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An aerial photograph of the Sinai Peninsula, showing the Red Sea to the west and the Gulf of Aqaba to the east. The Nile River delta is visible in the upper right corner. The terrain is rugged and mountainous, with a network of roads and valleys. The image is framed by a white border.

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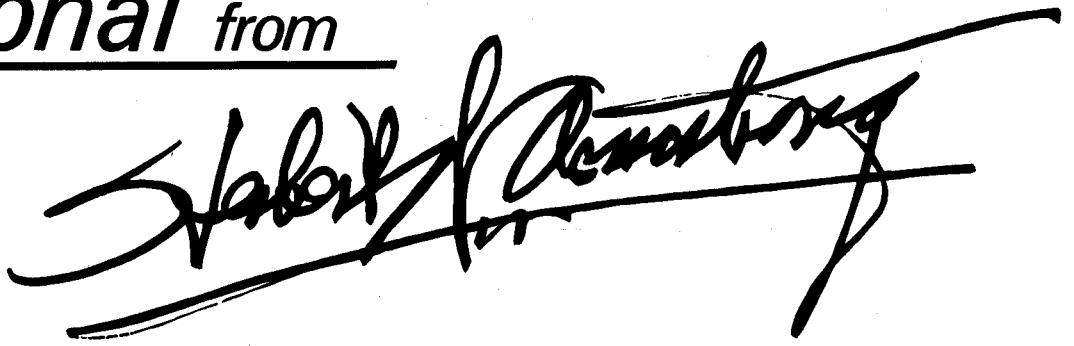
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Personal from



The Key to Radiant Health

WE PRIDE OURSELVES on being the most advanced, enlightened, scientifically developed generation that ever lived.

We suppose that we are now on the doorstep of eradicating sickness and disease, due to the miraculous advances of medical science. We suppose the great advances in sanitary measures, in the new "wonder drugs," in preventive serums, vaccines and inoculations are bringing modern civilization into a state of wonderful health.

We couldn't be more wrong!

Modern civilization is *not* bringing health nor abolishing disease.

While the medical profession works to reduce TB, cancer, and other diseases, modern civilization is **CREATING NEW DISEASES NEVER HEARD OF A FEW GENERATIONS AGO**. Sickness and disease are on an accelerating **INCREASE!**

It may seem incredible! We frantically brush our teeth and use toothpastes supposed to produce "fewer cavities," yet there is more tooth trouble than was known in any past century. The more furiously we brush with "fewer-cavities" brands of toothpaste, the more tooth troubles we suffer!

WHY?

How can this **BE?** Is toothpaste to blame?

I suppose many would ask: "But isn't it *natural* to be sick? Are we not made in such a way that we simply have to become sick and contract disease? And didn't God raise up medical science to combat it?"

The answer is an **EMPHATIC NO!**

Sickness and disease are **NOT** natural! We were made to **BE WELL!**

When man invents and produces a fine mechanism — a fine watch, automobile, jet plane, washing machine — he expects the fine watch to keep good time for years; the first Rolls Royce automobile ever

made is still running; the huge 747 jets make the "polar flight" every day from London to the West Coast of the United States without motor failure. Of course I am not talking about a cheaply made watch, automobile or washing machine. But the most marvelous and perfectly made mechanism ever produced is the human body and mind.

The Almighty God made the human body so that — even though composed of material substance from the ground — its *normal condition* is one of robust, invigorating, radiant **GOOD HEALTH!**

Sickness and disease are ABNORMAL — they are the **PENALTY OF VIOLATION OF NATURAL LAWS**. They are **PHYSICAL SIN!**

I knew the philosopher-author-lecturer-publisher Elbert Hubbard, who died when a German submarine sank the *Lusitania* before U. S. entry into World War I. He understood something of physical health. Once when I visited him at East Aurora, N. Y., other guests and I were herded out on the veranda of Roycroft Inn, for a vigorous round of heaving the "medicine ball" at each other. It was vigorous exercise. Hubbard kept fit — watched his diet, got in plenty of exercise, natural sleep, deep breathing in fresh air.

He said: "Of two things, being thrown in jail, or becoming sick, becoming sick is the greater disgrace!" One is thrown in jail for violation of a *man-made* law — it could be a nonsensical law — he could have been falsely accused. But when one is sick, a **NATURAL law has been broken** — and there was no false arrest.

One may break man-made civil laws and not get caught. But when you break **GOD'S LAWS**, the penalty is automatic!

And what does modern civilization do about it? **It** — *not God* — raised up "medical science" to try to deal with the effect — ignoring the CAUSE — attempting to remove the PENALTY which the Creator **GOD** imposed for physical violations. Treating the **EFFECT**, while ignoring the **CAUSE**, is to *encourage* the violation

which CAUSES the sickness; to encourage SIN! Only most people never thought of it that way.

Now LOOK AT THE STAGGERING FACTS:

Children of 1910 had many diseases never heard of three generations before. They grew into young manhood by 1917. They enlisted or were drafted into the army in World War I. But in 1917, nearly one third of our young men between the ages of 18 and 31 were SO UNFIT physically they could not be accepted for military duty.

Have conditions improved?

By 1964, the number unfit for military duty had climbed from slightly under 33% (in itself a disgrace!!!) to 53%. This was not all physical unfitness — a *new* sinister threat to our national progress and safety was now rising rapidly — 16.2% of these *failed mental tests!*

Nearly one half of all Americans — more than 96 million — are suffering with at least one chronic disease or disability. Of those over age 45, *seven out of ten* are afflicted with at least one chronic condition.

Each day some TWO MILLION Americans see a doctor! Over THIRTY-TWO MILLION are yearly spending time in hospitals; about 1½ million are hospital patients on any one day!

There are over TWELVE MILLION surgical operations performed annually in the United States alone!

In Britain conditions are as bad — or worse.

