Monument to Space Explorers—Moscow
What our READERS SAY

Hurricane

"I have not even finished the complete article on 'Hurricane Beulah,' but am compelled to immediately congratulate your staff on the excellent, accurate reporting. You see, I live in the area immediately concerned with this disaster, and having ridden with my husband (a construction material salesman, needed as soon as repair and rebuilding started), I did see more of the actual conditions than most people. We were in the Port Isabel, Padre Island, Brownsville, Harlingen area, in just a few days, when driving was still a matter of detouring and driving through water in many places. That is why I know the wonderful job of reporting for the article in The Plain Truth, I was there."

Mrs. D. M. D., San Juan, Texas

Arab-Israeli Crisis

"I came home from work one day and sat down to read the daily newspaper. In it was an article on the then current Israeli-Arab war. When I had finished the article a thought struck me in the back of my mind, 'Hadn't I read this somewhere before?' I began then, to look back at some of the literature I had received from you in the past. And sure enough! — I found the November 1966 issue of The Plain Truth with its prophecy of the coming crisis in Israel. I re-read the article and found, to my amazement (!), that it covered the newspaper article almost word for word!! Your magazine scooped one (if not all) of this nation's greatest newspapers by no less than eight months!"

Michael E. McD., Pocatello, Idaho

Evolution

"Before reading your articles on evolution, I was somewhat confused about what evolution really is. I've learned more about evolution during the past year from your articles than in any high school or college biology course I have taken. Being a science teacher, I really appreciate these articles because they have prevented me from passing on many false conceptions that evolutionists take for granted. The references that you quote to disprove evolution have vividly impressed on my mind how gullible a person can really be when he does not retain God in his knowledge. I'm thankful and always will be for this wonderful knowledge God has allowed me to know."

James S., Dover, New Jersey

"I heard your program over a local T.V. station the other night and I was thrilled to hear your timely message. I am a high school Biology teacher and have felt a great concern over the lack of material to refute the tide of evolution that permeates our high school textbooks. I feel our students do not want to believe the theory of evolution, but our homes, our schools, and yes, even our churches, are doing such a poor job of providing information that young people today have no real choice of what to believe."

Earl T. W., Jr., Elkhart, Texas

"My husband has always been skeptical of the teachings of the Bible. He has even gone so far as to work out his own theory of what really happened. After reading some of your publications, he is beginning to doubt his theory. For this I am very grateful to you."

Mr. F. W., New Florence, Missouri

"What is the real reason why you refuse to accept evolution? You are like the people in the past who sneered and laughed even when it became obvious that the world was round and not flat as traditionally believed. They clung to their erroneous beliefs to the bitter end, and died still insisting that the world was flat. Your arguments may seem convincing to a small proportion of your readers because any good debater can 'prove' that black is white."

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Personal from the Editor

You have noticed, of course, that the price of a postage stamp has gone up to 6 cents. This new law increasing postal rates is important to both you, and also to me as Editor of The Plain Truth.

Did you read claims by proponents of this new postal increase that large-circulation magazines like The Plain Truth are not paying their own way through the mails? And especially a magazine like this, published by a non-profit institution?

The publisher of one of America’s biggest magazines thought his readers would be interested in knowing the facts — and I am sure our readers will be interested in knowing the plain truth about how your letters are handled, and how this magazine is transported, through the United States mails.

Of course, The Plain Truth, with about four million readers, is published in three English-language editions around the world (plus French- and German-language editions). The edition serving Britain, Europe and Africa is published in our own printing plant in Watford, England. The edition serving Australia, New Zealand, and Asia is published in North Sydney, in our own plant. The three editions are identical, except for one page reserved for necessary local notices in the British and Australian editions.

What I am explaining to you here about mailing procedures applies only to the North American edition, but postal methods affecting the other editions are quite similar, if not identical.

The truth is that, although the United States Post Office Department has granted this magazine the lower-cost, second-class privileges, saving us thousands of dollars per year in postage bills, this magazine does pay its own way!

Further, and more important, even though you cannot pay for your own subscription to this magazine (is there any other like it? I think not!!) — it definitely is paid circulation, being paid by others, and goes only to those who subscribe personally for their own subscriptions. This fact had to be established to the satisfaction of the postal authorities before we could be granted the second-class privilege. And it is a privilege for which we of The Plain Truth staff are very grateful, and you, as a reader ought to be, also.

But how can I say that we do pay our way, even at this low-cost, second-class mailing rate? Your copy of The Plain Truth, now increased to 52 pages, is larger and heavier than the letter you can mail for a 6-cent postage stamp. And, pound for pound, and size for size, we do pay a lower rate than the individual citizen mailing first-class a personal letter.

Yet we do pay our way!

When you mail a letter with a 6-cent postage stamp by dropping it in your rural mailbox, or your corner mailbox in the city, a postman must drive by in a car or a truck to collect it. In a city, he takes it to a station or substation. There other men must handle it. It must be canceled, then sorted, then, probably by still another clerk, bundled with other mail addressed to the same town or city, then put into a mailbag, after which, in most cities, it is taken by truck or helicopter to a central postal station. There the mailbag containing it is sorted with other bags, and taken to the train or the plane.

If your rural mail carrier takes it to a small-town post office, it is there canceled, sorted, bundled, and put in a mailbag. Then it may be taken by truck or train to the nearest city. There it may have to be sorted, rebundled, bagged again, then taken to the train or the plane.

In many cases, depending on location, there may be several other steps. Your first-class letter may need handling by as many as 20 men and carried suc-

Our Cover

The gleaming Monument to Space Explorers towers over north Moscow. Within the foot of the Monument is the Museum of Space Explorations, visited daily by hundreds of Soviet citizens. This gigantic monument proclaims two messages: 1) the dramatic strides Science has taken in the last decade, and 2) Science is more than ever an instrument of political warfare.
cessively by as many as three or four cars and trucks or a helicopter. All these man-hours cost the Post Office Department money. You get a lot for 6 cents!

Now compare that to the manner in which your copy of The Plain Truth is handled.

In the Administration Annex building at the Pasadena campus of Ambassador College, your name and address is kept in a marvelous cylinder mechanism in our latest-model, 360 IBM computer. This is an almost miraculous electronic marvel. But with a circulation of nearly 1,200,000 names and addresses, it would require hundreds of additional full-time workers to maintain such a subscription list and keep it up to date, without this computer. It saves much time and money.

Shortly before we are ready to mail out your copy of The Plain Truth each month, your name and address, together with a million others, is printed on special paper tapes, four abreast, at lightning speed. These mailing tapes are then transferred to the mailing room of the Ambassador College Press. There, through the amazing Cheshire miler these names and addresses are clipped off and pasted on the back covers of copies of The Plain Truth at the rate of 22,000 an hour.

This ultramodern, latest-model computer, even before printing your name and address on the tape, has sorted out your name, putting it together with others in your town and state. As the names and addresses are printed on these strips of paper tape, an impression is made on the last name in each town or city. This is done, now, at unbelievable speed, prior to transferring the strips of tape to the mailing room in the Press building.

When the finished copies of The Plain Truth roll off the giant, web-fed, four-color magazine press, a large trained staff goes to work. The three signatures (sections) of 16 pages each, and the covers are assembled on a large collator, which puts them together, wire-stitches each copy, trims it to exact size, and sends the complete copies out at a rate of several a second. The finished magazines are then fed through the Cheshire miler, where each name and address is clipped off the address tapes, and pasted on the back covers of the magazines — 22,000 an hour. That's speed!

As these copies are carried down a conveyer belt, those going to each town or city are pulled out by workers. They are bundled by being placed on a string-tying machine. These machines rapidly wrap string around and tie each bundle together in a tight bowknot. In the case of magazines going to cities having local postal zones, we actually sort out and bundle separately those going to each local zone. Then our own staff places them in mailbags in exactly the same manner postal clerks sort and bag ordinary first-class mail in the post offices, according to ZIP code.

Finally these many truckloads of mailbags are transported to the Post Office:

So you see, in the case of The Plain Truth, all these many steps of handling mail to get it finally into mailbags labeled for the town or city to which each bag is to go, is done by us!

What the Post Office has left to do is to put the bags on the trains or planes and deliver them to their destinations. That is the reason the Post Office Department grants us the lower-cost, second-class postage rate. As we do a large part of the Post Office work for them, the cost to the Government of delivering your copy of The Plain Truth is greatly reduced.

Of course we do not do all of the Post Office Department's work for it. They still have to deliver your magazine. Also, where a very few copies go to the same town, they still have to handle it. However, the biggest item of cost in almost any enterprise is that of human labor — and I suppose that is naturally true of the postal service. And we do save the postal service a great many man-hours.

And so it is that although we are granted the lower-rate second-class privilege, saving us thousands of dollars per year, we do pay our way.

And if some of our readers are inclined to gripe about having to pay 6 cents postage for one letter, we should remember that the Post Office Department is really not a business. Nobody makes any profit from the postage stamps we buy. The Post Office Depart-

ment has been losing large sums of money — millions upon millions of dollars. In other words, it actually costs more than 6 cents for the government to collect your letter, put it through all these many transactions, and deliver it to the person to whom you have addressed it. And we all, as taxpayers, make up the difference in the taxes we pay.

Actually, if Congress had not passed this bill raising postage rates, we would have been paying the difference anyway — in higher taxes.

It may be interesting to our readers, also, to know that we are one of the largest customers — and we may well be the very largest — of the Pasadena Post Office.

In the year 1967 we received through the Pasadena Post Office from radio listeners and from Plain Truth readers the staggering total of 1,601,963 letters. The month of July, 1967, brought 249,734 letters.

Our mailing department in Pasadena mailed out, during the month of June, 1967, more than 2,709,000 pieces of mail. Our Letter Answering staff, composed of ordained ministers, and graduate students, mailed out many thousands of personal replies to answer personal questions from listeners and readers.

Multiple TONS of important literature, making the Bible Plain, poured from our printing presses. Truckloads rumbled to the Post Office daily. And this was in Pasadena alone. Our branch offices in Australia and in England were printing and mailing out their quotas, too.

And now we are looking forward to a 30% bigger year during 1968. For 34 years this great Work of God on earth has continued to show an average growth of 30% per year. Today its impact is reaching some 45 millions of people on all inhabited continents every week!

**Sorry!**

Because of the pressure of his many duties, Mr. Armstrong was not able to complete Installment 76 of the AUTOBIOGRAPHY before this issue went to press.
SCIENCE:
SOMETHING SERIOUSLY MISSING

Man has come a long way from Dr. Quack's pseudoscientific surefire snake medicine of the Old West. Today it's heart transplants and Apollo in orbit! Scientific knowledge has doubled in only a decade! But for all our advanced technology and vaunted scientific achievements something serious is lacking in science. Here is the whole picture in true perspective!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

New York City
December 28, 1967

Leading scientists in almost every conceivable field have assembled in New York for the 134th annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

From the scientific pulpit come amazing prophecies.

Some tell of the strange new scientific world envisioned for us within the next 33 years, a world providing artificial organs, worn outside the body, after a 15-minute trip by rocket ship.

Others tell of the latest theories of zoologists and biologists in trying to make evolution appear reasonable.

Science Dreams

The program alone took 346 finely printed pages in a paperback book!

Reams and reams of prepared papers were submitted for publication — thousands of classrooms across the nation will be humming with the newest doctrines for some time to come.

Such well-known figures in the scientific world as Dr. Herman Kahn, Director of the Hudson Institute, and Dr. Athelstan Spilhaus, President of the Franklin Institute, gave lectures, and held press conferences.

I attended those press conferences, together with a full staff of researchers and writers, plus photographers and television crew.

But amid all the scientific pronouncements — something vital was missing!

For example, in one lengthy press conference, reporters were given the outline of tomorrow's "experimental city" by Dr. Athelstan Spilhaus.

Dr. Spilhaus told of his visions of vast numbers of such cities — each built no closer than 100 miles to any heavily populated center — and each containing some quarter of a million inhabitants.

To solve the vast and growing problems of U.S. cities, Dr. Spilhaus said it would take fifty such cities just to handle the increase of the next decade, alone. He envisioned underground parking and transportation; semi-private, computer-driven "coupes" to whisk people to and fro. He talked of such cities having no air pollution, no water pollution — and of enabling them to find methods to reuse human and industrial wastes.

He cited the building of the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan as "ridiculous" — referring to the already stifling conditions of too many people and too many automobiles in a confined area.

Dr. Spilhaus' dream sounds, in many ways, desirable. He talked of beauty — of parks, streams, lakes, lawns, and open spaces between buildings and homes. He added that to be a true experimental city there would have to be representative groups of jobless, criminals, and the like.

But somehow, something was terribly missing in the learned Doctor's talk.

It seemed he had no actual, practical, workable methods by which such could be built. Where they could be located, and survive in today's modern world of overcrowding, land depletion, and dwindling resources. He spoke of using different fuels — of solving all the terrible problems confronting cities today — and yet gave no methods for solving such problems.

Attending the same convention were specialists in different fields.

For example, Dr. LaMont C. Cole, professor of Ecology at Cornell, interviewed Dr. Cole for future World Tomorrow programs, both on radio and television. Dr. Cole presented a paper to the science writers entitled "Can the World Survive?" He dealt with environmental pollution.

In his press conference, Dr. Cole explained how mankind is dumping up to one-half million different kinds of active (biological) chemical compounds into the sea! He explained how 70 percent of all our oxygen needs come from diatoms in the sea, and how such unbridled pollution of the sea is rapidly changing the very balance of life in the sea.

Upsetting Nature's Balance

In showing the "food chain" of the "web of life" existing in the sea, Dr. Cole explained how man upsets the balance in nature — oftentimes drastically, without realizing it.

He gave the example of DDT, which has only known widespread usage since World War II. DDT and a whole family of chlorinated hydrocarbons, such as BHC, lindane, dield-
Top photo, shows La Mont C. Cole (left) of Cornell University with Garner Ted Armstrong (right). Dr. Cole, an ecologist, spoke on the subject, "Can The World Be Saved?" Left, Dr. Herman Kahn of the Hudson Institute, during press conference titled "The Next 33 Years." Bottom photo shows panel discussion on "Research in Birth Control and Changing Sex Behavior." Panel consists, from left to right, of Ira Reiss, University of Iowa; Ailon Shiloh, University of Pittsburgh; Paul Gebhard, Indiana University; and Mary Calderone, Executive Director, Sex Information and Education Council of the United States.
In speaking of air pollution, Dr. Cole cited the example of alarmed citizens who had sued a large chemical concern for polluting the air with poisonous gases. It was proved the smoke and gas emitted from huge stacks would literally cause brick to gradually disintegrate — and yet, human lungs were being asked to breathe it.

But the large company won the case — by agreeing to build higher stacks.

Dr. Cole cited the case of the Torrey Canyon — the tanker that ran afoul of rocks, broke up, and deluged southern England with huge oil slicks — ruining favorite beach resorts.

Had the Torrey Canyon been carrying powerful pesticides, said Dr. Cole, it would have killed all the diatoms in the entirety of the North Sea — thus literally causing oxygen starvation in Britain! Should this have happened — and the seas around Britain been rendered incapable of producing oxygen for the millions to breathe — Dr. Cole said DISASTER would have struck.

I asked him what he meant by "disaster." Did he mean people dropping dead by the hundreds of thousands — like flies? He said that is exactly what he meant!

