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PREJUDICE
MORE THAN SKIN DEEP
Before his death on January 16, 1986, the editor in chief planned this “Personal” and had the entire copy of this issue read to him.

Is Jesus God?

Is Jesus the same as Jehovah? Is there more than one God? Startling as it may seem, there is great confusion today among religious leaders concerning the true nature and office of Jesus Christ.

The Bible was divinely inspired to impart truth to those who seek it with honest hearts and minds. But even this all-important subject has become jumbled.

Jesus Christ came to pay the penalty for sin in our stead. He gave of himself, that we might be reconciled to God.

How was this made possible?

First, if Jesus had been only human, his death could have paid the penalty for but one other human who had incurred that penalty by transgression of God's spiritual law (Rom. 6:23). Since God the Father created all things by Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:9), and since all things, including man, were made by Jesus Christ, he is our Maker and therefore God, and his life that he gave was of greater value than the sum total of all human beings. For we read, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:1-3, Authorized Version, unless otherwise designated). "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father" (verse 14, Revised Standard Version).

Also, "He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not" (verse 10, RSV). Compare these scriptures with I Corinthians 8:6 and Colossians 1:12-19.

Life alone can beget life. This is the absolute law of biogenesis. Since eternal life is the gift of God (John 3:16), only a God possessing immortality could give it. If Jesus were only human, we could not receive eternal life through him and he could not be our Savior. Man does not have eternal life inherent in himself. But, as God "the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself." And, "God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (John 5:26 and I John 5:11-12).

On the other hand, Jesus was also human. Since it is human life that has transgressed God's law, the law claims human life as its penalty. Contrary to popular present-day teaching, the Word of God states that the wages—the penalty—of sin, is death, not eternal life in a so-called "hell fire" (Rom. 6:23). When we sin, we break God's perfect spiritual law, "for sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). The penalty for this sin is death. The penalty must be paid. God the Father will not compromise. It must be paid by man. Therefore, Jesus, who is and was God, who has always existed (John 1:1, 2), was actually made flesh (verse 14).

He, who was God, actually became human flesh because I John 4:2, 3 states, "By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God" (RSV). He was conceived in and born of the human virgin, Mary. "Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 1:18, RSV). He was made not only flesh, but human flesh and blood. Notice, in the Revised Standard (Continued on page 24)
No more important issue faces society today!

You've heard the saying: “Beauty is more than skin deep.”

A woman, try as she might with good fashion sense and grooming, cannot make herself truly beautiful unless that beauty comes from the heart.

Likewise, not until people learn to care for each other from the heart will diverse ethnic and racial groups live side by side in the beauty of peace.

Racism Cuts Deep

Newspaper and magazine articles increasingly focus on gang fights and racial or religious strife. The writers usually end in a plea for better police practices, for new government social programs or renewed “racism awareness.”

Most pleas of this type focus mainly on the effects, not the causes!

The Plain Truth, by contrast, takes you deep into the cause—the why—of today’s violence and hostilities. That's why it's called “a magazine of understanding.”

Look at this world for a moment.

In South Africa, the increasing racial violence caused Bishop Tutu of the Anglican church to sigh: “We are building up an incredible legacy of hatred. . . .”

Indian Sikh extremists—Sikhs account for only 2 percent of India's population—have claimed thousands of lives in the past four years, including that of the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Age-old religious and social grievances fuel frictions in Northern Ireland. In Britain, police now realize they can no longer face rioters’ gunfire and gasoline bombs, armed only with plastic shields. As one policeman said, “This is not the England we should be living in.”

Hostilities occur on a daily basis between native West Germans and Turkish Gastarbeiter (guest workers). Minority Yugoslavs and Turks find themselves in difficulty in Sweden.

France is on uneasy terms with some four million Algerians, Portuguese and Moroccans living within French borders.

In Yugoslavia, where one million are jobless and inflation soars at more than 70 percent, ethnic rivalries flare between the Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, Macedonians, Montenegrins and Albanians.

All through the Middle East political and ethnic issues hover near flash point.

In Australia resentments mount against Aborigines claiming greater land rights.

Russians are concerned over the ever-multiplying Asiatics among them.

Blacks, Hispanics and Orientals have become targets for unemployed workers in the United States. Under skies crisscrossed by satellites and jet aircraft, desegregation and resegregation have gone so far in the United States that longtime black residents in Washington, D.C., are feuding with black newcomers.
ers. Blacks fight blacks “in a kind of racial fratricide,” is how one newsmagazine described it.

More and more U.S. blacks encounter open bitterness in hostile white neighborhoods.

From Bermuda to Britain, North America to South Africa, people project their own inadequacies on those who belong to a different category—whether class, race, nationality, age or religion.

Where did today’s conflicts and racial strife begin? How did the peoples we have met in this article come to live side by side with ethnic groups that speak other languages and toil toward different purposes?

**Immigrants Helped Rebuild Europe**

For centuries Europe has experienced mass migration. Caught in the throes of religious and economic upheaval, Jews fled from one country to another in Europe and even across the Atlantic; French Huguenots fled northwest and to the New World and South Africa, and more recently Spanish, Portuguese and Italians migrated to factories to the north.

Much of the contemporary racial mix in Western Europe started after and because of, World War II. An economic and industrial boom was breaking out all over the Continent, and immigrants from the West Indies, North Africa, Turkey, Pakistan and other places were eager to work. The migrant workers for the most part were welcomed.

By the mid-'70s Western Europe had become multiracial.

Then hard times came. Industry slumped and factories closed. The work was over; unemployment was high.

Blacks and Asians and the British themselves wrestle with unemployment, restless youths, poor housing and overcrowding of minorities. As the Continent’s recession drags on, some West Europeans vent frustrations on guest workers with the message “Go home!”

Many of Western Europe’s 12 million immigrants are, as put by one newsmagazine, “trapped between old countries that cannot feed them and new countries that no longer want them.”

In the words of one Turkish worker living in West Berlin: “They asked us to come and work here, but now that things don’t go well, they want us out.”

The children of immigrant workers are tired of disrespect and rejection. Majority and minority youths realize they belong to a blocked generation, whose future is troubled and confused. Drug use, prostitution and other crimes now flourish in both majority and minority populations.

**In North America, Too**

Slave traders once funneled large numbers of African slaves and indentured servants into British colonies. Now today, one British magazine described prejudice in America as “developing parallel with the growth of democracy.”

Now, at the midway point in the 1980s, in the United States, a small group of “white supremacists” arm themselves, while “black supremacists” arouse blacks to “take over the earth” and call whites “devils who will die in an explosion of holy fire.”

Where will mankind’s folly stop? Will society’s racial bombs cause the genocide of not only minority but majority groups also?

**Why Integration Didn’t End Discrimination**

In America, the Supreme Court set the country’s directions with a decision May 17, 1954, mandating integration in public schools.

Despite a majority backlash, other judicial measures spurred integration by implementing quotas of blacks, Hispanics and women of all ethnic groups in factories and offices.

Former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower warned at the time, “It’s all very well to talk about school integration if you remember you may also be talking about social disintegration.”

The U.N., in a noble effort to combat racial prejudice around the globe, has sought to abolish racial discrimination by drafting charters and declarations, and by promoting conventions, covenants and programs. A Decade for Action to
Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, declared for the years 1973 to 1983, called for “intensified national, regional and international action aimed at achieving total and unconditional elimination of racial discrimination in all its forms.”

Besides international incentives, individuals, too, have struggled to calm racial and national conflicts. History will remember how the late Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat offered his stunning peace proposal to the state of Israel. Flying in the face of open hostilities from other Arab countries, President Sadat went further than almost any leader had in seeking out peace for the Middle East.

Addressing the Israeli Knesset in late 1977, he said: “I believe that for peace a man may, even should, do everything in his power. Nothing in this world could rank higher than peace.”

Yet even Mr. Sadat’s efforts eventually failed in part.

Other sincere men and women are busily trying to combat virulent ethnic and racial problems. Sometimes results are achieved—usually in a very limited way and for a limited time.

Sadly, the 1983 United Nations world conference had to declare that racism and racial discrimination “continue unabated and have shown no sign of diminishing. The continuance of [racism] casts a dark shadow on humanity as a whole.”

What Impedes Racial Harmony

A little more than a year ago, editor in chief Herbert W. Armstrong spoke to a group of media representatives in Sri Lanka, where Tamils and Sinhalese—two groups living on the island nation—have difficulties understanding each other.

In that conference Mr. Armstrong warned: “The world has tried everything that man can conceive of for world peace. Humans have worked for world peace. They have fought for peace. They have striven for peace. And we still do not have peace, because people do not know the way to peace.”

Did you catch it? There is a way of life that leads to peace between nations and between individuals.

What, then, is the way to peace? What is the cause of strife and racial and ethnic antagonisms? A startling excerpt from the

How about you?

Or do we tend to think that the whole world rotates around our needs, our interests and our sensual desires? Do we not tend to fraternize mainly with those who make us feel most comfortable?

Most people don’t like to put themselves on the spot and face things that are difficult or embarrassing. We humans don’t like to get our hands dirty with someone else’s problems.

That, frankly, is human nature. In humans there now exists a tendency toward prejudice. The pull of human nature, like a magnet, is there.

Mr. Sadat realized it. He told the Knesset: “There remains a wall. This wall constitutes a psychological barrier between us, a barrier of suspicion, a barrier of rejection, a barrier of fear, of deception, a barrier of hallucination without any action, deed or decision.”

No matter how you slice animosity and prejudice, you always come up with human nature.

The Source of Human Nature

Heredity determines the color of one’s skin, but not one’s mental attitude. You are not born with what has come to be called “human nature.”

You see, it all began with the first man. You know the story. You can read it in Genesis 2 and 3. Our first parents chose not to believe what God had instructed them. They rejected God’s rule and government over them. They listened to Satan. They took to themselves the knowledge of what is good and what is evil—deciding for themselves right from wrong.

Then something happened to the minds of our first parents—the mental—now “carnal”—eyes of both of them were suddenly

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What Is the Purpose of the Resurrection?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Why is a resurrection necessary if man has an immortal soul? If we are saved by the death of Christ, why did Jesus have to be resurrected?

Today we live in a time of world revolution. We hear talk about the end of the world!

Today we face a dual question. Not only regarding man, but now also concerning civilization. We need to find the answer to the question put by the patriarch Job: "If a man die, shall he live again?"