In the United States, Canada, Britain, Australia, *our national vitality is on the wane!*

But, one asks, hasn't medical science made tremendous strides in conquering diseases? But while they are working on some diseases, several times as many NEW DISEASES appear in our midst — diseases unheard of some four generations ago! Diseases of MODERN CIVILIZATION!

Among diseases of modern civilization are diabetes, cancer, heart diseases, Bright's disease, kidney diseases, acidosis, asthma, rheumatism. There is a definite CAUSE for these.

Look at young children pouring out of public elementary schools today. Notice how many are pale, anemic, round-shouldered, more than half of them constipated, wearing glasses, having bad teeth, diseased tonsils.

How many today live in a home where there is *never* a cold or fever, no tooth troubles, or poor eyesight, or any of these diseases? Where *no one* is ever sick? Do you know of any such home? You're a most rare person if you do! All humanity *should* live in such

homes — *could!!* — and many, if not most, *will* in the GOD-ruled WORLD TOMORROW!

One of the greatest industries today is the cosmetics industry — selling millions of dollars (or equivalent in other monetary standards) in materials to *paint on* "natural" facial color that has been ROBBED from natural foods!

The very *first* trouble with our deteriorating physical status is that we take sickness for granted! We seem to assume sickness is natural and necessary. We are in IGNORANCE of the CAUSES. Modern society treats the RESULT, but *ignores* the CAUSE!

WHAT, then, are the specific CAUSES?

One physician said to me: "We doctors are kept so busy treating sicknesses and diseases that we simply have no time to study and research into the CAUSES."

But *some* of the most noted physicians and surgeons have given thought and study into the CAUSES. And leading doctors have said that 90% to 92% of all sickness and disease results from FAULTY DIET! Some of them have said that the average American or British dining table is a dietetic HORROR! Few people, it seems, realize that FOOD has any connection with health or sickness. The actual FACTS are appalling!

Let me give you some important facts!

First, just what *are* we? Of what are we composed?

God Himself ought to know — and He says: "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." And again, "The Eternal God formed man of the dust of the ground" (Gen. 3:19; 2:7). Dust — ground — is MATTER — material substance. In the ground are approximately 103 elements. But the human body is basically composed of 16 of them. And these are the 16 that grow in food.

Elements compose matter in the two general classifications — the organic and inorganic. Organic compounds are *living* matter. All elements are inorganic — non-living — and some of the elements take little or no part in the formation of living material. Gold and poisonous mercury are such comparatively inactive elements. But iron, much harder than gold, *does* grow in plant life into organic or *living* matter. Beet tops are fairly rich in iron. In somewhat lesser content there is some iron in blackberries and cherries. Grapes have very little, yet an enterprising advertising man years ago took advantage of that small amount by packaging raisins in small

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How to Be an OVERCOMER

WHY are we not more successful in living up to God's standard? WHY do we slip and fall occasionally? Here is how YOU can overcome where you are weakest and hardest tempted!!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

DO YOU have some "besetting sin" — some point of weakness, perhaps secret, you have been unable to overcome?

Have *you* ever met temptation, struggled with it, only to wake up a little later to the remorseful fact that you had slipped, and failed to overcome?

Or perhaps you are struggling with some habit that holds you as its slave — struggling, wrestling, always fighting it, yet somehow never able to conquer it.

Only the Overcomers

These things are serious. We *must* overcome these sins, these habits, these sudden temptations — be cleansed of them thoroughly — if we expect to get through to the Kingdom and inherit eternal life.

"To him that OVERCOMETH," says Jesus, "will I grant to sit with me in my throne" (Rev. 3:21).

"He that OVERCOMETH, and keep-

eth my works unto the end, *to HIM* will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron" (Rev. 2:26-27).

Not all are even called, *now*. Many, though they may have *heard* the true message, have never received a conscious convicting KNOWLEDGE of the truth. This is not the time when God is calling them.

But God is now calling *SOME* to a life of separation — to a new and different and Spirit-filled and Spirit-led life — in order that they may be wholly CLEANSED of sin, and that they may GROW in grace and knowledge, thus being prepared, trained, fitted for a position of solemn responsibility — that of king or priest — in God's KINGDOM! And it is *only* those who qualify by the training, the overcoming, the spiritual development and growth, DURING THIS PRESENT LIFE, who shall thus reign with Christ. Study the

parable of the pounds in Luke 19:11-27.

So the Christian life is a new and a different life — an OVERCOMING life. Sin must be torn out, root and branch. We must be made righteous, holy.

Why We Stumble and Fall

Why, then, do so many of us continually stumble and fall? Yes, even those who do strive, struggle, and even PRAY, and PRAY for help, for victory, over some vicious habit? WHY?

First, notice a portion of Paul's instructions to the Philippians.

"And be found in him, not having mine OWN righteousness, which is of the law, but *that which is through the faith of Christ*, the righteousness WHICH IS OF GOD *by faith*" (Phil. 3:9).

Notice, it is not OUR righteousness, but GOD'S.

David was inspired to write: "All

thy commandments are righteousness" (Psalm 119:172). Yes, and LOVE is the fulfilling of the law (Rom. 13:10).

The Kind of Love Required

Right here is one trouble. Too many Commandment-keepers are struggling along, trying to keep the Commandments in their own power and strength — thinking it is THEIR own personal human love that fulfills the Law!

Too many "Commandment-keepers" have only been converted to the ARGUMENT of keeping God's Commandments, and have never really EXPERIENCED definite salvation — for a real conversion is a DEFINITE EXPERIENCE! Such people need to go to a private place, alone with God, and get to their knees, and pour out their hearts to God, and stay with it until they really KNOW they are converted by GOD'S POWER, and have received His blessed Holy Spirit!

No wonder so many become continually discouraged, and feel like giving up!