Without an Overview

No one there had the "overview." Each talk was dealing only in its own specific area. No one, for example, put together what Dr. Cole warned about with the Utopian ideas of what Dr. Spilhaus hoped would come. No one had studied the PROBABILITIES of TRULY solving the horrible problems of our growing megalopolises of today.

No one had the overview. No one saw the WHOLE PICTURE, in true perspective.

No one, that is, except those of us on the staff of The Plain Truth who were busily collecting information, conducting interviews, and taking photographs.

Let me make it clearer.

Dr. Herman Kahn, whose predictions we have quoted at some length in the booklet, The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like, talked of the way the world will be, in the next 33 years. (Meaning up to about the beginning of the next century.)

He described artificial organs, worn externally; cooking instantly and automatically, private helicopters, underground transportation; three-month vacations, four-day weekends, higher salaries, much more leisure.

He talked of a time when the true "gentleman" would return. Higher culture, with more cultural interests — such as art, literature, music — occupying the time of more and more people.

... but with fewer Moral Principles

He said the world would become increasingly sensate, and defined this as meaning "empirical, this-worldly, secular, humanistic, pragmatic, utilitarian, contractual, epicurean or hedonistic."

In other words, far more libertine, more lustful, more unbridled, giving passionate vent to human whims. Less and less morality, less conscience, less restraint, fewer controls!

As Dr. Kahn talked, I became more incredulous.

Was he really serious?

It seems so.

Not only serious — but apparently believing the world would survive to become as he predicted.

But — as Dr. Kahn pointed out — there were MANY major factors which could totally alter his predictions.

First, was, obviously, nuclear war.

Then he had to add major economic disasters, the population explosion, famine, mass starvation, disease epidemics, food wars, and any other method by which the whole of the human family would be thrown into chaos.

Specifically, Dr. Kahn was asked to describe what New York City would "look like" within the next 33 years.

He talked of all traffic problems solved. No surface traffic — but all visitors (there are probably upwards of one-half million in New York at any given time) conveyed to midtown Manhattan via huge passenger helicopters atop the buildings.

He spoke of controlled air, water and food. He talked as if ALL MAJOR PROBLEMS WOULD BE SOLVED.

But there was something terribly MISSING.

For instance, when I mentioned to Dr. Kahn the already stifling problem of air traffic controls — including Kennedy Airport in New York with critical air traffic problems; and the huge spaces needed for so MANY helicopters (which can operate only under VFR conditions — visual flight rules); and the impossibility of providing such spaces atop the broad majority of New York’s buildings which certainly would not be replaced all that rapidly; and when I asked how so many hundreds of thousands would be whisked to their offices and shops, he replied, "In huge passenger helicopters, carrying about 500 people, landing one a minute."

"One a minute?" I asked, incredulous.

"Well, perhaps one every five minutes," he corrected.

The utter impracticability, the impossibility of literally accomplishing such objectives did not seem to impress itself on the speaker.

I asked Dr. Kahn whether his prognostications had included careful analysis of the many potential disasters looming ahead; including the shocking statements of Dr. Cole concerning environmental pollution, given at the same series of meetings.

Dr. Kahn answered negatively. He said his studies only took existing conditions and tried to follow certain predictable curves into the future. He emphasized that his studies were based upon the past nine hundred years, as well as the changing present.

Obviously, then, these rosy predictions (mixed with any number of horrendous ones) amounted only to so much GUESSWORK — based on the belief that man will, somehow, find a way out of...
The incredible morass of his world-shaking problems of today.

The predictions seemed to assume human nature would win, in the final inning.

The Doctors seemed to believe their theories - yet they admitted there were many sudden occurrences which could render them useless.

Something was terribly missing!

No one there had the overview. No one seemed to see it all - in proper perspective.

Why?

**The TRUE OVERVIEW**

What if I had asked, "But suppose Jesus Christ returns to earth, to set up His world-ruling Kingdom?" "Suppose world peace through law becomes reality? Suppose one government succeeds? Suppose the Kingdom of God is set up?"

The snorts, shorties, and guffaws would have echoed clear up the elevator shafts!

Derisive laughter would have greeted my ears.

"God?" "Christ?" "World rule?" the learned scientists might have replied - "why, this is a conference on science - not comparative religion!"

But when Dr. Spilhaus talked of "importing criminals" to his experimental city so all elements of society would be present; or when Dr. Kahn talked of external artificial organs, no one laughed.

Centuries ago, quite a different "press conference" was held. Jesus Christ was doing the talking.

He spoke before more than a hundred of His disciples about our world, today.

And His words were recorded. They have been preserved. They are again "reported" to the world, and are being reported here, in this article!

Christ was asked about the close of an age! He was asked about the "end of the world" (meaning, "Cosmos" of "society, system, culture, or civilization" not the earth itself).

And Jesus Christ gave practical answers.

His prognostications have been happening! Every one of them.

But first, what was really missing from these meetings with learned scientists, and why?

The missing ingredient was God!

**Why God Is Missing**

Not one of the hazy plans of men for peace, for the very salvation of mankind takes into account the creator-ruler of this whole universe!

God's great plan for peace - for the saving alive of mankind is not known by the leaders of this world today!

God says, "The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings..." (Isaiah 59:8).

And why do they not know the way to peace? Simply because they have rejected the only cause of peace - and the only knowledge of the true outcome of world events!

God says, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind..." (Romans 1:28).

"In their knowledge" means in their educational systems, among the educated or the leaders of the world - and the backbone of education today is science.

God Almighty does exist!

God is the ruler, who is working out His great purpose here below - and who will bring this world peace at last!

When one rejects the knowledge of God, of His great purpose being worked out here below, of the good news of the soon-coming world rule of God, then he must hopelessly cast about like a blind man, groping for solutions and answers to hideously monstrous problems, but never finding any solutions!

These scientists are educated men. They are intelligent men. They are men of fine minds, and, obviously sincere in their convictions and beliefs.

But they have rejected the only source of knowledge that would lead them out of the morass of inextricable problems, and into the clear truth about the future.

**World Government - the Only Hope**

The greatest statesmen the world has ever produced, among them Sir Winston Churchill, have recognized the only true hope alive for peace on earth at last is the hope of one world government!

By the score I could fill this article with quotations from such leaders as Sir Anthony Eden, former Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy, heads of universities, Nobel Prize winning scientists, chief justices, U Thant, Secretary General of the United Nations, and a host of others who would say, as if with one voice, "World government is the only solution!"

Leaders recognize this.

Yet, paradoxically, they recognize world government in the hands of man would be a nightmarish prelude to a nuclear bomb World War III!

They are perplexed. They don't know where to turn.

They see the only solution - yet that solution looks impossible! Yes, impossible, in the hands of man!

And that brings us again to that vital missing ingredient in the plans and the "knowledge" of this world!

World leaders see only man - his hopes, plans, schemes and dreams for world survival! They do not recognize God!

Summing up the feelings of many world leaders, an issue of the U.S. News and World Report said recently those leaders see the only real solution for the ills of mankind lies in the intervention of a "strong hand from somewhere."

Can you imagine it?

Can you believe your own eyes?

Leaders know man does not have the answer! They know mankind is headed toward a series of unbelievable disasters! Some of them have resigned themselves to being blasted into oblivion in a nuclear bomb World War III! Some philosophers, sociologists, historians and others have openly stated they see no hope for man's survival!

Yet God Almighty has opened His Truth to a few who are fearlessly proclaiming the good news that there is hope for this world!

That one group has the great missing ingredient that is lacking in all science and education!
That one group has the OVERVIEW — the broad spectrum of the entire picture!

Presumptuous as it may sound to some few, and as preposterous as it may appear — there is, right now, on this earth — and you have somehow come in contact with it — a work of Almighty God!

God has commissioned His newscasters, His prophets, His WATCHMEN to warn this world of impending calamities because of what MAN is doing — and on the other hand to preach the GOOD NEWS to this world of the happy, peaceful and wonderful outcome beyond!

Christ’s News Conference

Nearly two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ held His OWN “news conference.”

Present were His Disciples — scribes who wrote His Words which have been preserved down to this day.

Today it has come God’s time once again to proclaim the good news of the real solutions to this world’s ills.

And, true to what most world leaders have recognized, the answer is ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT! But, not knowing God, not retaining God in their knowledge, and not seeing the very logical and beautiful PLAN of God, these same world leaders have not remotely suspected how any world government could successfully rule this earth, and bring it peace, at last!

But Jesus Christ of Nazareth proclaims a world-ruling government, taken out of the hands of man. Jesus was asked what would be the signs along the way of His impending return to set up the world-ruling government of God. (See Matthew 24.)

He answered by talking first of religious confusion. (Many sections of Scripture talk of growing ecumenism, the emergence of a super-religious figure to proclaim himself God, and an increasing trend toward church unity!)

Christ then explained how we would be living in a time of “wars and rumors of wars” with great empires and kingdoms vying for world rule!

Hard on the heels of a time of war, with only brief resting periods in between rounds of WORLD WAR, Christ said we would enter a period of drought, famine and increasing earthquakes and natural disasters!

Down through the past three decades and more, The PLAIN TRUTH magazine has carefully catalogued each one of these, with articles substantiating and corroborating these remarkable prophecies of Jesus Christ — showing how vividly and remarkably accurate they are, and how we are, believe it or not, living in the very time He predicted nearly two thousand years ago!

Christ said that except a supernatural intervention would occur (yes, that “strong hand from some place” that a leading news magazine mentioned!) no human flesh could be saved alive! (Matthew 24:21-22.)

At these meetings for the American Association of the Advancement of Science were some few scientists who warned of brain-defying DISASTERS in the future.

Other scientists talked in rosy-hued terms of the emergence of virtual Utopia, but admit their plans do not take into account the warnings of disaster from other scientists, just as serious-minded as themselves!

But not ONE of these men have taken into account the glorious GOOD NEWS of the real solution! And that solution is the only intelligent answer, it is the only possible way out for humankind — it is what is SURE to happen!

Today, we know there are more than five separate methods by which mankind can literally annihilate himself!

Living under the shadow of the “bomb” we oftentimes forget such growing problems as the manufacture of almost unbelievably powerful chemical and biological substances which could annihilate humankind — the growing environmental pollution of our seas, lakes, rivers and streams, our lands and foodstuffs, and even the very air we breathe, which could virtually mean human annihilation!

But these things are with us, daily. Jesus said they would be!

It is not just “happenstance,” or some strange “accident,” that makes the prophecies of Jesus Christ of Nazareth stand so starkly fulfilled before your very eyes at this moment!

Prophecies Being Fulfilled NOW

But just PRIOR to the truly horrifying outbreak of worldwide CATASTROUS events, described in the Bible as “the great tribulation,” Jesus Christ said the GOOD NEWS of the coming Kingdom of God would be preached in all the world, as a witness and “then shall the end come” (Matthew 24:14).

And a part of that prophecy is being fulfilled before your very eyes this instant!

Somehow, you have come in contact with the very Word of God which Jesus Christ predicted would be active on this earth at this time!

We, of The WORLD TOMORROW program both on radio and television, of this PLAIN TRUTH magazine, and the many books, booklets, and articles on various subjects concerning this wonderful GOOD NEWS which Jesus brought, are your WATCHMEN to proclaim the impending disasters which are going to strike mankind, and which are sure — and also to proclaim the good news to you and to anyone who will listen or read that there is a way out — that there is hope of a solution in the years just ahead!

If you want to see the step-by-step solutions, including the particular and specific solutions to such problems as the population explosion, growing drought and famine, mounting race riots and crime in our cities, and to read, in one sitting, a colorful, fully illustrated booklet which truly gives you the OVERVIEW, then write for our free booklet, entitled The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like!

In it, many leading scientists are quoted, among them Dr. Herman Kahn whom I was able to speak to in New York City, government leaders, scientists and military men. Their plans for peace are presented and analyzed.

The WHOLE PICTURE is given. And
then, you'll see the step-by-step solutions!

You'll see a preview of the very Kingdom of God in action — living, governing, ruling, bringing peace to this earth!

In that booklet is a "could-be" newspaper — projecting forward into the beginning years of peace on this earth; humorous, heartwarming, encouraging — this "could-be" newspaper shows the kind of news we should be reading!

If you haven't read this exciting booklet — then write for it immediately! It's free, of course.

Keep reading The Plain Truth!

HOW TO PREVENT SIN

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Do you realize that if it is wrong to do a certain thing, it is wrong to harbor thoughts of that thing in your mind?

"All have sinned," says the Scripture.

What is sin, anyway?

Satan ought to know — and he is the invisible influence who sways the course of this world. Hollywood is considered by many as the world's Mecca of sin. On the newsstands in Hollywood may be found a very worldly booklet, written in a very light, "breezy," and satirical vein, titled "How to Sin in Hollywood." It gives a very worldly definition of sin — perhaps the definition of the very Devil who devotes his time to enticing people into it. The definition is expressive, and not far from the truth. Here it is: "Sin is thinking thoughts you ought not to be thinking about things you ought not to be doing while you are thinking that kind of thoughts."

God's definition is: "Sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). The law of love, as defined by the Ten Commandments. Jesus said: "That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness [violations of the law — the Ten Commandments]..." (Mark 7:20-22).

"All have sinned," says the Scripture. And what man — especially what Christian, is there who has not time and again experienced the struggle against sin described by the Apostle Paul? "What I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that I do... For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do." Who is there who has not lost that struggle, perhaps many times?

Of course no man, of himself, can live above sin. "With men it is impossible," said Jesus, "but with God all things are possible." And Paul continues (Rom. 8) to show that the only deliverance from this "body of death" is through Jesus Christ, and the indwelling power of God's Holy Spirit — "that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Yes, but we have our part in it, too. And it all centers in the mind.

Repentance of sin means, literally, to change one's mind in respect to sin. If we repent, and accept Jesus Christ as Saviour, the promise is we shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit... "and be renewed in the Spirit of your mind" (Eph. 4:23) — the presence of the Holy Spirit is the renewing of the mind.

How does sin actually happen? "...every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust [desire], and enticed. Then when lust [the desire in the mind] hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:14-15).

The temptation is in the mind. When you think about the thing that tempts you — let your mind dwell on it — turn it over in your mind — whether it be a desire to go some place, to do something, or to have something you know is wrong — that thinking about it finally conceives — leads to action — and breeds sin. You finally do the thing you kept thinking about, wanting to do. If you keep thinking about it, after a while you'll be unable to resist it. That's why you've lost so many of these struggles against sin — you kept thinking about it, desiring it, wanting it.

The way to prevent sin is to let God's Spirit fill the mind. "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2).

The way to put a thing out of the mind is to put an opposite thought in the mind. So often I have noticed parents of babies strive so hard to "shush" up the baby when it is crying in church. There's something in the baby's mind that is causing its crying or fretting. Just saying 'shush!' or commanding the baby to stop fussing doesn't usually get very good results. We have raised four children, and long ago I learned the trick of quieting the baby by getting its mind on something else. Instead of commanding it to stop crying, attract its attention with some new object — get it interested in playing with that object (I have often used my fountain pen with excellent results) — and before you know it the child will forget all about its crying.