This should be a time of hope—because, even if this world dies—and it shall—there will follow a resurrection of a new and better world—a world at peace—a world of contentment, happiness, abundance, joy!

Now, as never before, we need to realize that God is working out a purpose here below—and that his great plan involves a dual resurrection: the resurrection of the individual, and also the resurrection of a dying world! Very few, indeed, have any conception at all of the nature of the resurrection!

Never a Time Like This Before

You live today in a time different—utterly different—from any past time on earth! You are destined, as no past generation has been, to live in two worlds! Yes, this world is dying—that's the real meaning of world chaos today—but there will be a resurrection. And, catch this!—the resurrected body is not the same body that previously dies!

Why did God Almighty need to provide for any resurrection at all? What's the purpose of the resurrection? What does it mean?

Most people have somehow come to believe that Christ completed God's plan of redemption on the cross—by his death! But if salvation was made full and complete by Jesus' death, then why is there any need of—why do people celebrate—the resurrection from the dead?

You often hear people say, "Christ died to save sinners." Many suppose that's a Bible quotation—but it isn't. Many firmly believe that Christ's death imparts to us eternal life, that it is the blood of Christ—his death—that actually saves—that imparts everlasting life. Many of you will be surprised to learn that the Bible says no such thing! What a self-contradictory, totally unscientific thing the Bible would be stating, if you could find that in the Bible.

There is no more basic and firmly established law known to science than the law of biogene-

sis—that only life can come from life. Death has no power to impart life. Life cannot spring from dead matter. The living does not come from the not-living. God Almighty created that law.

Why, then, was it necessary that Christ die for us—that he shed his blood? Let's understand!

Death Cannot Impart Life

The Scriptures reveal that ALL have sinned, and the penalty for sin is death! The punishment is death—yes, death for all eternity—eternal punishment! The Bible definition of sin is the transgression of God's law—the immutable, inexorable spiritual law of love summed up by the Ten Commandments.

God established that law, actually set it in motion, to make men happy. It's the way to peace, to prosperity, joy! It's the perfect way of life. It's the way to enjoy life to the full. This world is filled with strife and war, fear and worry, poverty and want, discontent and suffering—only because men have transgressed that holy, spiritual law.

God's salvation does not impart merely eternal life. Salvation means far more than that. Jesus said he came that we might have
eternal life, yes—but he also said
something more: "I am come," he
said, "that they might have life,
and that they might have it more
abundantly."

God help us to comprehend. Not
merely continuous existence—but
the full, happy, interesting, abun-
dant life! Yes—and that for all
eternity!

Just stop and think a moment.
For God to impart mere never-end-
ing existence, which we should live
in ever-increasing emptiness, bore-
dom, misery and suffering—why,
that would be the most cruel pun-
ishment. God is love. He wants you
to learn the way to enjoy life—
forever.

Why God Hides Himself

Your transgression of God’s way of
life has not only brought unhap-
iness and suffering to you—it has
cut you off from all contact with
your Maker. You are a mere mor-
tal. The penalty hanging over you
is death—and the most certain
thing in life is that all shall die.
You have no power to impart to
yourself eternal life. And your sins
have caused you to be cut off from
God the Father, the giver of eter-
nal life.

But God so loved this world, that
he gave his only begotten Son, that
if you believe on him, you shall
not, after all, perish, but have the
gift of everlasting life! That can
only come through Christ.

But how? Jesus Christ was
changed from the divine Word of
God to mortal human flesh—for
the purpose of death. He, only, of
all humans, lived without sin. He
said, “I have kept my Father’s com-
mandments.” When he shed his precious blood—when he gave
his life—he was not paying the
penalty of his sins, for he never
sinned. He was paying YOUR
penalty for you—in your stead—
the penalty you incurred by disobe-
dience.

So now if and when you really
repent of your transgressions, and
when you believe, not only in
Christ, but also his gospel, your
penalty stands paid in full—you
are reconciled to God—you have
access to God the Father! You are
now justified. Your guilt is wiped
clean—up to THAT moment. You
are under grace—that is, unde-
served pardon for past transgres-
sions.

But that grace gives you no li-
cense to continue in sin! As the
apostle Paul wrote: “What shall we
say then? Shall we continue in sin
[transgressing God’s law], that
grace may abound? God forbid”
(Rom. 6:1-2, Authorized Version).
Justification refers only to a guilty
past.

But now where do you stand?
Are you now automatically already
saved? You most certainly are not.
Be not deceived. The death of
Christ does not impart eternal life.
You are not finally saved by the
death of Christ, you are merely
justified—your past guilt re-
moved—reconciled to God. You
are merely prepared so that you
can be saved. You now have access
to God from whom eternal life
comes.

What the Death of Christ Means

The blood of Christ does not fi-
nally save you, and had Christ re-
mained dead, you would have no
salvation—never could you have
eternal life!

Here’s the glorious truth! Here’s
the point I want you to grasp: You
are finally saved—you receive et-
ernal life—by the resurrection of
Christ—from the living Christ, not
a dead Savior.

It’s in your Bible. Turn to it—
see it with your own eyes. Turn to
Romans 5:8-10: “God commendeth
his love toward us, in that, while
we were yet sinners, Christ died
for us. Much more then, being now
justified by his blood, we shall be
saved from wrath through him. For
if, when we were enemies, we were
reconciled to God by the death of
his Son, much more, being re-
ciled, we shall be saved by his life”!

There it is. Do you see? Do you
comprehend? We are forgiven, jus-
tified of past guilt, reconciled to
the Father, by the death of
Christ—but we shall be saved, not
by his death, but by his life! Yes,
by his resurrection.

In I Corinthians 5:7-8 the apos-
tle Paul laid down the com-
mandment for the Church: “... Christ
our passover is sacrificed for us:
therefore let us keep the feast. ...”
The original true Church that Je-
sus built kept the Passover, and the
Feast of Unleavened Bread—not
Easter. The Passover was the
memorial of the death of Christ,
onseen on its anniversary—pic-
turing our justification from past
sins—our being reconciled to God.

Therefore, as Paul said, let us
put sin out of our lives—for that’s
what the Festival of Unleavened
Bread was given by God to picture
to his Church.

Also, this festival of God pic-
tured the risen, resurrected Christ.
And so, as Christ died for us, and
rose again, the people of God are
instructed (Rom. 6:11), “Likewise
reckon ye also yourselves to be
dead indeed unto sin, but alive
unto God through Jesus Christ our
Lord”—yes, through Christ’s life.

Saved by His Resurrection

Christ’s resurrection makes possi-
ble our resurrection to immortal
life in the very divine family of
God. Jesus is only the firstborn of
many brethren. Your gift of etern-
al life results not from the death
of Christ—but from his resurrec-
tion!

Suppose Jesus Christ had re-
mained dead in his tomb. Do you
suppose that, in that case, your
faith in his blood—his death—
could have saved you? If you do,
you’d be trusting in a false hope.
It’s time we realize the truth.

Notice again—read this in your
Bible, I Corinthians 15:14, 17-18:
“If Christ be not risen, then is our
preaching vain... if Christ be not
raised, your faith is vain... Then
they also which are fallen asleep
[that is, dead] in Christ are per-
ished”—unless Christ rose from
the dead.

Do you grasp the wonderful
truth? Christ is not a dead Savior.
He rose from the dead—he is our
living Savior. But he was dead. He
rose from death—not from life. It
was the ever-living Father who
raised him—who imparted eternal
life to him. Jesus Christ became
mortal man for the very purpose of
death—to pay the penalty—
death—for you and for me. He was
mortal. He died. You are mortal.
You shall die. And there is no im-
 mortal life—and no possibility of
it—in mortal man.

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The Plain Truth
Are You Sure EVERYBODY'S DOING IT?

by Dexter H. Faulkner

Here's a subject of vital interest to all young people.

"It's going against everything I believe in, but there's still this thought in my mind that it's going to happen, sooner or later...."

The letter was from an attractive teenage girl, a subscriber of the Plain Truth's sister magazine for young people, Youth 86. In spite of the pressures of her friends at school, the permissive society we live in and the constant bombardment of immoral television and movies, she set certain sexual values and standards for herself.

But now, approaching her mid-teens, Cindy (not her real name) finds herself weakening. She is confused and worried about her fluctuating desires and feelings. Is she really old-fashioned in her thinking like some of the young men she dates say?

"They expect me to do things I go against. They expect me to go to bed with them, and when I tell them no, they tell me to grow up."

How would you answer Cindy? I've read and reread her letter and I believe there are more Cindys (and Susies and Tonys and Bills) out there, with moral standards they're having a difficult time upholding, than we might think.

**Who's Old-fashioned?**

Feeling good about yourself, whether male or female, and desiring to maintain a certain sense of self-respect, is not old-fashioned. That's a natural and right emotion for every human being who has ever been born.

On the other hand, a lack of concern for others' future sexual lives is as "old as the hills" too. We didn't create sex and lovemaking in the 20th century.

Cindy continues: "As far as getting to do the same things as the other kids in high school, I believe I should wait and share my body with the guy I really love and devote my life to." How many of you teenage fellows, when you're ready to begin a family and home, wouldn't like to meet this girl? Or have you given up on there being any Cindys left?

"Everyone talks about making love, but it makes me sick. If they really loved each other, they wouldn't have someone else every other week." Very perceptive, Cindy.

Is what's going on out there really love, or is it the not-too-cleverly disguised counterfeit lust? Too often it's lust—a total lack of real love and concern for another. We need to get our definitions straight!

Everyone needs to love and to be loved, and not just by one's family. As Cindy matures physically she realizes that more and more.

"Maybe I'm just lonely. I need someone to hold me. I want to feel like someone really loves me. And sometimes parents, family and friends don't fill that longing. What should I do?"

Cindy is at a turning point in her life. She's being pressured into making decisions that she shouldn't have to face until she is out of her teenage years.

But this is the real world. You young people are being forced to grow up quickly. You're being expected to make adult decisions daily, not only by your friends, but by adults. Why is Cindy at her tender age alone with young men so im-
mature in their thinking that they've labeled her body some sort of personal sexual experimentation zone?

And you young men, realize that there are certain girls who will experiment with your feelings and cast you aside like an empty soft drink can. That's the way you feel afterward: crushed, empty and used—a worthless piece of litter.