We do not even HAVE the kind of love that fulfills God's Law and makes us righteous! LOVE is of God, for God IS love! And it takes "the love of God... shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 5:5), to fulfill the Law, make us Commandment-keepers, and give us GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS.

The Law is SPIRITUAL (Rom. 7:14). We are carnal. It takes a SPIRITUAL love to fulfill a spiritual law. The Holy Spirit within us is merely GOD'S LAW IN ACTION! And since God alone can supply the LOVE that makes us righteous, it becomes GOD'S righteousness, not ours.

How to Get Faith

But how do we receive the LOVE? Note again the scripture quoted above: "... the righteousness which is of God BY FAITH."

It comes, then, by FAITH. Now most people seem to believe that the FAITH, by which we must receive everything God gives us, is something that we, ourselves, must work up and supply, by some kind of hard effort. And it does become *such an effort*, doesn't it, trying to strive to have FAITH?

Foolish babes in Christ! Can't we see that if WE were able to supply the faith which brings all else, that we, ourselves, would earn our own salvation by WORKS? It would be the kind of righteousness that is only FILTHY RAGS to God!

Stop trying to work up faith. You have no faith. The scripture above speaks only of "THE FAITH OF CHRIST"! Not *your* faith — CHRIST'S faith. Jesus had REAL FAITH! He performed miracles! And He rose from the dead — and HE LIVES.

Here is the secret! He gives — He imparts — His strong faith to you and to me! Yes, even FAITH is a gift of God — one of the spiritual GIFTS (Eph. 2:8 and I Cor. 12:9).

Then how shall we go about getting more of it? By yielding, submitting our desires, our purposes, our wills, to HIM, by ASKING Him in real earnest persevering prayer, and by trusting Him to give it!

Why We Have Not Been Delivered

God's Word promises: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; *but will with the temptation* also MAKE A WAY TO ESCAPE, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Cor. 10:13).

But has it not often seemed, in your experience, that God has failed to keep this promise? Temptation has come. You have struggled, even prayed, yet you were overpowered, and you did not find the way of escape! Then what is wrong?

Jesus said, "I will NEVER leave you nor forsake you." "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." God's Word promises, "Sin shall NOT have dominion over you." Yet have you not found that sin has had DOMINION over you, holding you its slave? Have you not fought it desperately, even with tears streaming down your face — only to fail?

How to Apply and Use Faith

WHY? What is wrong? Simply that we have not known how to receive, apply, and use the FAITH God promises to give!

First, there is something WE must do. Some go to one extreme and try to do it all. Others swing to the opposite extreme, plead with God, make little effort themselves, and expect Him to do it all.

James says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

Submit! Resist! This takes effort.

Peter says to humble ourselves, casting ALL our care upon the Lord, and to be sober and VIGILANT, because the devil is walking about, watching for the chance to tempt us when we are off our guard, "whom RESIST steadfast in the faith" (I Peter 5:6-9). We are to resist Satan, and do it in the faith of Christ — but HOW?

The key to it all is "BE VIGILANT." Be on your guard! Be ever watchful! Be prepared! That's where we fall down! It takes constant, continuous, vigilant effort, never letting down!

Unless we, ourselves, had to put forth some effort we could not be OVERCOMERS! But if we had power to do it all, we should not need God! So it requires our effort — our continuous, watchful, ever VIGILANT effort — *empowered by GOD'S SPIRIT!*

James continues: "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you" (James 4:8). Now we are getting closer to our answer! When temptation comes, we ARE TOO FAR FROM GOD — and we are then unable, SUDDENLY, on the spur of the moment to get close enough to Him to get the help and the deliverance we need!

It sometimes takes TIME to get CLOSE to God — into that intimate contact with Him so that we can draw on Him for the power we suddenly need!

In other words, when temptation unexpectedly has come, we have found ourselves caught off guard — out of prayer — out of contact with God — OUT OF SPIRITUAL TRAINING!

You were entering a CONTEST with Satan. You tried to wrestle with him, but you were OUT OF TRAINING, out of spiritual condition.

Suppose a prizefighter would suddenly find himself, untrained and unprepared, in the ring in a contest with the world's heavyweight champion! Do you think any living man could win? How

much STRONGER is Satan, by comparison! No wonder we fail! Could such a fighter, who had been dissipating, carousing, weakening himself physically, SUDDENLY summon enough strength and skill to conquer the champion of the world? Could a mile runner run a successful race and win, unless he trained and trained, and prepared himself carefully for the race — unless he were IN CONDITION when it came?

We can no more win these SPIRITUAL battles when out of SPIRITUAL training. All spiritual power and strength must come from God. We can drink it in from Him, only when we are IN CONTACT with Him — close to Him — in communion with Him!


And, when the temptations suddenly assail you, no matter how hard you then try, or cry out to God for help, you are simply TOO FAR AWAY FROM HIM to get help!

Spiritual training, to get and KEEP in constant vigilant condition to meet the foe of temptation and sin, requires *continuous, earnest, persistent PRAYER!* That is why we are commanded so often to PRAY WITHOUT CEASING! TO KEEP IT UP!

If we draw nigh to God, and then KEEP close to Him, our problem will be solved. We will then have the FAITH. We will then be continually FILLED with His Spirit — His power to overcome.

We can keep in spiritual training only if we keep our affections — our minds — our thoughts — on SPIRITUAL things. Read Colossians 3:1-10. Most of us keep our minds filled with earthly, material cares and interests, turning to the spiritual only occasionally! Seek FIRST the Kingdom of God and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS!

