it is like clay that is too dry and stiff. The potter can do nothing with it. It will not give and bend. If he is so lacking in will, purpose, and determination that he won't "stay put" when God molds him partly into what God wants him to be and he is too waxy-waxy, weak, and lack-lustre root of character, he will never endure to the end. He will lose out on the promise of salvation.

We are, in truth, the work of His hands. Yet we ourselves must do our part in this spiritual development. We cannot lazily neglect Bible study and prayer — or if we let other material interests become more important and we neglect such great and glorious opportunity God gave them to accomplish His purpose.

It must be God's righteousness, for all of ours is like flabby rags to Him. He continually instills His knowledge, His righteousness, His character within us — if we diligently seek it and want it. But we have our very important part in it. Then all credit goes to God.

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What about the preexistence above angels that is already Christ's and also is our potential, remember we are joint-heirs with Christ, and God's divine children are to be begotten of Him. "Through the Word of God, being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels did he say at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?" (Heb. 1:4-5).

In the book of Job angels are spoken of as sons of God in chapters 1, 2, and 7, but only as created "sons." Still, as in Hebrews 1, God never said to them, "You are my own begotten sons." But when we humans receive the holy spirit of God, we do become His begotten sons and Heirs, to receive by inheritance His Name — more as my begotten sons inherited my name.

When we are born of God, we shall be spirit. Then why did God form man in the first place of material substance — out of the earth?

I have partially answered that question already. Angels, being spirit, are not material. Those who sinned shall go on bearing their sinners' punishment. But if we have the strength of character to yield — of our own will put ourselves in God's hands — He will still be within us His spirit and by it His righteousness — His character — open out our minds to His spiritual knowledge. We have to want it! We have to work at it! We have to put it first, above all else.

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Hubbard said, "Nothing is permanent though he had not been (Obadiah 16).

but change. Matter does not remain unchanged, permanendy. But it continues to change permanently. Perhaps stone or iron is as unchanging as any elements. But after a few thousand years, the giant stones in the wall around Jerusalem have lost all their newness and show their age. Whatever you see now on this earth will change. In time it will change.

Spirit is changeless - except as God intended it to be. God brought to life things already in existence, apart from the mind power of God or spirit beings is changeless.

In reproducing Himself God requires righteous character development. And that requires change. If God had made us spirit, the spirit couldn't change. Man, composed of matter, is subject to change. Man, if called by God, can be made to realize that he has the ability to change. Man, composed of matter, is...Man, through the physical brain.

And that requires change. If God had to provide some way to preserve the form, shape, appearance, memory, the character and preserve them, as well as the physical shape and appearance. These spirits do not develop the character, but through the holy spirit God does give us His faith, his righteousness - as long as we ourselves earnestly desire it. But once character is developed in physical man, how does bridge the gap, changing man into spirit?

The Spirit MOLD

I have shown you that the Scriptures picture man as the clay - which he literally is - and God as our Potter. We might call God, also, our sculptor, for with our submission and eager willingness, we are the work of His hands in spiritual and character development. As Job said, "If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee in the solemn assembly, and make thee know [in thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands]" (Job 14:14-15).

This brings us to the question of death of the physical man and the resurrection which Job called the "change" into the kingdom of God.

Now, as I quoted before, in Isaiah 64:8: "But now, O Eternal, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand."

God could not form, shape, change, and develop His character in us had we been made of spirit.

Notice further: "Shall the clay say to him that fashioned it: What made thee? or thy work, He hath no hands?" (Isa. 45:9).

Another passage of scripture so often misapplied: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works..." We do not earn salvation by good works or gain it by works - but when we receive it as God's gift, the degree of reward will be according to our works (Mat. 16:27) - performance in living God's way - building character.

But now read the rest of this passage...

The physical body, after death, decomposes and decays, but the spirit that was in that body, like the sculptor's mold, preserves the form, the shape, the memory, and the character.