They'll compare your performance with others. You're just someone for them to make fun of with their friends. A humiliating experience? You bet. One that neither you nor anyone else, no matter what age, should ever have to suffer.

Be wary. It's an experience that can pervert your feelings about the opposite sex and affect your sexual life, even in marriage.

A Gift From God

Sex is a beautiful gift from God. These warm, titillating sensations didn't just evolve from nowhere. Those almost overpowering needs for love and companionship were put there for a divine purpose. God meant for you to experience them. He's not trying to keep you from having a good time. His guidelines are so you can experience to the fullest extent what he designed for you to enjoy.

Does that sound strange? Haven't you sometimes felt that God doesn't want you to have fun? That isn't true.

Do you know what God really wants for you? He wants you to be the attractive, healthy, wholesome, talented person you hardly dare to dream about. Well-balanced, popular with both young and old—that's what he wants for you. He wants you to be looked up to and respected. He wants you to find the most wonderful fellow or girl to date and finally marry. He wants you to experience the most satisfying, exciting sexual moments with that person that can be experienced. He designed you to have that kind of life.

The problem is most people don't believe it. Their thinking is all turned upside down. They think moral guidelines are there to keep them from full enjoyment of their senses. No, they're there to protect, to shield from what would certainly ruin those beautiful years ahead.

Hanging in There

Cindy (you know who you are), I hope you hang in there.

I hope Cindy doesn't make the big mistake she's seen her friends make—the unwanted pregnancies, the ruined lives. It won't be easy. It's easier with parental support, but in many instances teens are not getting this support because parents are confused too. Many have just given up on their kids. I'm sure Cindy's parents would be surprised to know how she really feels.

But, teens, give your parents a break. They find talking to you about sex is one of the hardest things they have ever tried to do. So they procrastinate. Finally when they realize you're past puberty and growing up fast, some self-consciously offer you, male or female, birth-control advice. If that's happened to you, I'm sure you felt confused. You may have wondered: What are my parents trying to tell me? Is it OK to do it as long as I don't get pregnant or, if a fellow, if I don't get someone else pregnant?

Parents mean well, but many times they have been intimidated by the society we live in. Parents are pictured by the media as fumbling, bumbling fools who are having little success governing their own sex lives, let alone those of their children. And parents have come to believe it.

What a travesty. If parents have made serious mistakes, that should be all the more reason to instruct their children and to try to protect them from the same pain.

Young people, if you're determined to have that bright future that can be yours, the one that God has designed for you to have, you're going to have to take charge of your own life and have a plan.

If well-meaning adults, doctors, nurses or parents, offer you birth-control aids, realize their motivation is to protect you. But also know that sexual intercourse is much more than the physical act they imply. Sex before marriage is not OK, even if nobody gets pregnant or contracts a venereal disease or STD as they call them now.

Sexually transmissible diseases—I guess that sounds nicer. But there's nothing nice about contracting one or several of the venereal diseases rampant today.

It Won't Be Easy

In today's society, saying no to sex is not going to be easy in every circumstance. Nothing worth having is ever easy to attain. It takes personal courage and determination on your part. We're sexual beings. Sex is a most powerful driving force in our lives. Respect that force. Don't underestimate its power in your life.

Put off until later going out on dates by yourself, just the two of you. Save this one-on-one dating for when you are older.
and are ready to consider the responsibilities of marriage. Your youth should be a time to have a relaxing good time with a group of friends without the oftentimes embarrassing discomfort and awkwardness that a single-dating relationship can bring. Save such relationships for when you're more emotionally mature and socially experienced.

And, right along with that, don't go steady. Dating only one person multiplies the pressure to have sex. I mean, after hundreds of hours alone with one another, you can find it difficult to maintain your moral standards. You have the freedom, while you're a teenager, to get to know and learn about the personalities and likes and dislikes of a lot of people. So why cheat yourself. You'll only be a teenager once.

Get involved in positive activities that you can enjoy with a lot of young people. Spend time developing your skills in a sport or activity that will round out your personality. Make some money; learn how to enjoy your work.

You may even be alone while you're developing certain of your talents, but believe me, once you've done it, the sense of self-respect you feel and the recognition of your abilities by others is well worth the price. Be the best at whatever interests you most.

Avoid Frustration

Did you know the lovemaking that precedes actual sexual intercourse is a part of that sexual act? This touching, prolonged kissing and fondling is a vital, integral part of sexual intercourse in marriage. God did not intend for people to indulge in these acts before marriage—another good reason not to date alone or go steady.

Such lovemaking was designed to heighten the sensations of the physical union of two bodies. To try to experience as much as you can and go as far as you can without going all the way, kidding yourself that you are not doing anything wrong, is stupid—and pretty frustrating too.

Some older teens, after deciding they're ready for marriage, justify their sexual activities by convincing each other they are just checking out their sexual compatibility before they marry. Oh, really?

Sexual compatibility is developed over a period of time. Not taking this into consideration can make you believe you're not compatible. Many a close relationship has been ruined by introducing sex into it prematurely. You can lose a person you love deeply that way.

Remember, whether male or female, to respect that sexual drive in your bodies and realize you can't play around with it and not get hurt in a very intimate, devastatingly painful way.

Avoid pornographic literature and movies. Pornography distorts your perception of sex, and an obsession with it can pervert your mind into weird notions of what sexual enjoyment is all about. Pornography and the abuses that often go along with it dull sexual senses and steal pleasures awaiting you in marriage.

Also avoid destroying good judgment with alcohol and drugs. Don't ruin your entire life for one evening of chemical euphoria.

Those of you who have already made some mistakes, chalk them up to learning the hard way. But learn the lesson, don't keep repeating the same mistakes. You can straighten out your life.

Talk to Parents

Try to talk to your parents about your feelings. Ask for their support. They may not understand that when they allow you to be alone and unchaperoned with a friend of the opposite sex, they are placing you in a compromising situation that you may be unable to control. Parents tend to think of you as their little boys and girls still and avoid facing up to the fact that you now have strong sexual drives.

Ask them to help provide opportunities for the balanced social and recreational opportunities you and your friends need. Parents may be tired and filled with problems of their own, but it would be difficult for them not to respond when you point out the need. Of course, don't expect your home to become a total entertainment center at all hours, day or night.

Choose Friends Wisely

Now comes another hard part—getting yourself out of the entanglements you are already involved in. Be honest. Go to the person you may be steadily dating and tell him or her how you feel. Tell your friend you're not turning against him or her as a friend, but make it clear that what you want is a friend, not a lover.

Evaluate your friends and their moral standards—even if you're in the "in" crowd. In the long run it's not who's in the "in" crowd that matters. It's your success and happiness in the future that matters. It might be interesting to ask your parents whatever happened to the (Continued on page 21)
Mystery of Israel

We continue, with this eighth installment, the serial publication of Herbert W. Armstrong's last book *Mystery of the Ages.*

We pick up the story thread in the time of King David of Israel.

**King David** of ancient Israel personally was not without sin. Nor has any human ruler ever been.

But what made King David different is that each time he repented and turned from each sin. David became “a man after God's own heart.” He wrote a most important book in the Bible, the book of Psalms.

God made an unconditional and unbreakable covenant with David, assuring that his dynasty, ruling over Israelites, would continue unbroken forever. Finally, in God’s due time, that throne will be taken over by Jesus Christ, at his Second Coming to earth.

**Israel Split into Two Nations**

David’s son Solomon became the wisest man who ever lived (except Christ). But he taxed the people very heavily, and when he died his son Rehoboam became king. The people sent a delegation with an ultimatum to Rehoboam. If he would reduce their taxes, they would serve him. If not, they would reject him as king. On the advice of the younger men among his councilors, Rehoboam told the people he would lay even heavier taxes on them.

Thereupon the people decided against the royal house of David. They named as king, Jeroboam, who had occupied the office we would today call prime minister, under King Solomon. Since Rehoboam was seated on the throne in Jerusalem, the people of Israel chose a new capital some distance north of Jerusalem. (Under a later king, Omri, they built a new northern capital at Samaria.)

Thereupon the tribes of Judah and Benjamin decided to remain loyal to Rehoboam. This brought about a secession of the rebellious tribes from Israel, and they became the nation of Judah.

Upon ascending the throne, Jeroboam deposed the Levites from the office of priesthood because he feared they might turn the hearts of the people back to Rehoboam and thereby he would lose his new throne. He also changed the holy festivals of the seventh month to the eighth month. There is strong indication that he also changed the seventh day Sabbath to Sunday, the first day of the week. The Sabbath had been made an everlasting covenant by God between him and Israel, by which they would be identified from all other people (Ex. 31:12-18) as God's nation Israel and by which they would be brought into weekly remembrance that the Eternal was their Creator. For in six days God renewed or re-created the earth and creation is the proof of God.

**The Ten Lost Tribes**

Thus the people of Israel became known as the Ten Lost Tribes. They had lost the covenant sign identifying them as Israel. They had lost the knowledge of God their Creator. They soon lost even the Hebrew language.

During the time of 19 kings and seven dynasties, the 10-tribed kingdom of Israel continued in sin, rejecting the pleadings of prophets God sent to them. In a siege of war, about 721 to 718 B.C., the House of Israel was conquered by Assyria. They were moved from their homes, farms and villages and transported as a captive people to Assyria on the southern shores of the Caspian Sea.

From there, within a hundred years, they migrated northwest and became known as the Lost Ten Tribes.

The world has never known what became of them. The world in general, mistakenly, has considered that all Israelites were Jews. But in the Bible, the term Jew applied only to the tribes of Judah, Benjamin and Levi. The Levites had
joined the kingdom of Judah when they were expelled by Jeroboam.

**The 2,520 Years Punishment**

Dating from the captivity of Israel—721 to 718 B.C.—that nation entered its 2,520 years of punishment as foretold in Leviticus 26. During this time the promises made to Abraham of national wealth, prosperity and dominance were withheld from them. This duration carried to the years 1800-1804 when national supremacy and economic dominance was to become theirs. This had to be, because God had promised it unconditionally to Abraham.

How they finally, beginning the year A.D. 1800, regained the national dominion and wealth God had unconditionally promised Abraham is recorded in the book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

Meanwhile, the Jews of the kingdom of Judah were conquered and removed from their land by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon about 585 B.C.