Sometimes it takes a siege of FASTING AND PRAYER — earnest, *determined, persevering prayer* — seeking God with all our might — with weeping — staying with it, DETERMINED, until we get through. Then we must keep in CONTINUOUS prayer. Cast ALL our cares upon HIM. We are not doing that. If we do, there will be many things each day to pray about! And it takes daily PRIVATE prayer, in real earnest, besides family prayer. Is eternal life WORTH IT? □



Is Christ REALLY ALIVE today? DID Jesus of Nazareth really walk out of His tomb? COULD it be possible? Today, vast percentages of professing "Christians" REJECT the resurrection and second coming of Christ! What about it? Can it be PROVED Christ is risen?

by Garner Ted Armstrong

IS IT INCREDIBLE that Christ was raised from the dead? Is the resurrection a FACT, or merely a kind of "divinized MYTH" used to "convey a profound truth" as some modernists claim? Is the resurrection merely a "fundamental belief" or an actual historical FACT? *What about it?* Have you ever really PROVED it one way or the other?

If Christ Is NOT RISEN . . .

The Apostle Paul was inspired to write, "... If Christ be not risen,

then is our preaching VAIN, and *your faith* is also VAIN" (I Cor. 15:14).

Notice further: Paul, inspired of the Spirit of God, said, "And if Christ be not raised, *your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins*" (verse 17).

Can you see clearly *what this means*?

It means — UNLESS YOU ACCEPT THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST, and the resurrection of the dead *at His coming* — your Bible says your WHOLE CHRISTIAN "FAITH" IS VAIN, EMPTY, VOID AND USELESS. It means, unless you accept the *fact* of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, your *sins* have not been forgiven, and the penalty of eternal death is still hanging over you (Rom. 6:23).

And yet, how *shocking* today, to see vast segments of "Christianity" *openly* denying the RISEN Christ, *openly* proclaiming they believe His second coming to be sheer "myth" and yet still claiming His name, still calling themselves "Christian."

NO WONDER so many "laymen" are mixed up. *No wonder* people are so confused, uncertain, *unsure*. Their PASTORS aren't sure, either.

Today's theological students — *tomorrow's ministers* — are DIVIDED in their beliefs.

Several years ago polltakers were *shocked* to find only 44 percent of them believed in the *virgin birth of Christ*. ONLY 46 PERCENT BELIEVED THAT JESUS ASCENDED PHYSICALLY WHOLE INTO HEAVEN AFTER HIS CRUCIFIXION!

But the most SHOCKING of all is that only ONE OUT OF ONE HUNDRED of the "divinity" students in today's leading theological institutions believe there will be a second coming of Christ.

Yes, NO WONDER people *doubt* Christ's resurrection. Even the MINISTERS of today and tomorrow DOUBT it.

But what about YOU? Do YOU believe it? Do you REALLY believe it? Can you really conceive of a RISEN Christ? *Really*?

Was the Resurrection a Hoax?

No single miracle of the Bible has escaped the caustic sarcasm of the supposed "higher critics" who, having *denied* the actual AUTHORITY of God and the Bible, have been given over to REPROBATE MINDS (Rom. 1:28).

The Resurrection has come in for the greatest share of criticism.

Some say the JEWS stole Jesus' body away. Others believe the Roman soldiers HAD His body secretly, to bury it elsewhere, at a later time. Still others actually believe HIS OWN DISCIPLES spirited His body away, and reburied it. Some claim the disciples were victims of hallucinations, or self-hypnosis, because of their fervent belief Christ would rise again, and their great *desire* to see Him resurrected.

Some professing Christians of today believe He *stayed buried*, or IF HE "came to life" again, that He disappeared — departed into obscurity — living out His natural life elsewhere, to finally die of old age.

Mostly — professing "Christianity" of today simply ISN'T SURE. They simply DON'T KNOW.

What about it? Are these widely accepted opinions about Christ's resurrection really TRUE?

Did the Jews Steal His Body?

Some people reason His Pharisaical enemies *stole* His body, spiriting it away to a different location, where they secretly buried it again.

But *could* this be true? Does this make any sense?

Think for a moment! On MANY different occasions, the Pharisaical leaders had attempted to have Jesus Christ *killed*. They would have done *anything* to have discredited Jesus as the true Messiah. After the death and reported resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Jewish leaders themselves "... gave large money unto the soldiers, saying, Say ye, *His disciples* came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is *commonly reported among the Jews until this day*" (Matt. 28:12-15).

Notice it. The *Jews of that day* paid a large sum of money to the soldiers to spread the lie that Jesus' DISCIPLES had stolen His body away. If the JEWS had stolen His body, why would they bribe the soldiers to say the *disciples* had done it?

Think again. What would have been one of the greatest PROOFS to the Jews that Jesus was NOT the Messiah? Surely the finding of His own *body* would have!

Let's face the plain facts — and be in doubt no longer! Had the Jewish leaders, or any of the Jews of Jesus' day, been able to find Jesus' body they would have PRODUCED that body. Just as the Italian people dragged the body of Mussolini through the streets of Milan, to hang it ignominiously in a public square, upside down beside the body of his mistress, so would the Jews of Jesus' day have paraded Christ's broken body through the streets of Jerusalem and all the other towns and villages around, and displayed it publicly for all the world to see!

Think again! If the *Jews* had stolen His body, and KNEW where that body was, why would the New Testament be absolutely *filled* with accounts of how *these same Jews* finally persecuted and even MURDERED, at the jeopardy of *their own lives*, those who went about teaching that Jesus HAD risen from the dead? Would it make any sense to take vows to eat no food or drink no water until they had killed the Apostle Paul, to kill James the brother of John, to martyr and butcher numerous other disciples and true apostles of God for teaching Jesus *had risen from the dead*, if the Jews absolutely KNEW He had NOT risen from the dead?

Of course not!

A person would have to be a literal FOOL in the face of such absolutely conclusive evidence, to believe *the Jews* stole Jesus' body.

Did the DISCIPLES Steal His Body?

As you have already read, it is commonly told today that His DISCIPLES stole His body.

