President Kenyatta of Kenya is also the same age. He told me that he and Haile Selassie were very close friends — closer than brothers, he said. But at that time he had no knowledge as to the emperor's fate.

It is significant that some mysterious invisible force seems to be stirring up strife within nations all over the world, as well as strife between nations.

As I write, reports from Jerusalem and Cairo say that it is now a matter of a day or two before Henry Kissinger succeeds, this time in bringing about an interim peace accord between Israel and Egypt. The peace there will not last. Jerusalem is destined to be the news center of the world in the months and immediate years just ahead. No human effort can bring permanent peace to that center of civilization. It is commendable to try, but it will take a higher power to bring permanent peace there.

Last evening I was a guest of honor at a dinner party at the residence of the Israeli ambassador to Japan. Eighteen were present, including the ambassador and his wife, who was a gracious hostess; a former Israeli ambassador to an African nation; and some of my "Japanese sons," members of the Japanese Diet. Nine of the 18 had also been present at an outstanding banquet hosted by the Japanese embassy in Jerusalem just four weeks ago.

Some of my "Japanese sons" were also there, along with a few Japanese archaeologists working on the Japanese archaeological project at Tel Zeror, between Tel Aviv and Haifa. At that banquet were the largest number of Israeli leaders that have been present at any such affair in some time. I am personally grateful that I have been in a position to bring about a warm and peaceful relationship between many leaders in Japan and Israel, and also between Japan and Egypt, but it will take a greater power than human to bring permanent peace between Israel and the Arab world. Yet that permanent peace will come in our time. You can read of it in the book of Zechariah, the 14th chapter.
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SADAT'S MASTER PLAN FOR EGYPT
by Keith Stump

When Egypt's popular President Gamal Abdel Nasser died in 1970, his successor, Anwar Sadat, assumed the presidency amid an outpouring of ridicule and abuse by his countrymen. "We're suffering two plagues at one time," one joked. "First Nasser dies. Then we get Sadat."

Sadat was considered by most to be merely a second-rate "caretaker" who would surely be supplanted before long by a more prestigious leader.

But today, five years later, Sadat is still president of Egypt, enjoying broad popular support and trust at home, facing no organized political opposition, and — what is more — considered by many to be the most prestigious and influential leader in the entire Arab world.

This miraculous transformation of image has been brought about through the careful exercise of efficiency, foresight, and pragmatic realism in his conduct of the domestic and foreign affairs of Egypt. President Sadat has so improved his stature that he is able to take personal charge of negotiations with Israel and to accept or turn down proposals himself in Egypt today, there is no doubt who is calling the shots.

Guns and Butter

Few visitors to Cairo today come away doubting that Mr. Sadat genuinely wants peace in the Middle East. Peace is an integral part of Sadat's master plan for Egypt's economic future.

The economy of Egypt — where inflation is now running at nearly 30% — is in desperate need of a shot in the arm. Unlike her Arab neighbors, Egypt has few proven petroleum reserves. Egypt's population of 37 million, growing at an annual rate of nearly one million, is made up almost entirely of the poor. Sadat himself was born into a lower-class family in the impoverished delta village of Mit Abul Kom, and therefore he deeply understands the needs of his people.

The Egyptian head of state is seeking to end the protracted struggle with Israel so his backward nation can devote its total energies to building a new, thriving Egypt. The cost of maintaining a battle-ready army of 300,000 men (the defense budget is some $6 billion) leaves few funds for Egypt's development. Another full-fledged war would be utterly disastrous to the nation's precarious economy.

It is primarily for this reason that Sadat has backed Secretary of State Kissinger's shuttle efforts, in hopes of their eventually producing a durable peace.

Development experts have observed that under peaceful conditions, Egypt could be transformed into one of the most prosperous countries in the Middle East within 25 years. Asked recently if he agreed with this assessment, Sadat quickly replied: "I quite agree. That is my objective... I want to reach peace so we can concentrate on this.

Egypt is currently receiving outright payments from some of its wealthier Arab neighbors, but not enough to tangibly improve the daily lives of the impoverished Egyptian masses. The additional billions in pledges from the oil-rich Arab Gulf states and Iran for industrial and agricultural development projects will eventually help, but it will be some years before even the first of these projects begin to generate additional jobs and income.

Prior to the disastrous Six-Day War of June 1967, Egypt's foreign earnings were based in large measure on income from the Suez Canal. Before its closure during that war, the canal was netting some $250 million a year in hard currency. In the eight years following its closure, Egypt has had to depend in large measure on tourism and agricultural exports for income, which were far from sufficient. Now that the canal is once again open to international traffic, revenues are beginning to flow into the country. Another war would only result in the loss of these vital funds; hence, another, stronger reason for peace.

Reconstruction plans for the war-shattered canal zone cities of Suez, Port Said, and Ismailia are also moving ahead, with hopes of transforming them into thriving free ports teeming with business, tourism, and industry. These projects will also enable the one million refugees from these once-prosperous cities to be repatriated. Many of these refugees migrated to Cairo after the 1967 war, contributing to the severe overcrowding there. (One fifth of Egypt's population — nearly 8 million people — live in or around Cairo today.)

Another factor in Sadat's program for revitalizing Egypt is the ecologically controversial Aswan High Dam. In addition to providing electricity for the first time to thousands of villages over the next few years, the dam is slated to provide water for the irrigation of the Great Western Desert, thus lessening the nation's dependence on the narrow green belt straddling the Nile River. Electric power from the dam will also be used to pump water from the natural underground reservoirs beneath the Western Desert to aid in reclaiming those lands.

Reclamation of 800,000 acres of land below the Aswan Dam is also planned, as is the irrigation of the Sinai desert with water from the Nile.

Sadat is looking to foreign investments to help accomplish these ambitious projects. He realizes, however, that no matter what initiatives he attempts at this stage to attract Western capital, they will not be entirely successful until Egypt makes greater headway toward stability and lasting peace in the area. The interim Sinai disengagement pact just signed is another step in that direction. But unfortunately — judging from the total absence of even a single conciliatory word for the Israelis upon the signing of the agreement — the hoped-for Egyptian economic miracle will not include cooperation with Israel. Even more importantly, unforgiving attitudes on the part of all the Middle East nations may torpedo prospects for a durable peace altogether.
SEKRETARY OF STATE Kissinger puts signature to Sinai agreement as Israeli Prime Minister Rabin looks on.