Try using this same method on yourself. But instead of material or worldly things, a mature person should use self-discipline and set his mind on spiritual things. Open your Bible. Put the study of some spiritual subject in your mind. Next time you are tempted, try it. Pray over it. Ask God to help you. See how rapidly you begin to win the victory over temptation and sin, and how marvelous will be your spiritual and character growth.
Why Britain Is Now Labeled

"AN INTERNATIONAL PAUPER"

November 1967 will go down in history as a very black month for Britain! First, De Gaulle blackballed Britain’s second bid to enter the Common Market! Then, with equal suddenness, the pound sterling was devalued. Britons, now unsure of their future, ask: How will it all end?

by Raymond F. McNair

London, England

Britain has just met its greatest tragedy since Dunkirk. Her economy nearly collapsed. The nation stood less than two days from international bankruptcy.

The painful 14.3% devaluation of Britain’s pound sterling was followed by yet another massive standby loan ($1.4 billion) from the International Monetary Fund.

Devaluation and De Gaulle’s chilly veto of British application to enter the EEC have left this proud people frustrated, disillusioned, resentful, shocked.

Britain — a Pauper?

Why did De Gaulle again veto Britain’s second bid for Common Market membership? The answer is simple.

The General does not want “the sick man of Europe” in the thriving Common Market. The Six don’t want “an international pauper” in their prosperous Club. Let Britain turn from her economic waywardness and prove she can live within her means — then let her seek admittance into Europe’s exclusive Club!

It is not only Continentals who look upon Britain as “an international charity case” — “the sick man of Europe.” Most Britons themselves now freely confess all is not well with their economy!

But why should such a debacle have happened — and to Great Britain of all nations?

England’s Imperial Greatness

We need, for a moment, to back off and survey the events which rocketed Britain into the position of the world’s greatest trading nation. And which have, with even greater speed, suddenly transformed her from the world’s mightiest, wealthiest, Imperial power to “an international pauper”!

How is it possible for such a wealthy, renowned, Imperial power to be so quickly stripped of her position, influence and wealth? How could Britannia, Mistress of the Seven Seas, become an impoverished second-rate power — with hat in hand, standing on the doorstep of the Continental nations, begging for successive loans — begging to be admitted into the Common Market?

It’s time you learned. You need to understand the little-known facts about the unparalleled rise to wealth and glory of Great Britain — and why this once great and proud people have taken such an ignominious plunge into an economic limbo.

Few realize that Britain’s Imperial greatness and subsequent national decline were prophesied millennia ago! (Write for the proof in the free book, The U.S. and British Commonwealth in Prophecy.)

In the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, Britain wrestled with such maritime nations as Spain, Portugal, and France. She was victorious in her struggle for supremacy over the world’s seas. Virtually everything which she set her hand to do turned out well. She triumphed and prospered over her enemies.

Her Imperial power and influence seemed to be virtually unlimited. Britannia ruled the waves. Her energetic sailors, soldiers, explorers, merchants and bankers spread themselves over the globe and colonized one fourth of the entire earth.

While her sailors ruled the seas, her soldiers manned the forts guarding the major strategic gateways of the whole earth. Britain gained a stranglehold on most of the strategic areas of the world. Long ago, God Almighty promised that our people would possess these vital sea gates of the Gentiles (Gen. 22:17).

Britain Dominated World Trade!

In the wake of Britain’s worldwide dominance, her merchants and bankers soon dominated the world’s commerce and banking. London became the hub of the world’s largest, mightiest Empire — the financial center of the world. Britain rode high on the crest of unprecedented prosperity, power and glory.

Then — World War I struck! Britain suffered heavily in men and materials in that bloodbath. The Kaiser was defeated, but Britain had been hurt badly.

After World War I, Britain picked herself up and began to rebuild her overseas investments. She again began to prosper.

But, once again another terrible war — World War II — was unleashed upon an unsuspecting and unprepared Europe. Britain’s pride of power made her stand up against the Nazi on behalf of the smaller, weaker nations of Europe. Herr Hitler was notified that war would ensue if he didn’t keep hands off Britain’s allies, Poland and France.

But Hitler was spoilering for a fight. During the nightmarish years of struggle which followed, Britain was
Britain's Prime Minister Wilson on the day he announced the pound sterling had no other choice but be devalued from $2.80 to $2.40.

too weak to prevent Hitler's rape and plunder of much of Europe.

In her Island home, Britain had to weather the repeated waves of Nazi aerial bombardments which were planned to break the back of British industry and pride. In the end the allies crushed the German armies, blasted their cities and reduced Hitler's glorious Third Reich to smouldering ruins.

Germany lay totally prostrate.

But Britain staggered from the battlefield badly bleeding. She had again suffered terribly in men and in material assets. She had entered the 1914 war with foreign holdings of £4,000 million (about $16 billion). But she emerged from World War II badly battered — and a net capital DEBTOR!

Why Britain Is in the Red

During World War II Great Britain had to sell much of her overseas investments in order to finance her huge war effort.

Many Americans find it difficult to understand just how hard hit Britain really was by World War II. America wasn't bombed during the war like Britain. And America didn't enter the war until two years after Britain declared war on the Axis Powers.

In many ways America seemed to prosper and thrive during World War II. She was able to build up her industrial capacity, while many of the industrial nations of the world had much of their industry destroyed or dismantled in the war. This gave America a great advantage over other industrial nations.

Britain emerged from World War II deeply in debt — with a very shaky economy.

It would take severe belt-tightening and plenty of the Dunkirk-like spirit applied to her economics, in order for Britain again to get back on her feet. This Britain was determined to do!

Britain's postwar Labour Government applied strict monetary controls. Wartime rationing and other stringent Government measures were applied — but to no avail.

Her sick economy just didn't respond to treatment.

So in 1949 Britain's Labour Government, headed by Prime Minister Attlee, devalued the pound from $4.03 to $2.80. The bitter pill of devaluation would, it was hoped, cure Britain of her economic malady.

But it soon became apparent that she was once again being assailed by financial problems. Her stubborn economic sickness just wouldn't go away. And incredible as it may seem, this economic "sickness" was prophesied long ago in Hosea 5:13.

"Export or Die!"

Financial wizards were summoned to try and find a solution to Britain's chronic economic illnesses. They poked and probed and finally came up with the formula for British survival: "Export or die!"

A glaring neon sign appeared in London's Piccadilly Circus: "Exports go up, or Britain goes down!"

But what happened? Britain's exports didn't go up — so down went the sign!

Britain possesses only four natural resources in quantity: wool, iron ore, coal and natural gas (only recently discovered). Britain is not a large nation (compared with America, Canada, Australia, the USSR). She lacks sufficient agricultural lands or materials to have a built-in, self-contained prosperity.

If she is to prosper, she must be a great exporting nation. Britain's explorers, Drake, Hawkins and Raleigh recognized this fact. They were interested primarily in one thing — TRADE!

Even before the Industrial Revolution began, England set the pattern for a vigorous import-export trade. Her sons founded thriving colonies. A lucrative trade soon flowed between these Imperial colonies and Great Britain.

The Industrial Revolution served only to solidify England's position as a major trading nation. Once the die was cast England had to rely heavily upon her import-export trade for her very survival.

The Industrial Revolution siphoned much of Britain's labour force from the farms into her burgeoning factories. England soon became known as "the workshop of the world"! Her quality-manufactured goods and commodities were exported to every corner of the world, and in exchange, she received a lucrative return which was badly needed to buy imports — mostly in the form of foodstuffs and raw materials.

It looked to the rest of the envious nations that Britain had a perfect set-up. England could draw upon the unlimited resources of her far-flung colonies and possessions for raw materials. She would use these in the manufacture of quality products which she could, in turn, sell back (export) to the colonies and to the whole world.

England was sitting pretty — seemingly impregnable.

The Trade Gap

It may come as a shock to many to learn that Britain has almost always had a balance-of-payments deficit — a trade gap. There were, between 1800 and 1966, just six years in which Britain had a trade surplus. During 160 of these 166 years Britain actually had a trade (export-import) deficit.

Yet Britain prospered! Why?

Consider these facts:

When Britain finally defeated Na-
poleon in 1815, her imports were £71.3 million, while her exports amounted to only £68.4 million. When England declared war on Germany in 1914, Britain had an annual visible trade deficit of £155 million. And when she entered World War II in 1939, her annual trade deficit was £300 million. In fact Britain’s visible trade deficit ran between £50 and £100 million a year in the closing decades of the 19th century — when England alone produced one third of the world’s manufactured goods, and carried on 40% of the world’s trade!

During all of these “deficit” years, England survived and prospered. But how? How could she prosper with such an annual trade deficit?

Vital “Invisible Exports”

The simple answer is that Britain’s sales of actual MERCHANDISE only comprise 60% of the total transactions which make up her international trade.

Where does the remaining 40% of her international trade come from? It comes from her “invisible trade” — from the sale of her SERVICES: banking, insurance, brokerage, merchandising, shipping, foreign investments.

England’s world-renowned insurance companies, banks, her gold and silver markets, her charter and joint-stock companies all came into being to manage the colossal traffic in services and foreign investment that naturally grew up in Britain’s colonies.

How, then, has Britain been able to bridge the chronic trade gap which she has had down through the centuries? How could she make up for her heavy balance-of-payments deficit?

She overcame this deficit by the profits from her SERVICES — her “invisible exports,” or “invisible trade.”

In 1820 a visible deficit of £7.1 million was met from an invisible surplus of £18.6 million. In 1920 the figures were — £167 million visible deficit, compared to a £212.7 million invisible surplus. And in 1966 the visible deficit was £138 million, whereas the invisible surplus was £549 million!

Returns on overseas investment accounted for 30% of the “visible import” bill in 1914; but they covered only 8% in 1966.

What, then, has really gone wrong with Britain’s budget? Why can’t she pay her way in the world? Why is she now constantly plagued with chronic balance-of-payment deficits? Why a big annual trade gap? What causes Britain to keep going, hat in hand, to Europe’s Central Bankers for continuous loans to bolster up the pound?

Living on Borrowed Money!

When Britain emerged from World War II, she was no longer a major power. She was reduced to the status of a debtor nation during World War II.

Yet after World War II, Britain still looked upon herself as a major power. She valiantly tried to fulfill that role. She was called upon to contribute heavily to the defense of the free world — often far beyond her means. And she has continually had to assist financially many of the emerging nations — her former colonies.

In 1939 government expenditure abroad amounted to only £6 million. But by 1966, government expenditure had skyrocketed to £472 million — nearly 80 times the 1939 figure. This has all proved to be an unbearable burden even for the people of the Dunkirk spirit.

In June, 1966, Britain’s influential Quintin Hogg, M.P. asked: “But where is our national pride? Where is our self-respect? We are living on credit — on borrowed money — and we do not seem to care. The history of the last two years has been one long series of stepping-stones to national bankruptcy.

“November 1964, September 1965, and now June 1966 — each new excess of borrowing — each new draft on other people’s generosity and credit, hailed as a masterpiece of financial genius, each the signal for a new relapse into national somnolence. How long can it go on?”

Mr. Hogg then added: “We [Britons] plead poverty...but we have plenty of money when it comes to spending on ourselves — on television sets, on motor cars, on washing machines, on holidays in Spain, on BETTING and Bingo, on drink and tobacco, on pop singers even...WELFARE or subsidizing the railways.

“A nation that does not think and plan higher than WELFARE will not survive as a nation even to enjoy welfare.”

Mr. Quintin Hogg put his finger on part of Britain’s problem. Britain has not been paying her way in the world.

She has been living beyond her means. The recent devaluation of sterling from $2.80 to $2.40 is tragic proof of this.

God’s Word promised that our people, nationally speaking, would not need to borrow — if we kept His commandments (Deut. 28:9-13). “If thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God (verse 9) ... thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow” (verse 12). But our people have rebelled against the Ten Commandments. Covetousness, lying, stealing, adultery, murder — and every other vice are being tolerated. It’s no wonder Britain is in economic bondage!

Laziness

Another hindrance to Britain’s economic recovery has been a widespread national attitude of indolence. As far back as July, 1965, Prince Philip warned: “The fact is, the wolf [meaning Britain’s creditors] really is at the door and looking uncommonly hungry.”

Britons must learn to work harder and export more.

But can any British Government rouse the people of Britain to roll up their sleeves and really go to work? Prime Minister Wilson has tried, by exhorting Britons to work harder — but to no avail. He has repeatedly said that it is “sheer... laziness” which is the cause of much of Britain’s economic plight.

An article in The Sunday Times of June, 1966 made a startling revelation regarding Britain’s inability to export more goods at competitive prices.

“All of this information points to the same thing, which is that Britain, for any given similar unit of output (whether it be of goods or services) requires between ONE-AND-ONE-HALF and FOUR TIMES as many workers
as are required by most of the other advanced economic nations.”

It went on to say: “For several years most of the advanced nations have been enjoying rates of economic growth two to four times higher than Britain’s.”

During the period 1960-1966 British productivity grew only 18% compared to West Germany’s 29%, Italy’s 40%. Increased productivity is vital if Britain is ever to get moving again!

Can you now see why Britain has been pricing herself out of the world’s markets?

On numerous occasions I have repeatedly witnessed the indolent, apathetic attitude of too many of Britain’s labourers. It is an exasperating thing to have to get something done. A task will invariably take two or three times longer than is necessary. Tea breaks, smoke breaks, restrictive practices, half-hearted effort, featherbedding are causing British labour to be about the highest-priced labour in the world. This is seriously crippling the nation’s ability to successfully compete in today’s cutthroat, competitive world markets.

Can Britain really blame De Gaulle for not wanting her in the Common Market before she sets her economic house in order?

I know Britons who deplore the indolence which they see is so prevalent in British labour. But they no longer comprise the majority!

Why Britain Had to Devalue

By devaluing the pound by 14.3% Britain knew she would gain an advantage in the world export trade. Her exports will now be cheaper abroad, and this will encourage foreigners to buy more British goods.

But benefits of devaluation will prove to be very temporary — unless Britain makes the most of her temporary trading advantage.

Foreign products (imports) will now cost more in Britain. This will mean that Britons will tend to “buy British” and this in turn will strengthen the pound.

Secondly, Britain hoped that pound-devaluation would enable her to get her chronically wobbly economy back on its feet — so she could reapply for admission into the Common Market.

Dangers of Devaluation

Money wizards in Britain and in the U.S. feared that devaluation of the pound might have drastic effects upon the dollar. It has been said that “while the pound was suffering from pneumonia, the dollar was already sniffing.”

After the pound was devalued, it took diligence to keep the U.S. dollar sound. President Johnson and seven of Europe’s Central Bankers publicly reaffirmed their faith in the U.S. dollar, thereby dampening recent panic. They pledged to support the present price of gold at $35.00 an ounce.

For the moment at least, American, British and Continental bankers have been able to thwart De Gaulle’s attempt to bring down the dollar.

But nobody feels too confident that the U.S. dollar will forever be able to weather the fierce tides of speculation which are bound to continue to assail it in the months immediately ahead.

A day of reckoning will surely come — and that day is not far in the future.

The U.S. is a rich and powerful nation, but its gold reserves of little more than $12 billion are not inexhaustible. Foreign nations have claims against U.S. gold totalling about $29 billion. We cannot go on this way forever.

Why God Keeps the Dollar Strong

What would happen if these foreign nations should make a run on the dollar?

Fortunately for the U.S., most of the Continental bankers are not going along with the plan to drain the U.S. of as much gold as possible.

God Almighty has a purpose in keeping the dollar strong. It is through the U.S. dollar that about 90% of God’s worldwide Work is financed. When the Almighty God has completed His Work (the work of preaching Christ’s gospel to all the world — Matthew 24:14) then the dollar will collapse!