But does this make any sense? Remember, His disciples were very *reluctant* to believe He HAD risen again. Peter had said, "I go fishing." Others had scattered to different areas.

To them, the whole thing was over — finished. They thought it had been "nice" while it lasted, but now their leader had been martyred, and they

were about to *go their own way*, back to their respective jobs and positions of before, and give up the whole thing.

Remember, they had not as yet been *converted*, had not received God's Holy Spirit.

KNOWING these facts, is it then even *remotely possible* to believe that these same disciples could have been so filled with power and the deep-down CONVICTION of the *truth* of the resurrection of Jesus Christ that they went out fervently preaching against *all opposition*, even at the expense of their own LIVES, that Jesus truly *had risen*?

Would dozens of men be torn limb from limb, thrown to wild beasts, drawn and quartered, sawn asunder, hung upside down, *burnt at the stake* in horrible martyrdom FOR SOMETHING THEY KNEW TO BE A DELIBERATE HOAX?

Certainly not!

No, not by the wildest stretch of a fool's imagination could the happenings as recorded in the book of Acts have taken place if these dedicated men were suffering such terrible tortures for a cause which *they knew* to be a *lie*, a leader *they knew* to be a *hoax*, a hope *they knew* to be *false*.

The mere suggestion that His disciples stole His body so defies all logic, reason and true facts so as to appear ludicrous.

Remember another ironclad fact. The early New Testament apostles who first preached and published the story that Jesus Christ had risen from the tomb BELIEVED it to be a fact. They were not resting their faith on an empty tomb, but upon supernatural, miraculous APPEARANCES of Jesus Christ on MANY different occasions.

Thomas had actually investigated His wounds. Christ had appeared to over 500 brethren at the same time! He had appeared in a room where they were meeting, but with the doors locked.

Yes, Jesus was SEEN ALIVE after His resurrection, not once or twice, but at least *ten times*, as recorded in the New Testament. He was seen, not by just one individual whose word could be doubted, but by groups of two, seven,

ten, eleven, and even 500! More of these vital proofs later.

Could It Have Been Mass Hypnotism?

Could the resurrection of Christ merely have been an hallucination, as a result of a fervent desire in the hearts of the apostles? Could it have been an ecstasy? Could it have been merely a dream or a vision? Was it, perhaps, an apparition?

But this would be utterly impossible!

Remember, His disciples DID NOT BELIEVE He had risen.

"And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but SOME DOUBTED" (Matt. 28:17). "It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which *told these things* unto the apostles. *And their words seemed to them as idle tales*, and they BELIEVED THEM NOT" (Luke 24:10-11).

How plain! When the women had returned from the empty sepulchre, breathlessly telling their story of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the apostles and others thought they were relating a mere "idle tale."

Later, reading the account from Luke 24, verse 13 to verse 31, the inescapable evidence is given that the disciples *did not want* to believe He had risen! Jesus had drawn near to them as they were nearing a small village outside of Jerusalem. Their eyes were closed that they did not recognize Him (verse 16) and He began speaking to them. But Cleopas (verse 18) began to relate what had occurred, in a doubtful, hesitating manner. "Then he said unto them, O fools, and SLOW OF HEART TO BELIEVE ALL THAT THE PROPHETS HAVE SPOKEN" (verse 25).

Even after this stern admonition and His expounding of all the scriptures concerning Himself (verse 27), it wasn't until after the meal that they *finally recognized* Christ!

All the way through the Gospel accounts, the Gospel writers themselves attest to a very great *reluctancy* on the part of His closest apostles and servants to BELIEVE in His resurrection!

COULD it then have been an hallucination? Do men "conjure up" a vague or nebulous dream in something they

are "hoping for" if they really *are not even hoping for it*? Would they have an ecstatic "vision" of something they *didn't believe would occur* in the first place?

No, there is no logic under the sun which would even remotely support such a foolish belief. Further, different groups of people kept on seeing Jesus Christ in different places at different times. It was neither "mass hypnosis" nor was it a dream. The same dream *does not keep on occurring* to totally *different* people in widely *separated* areas at totally *different* times.

Remember, then, that the disciples of Jesus Christ THEMSELVES *did not believe* the resurrection of Christ *until they simply HAD to believe it!*

Was Jesus Not Really Dead?

Some have advanced a theory that perhaps Jesus was only in a "swoon."

Perhaps He wasn't really dead, but revived after He had been in the tomb, and somehow escaped it, to journey off to a far place and there live out His natural life and die of old age.

Could that have been true? Remember, His *own mother* and others with her had actually *seen Him* DIE! When a person has been BEATEN and WHIPPED until he is so exhausted he literally *collapses* on the public streets, when he has been up all one day and all one night and part of another being buffeted about, kicked and spit upon — when he has been without food or water, and lashed within an inch of his life, finally to have *spikes* driven through his hands and feet, to hang in the blazing sun for hours, *then* to have a huge spear *plunged into his side*, with great spurts of gushing blood and fluids from his stomach coming pouring out of his body — when His lifeless, limp body was taken *down* from the stake, carefully wrapped in grave clothes by Joseph of Arimathaea, and laid away in a tomb — *was there any question but that He was DEAD?*

What if there could possibly have been the *remote* chance that He wasn't dead? Could He, in such a horribly wounded condition, weak and exhausted, have been able to move a great huge stone that required several Roman

soldiers, in all of their youth and strength, to move?

Remember further that the Jews were carefully *guarding* against this possibility.

The chief priests and Pharisees had said to Pilate, "Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive [showing they firmly believed Him to be now DEAD, and were satisfied He really *was* dead], After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be *made sure* until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first" (Matt. 27:63, 64).

Pilate cooperated. He said, "Ye have a watch: go your way, *make it as sure as ye can*" (verse 65).

Notice carefully! Anyone advancing the foolish notion that Jesus had only "swooned" is denying logic, reason, historical fact, the inspired Word of God and SANITY ITSELF!