JERUSALEM: Climaxing a round-the-clock flurry of shuttle flights by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Israel and Egypt have initialed a new accord on separation of forces in the Sinai. The interim agreement, signed September 1, is the first in a planned series of steps designed to bring about a defusing of the Middle East tinderbox.

U.S. Promises the Key

Following the breakdown of negotiations toward an interim agreement between Israel and Egypt last March, the format for the settlement took on an entirely new dimension.

As it finally evolved, the agreement has turned into an intricate three-way deal in which the United States has assumed the responsibility for many of the concessions to Israel in exchange for the return of Egyptian territory in the Sinai.

This new approach agitated many of the members of the Israeli Knesset (Parliament) and much of the population of Israel as well during the recent "wrap-up" round of the Kissinger shuttle diplomacy.

Giving Up Too Much?

Many Israelis are charging that the interim agreement amounts to nothing more than an economic deal with the U.S. and, as it now stands, it cannot be considered a step toward real peace with the Arab world.

The loss of the Abu Rodeis oilfields, which have been supplying nearly 50% of Israel's oil needs. Still others point out that it will cost Israel a vast amount to build a new defensive line west of the one they now maintain.

However, Prime Minister Rabin has answers all of these criticisms. First, he maintains that calling the withdrawal from the Sinai is possible within the context of an interim agreement, Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, has threatened "vicious upheavals" if the Israel-Egypt accord is not followed by similar moves on Israel's part in the Golan Heights. (Continued on page 4, col. 1)

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The Coming Papal Sweepstakes

The advanced age (78 this month) and failing health of Pope Paul VI - Supreme Pontiff of the 650 million-member Roman Catholic Church - have prompted widespread speculation in Catholic circles about the coming papal succession.

Vatican specialists acknowledge that the next pope-eleving concclave will be the most important and encounter perhaps the most difficulty of any conclave in the last 400 years. Its decision will affect both Catholic and non-Catholics alike.

The United States to supply the United States to supply the means of obtaining oil else where. Washington has reportedly promised Israel between 2.25 and 3 billion dollars in economic aid over the coming year. Israel is expected to spend 70% of the aid on armaments and about 20% to compensate for the loss of Abu Rodeis oil.

Rumors of his possible resignation persist, though some observers feel he would not step down unless completely incapacitated. The only pontiff in history to voluntarily resign was Pope Celestine V in 1294. Nevertheless, Vatican officials privately admit that the Chair of Peter may soon become vacant, one way or another.

ELECTING THE NEW POPE

Upon the death or resignation of a pope, the dean of the College of Cardinals publicly announces the vacancy. Cardinals and other designated electors from all areas of the globe are summoned to Rome to participate, along with cardinals resident in Rome, in a solemn conclav to elect the new Bishop of Rome. Those voting in the next conclave may number in excess of 140. Pope Paul has enlarged the membership of the electoral body to include - in addition to cardinals under 80 years of age - the patriarchs of the Eastern Rite churches and 15 or so elected representatives of the world's bishops.

The secret conclave is held in a sealed-off portion of the Vatican Palace, with electors remaining in seclusion until a vote is made. By church law, the conclave may begin on the 15th day after the pope's death or resignation and must begin no later than the 18th day.

Voting takes place in the historic Sistine Chapel. Four secret (Continued on page 5, col. 2)
The assets of the newly re-opened Suez Canal plus the money invested in rebuilding the area around it would seem too great for him to risk by renewing hostilities with Israel.

DANGEROUS "LOOPS-HOLE" One area in which the agreement seems vulnerable is a clause in which Egypt states that it will not use force against Israel in the event of a conflict involving Syria and Jordan, providing Israel is not the one who starts the fighting. There is a glaring problem with this clause. Any American who has followed the news during any previous Middle East conflict knows that each side will inevitably blame the other for starting the war. Who is to decide which party was the aggressor? Would Sadat choose to believe? As we have seen in the past, actual documentation of which party was the aggressor is often not available until the war is over.

Although the Israeli government is actually giving up territory in exchange for words (with U.S. aid as the added incentive), it is confident that the agreement constitutes a promise that the words will be kept.

Just prior to the initiation of the accord Defense Minister Peres was quoted as saying, "We [Israel] would have liked nothing better than to give more and receive more, but apparently the Egyptians cannot deliver it at this time."

Egypt, of course, cannot agree to a real peace with Israel at this time, as that would preclude a great rift in Arab unity.

Still other national security problems are looming for Australia. The most serious challenge comes from the copper-rich island of Bougainville, but splinter groups in other areas also threaten the political stability of that nation.

If Papua New Guinea does experience a lengthy period of factional fighting, it could lead to a crisis of first-class concern for Australia.

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SAUDIS ANNOUNCE HUGE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Special to Plain Truth

NEW YORK: A trade mission from Saudi Arabia spoke to members of the U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce at a seminar here recently. The talk transversed various subjects from the Palestinian problem to the new five-year development program that the Saudis are going to undertake.

The coordinator of the Saudi Arabian Economic Mission, Dr. Abdelrahman Al-Zamel, was the main speaker, and he outlined the goals of the five-year plan.

The ambitious plan calls for the expenditure of about 150 billion dollars for the construction of some 8,500 miles of highway, as well as 200,000 units of housing. Some of this money will also be spent to help Saudi Arabia develop the capacity for receiving and processing 13 million tons of cargo, and for manufacturing 10 million tons of cement.

Dr. Al-Zamel explained that it is the goal of the Saudi government to strengthen the export markets for Saudi goods.

"We do not want to depend on oil totally," he said, "and that has to mean diversification of the economy."

In response to reports that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger may announce a system to be tied to the prices of manufactured goods, the Saudis said that they are taking the producer's point of view. "We are watching the situation with great interest," they said.

"The environment of the present oil market is not conducive to production," they continued. "We are watching the situation carefully, but we have no specific plans for diversification at the moment."
THE MISSING DIMENSION IN SEX

PART IV

WAS SEX REALLY NECESSARY?

We have covered two total purposes relating to sex in humans — procreation and marriage. But now, in this final installment, we pose the question: Did procreation or marriage really require the creation of sex? Couldn’t God have devised some other means of generation than sex? And wouldn’t the marriage and family relationship be happier without sex?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

The formulators of early Christian thought would have answered the above two questions in the affirmative.