But, first, the peoples of the U.S., Britain and the Commonwealth must be warned of the dangers now just ahead — warned of the folly of man’s way which will finally culminate in a horrifying World War III.

The people of America and Britain, now more than ever, need to be alerted to the perils of the times in which we live!

What our READERS SAY

(Continued from inside front cover)

white and can influence some people if he sets his mind to it. I think the basic reason for your attitude is that you refuse to entertain the thought that the Bible is not 101% literally true.

"Since the early Christians knew nothing of science and were thousands of years away from the understanding of it, the Adam and Eve story was a simple and beautiful way of explaining their beginnings. It is the same as other parables in the Bible. How do you decide which ones to take literally, and which are only stories?"

P. McK., Kew, Victoria

- The real reasons we refuse to accept evolution are very carefully, thoroughly and scientifically set forth in each issue. And as to who is willing to sneer at truth and believe in fantasies — maybe you’d better check into the many admissions we have shown from evolutionists in these pages again.

And, further, we’re not at all convinced a “good debater” can “prove” black is white. We prove the opposite; that white is white, and black is black. And, still further — your dogmatic assertion that Adam and Eve were only a simple story is NOT PROOF — but just simple human assertion. In these pages we give PROOFS — not all-encompassing, unproved, dogmatic "statements."

"I would also like to thank you for your most refreshing and original magazine. It certainly provides me with food for thought. When I showed one of your articles on evolution to a
biologist friend, he remarked that he only believed in evolution because the alternative would be too much of a blow to his scientific view of things!"

D. M. P., Beds., England

- Hooray! An honest man! At least be known be's prejudiced.

“I wish to express my appreciation of the excellent articles in The Plain Truth on the subject of 'Evolution.' The illustrations, too, are superb. If you should ever publish this series of articles in book form I would certainly like to obtain one. There is certainly room on the book shelf in our local High School for such a book.”

Frank W. B., Woolsthorpe, Victoria

Our Cover

"Several people in South Texas have called my attention to the cover of your November issue which shows a picture of the flood in Reynosa, Mexico, but your caption reads: 'Flood in South Texas' . . . ."

W. D. Whalen, Pres., Valley Chamber of Commerce, McAllen, Texas

- The aerial view on your November cover focuses on Reynosa, Mexico, with flooded South Texas in the background across the surging Rio Grande river. The caption "Flood in South Texas" on the cover was intended to draw U. S. readers' attention to the lead article, rather than specifically label one of many cities hit by the hurricane and its aftermath.

Need: Law and Order

"I am a school teacher in high school and I am deeply concerned over the lack of respect present children have for anything or anybody. I picked up your broadcast on WRVA, and it makes a lot of good old-fashioned, common sense that we seldom see demonstrated today."

John H. C., Monticello, New York

"I am a policeman and rarely miss one of your broadcasts during my tour of duty in the patrol car . . . . I receive your broadcast over WLW from Cin-

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biologist friend, he remarked that he only believed in evolution because the alternative would be too much of a blow to his scientific view of things!”

W. L. M., Churubusco, Indiana

"For sometime now your broadcasts have stimulated within me some real knock-down drag-out arguments. I feel the time has come when I should read some of your literature and either convince myself that I should stop arguing with you and start listening or to stop listening and arguing."

E. J. R., Liberty, Missouri

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

Here are the Bible answers to questions which can be answered briefly in a short space. Send in your questions. While we cannot promise that all questions will find space for answer in this department, we shall try to answer all that are vital and in the general interest of our readers.

- "Explain, if you will, the parable of the ten virgins — five of whom were wise — and five foolish."

J. R. C., California

The Work of God, proclaiming to the whole world the good news of the Kingdom of God, was started by one man — Jesus Christ.

Jesus chose and called His disciples. The word "disciple" means a student or learner. For 3½ years, He taught them God's Message — the Gospel — the Good News of the World Tomorrow.

After His death for the sins of the world, His resurrection to make possible eternal life for us, and His ascension, to the throne of the universe — where He has since remained as our High Priest — Christ sent the Holy Spirit to fill and empower His Apostles and His Church.

Jesus had said: "I will build my Church." And He did!

The Work of God was started in and through the individual personal human body of Jesus Christ. He had said that He could do nothing of Himself — it was the power of God's Holy Spirit dwelling in Him that did the work. Now that same power entered into the collective body of disciples, forming the New Testament Church of God.

Thus this Church became the Body of Christ. Its number one commission is to carry on the Work of God — that is, proclaim to the world Christ's Gospel of the Kingdom of God. In other words, the Good News of the World Tomorrow — Christ's
WORLD GOVERNMENT, replacing today’s world, invisibly governed by Satan.

The early New Testament Church, surcharged with the mighty power of God’s Spirit, mushroomed and multiplied in growth and power. Its influence was soon felt.

Jesus had told His disciples He was going to heaven, but would return again as supreme world RULER to establish the Kingdom of God. They expected this to occur very soon — in their lifetime. It was because they thought that the Kingdom of God should immediately appear that Jesus gave them the parable of the pounds (Luke 19:11-27). Even after His resurrection, they expected Jesus to set up His Kingdom immediately (Acts 1:6). But He went to heaven.

A whole 19-year time cycle went by. Then another 19 years.

For two 19-year time cycles they had proclaimed Christ’s Message — and had expected His imminent return — in their generation! They had grown discouraged. Their patience was exhausted. Then (70 A.D.), came the invasion and siege of Jerusalem. The true disciples in Palestine had fled to the north, disorganized. Their Messiah had not come to establish His rule. They had lost patience. They were discouraged.

THEY WENT TO SLEEP ON THE JOB of proclaiming Christ’s GOSPEL! The MESSAGE of the coming GOVERNMENT of God, with Christ as returning KING, to bring us PEACE in the world tomorrow, was no longer being proclaimed in an organized manner to the whole world!

This, Christ Himself had foretold in His parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25). These virgins, of course, represented His CHURCH. They had expected Christ’s return as conquering KING, even in 31 A.D., the very year the Church was actually founded! (Acts 1:6.)

In this parable of Matthew 25, Jesus explained, prophetically in advance, that when the returning Christ “tarried” — delayed His coming beyond their erroneous expectation — they all slumbered and slept.

THE WHOLE CHURCH OF GOD went to sleep on the job assigned to it! For more than 18½ long centuries that vital Gospel Message of coming world GOVERNMENT was not proclaimed, in organized power, to the world.

But Jesus also had declared, prophetically: “This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached [and published — Mark 13:10] in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end [of this world’s civilization] come” (Mat. 24:14). This proclamation was to be the SIGN of His coming!

Just as God had allotted two 19-year time cycles at the beginning of this New Testament era for the proclaiming of His Gospel, so He has decreed for its worldwide proclamation at the close of the age — preparing the way for His return!

The first week in 1934 that same Gospel of the Kingdom started going once again to the world. Christ had OPENED THE MIGHTY DOOR of radio and the printing press.

The “midnight hour” had struck! The LOUD CRY began booming out, thundering to the world, “Christ is soon coming to rule all nations on earth for a thousand years!” The KINGDOM OF GOD was once again being proclaimed! The CHURCH had awoke from its slumber!

Read again the prophecy of the virgins: “While the Bridegroom tarried, they all [the whole Church] slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, ‘BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH; GO YE OUT TO MEET HIM!’” (Mat. 25:5-6).

The WORK OF God had undergone an awakening! Once again it was active.

But notice! The parable continues: “Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out [or, going out — see margin].” The five foolish virgins possessed lamps but took no oil. That is they had the Word of God, the Bible, to light their path, but were not filled with the Holy Spirit (symbolized by oil) to give them spiritual understanding either of the Bible, or of the gospel, or of the times, in which they live!

This was the state of the five foolish virgins who thought themselves to be God’s people when the midnight cry arose. They were spiritually dead, having no oil left — having quenched the Holy Spirit of God!

Now turn to the brief prophetic history of the true Church in Revelation 2 and 3. The very last of these seven successive Churches is to be the self-sufficient, lukewarm, Laodicean group.

But just before it is the Church which carries this end-time vital Message! It is small. It is weak. But it is faithful, as few have been, with God’s Word! It rises at the time Daniel prophesied, when “knowledge shall be increased” (Dan. 12:4).

But this Church, carrying God’s message to the world, is preceded by another Church era. That one is pictured as spiritually asleep and dead (Rev. 3:1-3) — foolish virgins. But among them are a few — wise virgins — who shall walk with Christ (verse 4). They heeded the midnight cry.

Is it any wonder, then, that SATAN is now aroused to sway those he can lead into persecuting and opposing God’s Work?

Remember, prophecy is DUAL. There is a former, and a latter fulfillment of most prophesies. The first “FAMINE OF HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD” has ended. But the time is soon coming — probably at the end of the second 19-year time cycle of this Work — when the voices of God’s servants shall be stilled — the printing presses stopped! Then will come the great tribulation, and the terrible Day of the Lord with its supernatural plagues on the devil’s cohorts! For 3½ years there shall again be a FAMINE OF HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD (Amos 8:11) — except for the voices of God’s two witnesses (Rev. 11).

Then comes the resurrection. “And they that were ready” — the wise virgins — “went in with Him [Jesus Christ] to the marriage” (Mat. 25:10). And the others were shut out! To them Jesus said: “I know you not.”

“Watch therefore,” Jesus concluded, “for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh” (verse 13).
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Foot-and-Mouth Disease Plagues Britain

by David R. Bedford and Colin Sutcliffe

Cheshire, England

Britain has suffered the worst epidemic of foot-and-mouth disease in its history. England’s Financial Times describes it as “the worst disaster of any kind to have befallen the farming community in living memory.”

“It’s just like the war,” commented one farmer recently on a TV programme. “We don’t know what is going to happen next.”

Living in a State of Siege

Many hundreds of farmers and their families are living today in a state of siege, hoping to stop the spread of the dreaded disease to their animals. Others, because the disease has already been confirmed on their farms, live in complete isolation. All deliveries are left at the farm entrance. No one on these farms is allowed out, no outsider in. Their only contact with the outside world is by telephone.

Children stay away from school. Local functions are cancelled. Farm markets are empty. Village life in the areas affected has virtually come to a standstill. One farmer said to us, “It’s almost a relief when it is confirmed on your own farm — there is no more uncertainty.”

Personal Loss

Travelling through some of the areas affected, one is struck by the “quietness” in the air.

A red, stark, notice catches the eye: “Foot-and-Mouth Disease. You are now entering an infected area.”

Across the road lay a “pad” of heavily disinfectant straw. All cars entering or leaving, cross this “front line” in the battle against the disease.

You pass a farm. Another red sign on the gate. This seemed to stand out more — here is a personal loss.

“Foot-and-Mouth Disease. No Admittance.”

The only movements were from a few sparrows flying around. No lowering of cattle. No bleating of sheep. Not even the bark of a dog. Only a deathly hush prevailed. The whole farm seemed deserted, but the family was around somewhere.

Here were some acres which a few days previously had been full of life — now everything was different!

Barn and stall doors stood open; some slightly creaking in the wind, as if moaning the loss. The drying-out process begins — and the long wait before restocking — a wait of six months, or more, in some cases.

At another farm a lone horse raises his head and walks towards the road as one drives by — almost as though he too feels lonely and wants some companionship.

Two fields away from the horse (unaffected by the disease) was a great mound of earth about six feet high and 50 yards long. This was a tell-tale sign without looking for any notice! Another mass burial.

Stopping the car by the roadside you see three huge lorries full of solid fuel pass by. “There’s someone who likes to save by buying in quantity,” you think?

About a mile along the road they stop.

In front of the lorries a bulldozer was being unloaded. No questions had to be asked! A policeman stood by the gate. Men were dressing themselves with waterproof clothing. All was quiet, except for the movement of humans. Another man’s herd had been slaughtered!

Soon the blades of the bulldozer would rip into the earth — the ground over which the animals probably less than twelve hours earlier were walking. Next, the fuel tumbled into the huge gaping trench carved by the bulldozer. The dead beasts then burnt as the fuel was fired. The funeral pyre completed, the bulldozer would cover the remains with the soil previously removed. A sight for the farmer to look at for a long time to come!

Some of these herds have taken twelve, fifteen, or more years to build. A quarter of a life-time’s work gone overnight. Animals known by name, have almost been “one of the family.”

But what is foot-and-mouth disease? And why does it strike “advanced” agricultural countries?

The Story Behind Foot-and-Mouth Disease

Going out one morning a farmer finds a ten-month-old animal lying down with sweat oozing from its body. The beast is making a “ghastly sucking sound” with its tongue hanging out.

Another farmer sees a badly limping animal. Both have foot-and-mouth disease. Ironically this is not a killer disease! It is a crippling disease. Any animals recovering give a much decreased milk yield. They are very unlikely to produce healthy young again.

Foot-and-mouth disease is spread by seven major types of viruses. These viruses are so different that an animal with immunity against one would not necessarily be immune against another.

The one causing the present problems is type O-1. It is particularly virulent.

This virus has had no set pattern. It has been known to jump to farms 50 miles from any known infected area. Other times it suddenly doubles back on non-affected farms in areas previously hit. It has been described like the fall-out from a nuclear bomb, or as snowflakes dropping around the countryside.

The first outbreak occurred in Llan-y-blodwell, Shropshire, on October 25th. In less than four weeks the slaughter toll passed any known previous yearly record.

This has been the most “explosive” outbreak since the introduction of the stamping-out policy in 1892. The pre-
vious record was in 1960 when 42,100 animals were slaughtered in five weeks. In the first five weeks of this epidemic over five times as many had been killed.

In the House of Commons on Monday, 4th December, the Minister of Agriculture said, "It has taken on the character of an explosion." Earlier he stated, "the epidemic is one of the gravest this century,"

British Battle Tactics

A Control Centre has been set up in the new police station at Oswestry, Shropshire. A map on the wall tells the grim toll with black dots marking the outbreaks. Daily the dots grow thicker as each stricken farm is noted. Telephones seem to constantly jangle with fresh reports.

There is a strong smell of disinfectant in the air, particularly when the workers return from their jobs of killing, burning, burying, disinfecting. Three hundred veterinary surgeons have been drafted in from unaffected areas to help combat the disease. Much sick livestock, even with notifiable diseases, are going unattended due to the strain on the veterinary service.

As the disease has spread so have the restrictions on moving livestock. Judges have been severe on those found breaking any restrictions. Roads three or four hundred miles away from the outbreak have disinfectant "baths" through which every car must drive. Farm vehicles are sprayed daily, or whenever on the road. Milk churns are scrubbed and disinfected outside as well as inside.

Over 300,000 animals had to be slaughtered in eight weeks. Hardest hit have been certain breeds of expensive pedigree livestock, including the prized herds of some of the greatest agricultural colleges. One private pedigree herd that was slaughtered had taken 40 years to build!

It has also struck the heart of the dairy industry! And dairy cattle are harder to replace than stock cattle for slaughter.

Three quarters of the outbreaks have been on dairy farms. The Milk Marketing Board has started a major operation to make up lost gallonage. One reason Englishmen have not generally felt it on their doorstep is that there was a surplus of milk at the start of the outbreak.

But manufacturing industries are affected. Out of the 78 farms (in Southeast Cheshire) which were producing cheese before the epidemic, there are only 14 left.