Among the Jewish captives taken to Babylon was a brilliant young man, Daniel, a prophet who wrote the book under his name in the Bible. God used the prophet Daniel as a go-between between the Eternal and King Nebuchadnezzar.

This great gentile king had organized the world's first empire uniting several nations under one government. God used Daniel to make known to the Babylonian king that the Creator God ruled over the whole earth, and that Nebuchadnezzar held his throne only by God's will. Actually, God was giving this gentle king opportunity to come under God's rule and have the consequent blessings of God.

The prophecy of Daniel chapter 2 pictured a stupendous image, representing Nebuchadnezzar's Chaldean Empire, to be followed by the Persian Empire, and then, in turn, the Greco-Macedonian Empire, the Roman Empire, and the entire system of human governments to be destroyed and replaced by the kingdom of God headed by Christ as King of kings ruling all the earth.

**The Gentile World Government**

The prophecies of Daniel 7 and of Revelation 13 and 17 foretell the same thing.

Of course, although Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged the existence of God, he never obeyed. Meanwhile, God kept hands off the other peoples of the world.

The Persian Empire succeeded Nebuchadnezzar's Chaldean Empire. Seventy years after the captivity of Judah and destruction of Solomon's Temple God put it in the mind of King Cyrus of Persia to send a colony of captive Jews back to Jerusalem to build a second Temple.

This colony was headed by Zerubbabel as governor. The prophets Ezra and Nehemiah also joined this colony in Jerusalem. Zerubbabel built the second Temple, to which Jesus came some 500 years later. The Romans had come into power before the birth of Jesus. Just prior to the birth of Jesus, King Herod, who ruled over Jews and served the Romans, had remodeled and enlarged the Temple.

This colony of Jews sent back to Jerusalem some 500 years before Christ had expanded over the area of Judea. None of the kingdom of Israel had gone back to Jerusalem in this colony. They had migrated west by northwest and lost their Hebrew language, and even the knowledge of their identity. The world has called them the Lost Ten Tribes. More of them later.

It was during this 500 years that God sent so-called minor prophets to the Jews in Judea. Also it was during the latter part of this period that Jewish elders altered points in the religion started through Moses into the Judaism found among Jews in the lifetime of Jesus. The stage was set for his appearing.

Now let us return to the 10-tribed kingdom of Israel. As stated above, they had, before the captivity of Judah, migrated west by northwest. The Assyrians settled in central Europe, and the Germans, undoubtedly, are, in part, the descendants of the ancient Assyrians.

However, the so-called Lost Ten Tribes—the kingdom of Israel—continued into western Europe and Britain. We cannot be positive in respect to the various tribal identities today, but probably France or at least the northern French are the tribe of Reuben. Ephraim and Manasseh journeyed on into the British Isles. They became a colonizing people, and according to prophecy they were to lose their first colony.

**Name 'Israel' Given to Joseph's Sons**

The dying Jacob, who had been renamed Israel, conferred the birthright blessing on Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. Jacob, now renamed Israel, though blind so he could not see the lads before him, crossed his hands, and Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn. And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, the Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth” (Gen. 48:14-16).

Continuing from *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*:

Let who grow into this promised multitude? Let whose descendants become that numerous seed, which shall number into billions? Not Judah, the father of the Jews—note it—but **Ephraim and Manasseh!** Why have the eyes and understanding of church leaders and Bible students been blinded to this plain fact of Scripture?

Notice, Israel did not confer this blessing on just one, but on
both—"Bless the lads," he said. This blessing went upon them jointly. "Let my name be named on them" was part of this blessing. His name was ISRAEL. Hence, it was the descendants of these lads, not the descendants of Judah, or the Jews, who were named ISRAEL. How clear it is upon them jointly. These are the collective blessings which the lads together received—but not the other tribes!

Jacob Crosses Hands
But at this juncture, Joseph noticed that Jacob's right hand was not resting upon the head of the firstborn. He endeavored to remove it. "Not so, my father," said Joseph, "for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head. And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he [Manasseh] also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude [or, company] of nations. And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee and thy seed as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh" (Gen. 48:18-20). Here the promises are no longer collective, possessed jointly. Jacob now was prophesying as to the blessings of each, individually.

Promised Blessings to Britain and the United States
Remember, if ancient Israel obeyed God in the land (Sabbath breaking and idolatry were specifically mentioned in Leviticus 26), they would, in the ancient days of Moses, Joshua, and up to the time of their captivity about 721-718 B.C., have inherited the national and material blessings of the birthright promise God made to Abraham. But, remember, if they did not obey, these promises would be denied for a duration of 2,520 years—that is, until A.D. 1800.

So it now becomes plain and clear that after the 2,520 years, beginning A.D. 1800, it was the descendants of Joseph, subdivided into two nations descended from Ephraim and Manasseh, who were to become the wealthiest and most powerful nations on earth.

The United States Is Manasseh
From the prophetic blessings passed on by the dying Jacob, it is apparent that Ephraim and Manasseh were in a large measure to inherit the birthright jointly; to remain together for a long time, finally separating.

In Genesis 48 Jacob first passed the birthright on to the two sons of Joseph jointly, speaking of them both together. Then, finally, he spoke of them separately—Manasseh was to become the single great nation; Ephraim, the company of nations.

And in his prophecy for these latter days Jacob said, "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall" (Gen. 49:22). In other words, Joseph—Ephraim and Manasseh jointly and together—was to be a colonizing people in this latter day, their colonies branching out from the British Isles around the earth.

Together Ephraim and Manasseh grew into a multitude, then separated, according to Jacob's prophetic blessing of Genesis 48. Our people have fulfilled this prophecy. But how can the U.S.A. be Manasseh when a large part of the population have come from many nations besides England? The answer is this: A large part of Manasseh remained with Ephraim until the separation of New England. But our forefathers were to be sifted through many nations, as corn through a sieve, yet not a grain to fall to the earth or be lost (Amos 9:9). The people did filter through many nations. Ephraim and much of Manasseh finally emigrated to England together, but many others of Manasseh who had filtered into and through other nations did not leave them until they came, as immigrants, to the United States after the New England colony had become the separate nation. This does not mean that all foreigners who have emigrated to America are of the stock of Manasseh, but undoubtedly many are. Ancient Israel, however, always did absorb gentiles, who became Israelites through living in Israel's land.

The U.S. has become known as the "melting pot" of the world. Instead of refuting a Manasseh ancestry, this fact actually confirms it. The proof that the U.S. is Manasseh is overwhelming. Manasseh was to separate from Ephraim and...
become the greatest, wealthiest single nation of earth's history. America alone has fulfilled this prophecy. Manasseh was in fact a thirteenth tribe. There were twelve original tribes. Joseph was one of these twelve. But when Joseph divided into two tribes and Manasseh separated into an independent nation, it became a thirteenth tribe.

Could it be mere coincidence that it started, as a nation, with thirteen colonies?

But what about the other tribes of the so-called Lost Ten Tribes? While the birthright was Joseph's, and its blessings have come to the British Commonwealth of nations and the United States of America, yet the other eight tribes of Israel were also God's chosen people. They, too, have been blessed with a good measure of material prosperity—but not the dominance of the birthright.

We lack space for a detailed explanation of the specific identity of all of these other tribes in the nations of our twentieth century. Suffice it to say here that there is ample evidence that these other eight tribes have descended into such northwestern European nations as Holland, Belgium, Denmark, northern France, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway. The people of Iceland are also of Viking stock. The political boundaries of Europe, as they exist today, do not necessarily show lines of division between descendants of these original tribes of Israel.

Prophecy for United States and Britain for Now

Just as God has bestowed on us such material blessings as never before came to any nations, now to correct us so we may enjoy such blessings, he is going to bring upon our peoples such national disaster as has never before struck any nation! Many prophecies describe this!

An important additional proof of modern Israel's identity is found in a fantastic, detailed and most specific prophecy found in Micah 5:7-15. It is speaking specifically about the "remnant" of Israel—modern Israel today—wherever it is. It describes the wealth, the beneficent dominance among nations, and then the coming downfall of the American and British Commonwealth peoples in detail!

Notice: "And the remnant of Jacob [not Jews] shall be in the midst of many people [nations] as a dew from the Lord, as the showers upon the grass, that tarryeth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men" (verse 7). Remember that dew and showers are absolutely necessary to agricultural productivity and are a symbol of national blessing and wealth from God.

Continue: "And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he goeth through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver" (verse 8).

Again, this symbolism describes the last generation of Israel as a great power—as a lion among the other nations of the earth.

"Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off!" (verse 9) or defeated. Their enemies were defeated from the beginning of God's birthright blessing on America and Britain starting about 1803, through the First World War, the Second World War, until the turning point of the Korean War at the end of 1950.

Since that time, however, these blessings are surely being taken away—and neither America nor Britain has come out on top in any major conflict since that time!

So this prophecy shows that at the very time we were receiving God's blessings, we were a tremendous blessing to the other nations of the earth—for it is our peoples who have rescued the other nations of the world time and again through the Marshall Plan, the Point Four program, the Alliance for Progress, the hundreds of millions of bushels of wheat for starving nations.

The Hoover Program saved up vast food supplies after World War II. It saved millions in other nations from starvation!

Anciently Joseph saved up the wheat and food and made it available to others. Modern Joseph did also. But—we are stiff-necked and rebellious toward God and his law, while our ancient forefather Joseph served and obeyed God with a whole heart.

It is our peoples who have been like a "lion" among the other nations of the earth—preserving in two great world wars the peace of the world and stability for all human life on this planet!

Sudden Destruction

Yet, in this detailed prophecy, God says: "And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, that I will cut off thy horses ["war-horses," Moffatt translation"]—tanks, ships, rockets—"out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots: and I will cut off the cities [by hydrogen bombs?] of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds" (verses 10-11). (Notice, all the strongholds.)

God says he will do this! God determines the outcome of wars (Ps. 33:10-19).

How plain can you get? Here God identifies the great peoples of the earth who are the most wealthy and beneficent, the most powerful—yet at the very time their power reaches its zenith, he suddenly "breaks" the pride of their power (see Leviticus 26:19), cuts off their implements of war and destroys their cities! Why?

Because, as the prophet continues to explain, we have too much "witchcraft" and too many "soothsayers" (astrology) and false ministers in our lands who refuse to preach with authority the commandments and ways of the living God!