Referring to these founders of traditional teaching, Gibbon says, in chapter XV of his famous book, The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire: "The chaste severity of the fathers in whatever related to the commerce of the sexes flowed from the same principle — their abhorrence of every enjoyment which might gratify the sensual, and degrade the spiritual nature of man."

Their favorite opinion, continues Gibbon, was that there had been no "Fall." Adam would have loved forever in a state of virgin purity. Paradise might have been populated, not by "degrading" sex, but by some harmless mode of vegetation.

So again a mistake is made when we created sex, this is, in the "chaste severity" thinking of those church fathers! "By them," continues Gibbon, "the use of marriage was permitted only to the fallen posterity, as a necessary expedient to continue the human species."

Gibbon says of these men, as "unwilling to approve an institution [marriage] which they were compelled to tolerate." And further, "since desire was imputed as a crime, and marriage was tolerated as a defect, it was consistent with the same principles to consider a state of celibacy as the nearest approach to the Divine perfection."

Ignorant of the biblical revelation that God (Hebrew, Elohim) is a family — ignorant of the truth of the kingdom of God — these men condemned the very God-plane relationship of the Eternal! The fruits of that teaching have been an indescribably enormous mountain of human woe and misery!

What was wrong with marriage, they reasoned, was not the ceremony or the state of marriage — but the use of sex in marriage! How much better would marriage have been without sex!

And that is the big question to be settled once and for all in this last installment. Was sex necessary for the God-plane marriage and family relationships? Could we not have had these without sex?

Why was sex necessary, anyway?

Why not some intellectual way, free from passion and sex, of producing offspring?

Satanic Origins

This pagan concept was Satan-inspired (I Tim. 4:1-3). It simply means that:

Satan is an individual being, with no power to reproduce himself. Satan is deprived of family relationship. God, on the other hand, IS the divine FAMILY — Father, Son, and those begotten by the holy spirit and born into it. God has bestowed on mankind the privileges of reproduction and family relationship. Satan represents God's system of reproduction as being wrong. He deceived the world for centuries of hundreds of years into believing marital love through sex is a corroding, contaminating thing.

The "New Morality" Concept

Today, worldwide revolt has set in against the repressive "chaste severity" of the fathers.

The formulators of the modernistic perversion see only one thing — that repression, passively adopted but not practiced by Protestants, became intolerable. The sex-is-evil attitude had to go.

The medieval concept downgraded the God-plane marriage and family relationships below anestigmatism. The "new morality" threatens to abolish these divine institutions!

Instead of coming to the true meaning and purposes and right uses of sex, they blindly swung to the opposite extreme of declaring any use of sex is good — not evil! Therefore, says the modern revolt, "Let's use it — freely — in or out of marriage, perverted or otherwise. Down with all restraints!"

Let's live it up!

So, in the present moral rebellion, labeling immorality the "new morality," marriage has lost whatever meaning or sanctity it had. Its very existence is threatened.

Now we have seen, in the preceding two installments, that there is vital and deep-rooted meaning to the marriage institution and to the establishment of home and family life.

But the big question is: Was sex really necessary for the high and noble God-plane relationship of the marriage state and the institution of home and family? Could not these have been more entirely, more pure and divine, more righteous — and better for humanity — without sex?

They Are LOVE Relationships

To answer this big question about sex, we need to look further into the family relationship that constitutes the kingdom of God and the betrothal relationship between Christ and the church.

God has given mankind the institution of marriage and family to prepare us for an eternity of happiness and joy in His kingdom — His family! And if we 'should be holy, as He (Christ) is holy' (I John 2:1), we are the very basis and foundation of the family relationship.

"This basis is love! Of all the character attributes of God, the very first, greatest, and most important is love! Above all ... God is love! (I John 4:8, 16).

The very first of the attributes of God — expressed in the fruits of His holy spirit in man — is love (Gal. 5:22).

When this very God-life is infused within us, by His spirit, it is "the love of God ... shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 5:5).

Thus, in first begetting us, God infuses within us the divine gift of His love! The divine family relationship is a love relationship. The tie that holds the divine family together is the tie of love.

To those thus begotten of God, converted by His spirit, Christ says through John: "Beloved, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. Beloved, now are we the sons of God [begotten], and it doth not yet appear what we shall be [when born]; but we know that, when he (Christ) shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (I John 3:1-2).

Even now, converted begotten sons of God have spiritual fellowship with the Father and with the Son, Christ (I John 13, 17).

So the family relationship, both on the divine plane and in the human type, now, is a love relationship — and God implants within His begotten children His divine love to equip them for that divine love relationship.

Likewise, the betrothal husband-and-wife-to-be relationship between Christ and the church is a love relationship.

Notice, again, God's teaching that marriage on the present human level is to be a love relationship, just as is Christ's relationship to His church:

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it ... that it should be holy and beloved!"

For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh:" (Eph. 5:25-31).

For what cause shall a man marry a wife? For what purpose? For that of love!

The betrothal relationship between Christ and the church — of which marriage between humans is the type — is a love relationship. Husbands are to love their wives "even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

But notice again! To Adam and Eve in the garden in Eden, God gave sex as the cause for marriage — as did Jesus in Matthew 19: "He... made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave his wife and marry a wife ..." Because of sex they must marry.

So we have the two scriptural reasons for marriage — for love and because of sex. These are not two contradictory reasons. They blend into one — to express love through sex!

Sex was created, not only as the means of reproduction and bringing about a family, but, in humans, as a means of expressing love in marriage.

So again I ask, just what is love? And again I answer, the world does not know!

Three Kinds of Love

There is more than one kind of love. The Greeks had three words for it, each with a different shade of meaning.

In today's modern world, the meaning of love has been all but lost. It has been so romanticized, so confused with lust, that people carelessly call any sex desire or sex use "love." Usually this is lust.

Today nearly all popular songs are falsely supposed to sing about love. Motion pictures, television, novels — all confuse and eroticize "love" and induce society to accept lust in the name of "love."

The Greeks are more definitely expressive. They use three words which define love more accurately.

First is agape, which is moral or spiritual love. This is the love God expresses toward humanity. It is the divine, spiritual love, supplied by God's holy spirit. The natural and unconverted man does not have this love! But God longs to fill him with it — if he will surrender and believe!

Second is philia. This is the love of friendship — brotherly love (philia-dephia) — love of parent or child.

Third is eros, which refers to sexual love between husband and wife. But it means love, not lust. The Greek language uses a different word for lust. Eros, however, is a love expressed physically, not spiritually.

Just what, then, is love?