The county of Flintshire has launched a £10,000 "stay away" plea. The county clerk said, "This is an emergency. We are all in it. This applies to people inside and outside it, farmers and townsmen. It is the food supply of all of us that is in danger."

Many slaughterhouses in the north of England are desperately short of meat because of the foot-and-mouth restrictions.

A general appeal has gone out for farmers to keep their workers. But, this is hard to do when your own income is cut off.

Some farmers will go out of business as they feel the government compensation paid for slaughtered stock is not enough to restock the farms.

The disease has cost the country, directly and indirectly, about £40 million a month.

Now Look at International Trade

The £124,600 contract for the export of British pedigree beef cattle to the USSR, signed by the Soviet government in October, has been cancelled because of the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease.

Ironically enough, the Soviets will now purchase from French breeders. Upwards of 20 countries have had their exports of meat to Britain banned. One of these, Argentina, as a reprisal,
stopped the purchase of about £1 million worth of horse bloodstock at the Newmarket December sales.

It is illegal at the time of writing to visit Irish farms for 21 days after arrival in the country from Britain. A big campaign has been launched to discourage people from travelling to Ireland. The number allowed in has been severely restricted.

All visitors are disinfected on arrival. Parcels containing used clothing, etc., are immediately returned to the sender. "This is a National Emergency" say the advertisements — and it hasn't even reached there!!

The Isle of Man has banned the imports of fruit and vegetables, as well as meat to the island because of the disease. West Germany has banned imports from Britain as a disease precaution.

Cause Ignored!

In spite of a nationwide avalanche of publicity no one, it seems, wants to admit the real cause of the disaster!

Isn't that typical of human nature?

Farmers respond to a disease outbreak in their animals as you respond to a pain in the head or a common cold. They treat the symptom. So do you when you take a pill and lie down until the worst of the pain or discomfort passes!

Migrating birds, imported hay, straw and animal products have all been labelled as the cause of the present outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease!!

They are no more the cause of the disease than the rubber boots on the foot of a farmer who carries the infection from one property to another!

Banning meat imports and voluntary mass-destruction of valuable livestock may be necessary, but it is NOT tackling the real cause of foot-and-mouth disease!

If one reason stands out above all the other physical causes, it is the plunging level of soil fertility! Poor soil produces poor plants. Poor plants produce poor animals. Poor animals and plants produce poor humans.

It makes no difference whether we are considering plants, animals, or humans — deficient soils will induce sickness and disease in all three.

Unlike cows, we human beings do not have the built-in instinct to select quality in our diet.

Cows do have this natural ability. It's just that men deny them the chance to exercise it! Far too many people have the idea cows survive because men take care of them.

On the contrary!

They have managed to survive (so far) IN SPITE of men taking care of them!

Man will one day be forced to wake up and realize that the further animals are removed from their natural environment, the more husbandry problems increase. Because men are trying to suspend the laws established by the Creator and replace them by whatever seems expedient.

If our agricultural practices were in harmony with God's laws, foot-and-mouth disease would not be rampaging across the nation.

Healthy Animals Immune

Truly Healthy Animals Don't Contract Disease!

That's a basic concept most men refuse to accept today.

Sir Albert Howard — a man who dared to examine the facts — cites his example in India of grazing organically managed pastures (no drugs and chemical fertilizers). "As my small farmyard at Pusa was only separated by a low hedge from one of the large cattle-sheds on the Pusa estate, in which outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease often occurred, I have several times seen my oxen rubbing noses with foot-and-mouth cases. Nothing happened...no infection took place" (An Agricultural Testament, by Sir Albert Howard, p. 162)

Bad management and dietary deficiencies are contributing causes of sickness and disease.

Consider these facts: "All orthodox treatment," says Newman Turner in Fertility Farming, pp. 212, 213, "is based on the assumption that disease is caused by bacteria; ... In my experience these assumptions have been shown to be wildly wide of the mark." He continues: "Bacteria which are found to be active in diseased animals are secondary to the unhealthy condition in the animal body, and not themselves the cause.

"I came to the conclusion that abor-

The Plain Truth

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Britain has been the unfortunate nation under public scrutiny this time, but the people of all countries are by nature hostile to God's laws. They are likewise paying some terrible penalties.

God, knowing what is in the heart of man, inspired His Prophets to record today's tragedies — and the blessings of the world tomorrow — for us to read with our own eyes in this 20th Century!

God gave ancient Israel the promise of physical blessings for obedience. One of these included blessings on livestock.

Read it in Deuteronomy 28: "Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and
the flocks of thy sheep” (verse 4).

God’s promises stand sure!

Then, why are we, the modern descendants of the ancient House of Israel, having a curse like this come upon our animals today? Because we are rebelling against our Creator! (If you want proof of where the House of Israel is today, write for the free book United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy.)

Our people are not only rebelling in our morals, but in our farming methods as well. Read it in your own Bible: “But it shall come to pass, if you will not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God... Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine [cattle], and the flocks of thy sheep” (Deuteronomy 28:15, 18).

Here God plainly tells us a curse such as this foot-and-mouth epidemic results from disobedience to His laws.

God gave us the land to use (Jeremiah 27:5). We have misused it, and now we are paying the penalty. The present outbreak is only a warning.

If we continue to break God’s laws we will have epidemics until we learn our lesson.

In Jeremiah 9 the prophet is lamenting the sins of the people. “And they bend their tongues like the bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the Lord” (verse 3). Coming on down to verse 9, we read: “Shall I not visit them for these things? saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through them; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle...” (vs. 9 and 10).

Many farmers today cannot hear the voice of their cattle, just as God said!

“I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the Lord. I will consume man and beast...” (Zephaniah 1:2-3).

“Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it” (Ezekiel 14:13).

Not only has our land not rested every seventh year as God commanded (Lev. 25:1-4), it has been forced with artificial fertilizers instead of using God’s organic methods. Notice the Moffatt translation of Isaiah 17:10-11: “...though you plant gardens... forcing the growth, the very day you plant them, till they bloom for you the next morning, all that you get from

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In 20 short years, Japan has emerged from the smoking ruins of World War II to become the SUPERGIANT of the Orient. She ranks THIRD in the world — behind America and Russia — in Industrial Output — and still growing! Here are the surprising FACTS behind this phenomenal growth, and what it portends for the future.

by Richard F. Plache and Gary Alexander

Japan’s sun has once again risen — and it is bigger and brighter than ever before!

From the rubble and ruin of World War II, a NEW JAPAN has emerged. A mighty, economic SUPERGIANT. Japan’s phenomenal post-war recovery has catapulted this once crushed and demoralized nation into the position of a MAJOR WORLD POWER and Asia’s mightiest industrial nation.

Japan has written the most amazing and spectacular of all modern success stories. This story of Japan’s economic rebirth is nothing short of phenomenal.

Uninformed Americans

Most people are unaware of the role Japan is destined to play in future world affairs.

The average man on the street is almost totally uninformed — or woefully misinformed — concerning the New Japan. The chances are that you fit into this category.

Even the government officials seem reluctant to face the reality of Japan’s powerful economic position. Japan is no longer the vassal of her former conqueror. She is no longer willing to be told what to do. The time is almost here when Japan will be “calling the shots” in Southeast Asia.

“Oddly enough,” admits former U.S. Ambassador to Japan Edwin O. Reischauer, “we are not in the habit of thinking of Japan as either big or great... Japan, however, is one of the biggest countries of the modern world as figured in any way but land area.”

Professor Robert A. Scalapino, of the University of California, has warned: “Whatever the future may hold, Japan — not China — is today the major power of Asia, and one of the handful of major powers that will determine the future of the world.”

Who would have believed such a statement twenty — or even ten — years ago? Now look at what has made the new Japan great.

Since World War II, Japan’s population has skyrocketed by 50 percent. This makes the tiny island nation the world’s fifth most populous nation. Only China, India, Russia, and the United States are larger than Japan’s 101,000,000 population.

By 1951 — six short years after the war’s total destruction — Japanese industrial output was back to prewar levels. And by 1967, Japan reached a tie for third place (with West Germany) in industrial output, and fourth (behind U.S., USSR and West Germany) in Gross National Product.

The amazing part of this economic miracle is Japan’s growth rate. While the huge world powers are satisfied with a two or three percent yearly growth,
Japan's Miraculous Industrial Surge
increase, Japan has averaged a level ten percent yearly increase for over a decade!

Today Japan is number one in production of ships, motorcycles, organs, transistor radios, quality cameras, and sewing machines. She is a close second or third in such all-important industries as steel, chemicals, automobiles, paper, and electronics.

"The Ships of Tarshish"

Japan lost 2,568 ships during World War II. Her merchant fleet was all but annihilated. Her bustling harbors and massive shipbuilding works were bombed beyond recognition. But from these ruins, Japan — in Bible prophecy the "Tarshish" of the Orient — has assembled the world's fifth largest merchant fleet (with well over 10,000,000 gross tons), and the largest shipbuilding works ever known to man!

For twelve consecutive years, Japan has led the world in tons launched, now amounting to 47 percent of world production. In 1968 Japan may be able to produce over 50 percent of all shipping, or more than all the rest of the world combined!

Britain and West Germany combined produce less than half the Japanese tonnage.

Japan's future domination and growth in shipbuilding is insured by these two factors: 1) Contracts for ship bottoms, which have not yet started, account for fifty percent of the world's total; 2) Only Japanese shipyards have the present capacity to construct tankers between 200,000 and 500,000 DWT (deadweight tons). This gives Japan a virtual monopoly in the "superships" business.

Japan's "Superships"

Japan has revolutionized ship designing! Brilliant Japanese engineers and vast computer systems have automated the shipping industry, and — to no small extent — shipbuilding.

It's amazing to watch a Japanese "supership" being assembled. The Japanese put together a ship much like a jigsaw puzzle, with some of the pieces weighing 250 tons! Whole sections, such as the deckhouse or engine room, are pre-built and lifted into place by huge cranes. Since Japan has so many orders for these supertankers, much of the construction can be computerized.

Once launched, these ships "run themselves," with a crew of only thirty to "man the computers." The two largest ships in the world — both Japanese built — have a total crew of 29 and 32, respectively!

The first Japanese "supertanker" appeared in 1962 to help Japan import more raw materials. That first 132,000 DWT tanker was such a success, and brought in such huge profits, Japan
Symbols of Past and Future!

Photo at left shows remains of building destroyed during atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima, Japan. It stands as reminder to people that this must not happen to Japan again. Photo at right shows famous Japanese tower — higher and lighter than Eiffel Tower — in heart of Japan. It’s the symbol of Japan’s economic recovery and superiority.

decided to build more tankers — many more.

In December, 1966, the latest behemoth was launched, the Idemitsu Maru, a 210,000 DWT tanker, measuring 1,122 feet in length (longer than the Eiffel Tower is high), and generating 100,000 horsepower.

Just how much is 210,000 tons of oil? It staggers the imagination! The Idemitsu Maru could hold enough gasoline to drive 750 cars to the moon and back, AND enough kerosene to cook a big breakfast for everyone on the face of the earth (and have enough left over to cook dinner for everybody, too), AND enough diesel fuel to drive 900 heavy trucks around the world at the equator, and still have enough fuel left in its hull to generate electricity to light all the light bulbs in Japan for two weeks!

On the return trip, the Idemitsu Maru could hold 1.3 billion bottles of soft drink, enough to supply every American man, woman and child with a six-pack!

But Japan is not satisfied! Japanese designers are already tackling the problem of the most efficient hull form for a 500,000 DWT vessel, hopefully to be built before 1980! No nation can stop Japan’s technological monopoly on these “superships.”

These modern-day “Ships of Tarshish” are a direct fulfillment of Bible prophecy. (See the December, 1966 PLAIN TRUTH, pp. 22-23, for proof of the identity of the “Tarshish” of the Orient.)

Automobiles — Now Number TWO

There was a time when the Japanese motor car was considered a joke. Their cars of pre-World-War-II vintage and their first postwar cars certainly left much to be desired.

But nobody’s laughing now! Especially not the West Germans, since Japan just passed West Germany in the spring of 1967 to become the world’s second largest producer of automobiles. In the first four months alone of 1967, production totalled 934,657 units.

These cars (mainly Toyotas and Datsuns) trucks, and buses are now considered among the best quality products in the world! Far from being a sign of inferior workmanship, ”Made in Japan” cars are well-designed, offer economic operation, and are exceedingly well-constructed. Performance records prove it.

For this reason, Americans, Australians, and Britons are buying Japanese cars at record-breaking rates. In 1966, foreign sales rose 32 percent over the previous year, with a record total of 255,734 units. Although Australia slapped a 45 percent tariff on Japanese cars to “even the market,” Japanese sales still continue to grow. In London, businessmen are frustrated that Japan’s “revolutionary new mini-car” can sell for £40 less — tariffs and all — than Britain’s lowest price mini-car.

Even in tiny Rhodesia, Japanese cars are more numerous than any other.

The United States is the largest single market outside of Japan. Nationwide, the twin Japanese entries of Datsun and Toyota were up 77 percent and 100 percent respectively for imports during the first half of 1967.

Even the U.S. “rent-a-car” business is not immune from Japanese businessmen. Japanese businessmen offer a much more reasonable rental price to rent-a-car firms.

Three Japanese assembly plants are scheduled in Australia, and a Hino car-assembly plant is soon to open in Holland.

A London Times motoring correspondent cast a gloomy prediction of these Japanese activities so far as “just the tip of a massive iceberg.” This is just the beginning of Japanese infiltration of Western markets!

Just as one American motor company
advertises, “We’re number two — we try harder,” Japan is shooting for *dai ichi* — Number ONE!

**Steel Production**

Have you ever heard of Yawata Iron and Steel Works? Last summer Yawata surpassed Republic Steel to become the *third* largest steel-making firm in the world! Yawata is surpassed only by the American monoliths U.S. Steel and Bethlehem Steel in yearly output. Fuji Iron and Steel has moved up to sixth place in the world, the spot occupied by Yawata just one year ago.

While Britain’s steel production declined 2½ million tons in 1966, and the German steel industry is having a record slump, enterprising Japanese steelmen have nudged Japan into third place in total world steel production. Japan surpassed Germany just last fiscal year, and now trails only the United States and Russia.

While the huge steel firms of the world are cutting back, striking, or stagnating, the spotlight is on growth in Japan. New and revolutionary techniques are making Japanese steel mills the world’s *best*. New blast furnaces and converters are sprouting almost like weeds.

A study in 1964 predicted 48,000,000 tons of steel per year by 1970, but Japan surprisingly passed that goal by 1967 — with a 55,000,000-ton year. Now, Japanese blueprints call for expanding steelmaking by nearly 50 percent by 1970 — or up to 78 million tons! At this projected rate of growth, Japan would pass the Soviet Union by 1975 to be number *TWO* in the world steel production.

Why such rapid growth? Who is buying all the steel?

The answer to these questions poses the big, key problem to Americans and Europeans.

Japan is the world’s leading *exporter* of steel. In 1955, Japan exported a scant two million tons to foreign markets. But since that time she has grabbed foreign steel markets one by one, increased steel exports 550 percent to over thirteen million tons, or a full 25 percent of all Japanese steel produced. Export percentages are expected to reach thirty percent by 1970.