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Clean, fresh water—appreciated when it is scarce—is the most versatile and necessary liquid on earth.

FRESH water—we need it to function, to drink, to grow food, to bathe in. Life depends on it.

There is no artificial water, no "synwater." It has to be the real thing.

Seventy-five percent of the surface of our planet is covered with water. Vast amounts are to be found underground. So what's the problem?

The problem is that not all water is fresh. And what clean, usable fresh water there is is becoming scarce for larger and larger segments of humanity.

Actually, the earth's water has been transferred time and time again from the oceans into the atmosphere, onto the land from where it has flowed back to sea, there to start the cycle over.

It is as King Solomon perceived long ago: "All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; to the place from which the rivers come, there they return again" (Eccl. 1:7, Revised Authorized Version).

This process—the hydrological cycle—means that the oceans, the atmosphere and the sun all work together like a gigantic distillery. The heat of the sun on the oceans and other bodies of water causes water to evaporate into the air. The vapor-laden air eventually dumps its moisture in the form of dew, rain, snow or hail.

Some falls directly back into the oceans, some falls on land. That which falls on land becomes fresh water is abundant in the Amazon Basin (circular photo). Not so, however, in many other areas of the world, as depicted in the smaller photos. Left to right: Debris from civilization renders ugly a peaceful pond. An official runs tests on polluted water. To victims of drought in Africa, all water is precious. Effluent snakes its way down a river.
springs, lakes, rivers and streams—fresh water suitable for man’s use.

Under the crust of all of earth’s continents are additional vast networks and bodies of water called aquifers—slowly flowing like underground rivers. This too is fresh water. It comes from surface water that soaks down through the soil and rock formations, finally emptying into the seas.

Only fairly recently has it been realized how extensive this system is. Some of the underground water extends as much as three miles below the surface. In the top half-mile of the earth’s crust alone there is estimated that there is more than 30 times the amount of fresh water than what is contained in all the lakes, rivers, streams and inland seas on the surface put together.

All this fresh water may sound like a lot of water. But what may not be realized is that about 97 percent of all water on earth is saline, ocean water. Of the three percent that is left, slightly more than two percent is locked up as ice in polar regions. That leaves less than one percent fresh water on land and under it.

Still, the amount of fresh water constantly available could support several times this world’s population. It could. But it is not even supplying the present-day needs of the human race as a whole. Why?

**Population Distribution**

Since the beginning, human societies have tended to locate and develop near river basins, lakes and other fresh water sources. During the course of time populations have increased out of proportion to available water. Political borders have sectioned off water supplies. Even weather patterns change. Population as a whole today is not distributed in the same way that fresh water is.

For example, 11 million people massed in more than 130 cities in the desert and semidesert regions of Southern California depend heavily on water brought in from hundreds of miles distance by pipelines and aqueducts. The population has grown far too large for the local water supply.

In crowded Hong Kong the situation is more complicated because international borders are involved. Here are not only too many people for available water, but the main supply originates in and is controlled by a neighboring nation, the People’s Republic of China.

Worldwide, three fourths of the rural population and one fifth of the city dwellers do not have access to an adequate supply of water. Millions of women spend a good share of each day walking 10 miles or more from their homes just to obtain enough water for drinking and cooking.

The World Health Organization designated the 1980s as International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade. It hopes to bring about “safe drinking water and adequate sanitation by 1990 . . . for two billion people in the developing countries.” This at the estimated cost of some $30 billion a year.

By contrast to these areas, the mighty Amazon, largest river in the world, winds its way through sparsely inhabited tropical rain forests, dumping its incredible volume of virtually untapped water into the ocean. The great Congo (Zaire) River, second largest on earth, flows through jungles and empties over cataracts into the Atlantic.

Other major rivers such as the Mackenzie (Canada), the Yukon (Alaska) and the Ob and Yenisei (Soviet Union) run off into the frigid Arctic Ocean virtually unused. Lake Baikal, the largest and deepest single body of fresh water on earth, sits in relatively sparsely populated Asiatic Russia.

In those societies that have had an adequate supply of fresh water, the tendency has been not to appreciate it. Turn the tap on. Out comes the water. There has been water for bathing, washing the car, watering the lawn, operating industry, supporting agriculture and fulfilling thousands of other functions from filling water beds to carrying away sewage.

Outside of air for breathing, probably nothing has been more taken for granted by those who have it than water.

**Not so “Fresh” After All**

Today enormous quantities of industrial wastes are poured into lakes, rivers and streams, creating chemical soups. Thousands of injection wells have been dug where toxic wastes have been pumped directly into the ground, thereupon polluting aquifers. It has been estimated in scientific studies that up to half of the water in the ground is already contaminated either with disease-producing bacteria or industrial waste.

Others say the problem is not yet catastrophic. But if yours is the water that is contaminated, it is a catastrophe for you!

In too many areas a person simply cannot obtain drinking water that can be guaranteed to be pure. It certainly isn’t available from his tap. Nor can water from rain and snow be relied upon as pure. And who can sort through the advertising claims for all the brands of bottled water, water filters and distillers now on the market?

For dirty water, industry (and agriculture) should not get all the blame, as is too often the case in problems of acid rain. Pollution is also caused by such varied non-industrial” sources as the excessive use of household detergents and drain cleaners, the accumulation of filth from city streets, leaks from underground petroleum tanks, lead and cadmium dissolved from water pipes. Just think for a moment of all the things water is used daily to clean and dilute.

One factor responsible for the significant disappearance of pure
From Above: Acid Rain

It was once thought that at least the water from rain or snow could be depended upon to be pure and clean. But not anymore! The many tons of nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide daily spewed into the air by emissions from automobiles, oil production facilities, coal-burning power plants and other industrial sources do not stay there. They come back down. They come down as dry acidic powder. Or they mix with moisture in the atmosphere to come down in rain, snow and fog as nitric or sulfuric acid.

These acidic deposits are the subject of a scientific and political storm that has state pitted against state, province against province, nation against nation, ideology against ideology.

Airborne pollutants do not respect politically designated borders. What falls in one area may have had its origin in smokestacks or auto exhausts hundreds of miles away. Thus, the Canadian government and parts of the northeastern United States point an accusing finger at the industrial midwestern states. Likewise, Scandinavian countries blame European industrial centers to the south for certain ecological damage they have been suffering.

Acid rain—or acid fog, which can be 10 times more acidic than rain—is said to be responsible for a wide variety of harmful effects: dead lakes, sterile fish, decimated forests, lifeless soil, deteriorating statuary, eroding architecture, marred finishes on motor vehicles and lawn furniture, aggravated respiratory conditions and other health problems.

Much controversy rages concerning to what degree acid rain and related phenomena are actually caused by the effects of human activity on rain, snow and fog. Industrial interests contend that even if the evidence were (to them) conclusive, it would be extremely difficult or impossible to pinpoint which kind of tree died because of which pollutants—and from which smokestack. Cutting back on pollutants, it is pointed out, would affect jobs and enormously inflate the cost of electrical power and consumer goods.

Numerous voices outside industry maintain that the situation is intolerable and that something must be done quickly to protect the environment. Some, however, in the scientific field are now pointing out that certain nonindustrial activities of man also have an effect. The suppression of forest fires, for example, increases acidity in nearby lakes by preventing the neutralization on forest floors of excessive acidic humus—that is, turning humus to ash.

One thing is abundantly clear: Though nature itself produces acidic compounds that fit into the natural scheme of things, industrial societies and ecologists, who insisted on high chimneys to carry pollutants away, must accept responsibility for humanly produced harmful effects that upset the delicate balance of the ecological system.

Below: Poisoned Wells

The public is becoming more skeptical whenever experts offer their opinions. Take the case of TCE for example. TCE is the abbreviation for trichloroethylene, an industrial chemical widely used in the United States for the last 60 years. It is now suspected of causing cancer.

Cheap and plentiful, the chemical has been the most popular solvent, its uses ranging from degreasing metal parts and engines to dry cleaning clothing to decaffeinating coffee. Since it was so easily available, it was merely dumped after being used.

Apparently no one wanted to believe TCE could taint water supplies. And so it is with a certain degree of astonishment that it has been discovered in wells all over the country. "With an ease that has surprised geologists, TCE has defeated nature's soil, sand and clay filters to reach deep aquifers, the underground geological formations that supply half the nation's water" (The Wall Street Journal, August 12, 1980).

In one area where TCE-contaminated drinking water was discovered, a newspaper explained: "State health experts admitted Thursday they were wrong in assuming trichloroethylene never would contaminate groundwater wells.... "We thought TCE would evaporate. We were wrong. We didn't think it would get into the groundwater.""

[scientists] thought TCE would evaporate. We were wrong. We didn't think it would get into the groundwater," a scientist confided (emphasis ours).

Somebody has been wrong about a lot of things—not only about TCE. For while examining tap water throughout the United States in one study, officials identified 22 known or suspected cancer-causing substances plus some 1,000 other organic chemicals. Consider, too, that each year more than 500 new chemical pollutants are developed, too many of which find their way into the water system.

The knowledge that some experts admit "We didn't think . .." must be of small consolation to any who may be suffering physically from foreign substances they have ingested from their drinking water.
On the Surface: Tainted Waters

In various Western countries, undeniable progress has been made in cleaning up some of the dramatically visible surface water pollution widely publicized in the '60s and '70s. Some of it.

Still it is not hard to find instances where the visible effluent of man and his industries continues to be dumped into rivers, lakes and seas as though the day of reckoning will never come.

In addition to what can be seen, alarming evidence has been turning up of pollution that is not readily visible to the eye: concentrations of metals such as copper, cadmium, zinc, lead, mercury, as well as hundreds of other contaminants associated with industrial and municipal waste.

If the elements themselves cannot be seen, the immediate effects often can. One of them coming under increased scrutiny is the high rate of diseases—especially cancer—in fishes taken from many rivers, lakes and estuaries. There is increasing evidence there of such "invisible pollution."

Said Donald C. Malins, a biologist with the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Services, "What the fish are telling us is that something very dangerous is being put into the environment" (Los Angeles Times, January 11, 1984).

Not only are the water and the fish thought hazardous for human consumption, but anyone living or working in the area of the water can be exposed to toxic elements. What will it take before mankind learns that rivers, lakes and streams are not to be regarded as limitless cesspools?