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If I had to define love in four words, I would say, "Love is an unselfish, outpouring concern" for the one loved. Love is primarily on the giving, serving, sharing side of life — the getting, taking, factional, striving side. It is not selfish.

God is love. Consider how God expresses love toward us who are humans. Yes, even those who are hostile and rebellious toward God: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Jesus Christ is God — one of the divine persons who compose the God family. Notice how Christ manifested love: "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us . . . when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son" (Rom. 5:8, 10).

How did Jesus Christ express His love for the church? The scripture has been quoted above: "He gave himself for it!" Love is unselfish. It is not an emotion, though it may be expressed with an emotional content. True love combines the rational aspect of outgoing concern — desire to help, serve, give or share — along with sincere affective feeling.

William Graham Cole, in his book, Sex in Human Experience, an anthropologist, gives an excellent analysis of love. He draws an interesting distinction between true mature love and infantile love. The latter is primarily emotional, thoughtlessly self-seeking, its own gratification. Like "puppy love," it does not love another as he is, or for what he is, but as he is imagined or romantically desired by the reader, "nappies".

"Illusion," says Cole, "is the standard diet of infantile love. It is, as the poets say, blind. Cupid appears, appropriately enough, in diapers."

"Illusion is the standard diet of infantile love. It is, as the poets say, blind. Cupid appears, appropriately enough, in diapers." — Dr. Willard F. Strong

The five senses do cry out for gratification. We humans are composed of flesh — mortal flesh — matter. We can receive pleasurable sensations through these five senses. In their "chaste severity" the early "Christian fathers" deemed any pleasurable sensation or experience, through the senses, to be sinful.

THAT IS EMOTIONALLY NOT TRUE!

God even tells us, in His word, that our senses should be exercised by use, so that we can distinguish good from evil (Heb. 5:14). Our organs are put within our bodies to be used — but not misused! God created us so that we must eat food to live. He equipped us with the sense of taste. God gave us this sense so that we might enjoy the necessity of eating. We exercise our senses to distinguish true, natural, health-building foods from those false foods which destroy health — and then we give thank and really enjoy eating! In like manner God made it possible for us, through the creation of the physical, mate, to discern pleasure and pain from the sense of sight. He gave us the faculty for appreciating the beautiful. But a man can misuse his sense of sight by looking lustfully at a woman.

God equipped humans with the sense of hearing. How much inspiring, uplifting, pleasurable enjoyment we receive from beautiful music! But, of course, this sense, too, may be used for good, or for evil. Glorious music was actually created in thearchangel Lucifer. But when in pride and greed his whole character changed and he fled from his estate of perfection to become Satan, he became corrupted and perverted all his ways (Ezek. 28:13, 17). Satan is the author of perverted, discordant, degenerate modern music.

In love, God equipped humans with the five physical senses, to supply man with holistic enjoyment and pleasure! But the use of these senses can be turned in the wrong direction! The privilege carries with it the obligation of responsibility. This is part of the character-building process.

I repeat! Sin is not the thing — but the wrong use of the thing!

God intended man to be happy! Is it God's will that we enjoy life — that he be pleased with our satisfactions, wholesome, rewarding? But God gave us minds — and made His Word available — to distinguish the true values from the false. We must decide in our own minds what selfish or lustful desire we would like to make right, but to distinguish what God reveals he has made right.

The right use of the five senses brings enjoyable, pleasurable sensations that are uplifting, constructive, beneficial not only to the self, but to others. The wrong and sinful use of the senses also may produce pleasurable sensations, but these wrong uses are destructive and harmful not only to the self, but often also to others.

It is a matter of RIGHT or WRONG direction.

How may we humans know which use is right, and which is wrong? By the LAW OF GOD!

RIGHT USE OF SENSES

God's law is a way of life. It guides actions and uses in a definite direction — always constructive, upbuilding, beneficial. That way always is the way of love — the way of unselfish, outgoing compassion, the way of sharing, the way of joy.

Sin is the transgression of that way! Sin puts us in the direction of vanity greed — indwelling selfish gratification. It wants to be served, not to serve. To be helped, not to help. To get, not to give.

The whole law of God is summed up in one word — LOVE! And it requires love expressed in action to fulfill the law (Rom. 13:8, 10).

But this law principle of love is subdivided into the two great commandments — love toward God and love toward neighbor. The first four of the Ten Commandments define love toward God. The last six tell us how to love neighbor.

Love toward neighbor is not altogether outgoing concern. It is also a sharing with neighbor: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Of course that is a lot of love!

It is human to love your own self. That requires no effort — no character. But what is not human nature is to love your neighbor equally! That requires recognition by an intelligent mind of the true values, and it requires the exercise of well, self-discipline and character.

The Love Man Doesn't Have

The law allows, you to love yourself. Express it with your neighbor, but not to God! It requires you to love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength.

How, then, may a person love God? Accept the natural unconverted man, CANNOT! Take, at random, any man or woman you might meet on a busy street or out on a country lane. Has he the ability to love God far more than self — with all his heart, mind, soul, and strength? Does the average person love God that much?

What's the answer?

The Word answers: "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). The "we" here is addressed to converted Christians.

A human can only really and truly love God with the very love which we receive from Him! This is the spiritual divine love God gives us by the holy spirit! But we must first repent and honor unconditionally to live God's way — and truly believe in Christ, accepting Him as personal Savior.

When we love God, it is merely His own love, on a return circuit, flowing back to Him again! God's spirit is active flowing. So the first great commandment — to be kept in its complete and true spiritual sense — requires a love man simply doesn't have! Of course, God longs to give every man that love, and fill him with it! But very few are willing!

Now consider two extremes:

1. Love toward your neighbor, first from any natural affection — a recognized enemy. Here is Jesus' teaching of fulfilling the law toward him: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for (not against) them which despitefully use you, and persecute you . . ." (Matt. 5:44). Does the natural, unconverted man have that kind of love? The world doesn't consider that teaching of Jesus very practical because the world is empty of that kind of love.

2. At the other extreme, two categories of neighbors closest to you. Singled out in the New Testament for special love. One of these categories is one's neighbors closest to him spiritually — his brethren in Christ. Many scriptures put emphasis on a special love for these. Here again, a love is required which is totally absent in unregenerate man. But, in that case, they are not brethren in Christ — we have received God's holy spirit! Otherwise they are none of His! (Rom. 8:9).

The other of these, singled out in the New Testament for special love, is the neighbor whom you physically — your husband or wife!