In Japan, steel mills are geared toward *exports*. Japan’s newest and potentially largest steel plant was recently erected on 2,000 acres of land reclaimed from the sea, 450 miles southwest of Tokyo. The site was so constructed to enable vessels of 100,000 tons and more to dock at the plant safe from typhoons and tidal waves.

With such a convenient harbor, Kawasaki steel mills can import iron ore directly from Brazil, coal from West Virginia, and scrap iron from the U.S. West Coast, and ship the finished steel out directly in the *same vessel*!

And steel is not all that the Kawasaki mills export!

They export *know-how* and superior *methods* to curious steel executives in Europe and America. Last year, Kawasaki turned out over *five*
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million tons of steel with three 150-ton converters, while Bethlehem Steel turned out only 3.8 million tons from three similar converters of nearly twice the tonnage.

And there just is not room to discuss Japan’s great impact on the fields of electronics, chemicals, and plastics.

You Name It — Japan Makes It

The list could go on forever. But here are just a few:

Quality Cameras — Japan leads the world in this field! And Japanese merchants are increasingly cornering the market in binoculars, telescopes and other precision optical equipment.

Motorcycles — First in worldwide production, with over a million units annually.

Organs and pianos — First in production of organs with 470,000 in 1966 and second to the United States in piano production. Japan produced 170,726 pianos in 1966 or double the total production of the rest of the world excluding United States! Japanese pianos are noted worldwide for their superb carpentry (using some choice Alaskan wood) and excellent tone quality.

Sewing Machines — unquestionably first in world production, surpassing the number two producer by sevenfold! In 1966 Japan produced 3,820,000 sewing machines (42 percent of the world total), while second place Italy made only 580,000. West Germany followed with 560,000, Britain with 300,000 and the United States with 400,000 a bare tenth of Japanese production. Of course, Japan exported most of this total 2,630,000, or 69 percent.

Transistor Radios — First! Again! Commercial Fertilizer — First in world production and exporting! Japan’s fertilizer exports have grown 13.4 percent per year each year since 1958, so that Japan now holds 16 percent of the world’s fertilizer markets. Japan owns and operates the largest urea fertilizer plant in the world, turning out 590 tons of ammonia fertilizer and 1,000 tons of urea fertilizer per day! This plant is in Ulsan, Korea, but is operated by Toyo Engineering Company, of Japan.

Toys — Japan is the Number One exporter of toys, sending $150,000,000 worth of toys to over 100 nations. This total is 2.5 times that of West Germany, the traditional “favorite” country for foreign-made toys.

Textiles — “Japan today is the world’s hottest producer of men’s worsted textiles” (Wall Street Journal June 13, 1966). England, France, and Italy have all taken a far-distant back seat. Japan currently holds about 70 percent of the lucrative U.S. market for men’s imported worsted textiles! One New York buyer said, “There may be some finer top British woolens but, on the average, no one in the world makes a better fabric than the Japanese.”

Watches — Time is running out for the Swiss! Japan now turns out 14.4 million units annually, second in world production. The Japanese have mass production techniques which ignore the craftsmen, yet insure quality in the medium and lower price ranges. This is causing Swiss officials to re-examine their methods before Japan runs away with the number one slot!

Paper products — third largest producer of paper products, and fifth of pulp products. This is coupled with an annual growth of 10 percent, indicating Japan is not content to be just third or fifth for long! Special ocean-going carriers for pulp wood bring to Japanese factories raw materials from the Soviet Union, United States, and the South Pacific. Japan exports the finished products back out, at the rate of $95,000,000 per year. This is a growth of 21 percent per year. The exports of such items as board paper and cellophane increased astronomically in 1967—158 percent and 143 percent respectively.

The vital facet of steel production that has American and British officials really worried is machine tools. Japanese exports shot up 70 percent in 1966, from $21,000,000 to $35,695,000 in one year!

Japan’s Secret Weapon

What has been the secret of Japan’s spectacular rise to the position of one of the world’s great industrial supergiants? What has been the key to this fabulous success story — this economic miracle?

A veteran observer analyzed the situation in this way, “If Japan has any secret weapon, it is not cheap labor, but alert, aggressive management and responsive workers.”

But what produces dynamic leadership and dedicated workers?

The Japanese people are fired by a goal in life — a sense of national purpose. Japan is striving to become Dai Ichi — No. 1. Japan intends to become the greatest industrial power in the world. And despite a national life which is a continual struggle against a somewhat niggardly natural environment Japan appears well on her way to achieving this goal.

Based on Japan’s fantastic economic growth rate of 8 percent a year — the fastest in the world — a leading American economist has predicted that Japan will rise to the top position of per capita national income in the 21st century. The 21st century, he said, will be Japan’s!

The Japanese people are destined to enjoy the greatest time of national prosperity and affluence in all their history. But it will not be achieved in the way this economist or the Japanese people themselves expect.

Before the dawn of the 21st century all nations will be experiencing an unparalleled time of peace and prosperity. By then, however, a totally new and different world — the wonderful World Tomorrow — will have replaced this world’s present political, social, economic and religious structure. The entire world will be reaping the abundant blessings of living under the rulership of the Kingdom of God.

If you haven’t already read Mr. Armstrong’s amazing booklet The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like, send for it immediately. Learn how Almighty God is going to bring man every good thing for which he is now frantically striving.

Despite Japan’s success story, there are big problems facing the nation. Next month will highlight these un-faced problems and reveal their prophesied solution.
Build HAPPINESS Into Your Life!

Why have so few discovered the "keys" to personal happiness and peace of mind? This article reveals the VITAL knowledge that is desperately needed by millions of people suffering from the tensions and frustrations of this modern world!

by Roderick C. Meredith

The dog is out, Jane! Why didn't you shut that gate?"  
"You were the one who left the gate open, John. You never shut it when you come in from work!"

"Jane! I don't like the tone of your voice!"

"Well, it's the truth and you know it, John!"

"Oh, shut up, and get the kids out looking for that dog! You're so hard-headed you never admit ANYTHING you do wrong!"

Typical Family Scene

Ever hear any talk like that? Of course you have. For that kind of arguing, bickering, accusing and squabbling is par for the course in millions of modern homes.

These millions of husbands and wives, mothers and daughters, brothers and sisters constantly keep each other stirred up, frustrated and emotionally off balance. They may not always be "mad" at each other. But they are upset, competitive and belligerent nonetheless.

Many a young couple has nearly everything going for them. They have a beautiful home, lots of food and clothes, nice car, TV, the works.

But they are wretched. They are miserably unhappy much of the time because of their constant fussing, fighting and turmoil. Why?

They have not learned to guide and rule their mind and emotions in the proper way! They haven't learned to emphasize the positive and creatively build happiness into their lives.

What Modern Science Has Found — and What the Bible REVEALS

In the last few decades, modern science has found increasing evidence that the vast majority of our physical aches, pains and illnesses are either caused entirely — or are heavily contributed to — by our upset human emotions!

During recent years, medical scientists have come to realize that wrong emotions can produce the symptoms of literally dozens of different bodily ills. Common complaints such as gas pains, dizziness, headaches, constipation, pain in the back of the neck, ulcer-like pain, gallbladder-like pain, and tiredness are all included.

Many intelligent people assume they are immune to emotionally induced illness. But as you go up the ladder of human responsibility, mental alertness and capacity, the more emotional problems you will find. For the alert mind can think of ten things to be worried or concerned about in the time a slower mind can think of only one!

The person with greater capacity usually takes on greater responsibilities — which means, usually, more tense emotions. So we have far more heartburn, heart attacks and ulcers, for instance, among top executives than among day laborers.

It is now established scientifically that no matter how intelligent you are your emotions can literally kill you!

Three thousand years ago, the inspired writer of Proverbs stated a truth that medical science is now just in the process of confirming: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Proverbs 17:22). This Biblical statement is true in more ways than one, for emotional upset almost literally "dries the bones" of its victims.

A classic example of the above is the manifestation of fibrositis, or muscular rheumatism. It was found that many young men in the service developed this disease during World War I. At that time, it was thought that the disease, which causes pains in the chest and muscular structure of its victims, was due to the wet, miserable and exposed living conditions in the trenches of Northern France. But in the Second World War, almost the same percentage of men in the battle line developed fibrositis. The percentage was the same whether they were fighting in the cold, wet Aleutian Islands, or in hot, dry North Africa.

Later, it was proved that fibrositis was emotionally induced and had no relation whatever to geographical location. Yet the pain is very real — and acts, just like the Proverbs describes, like the "bones were dried" and need an oiling!

But the "merry heart" does good not only in preventing this fibrositis but a multitude of other ills as well — including heart disease and ulcers.

We Must LEARN to be Satisfied

Again, the Proverbs state: "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken" (Proverbs 15:15). And it is certainly true that the man who lets
his mind dwell on sorrow, frustration and negative thoughts will literally “break” his spirit or mind in a way that may actually lead to insanity — carried to the ultimate extreme. Emotional brooding and worrying over petty problems or temporary disease only creates a vicious cycle whereby these are much more liable to occur next time! The entire mental attitude becomes negative, the wisdom and judgment is clouded, the drive and enthusiasm is diminished.

Again: "All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast" (verse 15). Often, a very small farmer or day laborer in America or Britain, or a peasant in Asia or Africa may be far more happy than the business "tycoon" — so filled with the spirit of competition, hostility, resentment, and frustration — in our modern Western world.

In spite of all our material blessings, so many millions of us in this Western world have not learned to be "satisfied." We have not learned to be grateful and thankful for the blessings we have received.

All too often we have great swelling vanity. In our striving for "success," we are easily upset and irritated if things don’t go just exactly according to schedule. We become angry or bitter if anyone gets in our way — whether it be in our job, in line at the water cooler, or slowing down our car on the freeway!

Learn to RULE Your Emotions

Growing up in this Western world, most of us are taught how to dress and eat, how to read and write and get along reasonably well in the bare "functioning" of life and earning our daily bread. But we are NOT taught God’s spiritual LAWS of life — nor are we taught how to RULE our emotions properly!

This most important of all knowledge ought to be taught in the home first of all. But the home is often the worst possible example of emotional stability, happiness and obedience to the laws of God, physical or spiritual.

This is a vast subject, and there is room for much more to be said in following articles. Nevertheless, you can start now to teach yourself proper emotional control and responses to life which will greatly aid in producing a really happy, balanced life! It will require effort and concentration at first, especially. In order to be truly effective, it must be practiced diligently as a way of life so that it becomes second nature. The following points are not merely to "skim over" as a matter of interest, but to study, review and use in building a fuller, more balanced and happy life for yourself and your family as you learn to share them with others.

Here, then, are SEVEN STEPS toward overcoming emotional upset and building happiness into your life.

I. Accentuate the Positive and Practice Cheerfulness

How many of you grew up in families where the negative feelings were always stressed, the misfortunes, the frustrations, the dark side of things? Millions have. And this very type of attitude is something to avoid like the plague.

For people who are constantly worrying, harping and complaining are prime candidates for emotionally induced illness. They are the ones who will have the most heart attacks, ulcers and other emotionally induced problems.

At the same time, the man who practices cheerfulness and positive thinking is far happier. He sees good possibilities and incidental joys in nearly everything. He is thankful to God to just be alive. Thankful for the breath of air he breathes, the food he eats, the clothes he wears, the house he lives in. Thankful he has any kind of car to drive — since so many hundreds of millions in other parts of the world do not. Thankful if he has any radio or television at all. This type of individual is one who enjoys a quiet walk out-of-doors — looking at the clouds above, the plants, the trees, the birds and all the beauties of the creation about him. He is one who enjoys visiting with and looking into the eyes of his fellow human beings with warmth and often merriment.

He has determined to enjoy life, not merely endure it.

Back during the Second World War, we here in America were enjoying a cute song that went something like this: "Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, don’t mess with Mr. In-between!" This song helped many get over some of the doldrums of the last few years of the Depression, work long hard hours during the Second World War and maintain a generally positive attitude in the face of problems.

Look on the Bright Side

This is the attitude we must create in ourselves if we are to be successful and happy as we want to be. Along with this positive attitude, there must also be a spirit of thankfulness and rejoicing. A most inspiring section of the Bible where these very attitudes are emphasized is in Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Here was a time when the Apostle himself was a prisoner of Rome — guarded by a Roman soldier and whose legs were evidently shackled by a literal ball and chain. Yet this man of God writes: "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, REJOICE" (Philippians 4:4).

Then, continuing in verse 8, Paul exhorts: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, THINK ON THESE THINGS."

Here, in plain language, and in a time of personal trial, God’s Apostle was plainly telling the Christians of that day to rejoice and to think positively about the things that are true, honest, just, pure and lovely.

Notice that he did not dwell on the probable “unjust” circumstances contributing to his arrest and imprisonment. He did not dwell on the fact that he was bound with a chain and being guarded by a Roman soldier — with perhaps death in the offing if his trial did not turn out well.

This is not a matter of “mind science” or forgetting the real problems that present themselves. But it is a matter of facing those problems with a truly positive and cheerful attitude.
— even under adverse circumstances.

It is a matter of learning and disciplining yourself not to continually dwell on the negative aspect of things and so defeat your own purposes by brooding and worrying. It is a matter of accentuating the positive things — lightening tight situations with a little bit of humor and cheerfulness wherever possible — and constantly looking on the “bright side” always.

II. Don’t Cry Over Spilled Milk

Some people continually keep thinking over, brooding over, talking over and generally “moaning around” about every defeat, setback, frustration that they can think of. How utterly miserable they are making themselves!

And there is no excuse!

Every intelligent human being can teach himself — if his parents, friends and tutors fail to teach him — the lesson that crying over spilled milk is stupid. Yes, there is no better word of accentuating the positive things — ever possible — and constantly lightening tight situations with a little bit of humor and cheerfulness.

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thoughts and emotions so that they do not in fact hinder us from accomplishing our LONG-RANGE GOALS.

Obviously, the man who is easily upset, mad or discouraged is in for terrible trouble if he is dealing with others a great deal in this busy, hustling world. He will alternately be frustrated, angry or discouraged.

But with God’s help — if we ask for it in prayer — we can control our minds and emotions. Proverbs tells us: "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that RULETH HIS SPIRIT than he that taketh a city" (Proverbs 16:32). The truly "big" man RULES his mind, emotions and attitudes so that they do not defeat him.

An amusing yet meaningful account of how Winston Churchill practiced this principle concerns his being run down by a New York taxicab in 1931. He was confined to a bed of pain and kept from his work for some time. Of course, he could easily have become discouraged or perhaps bitter again: America and all cab drivers.

Instead, Churchill made front-page news by completely exonerating the driver. Then, he dashed off a lurid description of the episode for which he was paid. (Proverbs 16:26).

Churchill was big-minded about what could have been thought of as a "tragedy" by a lesser man. He possessed the understanding that this upset was only temporary and need not be a tragedy at all unless he and his emotions made it so.

VI. Build Faith in God

In the trials of life, you will need to have faith in something bigger than yourself. You should certainly take the opportunity to prove to yourself the existence and present, active rulership of the personal God of the Bible. As you come to see that there is a great purpose being worked out here below, it will give you perspective and wisdom in handling the day-by-day and year-by-year problems of your life.

Learn to take God at His Word. Learn to obey God. Then trust Him to deliver you from trials and tests. "In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and His children shall have a place of refuge" (Proverbs 14:26).

If you don’t already know it, some day you will learn and really know that the only real faith and courage is that which comes from Almighty God.