Even when waste is not purposely dumped into water, problems can arise as inadvertent consequences of human activity. Thus a potential time bomb involving millions of people has been discovered in much of the drinking water of Southern California. The water comes from the north by way of a huge aqueduct. On the way it passes by some abandoned asbestos mines. Because of erosion, mining wastes have contaminated the water in the aqueduct in what has been described as the most perplexing water contamination problem in the United States.

Measurement of more than two million asbestos fibers a liter (slightly more than a U.S. quart) of water are not unusual. But Southern California clearly must have that water for its economic survival.

The link between breathing asbestos fibers, especially by smokers, and lung disease is well documented. But nothing conclusive has been put together concerning oral ingestion.

In the words of one scientific report, "the delayed effects of asbestos in drinking water are unknown."

Few are prepared to say, however, that no danger from high levels of asbestos contamination exists.

It has been noted that workers (many of whom are smokers) exposed to air-borne asbestos have had high rates of gastrointestinal cancer as well as lung diseases, presumably because they have swallowed the fibers. To some officials this is a very real and worrisome indication that a major disaster involving several million individuals could now be in the making.

In the Atmosphere (at sea level) .001%

Oceans and Inland Seas 97.2%

Ice Caps and Glaciers 2.15%

Liquid Fresh Water (groundwater, lakes, in surface soil, rivers and streams) .64%

Where the water is...
to be one of the more harmful devices inflicted on modern society. About 40 percent of all water piped into a home is used—or rather, wasted—by the flush toilet. The average person using one contaminates 13,000 gallons of fresh water a year to wash away 165 gallons of sewage.

But this wastage isn’t the worst problem! Nor are the huge expenses involved in constructing and maintaining complex sewer lines and treatment plants.

The most negative aspect is that some of the effluent becomes part of the water supply to those who live downstream. At times plain raw sewage is just dumped into lakes and rivers. Or raw sewage can leak out of aging sewer lines and thus befoul surface and underground water.

Even when the sewage reaches treatment plants and is processed, unwanted by-products still pollute water supplies. A financial headache for cities using treatment plants is what to do with all the sludge taken from sewer water. Some cities just flush it out to sea. Some offer it as fertilizer. However it is disposed of, its accumulation is a constant problem.

While an increasing number of researchers believe Western society took a wrong turn a century ago when it adopted the running water-flush toilet system, many assert there is nothing economically feasible that can be done to change it now. And so, industrial nations are headed toward a real dilemma: They can’t afford to give up the flush toilet now, yet the time is coming when water won’t be available at an affordable price to flush it. Then what?

It’s not that there aren’t alternatives. There are increasing numbers of them on the market. The best systems are based on the sensible principle laid down in the Bible long ago, but ignored by society: Human waste ought to be carefully reintegrated, through microbial activity, with the ground (Deut. 23:12-14), not dumped into the drinking water supply!

**Add Floods and Drought**

To all these factors making fresh water scarce, add two more: floods and drought! Floods occur when rain falls in excessive quantities or in improperly drained regions. Such occurrences can interfere with supplies of clean water.

Drought is caused by rain either not falling, or falling in the wrong places—over the oceans, for example, instead of over the land. Dry conditions are producing a whole new set of complications. As groundwater is being depleted in some areas, seawater is seeping in and mixing with the fresh water. Or the land is simply collapsing and sinking in.

Worldwide, three fourths of the available fresh water supply is used for irrigation. Much of this water comes from underground reserves. The vast Ogallala aquifer, the main water source for the North American Great Plains (called the breadbasket of the world) is being severely depleted. Likewise the water table under the agriculturally critical San Joaquin Valley in California has been so lowered that the land has settled 30 feet in some places.

As the water level drops it is becoming very expensive to run electric pumps to draw water out. Yet if agricultural output declines substantially in these areas, significant effects, nationally and internationally, occur.

What is needed is clean rain in the right places, in the right quantity. But that is becoming increasingly rare, and most people do not know why!

**Healing Waters!**

The period of time God has allowed for human beings to go their own selfish, competitive ways and to struggle with their problems in their own ways is about to come to a sudden close. Human history is a record of how nations have rejected God’s government and his spiritual law that would bring peace and joy. The God who created nature and all the water there is, is beginning to punish humanity, as a parent punishes a disobedient, self-centered child, till we learn our lessons.

One of the ways he punishes nations is to allow the altering of water supplies. He may accomplish this either by letting humans reap the results of their own folly (Jer. 2:19; 4:18), or by intervening in human affairs himself (Deut. 28:20, 23-24). In either case, severe shortage of vital water supplies is one of the conditions God will use to bring us to our senses and cause us to at last submit to his ways that bring satisfaction, peace and prosperity.

When God sends the Messiah to set up his kingdom over all nations, the powers of this world will have brought this earth to chaos and near-total ruin. The policy of God’s government will be to heal, rebuild and restore until the whole world is a paradise.

Think of it—no more shortages of water as nations learn to obey God. Rain will come when it should (Ezek. 34:26) and in just the right amounts (Ps. 65:9-13). Where will be the need of complicated irrigation systems and huge dams with all of their known drawbacks?

**Vast deserts and desolate expanses will be inhabited:** "I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water," God promises (Isa. 41:18, Revised Standard Version).

Pollution of the environment will not be tolerated (Rev. 11:18; Isa. 11:9). Only then will the world’s supply of fresh water be abundantly adequate for all earth’s inhabitants.
Israel

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In America, we print on our money “In God We Trust.” But instead we rely on foreign allies and our own human ingenuity, not in God.

Stealing from God

God has a financial law for our nations. He says 10 percent of the increase, or gross income of each one of us, belongs to God for his purposes and his work.

In Malachi 3:8-10: “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

After the year 1800 the English-speaking world prospered because of Abraham’s obedience and God’s unbreakable promises to him. But now having received such individual and national prosperity, we sin by stealing from God. That has brought our nations under a curse. We have won our last war. Nothing but troubles now lie ahead until we repent.

God’s tithe is holy to him (Lev. 27:30). God’s Sabbath, the seventh day of every week, is holy to him. Yet we have put no difference between the holy and the profane (Ezek. 22:26).

Now continue the prophecy in Micah 5. Therefore, God will punish and destroy us—unless we repent—just before and leading up to the utter destruction to come “upon the heathen” (verse 15), which will take place at the very end of this age and at the second return of Jesus Christ as King of kings!

There is no other people that even remotely fulfills this great prophecy! But the American and British peoples fulfill it precisely!

As the “pride of our power” continues to be broken, as the British gradually lose their foreign sea gates and possessions around the earth, as America signs away ownership of the Panama Canal—control over this vital sea gate—as the gold supply drains away, and weather upsets increase, this focal prophecy alone represents giant proof as to where the modern “remnant” of the peoples of Israel resides today!

Punishment on All Nations!

It will now be made plain—from God’s own warning prophecies—that this greatest multiplied intensity of corrective punishment will fall on Britain and America—including British peoples in Commonwealth countries. And it will strike them down first!

But they are not the only nations to suffer corrective disaster. God is Creator of all other nations, too! God is concerned about the people and races we have called “heathen.” They, too, are human. They, too, are made in God’s own likeness, with the potential of being molded into God’s spiritual and character image! God sent the apostle Paul to gentile nations!

All mankind has rebelled against, rejected, and turned from God and his ways! There can never be peace on earth until all nations will have been turned to God and his ways, ruled by his supreme government!

All mankind, right now, is caught in the vortex of the swiftly accelerating crisis marking the utter destruction of this world’s man-built, Satan-inspired civilization.

Through Jeremiah God says: “A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh”—how? The World Tomorrow program carries his peaceful pleading worldwide, but the world, except for scattered individuals, does not heed this kind of pleading.” The next words tell how God is now about to plead: “... he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord... Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth” (Jer. 25:31-32).

God will use a United Europe to punish Britain-America. Then he will use the Communist hordes to wipe out the Roman Empire.

We are entering a time of world trouble—utter world chaos! There is war, strife, violence in Asia, Africa, South America, Central America, Ireland, the Middle East—as well as Europe and North America. The population explosion is a worldwide threat to human existence. Crime, violence, sickness, disease, inequality, poverty, filth, squalor, degeneration, suffering—these infest all nations!

But, as salvation is given first to Israel, so is corrective punishment!

Our Great Tribulation

Notice Jeremiah’s prophecy:

“For thus saith the Lord; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble...” (Jer. 30:5-7).

Remember—in passing on the birthright to the two sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh (Gen. 48:16), Jacob said, “Let my name be named on them”—on Ephraim and Manasseh—who today are Britain and America. This tells on whom this most terrible of national calamities is to fall—on Britain and America!

But now when is it to fall? Do not assume this is referring to anything that did happen to ancient Israel. Read right on—see when this prophecy is to be fulfilled!

Continue in Jeremiah 30:7: “...it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.” (After he has learned his lesson in it!) Continuing from the Revised Standard Version: “And it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord of hosts, that I will break the yoke off from off their neck [yoke of slavery], and I will burst their bonds, and strangers shall no more make servants of them. But they shall serve the Lord their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.” (David, at the time of the resurrection—at the very time of Christ’s coming!)

So the time is just prior to Christ’s coming—coming to liberate our peoples—even as Moses liberated ancient Israel from Egyptian slavery.

The PLAIN TRUTH
Jesus Foretold It!

Other prophecies speak of this same time of national calamity greater than any before. The pivotal New Testament prophecy is that of Jesus on the Mount of Olives—recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21.

The apostles had asked Jesus privately when his Second Coming would occur—and the end of this world and the beginning of the happy world tomorrow. Jesus said the sign by which we might know when this is very near would be that his original gospel of the kingdom of God would be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations (Matt. 24:14). But what else—just before his coming?

Jesus continued: “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved [alive]: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened” (Matt. 24:21-22).

Here is described the greatest time of trouble—tribulation—in all history, or ever to be. Jeremiah described it as “Jacob’s trouble,” so great “that none is like it.”

Daniel described the same most intense punishment on Britain and America. Speaking of a time now in our immediate future, Daniel foretold: “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince [archangel] which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time” (Dan. 12:1).

The same most intense punishment on Britain and America. And when? Continue, same verse, “... and at that time thy people shall be delivered [from this enslaved trouble], every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep [are dead] in the dust of the earth shall awake [resurrection], some to everlasting life ...” (verses 1-2).