The Jews were CONVINCED He WAS DEAD. Not only were they thoroughly SATISFIED of this fact, but they were making sure the stone could not even be opened FROM THE OUTSIDE — *let alone* from the *inside* by a mortally wounded man.

"So they went, and made the sepulchre SURE, *sealing the stone*, and setting a WATCH" (Matt. 27:66).

Further, when the stone WAS rolled back, it was NOT done by secretive disciples at night, but by A POWERFUL ANGEL. The WATCHERS the Jews had set FAINTED DEAD AWAY at the sight of him. This was NOT some "secretive" thing, of Jesus' inert body being whisked away at *night*, but a TREMENDOUS, AWESOME, GLORIOUS MIRACLE! (See Matt. 28:2-8.)

If He were merely *physically* alive after His so-called "resurrection" and had *not really died* but been in a "swoon," and subsequently *escaped* from the tomb, how is it He was able to manifest Himself *right through locked doors*? Jesus Himself said, "I am he that liveth, and WAS DEAD" (Rev. 1:18). He said, "These things saith the first and the last, which *was dead*, and is alive" (Rev. 2:8).

Jesus Christ was completely, totally DEAD!

Could the Resurrection Have Been a Spurious Addition?

Could it be that the resurrection was a story which was inserted *into* the original writings at a *later time*?

Could the *records* have been tampered with? Could scribes at a later date have inserted the stories of His death, burial and resurrection in order to invent some fake glorification of an actual dead hero?

Hardly! It is an actual, firmly established historical *fact* that the so-called "sect" known as CHRISTIANS came into being *during the reign of Tiberius*. The thing which was attested to by even pagan writers and scholars to have *brought* these Christians *into existence* was the belief that Jesus had *risen from the dead*.

The resurrection of the dead did not become a *later belief* of "Christians." Rather, it was the *very beginning* of their belief, the *very strength* and *impetus* of their faith, the *very reason* for their fervent hope.

The cause and the *beginning* of real and true Christian faith was the literal resurrection of Jesus Christ. It did *not* gradually come to be accepted, to be "inserted" into the Bible later.

These people during that early first century *had* no written records of Christ's resurrection. Rather, they had *personal* attestation, *living* eyewitnesses, *personal experiences of their own* upon which to base their faith.

They rested their sound and fervent faith, *not* on some "records," but on what they had seen *with their own eyes*!

Remember again, that any subsequent records of a *later* date were the *result* of their faith, not that which brought their faith into existence.

If Jesus Christ had not risen from the dead, there would have been no Church of God, and no New Testament writings at all.

Remember, the Apostle Paul said before King Agrippa, "For the king KNOWETH of these things [of the resurrection of Christ], before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that *none* of these things are *hidden* from him; for this THING WAS NOT DONE IN A CORNER" (Acts 26:26).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was a talked-of, discussed, *well-known* event that swept the entirety of the Roman Empire in a short time.

Christ Is Alive Today!

Men have tried EVERY means to discredit your LORD, your BOSS, your RULER, your SAVIOUR! But they have failed miserably. So-called "higher critics" have shown themselves to be simpering, unreasonable, UNBALANCED men of REPROBATE MINDS (Rom. 1:28). Jesus Christ of Nazareth is ALIVE today.

Your Bible PROVES it! HISTORY PROVES IT! Sound logic and plain admission of concrete evidence PROVE it!

Do you realize HOW MUCH depends on the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Without it, there would have been no Holy Spirit from heaven. No New Testament of the Bible. ALL HISTORY WOULD HAVE BEEN WRITTEN DIFFERENTLY.

Without it, *you* could NOT BE SAVED, because Christians are saved by HIS LIFE, not by His death (Rom. 5:10). Without the resurrection of Christ, there would have BEEN NO CHURCH, and there would NEVER *have been* a SINGLE CHRISTIAN.

It's time to face facts!

It's time to *realize* what this means!

Without the RISEN Christ, YOU would not be reading these words NOW.

God's Word says, "If in this life *only* we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. BUT NOW IS CHRIST RISEN from the dead, and become the FIRSTFRUITS of them that slept" (I Cor. 15:19-20).

Jesus Christ is soon going to STAND ON THIS EARTH!

He will RULE it with a rod of iron. THINK of it! The HEAVENS splitting with a rock-breaking, earth-quaking ROAR! Streaming, blinding, BRILLIANT flashes of light revealing the descending *King of Kings*, on a *huge white stallion*, followed by BILLIONS of angels, *as far as the eye can see*! THINK of it!

THINK of what YOU will say — how YOU will feel, when those blazing eyes of that conquering King focus squarely into YOUR eyes, searching the depths of YOUR heart. *What will He say to you?* □

Death by Crucifixion - Is Jehohannan Jesus?

ISRAELI archaeologists recently discovered the remains of a victim of the ancient punishment of crucifixion in a hillside cave near Jerusalem. The skeleton found included the nail-pierced heel bones of a young man executed about 2,000 years ago.

Some immediately speculated — could the skeleton be that of Jesus Christ? What is the evidence? Said Dr. Avraham Biran, director of the Israeli Department of Antiquities and Museums, “The statistical odds against it are overwhelming.”

But there is more proof than mere statistical odds. The ossuary (bone container) preserving the skeleton bore an inscription that read: “Jehohannan Ben. . . .” The last part of the inscription is unclear, but, said Dr. Biran in a lecture given at Ambassador College recently, it would appear to be something like “Haskol” or “Ezekiel” (but not the prophet, of course).

“Ben,” in Hebrew, means “son of.” Thus the inscription identified the skeleton as that of Jehohannan, the son

of Ezekiel, or someone with a name approximating that.