With the proper faith and courage from God, you will learn to face and handle your problems instead of running from them. The weak man is the one who "puts off" handling problems as they come up. He is the one who tries to ignore them, give them to others or bury them in desk drawers or filing cabinets.

Often, the emotional turmoil and gnawing worry and brooding resulting from not handling or solving serious problems is far worse than the immediate action of handling these problems — no matter how unpleasant it may be at that particular moment.

One of the laws of success for an executive or leader is to put the most difficult job at or near the top of his "to do" list! He must learn to do the big or difficult job first. He must not shrink from it, but act while his original momentum of getting the facts is still with him.

All of us need to learn to do this in our personal lives. Be sure you get all the facts. Be sure you have time to think and pray to Almighty God over a misunderstanding, an argument or a problem in your family, life, or job. But once this is accomplished, take action quickly!

Face and handle these problems with the wisdom, faith and courage that comes from God!

VII. Be a DOER

There is no use quickly reading vital information like this unless you are going to act on it and put it to work in your life!

Even God describes this principle in relationship to His law: "For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified" (Romans 2:13).

Will you be a doer?

Everyone of you reading this has negative thoughts, fears, frustrations, and wrong emotions from time to time. Many of you are, of course, simply loaded with these. This has been, with you and in your family, a veritable way of life. You simply grew up in a family where arguing and bickering, dwelling on the negative side, crying over spilled milk and general pessimism prevailed.

Overcoming this tendency in your life, in your family, in your job will require constant thought and effort. You will have to work hard at first to establish the cheerful, positive approach as a way of life for you.

But the results will be far more than worth it.

So use each key in this article as a tool — a working blueprint to help you make a better life in regard to the proper control of your mind and emotions. And learn to watch future issues of The PLAIN TRUTH carefully for other vital articles along this line.

Jesus said: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more ABUNDANTLY" (John 10:10). The only truly lasting and lastingly abundant life is being revealed in the pages of this vital magazine. For it is based on obedience to the living laws and ways of the Almighty God of love, wisdom and mercy.

Be more than willing to learn, to prove and to live that way!
In the early years of Solomon’s reign the top of Mt. Moriah began to look much different than it did about a decade before. Then there was only a threshing floor there. The threshing operations had been removed so that David could build a special altar. (II Samuel 24:15-25.)

**Lay a Firm Foundation**

In Solomon’s reign the altar was removed and the top of the small mountain was leveled off to make a much wider area. The leveled mountain had to receive the huge foundation stones that were laboriously moved in to form the base of the temple and its surrounding flat area. All this was encompassed by a stone wall. Within it came into being some of the most elaborate and ornate structures that had ever been built. (I Kings 6.) These beautiful buildings and their highly decorative interiors had been planned by David, but God had forbidden him to carry out their construction because David had so often relied on his army to protect Israel instead of relying on God. (I Kings 5:2-3.)

The chief architect and skilled metal worker on this great project was a man from Tyre by the name of Hiram, the same name as that of the king of that country. Besides putting plans for the temple into workable order, he also designed and labored on much of the decorative work and on such things as vessels, tables, lamps and pillars. (I Kings 7.)

Ever since the tabernacle had been constructed when the Israelites had been at Mt. Sinai, it had consisted mainly of fabric and skins so that it could be taken down
and carried. Now, at last, the tabernacle was replaced by a beautiful, solid structure of stone, timber, gold, silver, precious stones, carved figures, dazzling colors of linen and carved palm trees, flowers and fruit. As in the original tabernacle, there was the outer area, the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. The Ark of the Covenant was later placed in the Holy of Holies.

To the sides and back of the main buildings were added chambers for the priests and attendants, and rooms for storing treasures. The portable brass laver for the priests to wash in, made at Mt. Sinai, was replaced by a round brass, bowl-shaped container twenty-one feet across and supported by twelve large brass bulls.

The main sections of the temple were much larger than similar sections of the tabernacle. The outer part, or porch, was about forty-two feet wide. The main building was floored with fir and had inner walls of cedar. Both were then covered with gold. Aside from the priest’s chambers, this building was about a hundred and twenty-six feet long, forty-two feet wide and sixty-three feet high. That wasn’t a huge building, but with other structures, stone-paved court, towers and walls, the whole establishment covered several acres.

The furnishings of the temple were many, including chains, candlesticks, tongs, bowls, snuffers, basins, spoons, and censers to burn incense in. All these were fashioned from brass, gold or silver, and in a style and skill that made them outstanding in appearance and quality. (I Kings 6 and 7; II Chronicles 3 and 4.) The temple was finished, along with its furnishings in the eleventh year of Solomon's reign. (I Kings 6:1, 37-38; II Chronicles 3:1-2.) In the next several months Solomon placed in the temple the very fine furnishings that David had dedicated for the temple.
Solomon's Invitation

Almost a year after the temple was completed, when abundant crops had been harvested and it was time for the Festival of Tabernacles, Solomon invited the leaders of all the tribes of Israel and all of the chiefs of the clans to come to Jerusalem. (I Kings 8:1-2; II Chronicles 5:1-3.)

It wasn't necessary for the king to invite anyone to Jerusalem for the Festival of Tabernacles, because that was an assembly commanded by God, just as it still is. (See Leviticus 23:33-35, 41; Zechariah 14:16-19; Deuteronomy 16:13-15.) Observing God's annual Holy Days is as important to God and to obedient people as is the observance of the weekly Sabbath. (John 4:45; 7:10; Acts 18:21.) Solomon knew that Israelites who respected their Creator would come to the Fall Festival at Jerusalem of their own accord. But on this occasion he invited them to arrive a week earlier to attend the dedication of the temple. (II Chronicles 7:8-9.)

Thousands upon thousands of Israelites poured into Jerusalem to attend the greatest occasion since the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai. There was an elaborate parade in which the Ark of the Covenant was brought from the place where David had housed it. The priests and their assistants followed, bearing the costly equipment, such as bowls and candlesticks, with which the tabernacle in the wilderness had been furnished.

The ark was carefully and ceremoniously deposited beyond the holy veil in the Holy of Holies, where had been constructed two cherubim of olive wood, overlaid with gold. Standing side by side, each was twenty-one feet high and with two wings ten and a half feet long, so that their four wings extended out from the figures for a distance of forty-two feet. The ark was placed beneath these towering, gleaming statues.

At that time there was nothing inside the ark except the two tables of stone inscribed with the Ten Commandments. They had been there since Moses had put them in the ark at Mt. Sinai. (I Kings 8:3-9; II Chronicles 5:4-10.)

During the parade and the ceremonious furnishing of the temple and even long afterward, sacrifices were made at many places in Jerusalem by priests who weren't otherwise occupied. So many sheep and oxen were sacrificed and eaten in the next several days that the number was never known or recorded. The multitudes of people who had come to the city showed such an enthusiasm for making offerings that Solomon was quite pleased. What was much more important was how much God was pleased. He must have been in some measure, or the next awe-inspiring event wouldn't have taken place.
Priests were coming in and out of the holy area. At a brief interval when all were outside for a musical portion of the dedication, a strange, thick glowing cloud suddenly filled the temple.

Nearby were the many singers and musicians performing at the time, possibly rendering the 136th Psalm written by David. When they noticed what was taking place, it was difficult for them to continue. Some of the priests tried to get back inside the building, but quickly retreated when they found that the mysterious cloudiness was more than just an ordinary mass of vapor. Then other people who were close to the temple saw the strange cloud. The festive noise and music died down to be replaced by an awed silence. (I Kings 8:10-11; II Chronicles 5:11-14.)

Solomon was standing facing the altar, which contained wood and flesh laid on it for a burnt offering. He turned to the crowd and enthusiastically pointed to the cloud-like mass that wafted through the doors and windows of the temple.

"This is a sign that God is with us!" he exclaimed loudly to the people. "The Eternal — Yahweh — the God of Israel has accepted the house we have built for Him! This has become His dwelling place!"

While the crowd stood in respectful awe, Solomon ascended a brass platform erected especially for the occasion. From there he reminded the people how merciful God had been to them ever since their ancestors had left Egypt, and how the temple had at last come into being.

Then the king dropped to his knees, held his hands toward the sky and voiced a prayer with such volume that it could be heard by thousands. He praised God for
how great He is. He observed that the temple wasn’t much of a residence, compared to the whole universe, for a Creator who was great enough to fill all the universe. Solomon asked that God would put His name on the temple nevertheless, as a place where He would come to be close to His people, and that God would listen to their prayers, forgive their sins when they repented, and rescue them from their enemies, famine, disease, drought and pestilence. (I Kings 8:12-53; II Chronicles 6:1-42.)

The Eternal Answers

Right after Solomon had spoken the last words of the eloquent and moving address to God, a blinding bolt of fire hissed down from the sky, followed by a sharp, deafening crack of thunder. The fire struck squarely on the altar. There was a burst of thick smoke. When it cleared away only seconds later, the wood and animal flesh that had been there were entirely gone!

God’s dramatic manner of showing that He was pleased with the temple, the sacrifices and Solomon’s prayer caused the thousands of startled onlookers to bow with their faces to the ground in reverence. (II Chronicles 7:1-3.)

To encourage the crowd, Solomon waved to the musicians and singers to continue. They soon regained their composure and went on with their playing and singing with more zest than ever. Gradually the people got to their feet and joined them in song. The sound of their spirited voices could be heard for miles. Meanwhile, the vapor-like cloud continued slowly swirling through the temple, still delaying the priests in carrying out many of their intended duties. A great part of them joined the musicians with instruments of their own, adding to the volume of the music.

The people were so inspired by the unusual events at the dedication of the temple that they moved into the days of the Festival of Tabernacles with an exceptionally happy and worshipful attitude. There was much activity, including informative addresses from the king and from the high priest, musical concerts, periods of mass worship and prayer, dancing, visiting, dining and the sacrificing and eating of many animals. It was a happy time. The occasion is one commanded by God for the benefit of His people. It is to be observed by God’s New Testament Church also, although there is now no need of sacrificing animal flesh because Christ is the sacrifice for those who repent, believe and obey God’s laws.

Twenty-two thousand cattle and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep were sacrificed and eaten at the temple dedication alone. Because the main brass altar was too small to handle the offerings that were to be consumed, another temporary altar was erected nearby. (I Kings 8:54-64; II Chronicles 7:4-7.)
A Palace, Too

The cloud departed from the temple after the seven-day festival — plus an eighth day that was a Holy Day — was over. The Israelites returned to their homes in a joyful and thankful state of mind. It had been a prosperous year for them, and they had been brought closer to God because of their experiences at the temple and the inspiration and instruction they had received from God through Solomon and the priests. (I Kings 8:65-66; II Chronicles 7:8-11.) Years later Solomon wrote, among his many wise observations, one that fitted the occasion well: "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice." (Proverbs 29:2.)

The cost of the temple was more than paid for by the offerings set aside by David for the project, and by other offerings made to God over the early years of Solomon's reign.

Solomon's next project was the building of a palace for himself. It was thirteen years in construction! It took longer to build than the temple because fewer men worked on it and the king wasn't as anxious to finish the palace as he had been to finish the building dedicated to God. The main section was a beautiful structure of costly stone and cedar more than two hundred feet long, over a hundred feet
wide and as high as a modern six-story office building. In this part was Solomon's sumptuous throne room, furnished with costly objects and decorated with precious stones set in lavish areas of gold. Here was where thousands of problems were brought to him, and where he made so many of his wise judgments and decisions.

Another section was built for Solomon's wife, the Egyptian princess who had been brought up from her native land years before. (I Kings 7:1-12; 9:24; II Chronicles 8:11.) Other areas contained dining rooms, game rooms and guest quarters. One ancient authority refers to Solomon's palace as being a somewhat mysterious place, inasmuch as the exact number of rooms remained a secret. Many of them were allegedly underground, some connected by obscure passages to vaults.

Whatever the facts, the outstanding one was that Solomon's palace was a most unusual residence. It was surrounded by vast porches built of huge blocks of stone. Beyond the porches were beautiful gardens embellished with unique sculpture. Porticos, pillars, walls, towers and gateways were supported, connected or bedecked by hundreds of cedar beams.

As with the temple, much of the material for the palace came from Tyre or nearby territory in exchange for produce from Israel. And again Solomon hired the expert artisans from Tyre.

"Obey Me and I Will Make You Great"

After Solomon finished building the temple and palace, God contacted him a second time. Again it was in the same manner in which He had appeared to Solomon after he had become king and when he had made special sacrifices at Gibeon. He was awakened from a deep sleep by a firm, commanding voice speaking his name. Perhaps he was only dreaming that he had awakened. However it happened, he realized later that it was God's voice or the voice of an angel bringing a message from the Creator.

"When you dedicated the temple to me," the voice uttered, "I answered your prayer by hallowing that place. I put my name there and occupied the temple with the desire to remain there on and on into the future.

"If you will obey me as well as did David your father, and if you will live according to my commandments, statutes and judgments, men from your family will be on the throne over all Israel forever. I made the same promise to your father. But if you or your children turn from my laws to follow pagan religions, I will cut off Israel from the land I provided. Your nation will become only a word spoken in mockery and derision. I shall leave that high temple. It will fall into ruins, and people passing will ask what I have done to it. They shall learn that it happened because
Israel forsook their God, who had rescued them from Egypt. If they choose to follow other gods, those gods won’t be able to rescue the people from the evil I shall bring on them.” (I Kings 9:1-9; II Chronicles 7:12-22.)

After this reminder, Solomon renewed his determination to continue to obey God. His intentions and attitude at that time were right. He was thankful for his personal prosperity and that of his nation. But the king had certain strong desires that could cause trouble for the whole nation unless they were controlled.

When the complete cost of Solomon’s palace and his other public buildings was finally summed up, it was evident that produce from Israel wasn’t enough to fairly pay the king of Tyre for all he had provided for king Solomon’s projects. Solomon decided that the difference could be generously made up for by giving the king of Tyre twenty towns in the north border region of the territories of the Israelite tribes of Asher and Naphtali.

These towns were inhabited by Canaanites, living in the nation Israel. King Hiram of Tyre was anxious to learn just what he had obtained. He set out on a tour of his reward, pleased that his small kingdom could be enlarged by so many towns.

Hiram was somewhat shocked when he found that the towns were inhabited by mostly rather poor farm workers. Because he preferred to deal in other kinds of commerce, he was disappointed that there was so little activity except in agriculture. The message Hiram soon sent to Solomon was not a happy one for the king of Israel.

“I have decided that it would not be to the best interests of either of us for me to accept the proffered towns. Undoubtedly they are of much greater value to Israel than to my nation. For you they could be necessary fortifications. For me they are a bit too far inland to be of sufficient benefit.” (I Kings 9:10-14; II Chronicles 8:1-2.)

This refusal of the towns, a matter which Solomon considered somewhat of an indignity, meant that some other way would have to be found for paying Israel’s debt to Tyre.

Possibly the king could have come up with some means besides that he finally chose. (I Kings 9:15.) It had a part in the eventual downfall of his nation. It has been a cause of other nations failing financially. Our nation is burdened heavily with it.

Solomon decided that he would pay Israel’s debt on the palace and other public projects simply by demanding more taxes from the people.

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THE UNFINISHED REVOLUTION

To bring our readers the truth about Communism, we continue, in this issue, the third in a series of eyewitness reports on the Soviet Union.

by Herman L. Hoeh

Red Square in Moscow with Lenin Mausoleum on left. Red brick building at right is Museum of History.