The time is just before the resurrection of the just, at Christ’s coming. Christ’s Second Coming will end this world’s civilization and start the wonderful peaceful, happy world tomorrow! 

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DOING IT?

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people who were in the “in” crowd at their high school. Where are they now and how successful and happy are they?

This article is not going to be a long dissertation on the dos and don’ts of sex. It’s too broad a subject. However, Plain Truth and Youth 86 founder Herbert W. Armstrong, after years of counseling hundreds, more likely thousands, of teenagers and other young people, wrote a book that covers the subject in depth. In his book The Missing Dimension in Sex Mr. Armstrong discussed going steady, dating, the best age for marriage and other instruction vital to the happiness and fulfillment of teenagers and adults. It is absolutely free. It is also available in many libraries.

By the way, you can request your own free subscription to Youth 86. This high-quality full-color magazine for teenagers has articles on dating, sexual morals and a wide variety of subjects of interest to young people.

We do care about you, Cindy, and all you others out there who are bucking a crowd on its way to venereal disease, unwanted pregnancies, unhappy and broken marriages and a generally miserable, unsatisfying life. You have the opportunity to avoid these painful problems and, instead, to have the enjoyment now and the tremendous marriage later that God intended.

Cindy—stick up for your values. You’re definitely worth it! 

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Version, Hebrews 2:14: “Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature...”

Jesus called himself the Son of Man repeatedly, and also the Son of God. Matthew wrote, “Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do men say that the Son of man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven’” (Matt. 16:13-17, RSV).

We also read: “... Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of man” (Phil. 2:5-7, RSV).

He is called God in Titus 2:10, 13. Therefore he is God. The Bible contains so much on these points that the above is a mere fragment of the evidence.

Jesus is also “Jehovah,” although this word is an unfortunate mistranslation used in the American Standard Version. The original name, in the Hebrew, contained the consonants “YHWH.” In writing in Hebrew, vowels were omitted, supplied only in speaking. Today the name is commonly understood to be Yahweh. The meaning in English is “the Eternal,” or “the Ever-living,” or the “Self-Existent.” It is commonly supposed that Yahweh, or—incorrectly—Jehovah, or, as in the Authorized Version, The Lord, or Lord God of the Old Testament, was God the Father of Jesus Christ.

This is a flagrant error!

Yahweh was the God of Israel, the only One of the Godhead known to ancient Israel. When he came in human flesh they did not recognize him. “He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not” (John 1:10). Neither did they know God the Father (Matt. 11:27). “... No man knoweth... who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him” (Luke 10:22).

In Genesis 1 the Hebrew name translated “God” is Elohim. This is a plural word, denoting more than one person. A church or a family consists of more than one person, yet is one church, or one family. In this same sense Elohim—the God kingdom—includes both God the Father and Yahweh, who is the Logos or the Word of God, and also their Spirit emanating from them, the Holy Spirit, the LIFE, CHARACTER and POWER of God. Jesus, in praying for the welfare of the Church, prayed that its many members might “be one as we are one” (John 17:11, 21, Moffatt). The Church is one body, yet composed of many members (I Cor. 12:12). A husband and wife are one flesh, yet two persons.

The Hebrew word translated “God” has two meanings—the God kingdom or the family of God, and the persons composing that kingdom or family. Christ and the Father are ONE God, not two Gods—one Elohim. That is why Elohim said, “Let us make man in our image” (Gen. 1:26).

Yahweh is the “Word” or Spokesman of the Godhead—its second member. As soon as God began to speak to man, it was always Yahweh who spoke (translated “LORD” in the Authorized, and “Jehovah” in the American Standard Version). See Genesis 2:16, 18 and Exodus 20:2. It was Yahweh—the “Word”—who was made flesh. The proof of this is a long study, involving hundreds of passages. I will explain some of them in next month’s “Personal.”
Resurrection?

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God alone possesses inherent immortality. God is life—life inherent—life eternal. God alone has life to impart. We can have it only as his gift.

No Immortal Souls

The Scriptures do not teach that the soul that sins shall go on living forever—but “the soul that sinneth, it shall die” (Ezek. 18:4). And all have sinned. Millions of people today have learned to hate other people. People learn to hate, in time of war. Do they have eternal life inherent—do they have an immortal soul—is any eternal life inherent in them? Listen: “Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him” (I John 3:15).

God’s Word says plainly such a person does not have an immortal soul. To our first parent, God said: “Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” He didn’t say “your body that you live in”—he said “Dust thou art.” Your Bible says man is mortal, but nowhere does it say he is immortal. Man is mortal flesh, subject to corruption—death. All have sinned, and the penalty is death for all eternity—eternal death!

But in John 4:24 it is written, “God is a Spirit.” And again, “For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself” (John 5:26). Notice also I John 5:11-12: “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”

Christ Jesus is a living Savior! He died to pay the death penalty for you—that your past guilt might be erased. God raised him from the dead, to make a resurrection to eternal life possible for you. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection, and the life” (John 11:25, AV).

Paul wrote, I Corinthians 15:20: “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.”

But his resurrection made possible not only your personal salvation and mine, but the resurrection of this dying world. For Christ was raised from the dead, to ascend to the throne of God the Father in heaven—to be glorified—to receive for himself the kingdoms of this world. And he promised that if he went, he would come again—coming this time as King of kings, and Lord of lords, to rule the world with the supernatural power of God—to bring us the happy world tomorrow! Jesus’ gospel was the good news of the kingdom of God—the reign of God—world rule!

Why the Gospel of the Kingdom?

The conditions to entering that glorious and glorified kingdom are these: “Repent”—repent of your ways, your thoughts, the ways of this world—the ways that have seemed right to a man, but are contrary to God’s perfect and holy law; and “believe.” Yes, believe the gospel—believe on Christ as personal Savior. The inspired Peter pointed the way: “Repent, and be baptized,” he said, “... and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy [Spirit].” That’s the way to salvation—the way into eternal inheritance in the kingdom of God.

At the resurrection of the just—at Christ’s coming—it is proclaimed: “The kingdoms [the governments] of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever” (Rev. 11:15).

If we repent, believe, and are begotten of God now, if we overcome, and grow in grace and knowledge, we shall sit with Christ on his throne—we shall be given power over the nations to rule them with a rod of iron, as kings and priests under Christ the King of kings.

And now one glimpse into the resurrected world—the glorious, happy world tomorrow—lying at peace, at last: “And [the Lord] shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more” (Micah 4:3).

God speed that happy day! Let us pray, “Thy kingdom come.”

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PREJUDICE

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opened (Gen. 3:7). The spirit and attitude of hostility and rebellion entered their minds. Their minds (hearts) now had become influenced by selfishness instead of selflessness.

That selfishness in them came from Satan, not from God! They were not created with this selfishness that we call human nature.

Satan was still around today—but not for very much longer! Satan, the god of this world (II Cor. 4:4), has deceived the entire world into accepting his attitudes, moods and impulses. Those attitudes come to

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the fore in self-centeredness, lust, greed, vanity, jealousy, envy, resentment, competition, strife and bitterness that cause violence, war, murder, bigotry and prejudice.

That is how the invisible Satan deceives you! Yet most people blithely go along with it, blaming human nature and supposing it was God who created us with an evil nature. These biases travel both directions—from majority to minority groups and vice versa.

How Racism Can Be Eliminated

The world could have peace if people were willing to tune out Satan’s wavelength of vanity, greed, jealousy—in short, the get way of life. If men in power cast out of their hearts desires of personal advantage, money, power—and greed, as stated at the U.N. seminar in Nairobi—we could have peace.

Sadly, little consideration is given to other people’s and nations’ viewpoints. What leaders are looking to God, his revealed word and his spiritual laws for guidance in finding the solution?

As we have written in the pages of this magazine before: “The way to peace is having concern for your fellowman. The way to peace is love. The way to peace is cooperation and helping one another and having a loving concern for the good of other people.”

Oh, you may hear an occasional “Love thy neighbor,” but you don’t hear how to put that into practice—how man should love his neighbor, how he should live at peace with his neighbor or what one should actually do for one’s neighbors. How many employers pay fair wages without discrimination?

God says: “Execute true justice, show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart against his brother” (Zech. 7:9-10, Revised Authorized Version).

The Bible commands works of physical service such as feeding the hungry, clothing those who lack clothing, giving drink to the thirsty (Matt. 25:35-36). Everyone has physical needs. And physically we are our “brother’s keepers.”

Jesus said: “Love your enemies do good to those that hate you.” Seldom do we take a positive look at that statement. Instead of merely thinking “Don’t kill,” think “How can I help my enemy, my neighbor?”—that is, how can I help him or her to live a truly full, abundant and meaningful life?

Love and concern from one person to another are embodied in the Ten Commandments, a complete spiritual law that defines the way to peaceful, crime-free communities. No stealing, no lying, no murder or hate, no adultery or premarital sex or homosexuality, no covetousness, but honoring one’s parents, doing good to one’s neighbor.

Obedience to God’s law causes peace, happiness and joy. God wants all groups, all races to turn from breaking his law, to turn from the ways of hate and bitterness for others—whether you’re a part of the majority or the minority.

All men and women—black, white or yellow and every shade in between—are created in the image of God with the potential for developing the very character of God (Gen. 1:26-27). God “made from one blood [Adam] every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth” (Acts 17:26, RAV).

Humans were put here to learn to lovingly, sincerely and intelligently serve their fellowman, and to serve and worship the true God. Living that way gives the only real sense of fulfillment and joy in this life.

Hearts of Compassion

We are living in the climax of this world’s evils, at the “time of the end” of this chaotic man-ordered society.

There is coming a new tomorrow—a divine government that will be based on and enforce the Ten Commandments—the true way of love, of giving and serving one’s fellowman, and of worshiping and exalting the living God who gave these commandments for our eternal good.

The world ruler of that government—Jesus Christ—will come to change human nature. Satan will be banished, no longer free to broadcast his moods and attitudes into human minds.

God will replace today’s stonehearted, Satan-inspired attitudes of apathy, cynicism and condemnation with hearts of compassion and overflowing love (Ezek. 11:19). Jesus will show compassion on all those who have suffered as victims of political, racial and religious prejudice.