And right here is the big point, vitally important, that probably never before entered your mind!

Four categories have just been cited — love to God, and love to neighbor, your enemy, your true fellow Christians, and your marital mate.

Man simply is not born with does not have the divine spiritual love required for the first three of those four categories! To love God, enemy, and fellow Christian spiritually, in the manner the law requires! But when we come to the fourth category marriage — we find an altogether different situation! Even here, when in the New Testament, the command is given to those in the church: "Husbands, love your wives." But "love" in the original Greek in which the apostle Paul wrote, is not even better than, which is the divine love which emanates from God! The true Christian husband loves his wife, not only in the physical and natural sense possible for a natural, yet unconverted, person, but also with a special spiritual love.

But God well knew that an infinitesimal percentage of humans, from Adam and Eve to now, would yield themselves to receive that divine love of God. And, even so, it is then mingled with the physical love of God has made possible through sex!

Now we are ready for the answer to this installment's big question. We need, now, to understand some of the facts of life which few ever grasp!

Marital LOVE

God is a spirit. But God did not create humans out of spirit! To have done so would have defeated God's whole grand purpose! So man is physical flesh made from matter — the dust of the ground!

Of the three kinds of love, expressed by the three Greek words agape, philia, and eros, the natural man is capable of expressing only the last two types of love. There is a certain selfish element in the philia love — love for children, parent, or family. We love for those of our "club," our "team," or "our group." That often is a factional-type love — one of the "works of the flesh" of Galatians 5:19-21 (see especially Moffatt translation).

Why didn't God design things so that married humans would love each other with God's spiritual love without the physical love of eros? Simply because he didn't want it! We may love for those of "our club," our "team," or "our group." But when we come to the fourth cate-
The most successful criminal activity in history, far surpassing street crime, is successful because the criminals are not Mafioso-types or professional crooks with guns or burglary tools but "nice guys." Crime committed by these so-called nice guys is termed white-collar crime. It is perpetrated by millions of secret citizen thieves from every social and economic stratum. Their combined ethics of self-justified dishonesty, cheating, stealing, scheming, defrauding, and shoplifting is exacting a costly toll on our national economy, our personal pocketbooks and our precious freedoms.

White-collar crime plagues every profession. It involves dishonest factory workers, college students, teen-agers, corporate giants, school teachers, movie stars, doctors, artists, technicians, computer experts, small businessmen, housewives and grandmothers.

A white-collar thief can include anyone from the corrupt politician, the fingernail butcher or the embezzling bank employee to the price-rigging executive, the stationery-stealing secretary, the fraudulent advertiser, or even the all-too-common gyro mechanic.

White-collar crime includes fraud and dishonesty of all types: health and medical frauds, stock and securities fraud, mail-order frauds, door-to-door sales frauds, and insurance frauds. There is no aspect of life that has not been exploited by the thief in the white collar.

According to security experts, many of the same millions who decree serious crime in organized crime as crooks also look upon as an eccentric, a dope or a profession by no means are all citizens, businessclass citizens, the typical "white collar." The Department of Commerce says the last fifteen years has seen a tremendous rise in white-collar crime, with organized crime as the biggest problem.

According to one rough estimate, 75,000,000 shoplifting thefts occur yearly in the U.S. Security experts estimate that, if we include office and work-related tools and materials, 70% of the population is a part-time or full-time white-collar thief.

One security official estimates 8% to 10% of the working force are "hardcore" systematic thieves that individually steal millions of dollars in goods over a period of months.

Every small-time swindler wipes out tremendous profits because it is so widespread in every business. Dollarswise, however, the greatest amount is ripped off by those who have access or control to the flow of millions of dollars in merchandise or capital.

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The Big Ripoff

by Donald D. Schroeder

White Collar Crime

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motor carrier, the consignee or other persons having access to the shipments.

Similar statistics apply to the whole transportation industry — truck, air, rail, and water. Total transport losses are around $1.5 billion annually. Everybody loses in one way or another, it becomes increasingly more costly to ship goods.

• Project bids in the U.S.-construction industry are often increased by as much as 8% to offset losses from dishonest employees.

• Brioles, payoffs, “donations,” gifts and kickbacks are often written into the cost of land in an effort to gain the contract.

• Owner-induced arson has suddenly become a major deficiency of the honest property owner in the building and rental business.

• Fake medical claims increase insurance rates.

• Business professionals estimate that 5% to 10% of land in big project contracts abroad is often stolen or “pad” charged for treatment not given. All is a tremendous waste of the taxpayer’s dollars.

• False medical claims increase insurance costs, and many dishonest doctors abuse government medical support to patients (Medicaid).

• When employees are caught stealing, the company should be responsible for the profit loss. Management is seldom in a position to discover disloyalty among its employees. The loss is sometimes irreparable.

• Lynch cites a recent case of a garment manufacturer in Los Angeles who was losing more than $65,000 per month in paper inventory. Lynch was called in to investigate and found the company’s security guards were not trained in the art of protecting its employees as they left the premises. Lynch-trained security guards were put on duty and within the next quarter, the Manufacturer’s “losses” were cut by 90%.

• An example of the big roof is the business in all the country, Dis- rently fraudulent. Around 10% of the land is sold for less and the seller eventually pays for all this fraud.

• The honest businessman will usually “bend over backward” to keep his business and friendship. The cheater, however, isn’t interested in repeated business.

• There are hundreds of outright fraudulently made in every aspect of business. Many families suffer sizeable financial losses from being defrauded of one’s personal money and reputation.

• Fraud commonly pops up in the area of medicine and health, home improvements, auto repair, repair services, charity, work-at-home schemes, investments, land sales, and unscrupulous merchants.

• But there are many, many others.

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• The consumer protection agencies give the following advice to avoid unnecessary consumer headaches and outright fraud.

• Never buy in haste. Take your time, shop around, compare prices and then make your final decision.

• Never deal with a contractor who asks you to sign a contract before you read and understand its terms.

• Never accept an incomplete bill for work that has not been completed. Have the contractor spell out who provides what and the costs.

• Don’t be “bargain blinded” or shop by outward appearance. The real value lies in what is inside the package.

• Don’t accept or rely on oral promises. Get written assurance that no additional charges will be made without your consent (also applies to auto repairs and other major household repairs).

• Don’t make unrealistic financial commitments. Your financial situation changes and the more you need, the more likely you are to be taken in.