Moscow, USSR

There is a way to peace — a way to end the harassment of the Cold War. A way to end all fear of nuclear holocaust between the West and the Soviet Union or Red China.

What a tragedy that the peoples of these nations remain blinded to that way! And it is so simple! As simple as this: There is a cause for every effect!

Treating the Effect — Ignoring the Cause

Every society — whether Communist or non-Communist — is based on treating the effect while ignoring the cause. People do it in treating diseases. They do it in dealing with crime. They do it even when striving for peace!

Everyone wants peace — or at least so world leaders profess! President Johnson works for peace. China's Mao struggles for peace. Brezhnev and Kosygin strive for peace. The Pope pleads for peace. Yet there is no peace! Why?

Because "the way of peace they know not..." (Isaiah 59:8).

World leaders plead for peace, struggle for peace — yet sanction the way that leads to revolution and to war. They follow the way that is the cause of Cold War and of hot war — then attempt to stop war by treating the effect and ignoring the cause.

There is a way that will prevent suffering, revolution and war and produce peace — a way to happiness and abundant well-being for everyone.

The Eternal Creator offered mankind that way at the beginning — and let man choose. The Eternal set in motion inexorable laws that work. Laws of chemistry, of physics, of nutrition. And also a basic spiritual law which is the way to peace, happiness and abundant well-being. That law is the basic cause of peace. Its violation is the cause of suffering, of rebellion and of war. It is just that simple!

Human nature is basically rebellious against God and the inexorable laws He set in motion. In the Western World, God is given lip service. His laws are openly flouted. Here, in the Communist World, atheism has become the new religion. A new Communist moral code has replaced the Ten Commandments.

The Creator, almost 6000 years ago, laid before man the knowledge of His law — the knowledge of how to avoid strife and war and how to live at peace. But the first human beings, yielding to human nature — to vanity, greed, self-centeredness and lust — rebelled against God's Law of peace and prosperity. That is the cause of all suffering, privation and war!

But humanity, priding itself on its scientific and intellectual achievements, willingly blinds its mind to this simple truth. Each nation has, instead, em-
Housing is, after agriculture, biggest unsolved problem in Soviet Union. Average Soviet citizen has only four fifths as much living space as under Czar’s rule in 1917. Communist intent is to abolish ultimately all private homes and substitute communal apartment living. No provisions are made for garages. There won’t be any need of them in the Soviet new order! On opposite page, top photo is of new Tashkent building project, begun after April 1966 earthquake. Center, small brick apartment unit under construction outside Novgorod, ancient capital of northern Russia. Below, public housing in Samarkand, Uzbek SSR, is typical of new Soviet housing that resembles a glorified slum. Above, possibly four Soviet families crowd into small dwelling, surrounded by private gardens, on main highway leading north out of Moscow. Note TV antennae — four of them — towering above red tin roof.

barked on its own political, social, economic or religious system of error.
And that includes the USSR!

Basic Error of Communism

Most Communists are dedicated individuals. They have a sense of mission. They are out to change the world! They see in the nations around them greed, selfishness, vanity, privation, war — a host of ills. They want to change all that. But, instead of treating the cause, they committed the basic error of treating only the effects.

The founders of Communism reasoned that these characteristics of human nature are the result of one's environment. Change the environment, they announced, and you will change human nature. Take away private property, they reasoned, and you will banish greed, envy, status-seeking, etc. Teach people the dignity of work, they declared, and laziness will disappear.

Replacing the sweat and toil and privation and suffering of the present, there will be — so the Communist Party hopefully announced — a world of happiness and joy, a world filled with all the physical and educational necessities of life. A Golden Age is promised. All labor will be voluntary, a matter of habit, serving the common good. It will be performed without expectation of remuneration or reward. "Under communism men will work to the best of their abilities simply because men will delight in creative endeavour," says the Party in one of its latest books, Man's Dreams Are Coming True.

What's wrong with this picture?
Simply this: it won't work!
Communists are seeking to treat the effects, not the cause of world ills. The Western World is making the same mistake, but using different methods.

Poverty, privation, suffering, war and death are not in and by themselves the cause of world ills. They are the result — the effects. The cause of world ills is broken law — the violation of the Ten Commandments — sin. "Sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4).

Attempting to change the evils of our environment, without knowing what causes them, will never work.

Overlooking Human Nature

Human nature cannot be changed merely by altering one's environment, as
Above: Young Pioneers greet American tourists. Blue and red sign in background announces “Peace to the World.”

Right: Gigantic smiling portrait of Papa Lenin in worker’s garb surmounted by hammer and sickle—Bukhara, Uzbek, SSR (Soviet Central Asia).

Below: Sign on construction site in Moscow suburbs proclaims “glory to the labor of the builders.” On bridge over main highway south of Moscow slogan reads: “The People and the Party Are One.”
Soviet Propaganda Shapes the Nation’s Thinking!
the fathers of Communism reasoned. It takes God to change human nature. And that God the Communists reject.

Lenin used to say that the rich exploiters, and the swindlers and shirkers were the two main categories of parasites reared by capitalism. Abolish capitalism and, so he reasoned, you abolish exploiters and swindlers and shirkers. The 1917 revolution did abolish the old exploiting class as in Russia. But it did not result in the change of human nature! The nature of the peoples of the Soviet Union is the same today as ever. The author of *Man's Dreams Are Coming True* (a book I purchased in a Moscow bookstore) has to confess that "the layabouts are still there, and they want to take without giving" (p. 142).

No, human nature has not changed under Communism. Laziness, covetousness, lust for power are still there. If anything, laziness has been accentuated under Communist rule. In nearly every republic of the Soviet Union through which we have traveled, idleness, lackadaisical work attitudes, carelessness, disinterest, or boredom are commonplace.

There are those who are interested in their work and filled with zeal — they are usually Party members. But the vast majority of Soviet citizens lack zest and enthusiasm for their jobs.

Party members are busy trying to create the hoped-for Communist Golden Age in which the evils of human nature would vanish and everybody would work for the common good. Propaganda signs everywhere encourage the people to find more joy in their work, to put forth greater effort. In apartment houses, in factories and on collective and state farms members of the Party spend hours educating children and adults to believe all that is needed is a change of attitude and the faults of human nature will vanish!

Soviet educator A. S. Makarenko expresses the Party's philosophy this way: "The opinion is widespread that people must have both merits and demerits. And this leads to self-justification in the sense that a person having no faults would be an abstraction and not a reality."

And how does Makarenko propose to solve the problem?

"A person must have no faults. And if you have 20 merits and 10 demerits we must believe you: why do you have 10 demerits? You must get rid of five. And when five are left — you must get rid of two more... Demands should constantly be made on people and each individual should be exacting toward himself... But," continues Makarenko, "this is not to say that everyone should fall into an arranged orderly pattern; individuality will remain, perfect characters will develop with vivid and original personalities." (*Man's Dreams Are Coming True*, page 287.)

Most people in non-Communist lands are totally unaware of this goal of Communism. Yet it is one of the chief reasons for the dedication of Party members. Communists are out to change human nature. People in the Soviet Union are vigorously encouraged to fight against "hard drinking and hooliganism, selfishness and vulgar tastes, indifference to the public interest and profligacy, bullying one's subordinates and cynicism, laziness" — the list of errors is almost endless. Every individual is encouraged not only to pressure himself to do better, but to hunt out social parasites — those who don't do their full part in building Communism with enthusiasm.

But it hasn't worked!

Soviet citizens have the same faults of character common to all men — no matter what the social or economic environment may be. Communists will never find a solution to their problems until they quit rebelling against the God of Creation and His Laws.

The Overlooked Cause

Dishonesty and covetousness are characteristic of Western Society. Where is the businessman who has honestly risen to prominence without cheating or taking advantage of others? Where is the laborer who is willing to do for his boss not only what is expected, but more? Rare indeed!

Communists long ago saw this problem, but overlooked the cause. They assumed the cause was environmental, not in human nature. They made two
colossal blunders. One, they supposed the incentive of a reward was in itself the cause of social and economic evils. Two, they thought that man, by himself, could change human nature. Remove the incentive of reward, educate the people to work solely for the common good of society and, they concluded, the Golden Age would arrive.

But it didn’t work out that way! Man cannot, by himself, change human nature. And being individually rewarded for a job well done is not wrong. Notice the Bible answer to Communist theory: “... he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6). God rewards those who diligently seek Him. A reward is not wrong. To deprive one of what is rightfully his through honest work is wrong.

The Law of God—the Ten Commandments—itself sanctions private property and rewards. It forbids stealing and covetousness. Stealing and covetousness presupposes that there is private property that belongs to another. See Exodus 20:15 and 17.

But how are greed, covetousness, selfishness to be overcome? By the power of God! But man by nature lacks that power! It takes the added supernatural power of God to overcome human nature. That power God imparts by His Holy Spirit—His very nature. But God gives His Spirit to those who are willing to obey Him (Acts 5:32)—not those who are in an attitude of rebellion.

Now turn to Paul’s letter to the Romans. Here is the answer to the why of human nature:

“For the creature [man] was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of Him who hath subjected the same in hope; because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption [this mortal flesh] into the glorious liberty of the children of God” (chapter 8, verses 20-21).

Human nature is vanity. God placed that vanity in human nature! It is not due to our social or economic environment. Vanity in human nature is the cause of the ills of our environment—not the result or effect of environment.

Human nature is going to be abolished—but it will take God to do it. It will not be done by human government or human force. It will take all the power of the Kingdom of God—the government of God—to bring it about. A Golden Age is coming—but it will not be of man’s making!

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FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

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them shall vanish on your day of dole and desperate pain.”

Forcing growth only produces inferior quality, though in some cases it may temporarily produce more quantity. Poor quality food leads to poor quality animals—more susceptible to disease!

We are seeing the result of this today! As the quality of the food decreases, the quality of the animals decreases; resistance is lowered, and diseases increase.

“How long is the land to lie woebegone, and the green growth all to wither? Birds and beasts are perishing by the wickedness of the natives, who say, ‘God never sees what we do!’” (Jeremiah 12:4—Moffatt translation.)

But God does see! And what He sees—man’s sins—He doesn’t like! That’s why God declares:

“The Lord shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until He have consumed thee from off the land... all these curses shall... overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord thy God to keep His Commandments and His statutes...” (Deut. 28:21, 45).

But there is a way of escape, if you will only take it! You don’t have to go on stumbling along in confusion with the rest of the world. These warnings are not just for farmers—but for everyone. The food that farmers produce feeds YOU. God says: “But whose hearkened unto Me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil” (Prov. 1:33).

God help you to see—and repent—and begin to keep His Commandments and His laws for your own good.
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Reported the leading German maga-
zine der Spiegel on December 4:
"When England’s [Prime Minister]
Wilson devalued the pound, the dollar
also tottered. Without the decisive help
of Karl Blessing, 67, head of Europe’s
richest central bank, the dollar would
have collapsed."

Few people in America and Britain
realize how close the western world
came to economic ruin.

Rush to Save the Dollar

The gripping chronology of the dol-
lar’s rescue went as follows.

On Friday November 24, six days
after sterling’s downgrading, the French
Central Bank in Paris dumped ten tons
of gold on the Paris market. The French
government desired—a rise in the price
of gold.

Germany’s Blessing, noting the
French assault, got worried. A massive
gold rush meant ultimately the devalu-
ation of the U. S. dollar, the key “reserve
currency” that undergirds much of the
free world’s trade. He worried over
Germany’s export picture. He also fore-
saw a massive years-long constriction
of world trade if the gold rush ran its
course and led to the dollar’s downfall.

Blessing privately dispatched urgent
summonses to central bank chiefs in Eu-
rope and the United States. He urged
them to fly to Frankfurt, to meet with
him at 1 p.m. the following Sunday.

The "Blitzkonferenz" (lightning speed
conference) held in a Frankfurt hotel
was so secret that even the menus
were burned afterward.

American officials admitted to Bless-
ing and the others in the “Frankfurter
Circle” that the situation had deterior-
ated so rapidly that European help was
needed—and fast! Official Washing-
ton assurances to “hold the line” on the
price of gold had so far done little to
stem the onrush of the speculators.

Blessing and the other continental
bankers acted quickly and decisively.
A joint-communicé was issued re-
affirming European central bank help
(France excluded, of course) in under-
pinning the U. S. price of gold at $35
an ounce.

Despite one other gold flurry, the
dollar-gold price relationship has held,
though very shaky.

But the horrible truth remains—
America’s and Britain’s financial fate is
now in the hands of Europe. Eight
times over the past four years,
West Germany has come to Brit-
ain’s assistance with financial
aid. Now it’s the dollar that needs con-
stant propping-up.

European central banks, holding mas-
ive claims on U. S. gold, simply can-
not afford to let the dollar fold up—
yet! The dollar, though riddled with
weakness, is still the world’s key re-
serve currency. It will remain so, as
long as there is gold in Fort Knox.

But the gold outflow is continuing,
though not as dramatically as in the
past weeks. Eventually—unless unfore-
seen remedial action is taken—Am-
rica’s gold horde will vanish—most of
it to Western Europe. Why? Because

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Drying bones of dead cattle litter drought-stricken areas of Australia. This scene is prophesied to be repeated many times over — and worldwide — in next few years unless humanity abruptly changes its ways!

"Wild Weather" in U. S.

All across America, farmers are puzzled by a lack of normal weather conditions. Dry spells, cold snaps, record rains or snows — almost always at the wrong time — seem now to be the rule rather than the exception. Look at a rundown of some key states:

*Minnesota* recorded the wettest June ever — followed by the driest July in 31 years. Corn production in the state dipped 11 million bushels. Soil moisture is deficient as winter arrives.

*Michigan* had "wild weather" according to one source. Wet one month, cold and dry the next. No rain for the critical first weeks in September when crops needed them most. Result? Michigan's production was down for all but two crops.

*Nebraska's* autumn growing season was described as "erratic." Earlier yield estimates have been downgraded. Said one farmer: "This year of 1967 is different here than the year of 1966. First came the floods; up to 20 inches of rain in about six weeks. Then from June to the middle of September no rain, so the harvest will not be good."

*The Dakotas* experienced wacky weather, too. "A drought followed by a flood, followed by another drought" one man told the Weather Editor of *Successful Farming*. A late September frost damaged more than half of the area's corn crop.

*Kansas*, the vital wheat crop struggled through an early dry spell and weathered a sharp freeze in May — only to fall prey to one of the wettest Junes in state history. Result: yields down 15% per acre. Only a heavy increase in planting — a whopping 32% more acreage — made up the difference with last year's production.

A similar situation prevails in *Colorado*. Due largely to unwanted cool, wet weather, wheat production will barely match last year's. However, this actually represents a big cut, since 25% more acreage was planted.

These last two accounts are especially significant. Read them over again in the light of a prophecy for the near future given in Isaiah 5:10. It reads: "Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath [only about nine gallons of wine], and the seed of an homer [about eleven bushels in the old Hebrew measurement] shall yield an ephah [one-tenth of an homer]."

Imagine! The time is soon coming when farmers will reap only one-tenth as much as they sow. Even now, in some areas, farmers are sowing far more, but reaping the same or barely more than the year before. Despite a few good spots here and there and occasional, glowing (often conflicting) reports, weather conditions are fast building up to the tragic climax foreseen by Isaiah.
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