Jesus Christ will spearhead the vast project of relocating the races and nations within God’s predetermined boundaries (Deut. 32:8; Acts 17:26) so all peoples will be happy and experience the richest blessings. People will live peacefully in their own inheritances—no more having to migrate elsewhere to eke out a living.

“Would that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would discern their future!” (Deut. 32:29, New American Standard Version).

In that new world Africans, Hispanics, Asians, Europeans, Arabs and Jews, Russians and Chinese, Tamils and Sinhalese will respect, appreciate and admire the many differences and talents in the human family as God intended. Nation will learn not to look down on others. And respect for others will lead to world peace and prosperity.

Then, as all peoples care for each other from the heart, jealousy and greed, prejudice and racism will become a thing of an awful past! □
Glass Houses

In 1984 in the United States, 6,855 blacks were murdered, 94 percent of these by other blacks. And in South Africa, from July 1983 to June 1984, some 9,204 nonwhites (including Coloureds, Asians and blacks) were murdered. Tragically, 9,091, or 99 percent of these, were murdered by other nonwhites. Americans and South Africans would do well to take a long look at the human tragedies being perpetrated in their own houses. Socially, politically, racially and spiritually, both nations need serious and positive changes in their present human relationships.

The Great Man-Made River

Libya's most ambitious irrigation project, when completed, will channel 126 million gallons of water a day from Libya's southern desert region to sun-parched farmlands 330 miles to the north. Titled the Great Man-Made River, the project is central to Colonel Mu'ammar Qadhafi's dream of transforming Libya into a verdant desert paradise.

More than a decade ago, geologists exploring Libya's southern desert found a vast aquifer estimated to hold an amount of water equal to the total flow of the Nile River over 200 years. A quarter million pieces of pipe, each weighing 80 tons, will carry this water to irrigate 460,000 square miles along the Gulf of Sidra in northern Libya.

South Korea's Dong Ah conglomerate is constructing the costly first phase of the waterway, the largest project ever undertaken by a private construction firm. The first phase of the pipeline will extend more than 1,770 miles, including parallel lines and two branches along the coast.

The project, however, could be jeopardized by the U.S.-imposed economic boycott on Libya. The sanctions—imposed in response to alleged links to terrorism—could further aggravate Libya's already serious economic woes and force the delay or cancellation of many of Qadhafi's development schemes.

Accutane Endangers Unborn

Young women who take the antiacne drug Accutane while pregnant run a high risk of delivering deformed babies, according to some authorities. Teenagers are the largest group afflicted with acne, and most patients taking Accutane are less than 21 years of age. Unmarried females under 21 are often reluctant to admit they are sexually active, and even more reluctant to disclose pregnancy early on.

Accutane, the strongest acne drug on the market, is intended for use only in cases of severe cystic acne, not the milder type many teens experience, and even then only after all other treatment has failed.

The drug's manufacturers, Hoffmann-LaRoche, feel the drug has been used far more extensively than anticipated.

Since Accutane is intended as a last-resort medication, they are concerned that doctors are too easily swayed by young patients to prescribe the drug before all other, less severe, treatments have been tried.

Appropriate warning labels appear on the drug's packaging, and doctors have received brochures warning of the danger to the unborn.

Other conditions that experimentally have been associated with Accutane include inflammation of the small intestine and a serious brain disorder that can cause loss of vision.

Patients may also experience dry, chapped skin and lips, nosebleeds or sun sensitivity.
Costa Rica: A Leader in Literacy

Ninety-two percent of Costa Ricans are literate, a point of pride for this country of 2.5 million. The Costa Rican literacy rate is among the highest in the world; in all of Central and South America, only Uruguay's rate is higher.

Good financing and high teaching standards are partially responsible. The nation, which abolished its army in 1949, spends about one fourth of its budget on education. Another factor is that Costa Rica has virtually no minority population.

Costa Rica, of all Latin American countries, had no large native populations when the conquistadors arrived in the New World. When the Spanish settled Central America, they developed those areas with large numbers of Indians first, treating Costa Rica as a frontier region. In countries such as Nicaragua and Guatemala, the Europeans taught their own people and left the Indians to their own education. Thus large segments of the population remained illiterate.

Costa Rica was settled by a mainly Spanish population that did not significantly intermarry with the natives. When formal schools were set up, the Spanish had a largely homogenous group that could be worked with easily. Schools in remote rural areas have opened in Costa Rica, and new young-adult education programs have begun for those who were not educated earlier.

Costa Rica's educational system now faces a number of challenges, not the least of which are the nation's economic difficulties. The nation, per capita, is one of the world's most indebted. Also, economic troubles in neighboring Nicaragua have prompted probably more than 250,000 Nicaraguans to settle illegally in Costa Rica. Another 20,000 Nicaraguans have arrived in Costa Rica as refugees. Refugees typically suffer difficulties adjusting to new environments, and this could lower Costa Rica's literacy rate.

Traditional Families to Vanish?

The traditional family in the Industrial World is vanishing. According to a recent report of the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the traditional household—one in which the father earns the overall family income and the mother contributes her talents as a homemaker for a family including two children—now accounts for only 4 percent of U.S. households.

By contrast, the number of single-parent families has grown 69 percent from 1973 to 1985.

Changing U.S. Household

Since 1950 a steady increase in single heads of household has been occurring.

Pork Linked to Cirrhosis

Researchers at the University of Ottawa have linked pork consumption with cirrhosis, a chronic degeneration of the liver.

In a study of 16 nations with readily available statistics for consumption of pork, beef, fat and alcohol, Dr. Amin Nanji and Dr. Samuel French found a correlation between eating pork and the incidence of cirrhosis of the liver—an even higher incidence when both pork and alcohol were consumed. No connection was found between cirrhosis and beef consumption.

According to Dr. Nanji, writing in The Lancet: "The mortality rate from cirrhosis . . . was directly related to per-capita pork consumption in these countries [Sweden, Norway and Finland]. In Canada the mortality from cirrhosis in each province also correlated with pork consumption but not with alcohol intake."

The researchers said that the way in which pork consumption "might cause or enhance" cirrhosis remains a mystery. Yet the team concludes that cirrhosis mortality directly relates to the amount of pork consumed.

Perhaps the researchers would do well to examine Leviticus 11:7-8: "And the swine . . . you shall not eat, and their carcases you shall not touch. They are unclean to you" (Revised Authorized Version).

Meanwhile, why not write for our free article "Is All Animal Flesh Good for Food?"
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An Atheist Speaks Out

I have been reading your magazine now for five months. In this short time I have become a totally new being. I was an atheist for three years (I am age 15). Then by chance I picked up a copy as I passed a newsagent with a stand outside it. To this day I still don't know why.

After reading I was taken aback, and have been a subscriber ever since.

Michael Rigby
Liverpool, England

Child Rearing

I have been reading your magazine for about a year. One of the most interesting series of articles I have found was the one on child rearing. I agree with the points you have made and believe I shall benefit from them in the future. I think it is important for a teenager such as me to know all about how to bring up children properly so they grow up into good, fair, decent-minded people.

N. Bhalla
West Midlands, England

Middle East Crisis

Very many thanks for the two booklets The Middle East in Prophecy and A World Held Captive received this morning. Knowing how valuable your assessment of world affairs invariably is, from my regular reading of the Plain Truth magazine, I look forward to reading these valuable publications with great interest.

My past twelve years have been spent in Lebanon, Cyprus and Saudi Arabia, where I am still employed. I am particularly interested in this area and am convinced that it is the region where, according to biblical prophecy of course, man's future is reaching its time of decision. When I first settled in peaceful and beautiful Lebanon, it would have been impossible to imagine any such situation as faces us now. Many thanks for your informative and instructive writings.

T.N.W. Bush
Penarth, Wales

Seven Laws of Success

Thank you for the booklets you recently sent. I found particularly interesting The Seven Laws of Success. I would agree that the most important is the 7th one: "Having contact with the guidance and continuous help of God."

I found your article "What Most Taxpayers Have Not Been Told" interesting. Oh that our tax system (I refer to the British system P.A.Y.E. with the complicated Tax Codes) could be simplified to an across the board 10%. Please could you send me a copy of your booklets Ending Your Financial Worries and Managing Your Personal Finances.

Michael Fowler
Ryton, England

United Nations at 40

I'm referring to your article entitled: "The United Nations at 40." This august body may not be a total embodiment of Tennyson's vision "of a parliament of men, where the war-drums throb no longer ..., " nor can the U.N. stop all wars, but certainly, it is an instrument of peace.

Another world war, may God forbid it, will be too horrible to contemplate. What will remain in this world? Nothing—absolutely nothing—but dust! For no human and animal life can long endure the effects of atomic and hydrogen explosions. We are, so to say, condemned to live in peace—or perish!

The UN's very imposing "swords-to-plowshares" symbol must not be merely a symbol but should rather be a living reality, for only then—but not till then—can we have peace, real peace and not a mere lull during which preparations for war are made.

Leo Luna
Caridad, Cavity City, Philippines

South African Crisis

Please authenticate (with date, document and source) the statement attributed to Brezhnev on page 25 (col. 3) of your Nov.-Dec. '85 issue. In the same article, in discussing the South African crisis, why is there no mention of apartheid and the regime's dependence on it? How can apartheid be ended without first removing the regime to which it is indispensable? What were the names and positions of the people at the 1984 meeting at the U.N., mentioned on p. 26 in the same issue?

Dorothy Stone
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

AIDS

Donald D. Schroeder's article on the subject of AIDS is the most enlightening article I have read. The explanations are very clear, telling the readers in detail and in an understandable manner the dangers involved and exactly where the risks lie. I have had difficulty in understanding news reports, whether it has been through newspapers or television, but this excellent article by him is worthy of a place in everyone's medical reference book.

Fred Hatcher
Surrey, England

In your last issue of November 1985 I found the article of Mr. Schroeder about the sexually transmissible diseases thoroughly documented, clear and complete. Like all previous articles it has nothing to envy from accurate medical ones. It dips to the core of this social problem, this new plaque that has recently struck Greece, too. You masterfully analyze its many facets among which moral decadence and its consequences mankind reaps.

Dr. M. Stavropoulos
Kifissia, Greece
ARE YOU SURE EVERYBODY’S DOING IT?
The question of premarital sex is of vital interest to all young people.
G.A. BELLUCHE JR.—PT

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