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We live, and move, and have our being in the divine - in Jehovah - and finally we will be resurrected spirit being. For this reason, we will face the throne of judgment - we will stand before the holy God. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which He hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:8-10). We have to be prepared, for we must face the Lord in our physical body. For we are HIS WORKSHIP - created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which He hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

I have tried to point out that we must gain contact with God and that is the potter - or sculptor - fashioning, molding, and shaping our lives and righteous character into His character and form...

Now do I not conceive that the spirit is a hollow form. But it supplies the most...All that was man's mortal part for the spirit in man - which is the same purpose as the sculptor's mold. If one has received the holy spirit, then in the resurrection, the resurrected being will be composed of spirit, not matter as the human model was. But in the resurrected spirit form he will suddenly be God's "image" and "likeness." He will be made in the image of God. He will be alive FOREVER! And, like God the Father, by his own will, he will have been made so that he cannot sin.

The body that comes in the resurrection is not the same body that was flesh and blood in this human lifetime. God does not turn flesh and blood matter into spirit. The flesh and blood physical body, after death, decomposed and decayed, but the spirit that was in that body, like the sculptor's mold, preserves all the form, the shape, and the memory, and the character intact.

Notice what happens at death. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. After death, whether buried in the earth, cremated, or what, the physical body returns to the earth. But the spirit that was in the man, now having recorded every thing - the body's form and shape, the facial identity, the memory and the character - returns to God. It will be preserved unchanged.

Such saints as Abraham, Moses, David and Daniel died thousands of years ago. And this question is asked: What关于 that! God had to provide some way to preserve the form, shape, appearance, mind and character of saints for thousands of years. They were composed of incorruptible flesh and blood. All that was man's mortal part for the spirit in man - which is the same purpose as the sculptor's mold.

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In the investigation of a sensational murder, police always look for the motive. Many times, in the "who-dunit" novels and motion pictures, the writer purposefully muddles the entire complex plot with dozens of seemingly irrelevant facts. Usually, the actual criminal remains obscured until the very end. He becomes apparent only when some hidden motive is brought to light. Once the motive is known, perhaps it's greed, jealousy, lust, or revenge—the whole picture becomes clear.

In this dog-eat-dog competitive world of ours we have grown so accustomed to evil motives: on the part of practically anybody from practically any organization and from practically any source—be it personal, social, religious, educational, cultural, scientific, or governmental—that most of us have adopted the idea that there's no need to worry—no one is honest anymore.

After undergoing the agony of spirit the Watergate and after having suffered through the incredible social upheavals of the sixties, with its race riots, burning cities, campus rebellions, shootouts between police and paramilitary organizations, Americans in particular are understandably equipped with a large measure of suspicion involving the motive of any group

The blatant profit-seeking motive of the big cigarette companies, cosmetic manufacturers, and producers of the various and sundry items sensationalized on television are painfully obvious to us all. No matter what the potential serious and possibly deadly consequences may be, this particular sure-fire extra-long cigarette is guaranteed to transport you into new horizons of bliss and delight.

The manufacturers, teamed up with Madison Avenue of course, are willing to bedazzle the general public in any fashion possible, including the usual suggestive poses of half-clad beauty queens, in order to instill the lust for the product into unsuspecting minds.

It's one of the games people play.

We all know that the profit-seeking motive is there, and that no matter what organizations might tell us about how they are actually in the business trying to "help us" (such as the savings and loans ads or the ads from your local bank urging you to open up a regular passbook account), we nevertheless know better. They want our money. But have you ever really strove mightily to investigate your own motives?

We have all heard the luncheon conversations where people in the booth next to us were busily gossiping about personalities they mutually knew. Very few of us are able to turn the mirror around and see in ourselves that same incredible, swelling, egotistical, motive-glorying self, exalting self, magnifying self, perpetuating and promoting self, preening, courting, combing, fondling, stroking, petting, and otherwise adoring self.

Our motive, through much of what we say, think and do, is to aggravate and exalt ourselves! And at the root of all this is human nature, which is, after all, vanity, jealousy, lust and greed.