Jehohannan’s bones had badly deteriorated over the centuries. However, Israeli scientists theorize he was a young man of about 24-28 years, with a slightly misshapen head possibly due to fetal malnutrition in his mother’s womb or a difficulty in delivery at birth.

Vasilius Tzaferis, Israeli archaeologist, who was one of the excavators of the burial site, says Jehohannan was most likely crucified around 7 A. D. when the Jews rebelled at a Roman census.

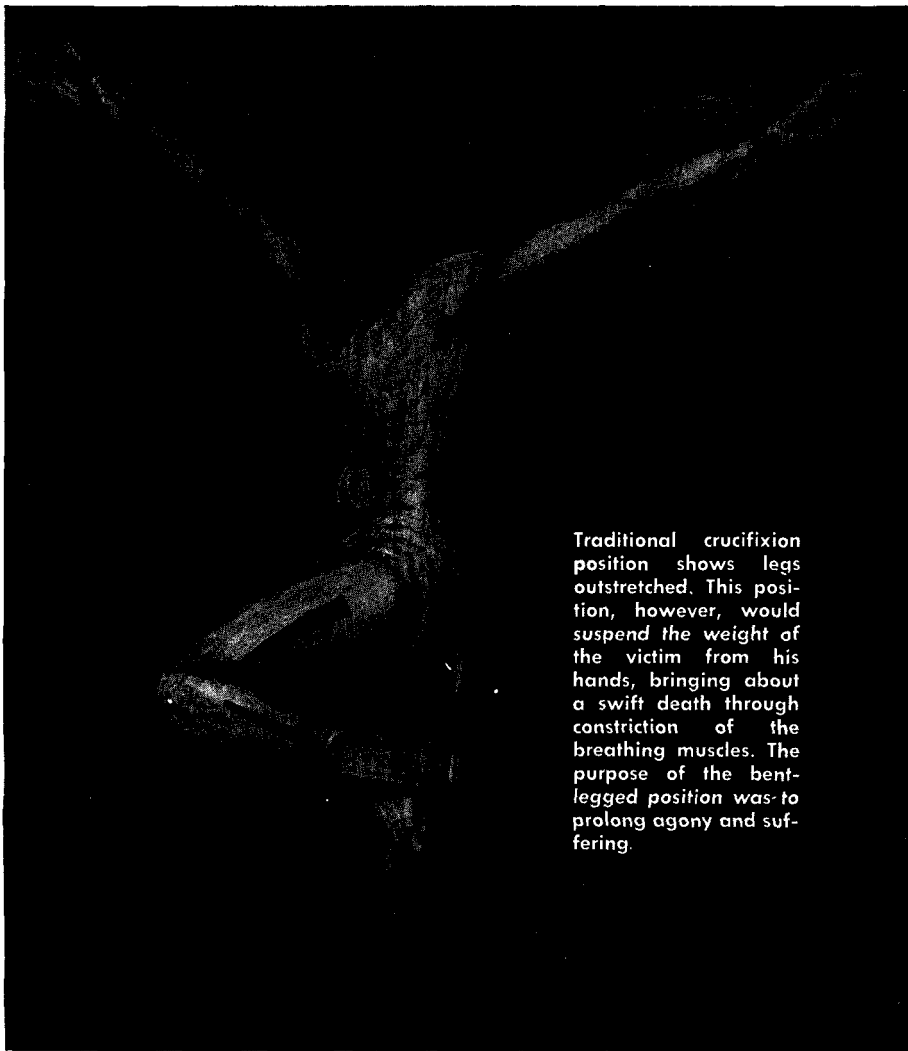
Jehohannan was apparently crucified in a position somewhat different from the traditional concept. His legs were twisted to one side and bent at the knees, with a single large iron spike about 7 inches long driven through his two calcaneal (heel) bones. However, the spike struck a knot in the wood of the stake and bent. It became tightly stuck in the wood and the executioners were unable to remove it afterwards. They took an axe and chopped the feet off above the ankles. Jehohannan’s relatives or friends then placed his amputated feet in the 3 x 2 x 2 foot limestone ossuary along with the rest of his body, and that of a small child.

The scientists who made the discovery all agree there is *no chance at all* the bones could be those of Christ. Why is it *impossible* that the body could have been that of Christ? Here are ten separate Biblical and logical proofs:

● **Christ did not remain in His tomb. His early followers, by the hundreds, bore eyewitness that He arose from the dead!** (See Matt. 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-9; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-17). **The disciples did not find His body in the tomb — it was MISSING!**

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Traditional crucifixion position shows legs outstretched. This position, however, would suspend the weight of the victim from his hands, bringing about a swift death through constriction of the breathing muscles. The purpose of the bent-legged position was to prolong agony and suffering.

What Was It Like To Be The Brother Of Jesus?

by George Geis

PURE SPECULATION? No! There is a Biblical account of a man who actually *was* Christ's brother. His life story is full of lessons for us.

James — the author of the book of James — is very distinctly called “the Lord's brother” (Gal. 1:19). His mother was Mary. Let's briefly examine his story and see for ourselves what it was like to be the brother of Jesus.

When the brothers of Jesus are listed, James' name appears first, which may well indicate that he was the eldest of Jesus' younger brothers (Matt. 13:55). (For detailed proof that these were indeed Jesus' physical brothers, write for the special letter “Did Jesus Have Brothers and Sisters?”)

After Jesus was born, both His mother Mary and His stepfather Joseph knew that God would be well pleased for them to have children of their own. Soon the expansion of their family was under way. In time James was born.

Living Faith

James grew up in the town of Nazareth and had continuous and profound contact with Jesus until Jesus was

thirty years of age. He saw Jesus in every conceivable situation. James was able to observe from childhood the epitome of the Christian way of life! And so after his conversion later, James would *know* — perhaps better than *any* human alive then — what it meant to be a *real* Christian!