• Don’t depend on the merchant’s guarantees in a safe place. Return registration card if requested by the company.

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• Don’t make unrealistic financial commitments. The more money involved, the more caution you need. Understand finance charges. Make sure you can comfortably afford what you buy.

• Educate yourself to consumer fraud and sources of consumer help. It is well worth the time to read books on consumer fraud. These also often inform you about what agencies you can turn to if you are swindled.

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There Is No Justice In the Land

by Jeff Calkins

Make a chain; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence (Ezek. 7:23).

Crime soared by 18% in the first three months of 1975 in the U.S. Before that, it surged 16% in 1974. Eight million serious crimes will take place this year. In fact, one 1973 study found 17 million people had been victimized in one year by major crime, but only 5.3 million reported it. The crime rate is about 3 times what the FBI uniform crime reports show.

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The threat of crime is an ever-present concern world-wide. Many of us live in daily fear of becoming a victim. But why?

"Write for the free booklet titled Crime Can Be Stopped! This timely booklet is offered as an educational public service by Ambassador College. It tells you why there is an international crime crisis in all facets of society. It outlines the root causes of crime and contrasts "Crime's Ten Commandments" with a higher code of ethics. And, even more importantly, it explains the only cure for crime. Request your free copy today - without obligation.

Call 800-423-4444 toll-free for your free booklet

Every Ninth Shopper

The Alarming Frequency of Shoplifting

Several studies have been made by security firms to discover the frequency rate of shoplifting. One private security firm followed 500 shoppers through a New York department store and found 1 of every 12 customers stole something. Another firm found that 1 out of 15 shoppers entering a selected New York, Boston and Philadelphia department stores took something without paying for it. But another thorough study of 432 shoppers has shown that those rates may be too optimistic.

Saul D. Astor, president of Management Safeguards, Inc., began his special project on shoplifting by asking various retail executives to guess the ratio of shoplifters to total customers. Two seasoned executives guessed there was 1 shoplifter for every 1,000 visitors; several other executives guessed 1 in 500, 1 in 100, 1 in 50, etc.

Then Mr. Astor sent members of his staff to a particular high-volume, soft-goods store in mid-town New York City and instructed them to follow the first person who entered the store regardless of race or any other characteristic. They were instructed to stay with that person until he left the store. The

The alarms go off...you are caught. What then?

"Crime Can Be Stopped!"
When Killer EARTHQUAKES Strike!

For sheer, concentrated terror, the experience of a major earthquake may be unsurpassed. Many scientists are predicting another major quake in California in the next 10 to 30 years. Such a quake could be one of the biggest disasters in world history. An informative, free booklet entitled Earthquakes describes the devastating power of major quakes, shows where they have happened later on anyway, one can only insist that through him it resulted, but I feel the author could have pointed out that he opened up the whole outward and onward movement of the Great Exploring Age, which was set in motion by him.

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Patrick Mahony, Hollywood, CA

I was very impressed with the article, "Solzhenitsyn and Detente" in the August 2 issue of Plain Truth. The President of the United States seems to be afraid to meet Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the best-known anti-Communist writer in the world today.

Would it be possible to print in Plain Truth, more about Detente, and why the Russians still aim for world supremacy...?

Mrs. M. Seggren
Taylor, TX

Amsterdam Revisited

As one who loves the truth, I was most interested in your article, "Who Discovered America First?"

AMT ERICA in Scandinavian (ancient) language means the Land of Eric. As I understood it, AMT means land and an "a" at the end of Eric makes it possessive, or the Land of Eric. This is what the Indians were calling our land (also AMERICA) when Amerigo Vespuccius came here. I believe his name in Italy was Marco and he took his name from America, rather than vice versa.

The "discovery" by Columbus is certainly a myth; those who have sought to make us believe it have good promoters for public relations. Sometimes the truth is slow to be revealed, but I hope time will give us the facts.

Miss Alice E. Swanson
Garden City, NY

Radar on Solzhenitsyn

In your Aug. 2 issue, you tell Canadians what David Denison said that the God of Christ is not the God of murderous holy war as some passages in the Bible might suggest. But then your columnist Stanley R. Rader contradicts this conclusion by his unsolicited support for Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who has done nearly everything but insistently call for preventive war against the Soviet leadership.

Solzhenitsyn speaks the truth about Stalin's Russia, but his narrow self-righteousness prevents him from admitting the many internal improvements in Russia since then, from appreciating that further improvements will more likely follow from increased tension with the West than from increased tension, and from understanding even the rudiments about the nature of participatory democracy and the manyills it has suffered in recent years.

Nothing this nation has ever done so resembles an unnecessary and vicious holy war as did its fruitful effort in Vietnam. As one who worked constantly to end that debacle, I recognize Mr. Solzhenitsyn's support for it as one of the most dangerously reactionary cries to be heard in today's world. I applaud Mr. Ford's desire to avoid talking with such a hypocrite, and I deplore the indiscriminate support given to Solzhenitsyn by almost all Christian organizations, who in so doing abandon the admonition of Christ to love one's enemy and change the world by example and patient concern.

John E. Chappell, Jr.
Brookline, MA

In your most recent issue of Plain Truth magazine, one particular article stood out very strongly to my wife and me. This article was the personal from... Herbert W. Armstrong, in regards to the future of the world. It is quite ironic that I was having a conversation with my wife just the day after I received my latest issue of Plain Truth. I was in a depressed state of mind because I had not been able to land a particular job that I had been trying to get for some time. Many things have been preying on my mind in regards to the sad state of this world and the future state the world would or would not be in a year from now. Then I asked myself and my wife, "I wonder if it's worth trying anymore." Then I reached over and picked up my Plain Truth, and there staring me in the face was the article mentioned above. Almost every word from the very first letter jumped out at me as if the very words I was reading were the very exact thoughts and feelings that had been confronting me for quite some time. Just reading and knowing someone else like Mr. Armstrong must have had the same thoughts and feelings as I, gave me a feeling of reassessment and comfort. I no longer felt lost in mind and heart that I was alone with these uncomfortable thoughts and feelings. To summarise: I could not have said it better, if I had written the article myself. It is times like this that I am grateful for the opportunity to have a magazine like Plain Truth in my home.

Dan Rosenblath
Minneapolis, MN

I refer to your current issue of Plain Truth, whose new format I admire. As regards William Drankenbring's article, "Who Discovered America First?", it may not be an attempt to denigrate Columbus, but I feel the author could have pointed out that he opened up the whole outward and onward movement of the Great Exploring Age, which was set in motion by him.