It's no wonder the Bible tells us that human nature itself, the carnal mind of man, is "deceitful above all things" (Jeremiah 17:9).

We have "succeeded" in the ultimate con game of all—that of utterly and totally deceiving ourselves!

It's a lot easier to see the motives of others. They are totally transparent. By assessing the shenanigans and chicanery of big governments; by looking at the bewildering morass of large-scale organized crime; by suspecting the Illuminati or some other "worldwide conspiracy" behind every social-economic movement; by remembering all the dozens of conversations with friends who revealed their pet methods of getting around the law; by learning from a business associate some lucrative loophole they discovered on their income tax reporting—by these and hundreds of other methods, we all understand that the average human being is possessed of a very large degree of dishonest motivation.

It's no wonder we are so well-equipped to recognize these evil motives in others—we very likely have planted them ourselves!

Today, a new "thing" is transcendental meditation. In an incense-filled candle-lit room, a practitioner might give to the questsing student a "mantra," which may mean only an unintelligible bit of gibberish, a sound, a name, or a meaningless series of sounds. He is then supposed to repeat this "mantra" endlessly (and mindlessly), in order to transit or to transport himself into some state of "transcendental meditation."

While contrasting the claimed psychological benefits (lowered blood pressure, etc.), there may also be some very deleterious spiritual side effects!

But the point is, all of us seem to want to know more about what is inside of us! We want to understand ourselves! But the process of discovering our own true selves—looking introspectively inside our own hearts and minds—can be the most painful, and yet also the most constructive, process you will ever undergo. (However, it should by no means bring about a state of "mindless bliss")

I have often speculated that it is a wonderful thing that the vanity that can cause us to consider ourselves to be the most important thing, object being, physiological anatomical structure, item for discussion, or object of concern on the face of the earth (and for that matter in the entirety of the universe) does not produce observable physiological symptoms, such as ugly and grotesque warts or purple splotches. If it did, we would all look like the most ugly, toadish combination of the beast (in the story of Beauty and the Beast) and the dragon at St. George's spear.

It is only when we can finally "step aside" and watch our own selves pass by—that is, to come to that unique experience which the Bible calls repentance and conversion during which we look deeply inside our own hearts, understand how truly egotistical and vanity-ridden we are, and begin to change our lives—that we can be truly free from all this preconceived assigning of motives to other people!

Only then does the biblical statement, "To the pure all things are pure," finally come true.

What about you? Have you ever really investigated your own motives in everything you think, say and do? Have you ever tried to fathom the very ultimate motivation for the concepts you hold to be true? Have you ever really stepped aside and watched yourself walk by—seeing yourself quite literally as others see you?

When and if you ever accomplish such a feat, you will finally be on the way toward the greatest form of freedom of all—freedom from yourself.

Women's Year In Mexico
by Daniel M. Robert

MEXICO CITY, July 1975

Amidst the nostalgic strains of Las Golondrinas ("The Swallows," Mexico's traditional farewell song), the decade's most controversial international affair came to an upproarious end. The scene was reminiscence of the Bible's passage about the Tower of Babel, as a myriad of languages welled into a single strange discordant roar.

To those of us who observed the meetings and analyzed the resolutions of this two-week conference, the feeling was one of dead seriousness on the part of most of the 6,000 female and 240 male participants from 133 nations. Undoubtedly this world conference was the most ambitious of the many U.N.-sponsored conferences. It is said that the U.N. had received the most media coverage, had the most participants, employed the greatest number of services, was the most costly, and produced the most paper (over two million pages worth).

The Theme of Women's Year

The tri-fold theme of the Women's Year and its conference was aptly symbolized by the conference emblem: a dove of peace with a woman's sign and the mathematical sign of equality. Taken together, these symbolized the three themes of equality, development, and peace. As a whole, the conference was successful in reaching momentous decisions in all three of these areas.