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The Bible Has Something for Everybody
by John R. Schroeder

You've heard the commercial over and over: "Milk has something for every body." That might be true, unless you're one of those unfortunate individuals who has a milk allergy. But would you believe there is a book that really does have something for everybody?

Different people have different tastes. But whatever your particular "thing" happens to be, the Bible probably has something very interesting to say about it.

For instance, you might like reading poetry. Many of David's psalms are poetic prayers—original songs set to music which has been lost. The book of Job contains some of the greatest poetry ever written. It ranks among the literary and philosophical masterpieces of all time, and it contains a vital lesson for everybody.

For the Historically Minded
Are you interested in history? The Bible is a book of origins. It explains where man came from, why he was put on this earth, and where he is going (see Genesis 1:26). That's something everyone needs to know.

Most secular histories show that man's origins emanate from the Middle East (the Fertile Crescent). The Bible itself is a Middle Eastern book. It is written historically, geographically and ethnically from the point of view of the Middle East. The first book in the Bible describes man's beginnings specifically in the area of the Tigris-Euphrates river valley, in the general region of Mesopotamia (Gen. 2:8-15).

What Is the Bible?
The English word "Bible" is a derivative (or anglicized form) of the Greek expression biblia, which is itself a diminutive plural of the Greek term biblos or biblion meaning "books." The Bible is a collection of sixty-six books (twenty-seven in the New Testament and thirty-nine in the Old).

We often refer to the Bible by the expression "Holy Scripture," which merely means "Holy Writings." The biblical revelation is a written revelation—although many of its words were originally spoken orally.

The original language of the Old Testament is basically Hebrew, with some few chapters written in Aramaic (a Semitic language closely related to Hebrew). Hellenistic Greek (or Koine) is the original New Testament language.

Genesis spans more centuries of history than any other biblical book. Besides including an indeterminat period of pre-history prior to man's creation, the first six chapters briefly summarize the beginning 1,650 years of human history in outline form. All told, this book covers 2,100 years, from Adam to Joseph. Much of the balance of the Old Testament is devoted to the history of one man's family grown great—the family of Abraham (from Genesis 12 to Malachi).

The four gospels are basically histories of Jesus Christ, during his three-and-a-half-year ministry. The book of Acts is a brief history of the early Christianity.

For genealogy buffs, there is a table of nations in Genesis 5. This genealogy is repeated, summarized, and expanded in the beginning chapters of 1 Chronicles. Other chronologies and genealogies are scattered throughout the pages of the Old Testament. The genealogy of Christ (through Joseph, his legal father) is penned in the first chapter of Matthew, and the lineage through Mary is found in the third chapter of Luke. Of course, studying genealogies should not be an end in itself (Titus 3:5). But it's an interesting hobby nonetheless.

Philosophy
Is philosophy your "bag?" Then the Bible has something for you too. The philosophy of Jesus Christ is summed up in the Sermon on the Mount. It sets the highest moral and philosophical standards of human conduct you can find anywhere.

Philosophy from a humanistic viewpoint is presented in the book of Ecclesiastes. Its lessons are numerous. It is chock full of basic axioms, such as "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" (Ecc. 8:11, KJV). This is highly applicable not only to our overloaded courts and overworked system of justice today!

The Main Message
Or are you into religion? There's no denying that the overall purpose of the biblical revelation has everything to do with man's spiritual state.

Spiritual—and for that matter even physical—salvation is the main reason why 66 books were included in the Judeo-Christian Bible. The story of salvation starts in the book of Genesis, being briefly summed up in verse 26 of chapter one where God says, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Man, unique among all the earth's creatures, was fashioned to have fellowship with God—for eternity, when you really comprehend it.

Prophecy
Few realize that a good definition for Bible prophecy would be "history written in advance!"—before it happens. Some biblical predictions have already come to pass, some are being fulfilled today, and some will yet be fulfilled at some time in the future.

About a fourth of the Bible is composed of prophecy. Says J. Barton Payne: "Commentators are accustomed
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physical matter. In His divine wisdom, God knew that His supreme purpose required that man be made, first, on the material level — a physical being. Being physical, we were made with the five physical senses.

It was God's purpose that humans, unlike animals, angels, or any other living beings, enjoy the blessings of marriage and family relationships — actual God-plane relationships. The marriage relationship, as explained, had to be a love relationship. But human, fleshly man is not born with spiritual love. Man's comprehension of mind — his expression of love — is confined, naturally, to the physical level, through the senses. Unconverted man can express only physical love, and, in marriage, it is expressed through sex.

Man is given a choice. So he has full ability to turn physical sex love in the wrong direction of lust. God equipped him to do so. He has the capability to discern and to choose, and what he sows he shall reap!

Though God made man a physical being, it was still his design to make possible our greatest happiness.

... Of all the truly enjoyable experiences received through the five senses, perhaps the most intense and supremely gratifying — the very pinnacle of sheer exhilaration — is that received in the sex act of expressing love for the one who is the dearest of all people on earth, and to whom one has been joined in blessed and holy wedlock by God Himself!

I remember when I was a young unmarried man, some of you young men might have argued for resisting fornica­tion. I, we reasoned, a man might experience a momentary sensual thrill out of an act of fornication, how much greater would be the satisfaction of waiting to share that act with the one sweetest, dearest, loveliest wife in all the world — giving love — not receiving lust — with clean conscience. With a harlot or a girl loose and immoral enough to permit fornication, it could not be real love. Besides, it involved a guilty conscience, and it could lead to premarital pregnancy or venereal disease.

(Recall, conditions and attitudes of teen-agers were quite different then — some 60 years ago.)

Best — For Us

Even in carnality, we realize it was better — BETTER FOR US — to wait for marriage.

The perverted believer in today's "new morality" could argue: "Why not enjoy both?" But he misses the whole point. The supreme enjoyment and happiness of marital love springs from the very exclusiveness of the true marriage relationship — sacred to just the two — unshared with any other. Fornication prior to marriage robs the marriage of something very precious and eminently worth the prenuptial self-denial.

God made us so that we may really enjoy the taste of delicious food, the sound of beautiful music, the sight of a beautiful landscape or flower garden, the fragrance of lovely roses. The right exercise of our senses in God-sent satisfaction, gives us the very best satisfaction, for it was intended as a pleasure and enjoyment. God is love, and God expressed His love toward us by making these delights possible. Yet, probably the most intensely delightful of all physical joys God's love has made possible is that of sexual love between husband and wife.

The intent was to endear each other, bind them closer to each other, and therefore to a higher plane.

It was God who created these five senses and set them in such dynamic action with their many stimuli. And God beheld everything that He had made and pronounced it very good!

God wants us to enjoy living. God made us so we can find true happiness, here and now — we can simply enjoy happiness and joy! His Law is the guide to the right use of these powers which can produce joys or perhaps the terrible curses. And He gave us the CHOICE.

God gave us the blessed marriage relationship and the God-plane family relationship!

Love is God's way. But natural man...
Reincarcerating Criminals

Garner Ted Armstrong SPEAKS OUT!

Earlier this month in Sacramento, California, a young woman follower of convicted murder Charles Manson said, "If the President aims a loaded gun at President Ford at nearly point-blank range, her pistol did not fire, and the President, who recollected in shock at the assassination attempt, was unharmed. A Secret Service agent grabbed the assailant's arm and wrestled her to the ground as she screamed, "It didn't go off!"

An hour later, on schedule, the President addressed the California legislature on the subject of law and order and gun control. He told the lawmakers there is a "truly alarming, increase in violent crime throughout the country," but he made no "direct reference to the apparent attempt on his life."

It was a close call for Mr. Ford — but for many of his countrymen, the story ends in tragedy, day after day. An urban American boy born in 1974 is more likely to die by murder than an American soldier in World War II was likely to die in combat.

Actual statistics calculated by three mathematicians at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology prove that homicide is increasing so fast in the larger American cities that 2% of all babies born today is Increasing so fast in the larger American cities that 2% of all babies born today are likely to die in combat.

Statistics...statistics...the victims of a crime...sometimes they are the predators...sometimes they are the prey...and sometimes they are both. But they all have in common the experience of being "victimized"..."victimized"..."victimized"...

As we approach our bicentennial, the nation is in the midst of a crime wave or a crime epidemic, because those words are no longer meaningful to us. We have heard them so many times: Crime is everywhere; criminals are everywhere. We hear about rape and robbery, burglary and arsons. We hear about sensational kidnappings and mass murders. And now we find that even the nature of crime is changing. Now crimes against the person, crimes of mindlessness, senseless brutality, are called "violent"..."violent"..."violent"...

Seasoned law enforcement officers are bewildered about a syndrome which they call "recidivism." It refers to the "recycling" of criminals. About half of the robbery suspects actually caught in the act, for example, are back on the streets in a matter of days, free on probation.

When you look at the entire system of justice — the crowded courtrooms; the months, and increasingly the years, that it takes to bring a case to court; the unbelievable poor rate of actual convictions; and then even after conviction the number of people who actually go to jail; and then those who go to jail, who actually stay there for any amount of time even remotely close to what was originally their sentence — when you look at all of it, it is a total sham.

Recidivism has now come to the point where the rate is nearly 70%.

That means that seven out of ten offenders who are arrested, who are coming up before the judge, have already been arrested (and probably for the same crime) before! So we're getting the same criminals over and over again. We can't get them off the streets. We arrest them again and again and again. But nothing seemingly happens to them. Little wonder it is called "revolving door justice."

Police Commissioner Joseph O'Neal of Philadelphia has said: "Criminals are not being put into jail. If they are found guilty, they are put on probation. Repeat offenders are responsible for most of the major crimes."

And Daniel P. Sullivan, who is the executive vice-president of the crime commission in Greater Miami, has said: "I don't think we have the moral character to require people to obey the law anymore. People are now convinced they can get away with murder. They commit the most violent and vicious crimes, and they go through the door and are viewed and a short time later they're back out on the streets."

The entire picture is a major national disaster; yet we don't seem to realize the true proportions of it. There is no way to overemphasize the problem that crime has become in the world's greatest free nation. As we approach our bicentennial observation, the 200th birthday of the land of the free and the home of the brave, we have increasingly become the "land of the craven and the home of the criminal."

Many in the criminal justice and law enforcement professions are becoming very, very angry. Some policemen have simply begun walking off their jobs, refusing to show up for work. When a policeman actually arrests — as actually occurred not long ago — a couple of auto thieves in the process of dismantling a stolen car, he saw it on television, you don't need a university study to tune of tens of thousands of dollars of taxpayers' money, taking months and years, to prove it to you in the way or the other.

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It is only when human beings learn the lesson that they must suffer for the consequences of their own misdeeds that true justice is meted out. From our earliest infancy, we should have learned that hurt causes hurt, pain brings pain, and breaking the law brings punishment. When we adopt the notion that the fear of punishment can never be considered a deterrent to crime, we are abandoning one of the most fundamental principles of the word of God, which shows that broken laws break those who break the laws. The woman who attempted to gun down President Ford in Sacramento had the most unfortunate year of the Associated Press and was plainly contemptuous of the Ford administration, still, despite the official precautions, unthinkingly, the woman was standing in the crowd with a gun.

If there were DAV PENALTY to be meted out swiftly, certainly the elimination or even assassination attempts against top public officials, would she have been "out?"

With the incredible breakup of American home life, the virtual disintegration and destruction of the in-stitution of all society — the family — already rampant crime steadily spirals upward. Children are more likely to turn to crime if parents battle frequently, or if one or the other parent is missing, through divorce, death, or abandonment — or simply was never there in the first place because of illegitimacy.

Children in this world are the future of this nation. And the future of this nation is not something we can afford to neglect.

Now, of course, some psychiatrist, some group therapist, or some new thinker will come along and tell us that it can't be proved that violence is learned at home, learned via television, or learned in any of those pictures. Well, if you want to listen to that kind of gobbleygook, that's fine; but there is an obvious cause and effect relationship between seeing violence and wanting to participate in it.

Incredibly enough, the average young child in the United States watches more television by the time he is six years of age than the number of hours he will ever spend in the classroom in formal education in his life! That is an FCC statistic.

Another study recently claimed that the average American youth will see 11,000 TV murders by the time he is 14.

And, the recent, on television has had a direct effect on juvenile violence. Police men by the thousands would tell you they know it's true. When a police officer examines someone who actually arrests — as actually occurred not long ago — a couple of auto thieves in the process of dismantling a stolen car, he saw it on television, you don't need a university study to tune of tens of thousands of dollars of taxpayers' money, taking months and years, to prove it to you in the way or the other.

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