The most far-reaching advances were in the area of development. While the delegates of the industrialized nations were content to bring to Mexico the gospel of the American dream and the American way of life, women of the underprivileged nations of the world had their first real chance to demand something bold and totally new—called the International Economic Order—which would force a more equitable distribution of the world's wealth.

Their initial declaration of this new order was approved under the auspices of the U.N.

Reactions to such radical proposals largely depended on the delegate's home nation. Many delegates from highly developed lands proclaimed the conference as nothing but a "total failure," while the delegates from the Third World thought it a "resounding success." It was really all a matter of economic perspective.

All Not Perfect at Conference

The same arguments, picketings, flared tempers, and selfish chauvinism which are present at most men's conferences also afflicted the women's conference.

These scalding aspects of the conference's failure seem to be the women's conference have received their share of world publicity. Who hasn't heard of the "radical feminists" lobbying for the universal acceptance of their strange aberration? Who hasn't been shocked by the "professionals" claim to the title of "professional?"
Last Chance for Middle East Peace?

JERUSALEM, August 6

As we prepare to leave Jerusalem for Paris and the United States, there is guarded optimism in Jerusalem that the latest Egyptian response to the recent Israeli proposals will keep alive the elaborate, intricate and painstakingly slow process of reaching an interim agreement in the Sinai.

This seemed to be the consensus last evening during a dinner in Jerusalem hosted by the Japanese ambassador to Israel in honor of four Japanese Congressmen (Diet members) who, with Mr. Armstrong and the Ambassador Inter national Cultural Foundation (AICF), were in Israel to promote better understanding between the peoples of Japan and Israel. A few days before, these same Congressmen had visited Cairo. In each capital the Congressmen were urging their counterparts and the foreign ministers of both Israel and Egypt to do what they could respectively to continue the dialogue and momentum toward peace and to settle ultimately the volatile Middle East situation which poses such a clear and present danger to all of mankind.

Yesterday the Japanese Congressmen and I were received by Israel's Prime Minister, Mr. Yitzhak Rabin, who briefed us on the past, present and future of this troubled and explosive region. Egypt is the key to any settlement in the area, said the Prime Minister, not only because it is the largest of Israel's Arab neighbors but also because during each war Egypt has carried the main burden of the armed conflict with Israel. In addition, each time the hostilities came to an end, it was only after Egypt had indicated its willingness to stop fighting (at least for the moment).

When asked by the Japanese about Israel's willingness to make a compromise in the Sinai to effect an interim agreement, the Prime Minister stressed that there were only three strategic areas in the entire Sinai peninsula—the oil fields at Abu Rudeis, the Gidi and Mila passes, and the Straits of Tiran. Israel had already indicated its willingness to give up the oil fields which provide them with 60% of their total oil requirements, but it could not give up the passes in such a manner as to undermine its entire military defense nor could it give up control to the Straits of Tiran without absolute assurance that Israel's passage to the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean would be guaranteed.

Although the Israelis seemed to be appreciative of the efforts of the United States in its role as intermediary, it seemed to this observer that there was a feeling that perhaps the United States' role (and that of Mr. Kissinger) has done much to prevent the Egyptians from sitting down face to face with the Israelis and settling their differences more quickly and perhaps more effectively. Nevertheless, everyone appeared to want a final settlement in the area; said Mr. Kissinger, not only exist as long as there were men capable of respecting them. Women's effective role disappeared with the corruption of the empire. The overwhelming rights and privileges accorded to women soon became license to do evil.

Women of the Roman Empire gained immense power. They toppled thrones, made and unmade emperors, and used their sexual powers to place the basest of men in key positions of government.

Women truly reached equality with men in equality in vice, crime, and immorality within the framework of a decadent society.

It is, therefore, with more than any other peril, that women must beware of. As a Mexican insurance woman, if I were to work a swing shift (4 p.m. to midnight) and travel with a remote video crew when necessary. Salary is dependent upon experience. Anyone interested may write the Personnel Department, Ambassador College, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91103.

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6. At least three Greek words are translated "hell" in the New Testament. **TRUE**
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