Perhaps when Jesus and James were young children, they wandered together in the green countryside and explored the rocky ledges in the cliffs around Nazareth. On occasions they would walk together along the shores of the Lake of Gennesaret to watch the fishermen haul their nets to shore. They sat at a common table for family meals and relished the day's events in dinner conversation. As they grew older, perhaps they talked over the problems, aspirations, frustrations and desires of youth as they went to sleep. They sat next to each other in the synagogue on Sabbath and travelled together along the road with their parents to Jerusalem to keep the annual feasts. After a hard day's work in their father's construction business, they perhaps “talked shop” as they scrubbed off the grime and sweat.

James probably had many discussions with his older brother, who displayed unusual wisdom at a very early age (Luke 2:40). Although James could not have realized it at the time, he was having set for him the perfect example of obedience to God, *living* faith — honoring one's parents, for example (Luke 2:51). Later, this constant, life-long example would act as a guide to James in directing Christ's Body — the Church.

James found Jesus easy to get along with — even when Jesus was going through His teen-age years and then His early twenties. They must have shared many enjoyable moments (Luke 2:52).

Familiarity

Yet, of course, James must have sometimes gotten quite angry with his brother, and thought Jesus was dead wrong. Even though Jesus was living perfectly, James didn't realize it; and at times he must have thought that his brother's actions “didn't make sense.” He was to learn differently later.

Jesus was an important example in another way. Indications are that Jesus

became the head of the family while still a teen-ager — as we don't read of His stepfather Joseph after the family's journey to Jerusalem when Jesus was twelve years old (Luke 2:41-51). If so, Jesus set an important example for James as the family leader. And He also set the example of hard work and right management of the heavy and technically proficient construction business the family was noted for. (The Greek word *tektōn*, translated "carpenter," can read in the broad sense as "builder of houses" — that is, both woodworker and stoneworker.)

Yet there was the element of familiarity that is always present when two people spend a great deal of time together. A prophet is without honor in his own country — or his own family. James respected and deeply admired his brother in many areas, but for a long time Jesus was always simply "Jesus" to James, and never "the Christ." Which, of course, was quite natural.

Then when Jesus became thirty, family events took a new turn. James became a little bit concerned when his older brother and leader of the family went wandering off in the wilderness away from home — for a forty-day fast preparatory to starting His ministry. Jesus surely left someone in charge of the family — perhaps James himself. But however Jesus prepared for and explained His departure, it must have seemed a little odd to James at the time.

Strange Brother

Then Jesus reappeared at a wedding in Cana with some friends (disciples) whom James probably also knew. James was relieved to see his brother again — and was filled with many questions. *What happened when Christ turned the water into the finest quality wine?* Perhaps it did not even register in James' mind. He may have heard about or even seen what happened, but after all, how could Jesus — his own brother — do something like that?

After the wedding, James went to Capernaum with Jesus and His new disciples. Mary herself also went on the trip (John 2:12). This gave James the opportunity to talk with the men who would now be his older brother's con-

stant companions — and who believed on Jesus enough to follow Him in His work (John 2:11).

Jesus would not be spending many more days at home. Because from here on, He was going to devote full time to proclaiming the message of the Kingdom of God (Matt. 4:17). He was making many statements that must have troubled James. Some teachings like "the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath" eventually caused a group of Jesus' former friends to attempt to cart Him off out of the public eye — as they thought He had gone berserk (Mark 3:21). Perhaps even James was among this group.

As late as the autumn preceding Christ's death, James still did not believe that his brother was who He claimed to be. John 7:2-9 gives the account in which James and the rest of Jesus' brothers somewhat skeptically asked Jesus: "If you want to convince people of your power, why don't you go down to Jerusalem at Feast time, where there'll be hundreds of thousands of people to see you? If you are really doing these miracles, let the whole world see!"

Jesus answered His brothers eyeball-to-eyeball in no uncertain terms. "I'm headed on a collision course with this world, but the time for me to be put to death is not here yet." That reply must have really set James thinking.

James' attitude of unbelief was not going to last much longer. After Christ's death, James experienced something that he would never forget — something that would act as a driving force for the remainder of his life.

Convinced at Last

James must have had his brother's murder constantly dominating his thoughts and must have been considering the strange stories about the circumstances surrounding Jesus' death. So it was quite a moving experience for James to see his supposedly dead brother suddenly appear and then say words to this effect: "James, remember all those things that I told you about myself, about the fact that I am the Christ? James, my brother, they were all true, and now you're seeing firsthand evidence of them" (I Cor. 15:7).

James was absolutely convinced! *What else could he have been? He now searched out Jesus' disciples, the very men that he had previously shaken his head over (Acts 1:13-14).* From this point on, James was in on the "grass roots" foundation of the Church of God, receiving the outpouring of God's Spirit on Pentecost in 31 A. D.

Now the constant contact that James had had with Jesus could be valuably used by God. True, he hadn't spent a great deal of time with Jesus during His three-and-one-half-year ministry, but think of all the years — *the tens of thousands of hours* — he had spent with Jesus when he was so young and so impressionable. Even Peter and John and the other apostles, though many had been childhood friends, hadn't had so much contact with Jesus at such an early age and for such a long time.

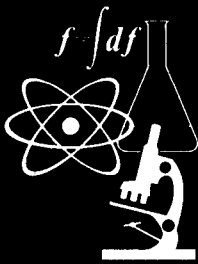
Many times in a true Christian's life when there is a decision to be made, he will ask himself: "Let's see, how would Christ do it?" In many cases in James' life — after his conversion — all he had to do was to think back and say: "Let's see, how did my brother do it?"

James now grew powerfully under the direction of God's Spirit. And a very few years later he is shown as an apostle in the Church of God (Gal. 1:19). Here Paul refers to James as an apostle.

In Acts 15, in the year 49 A.D., James is clearly the *presiding* apostle in Jerusalem.

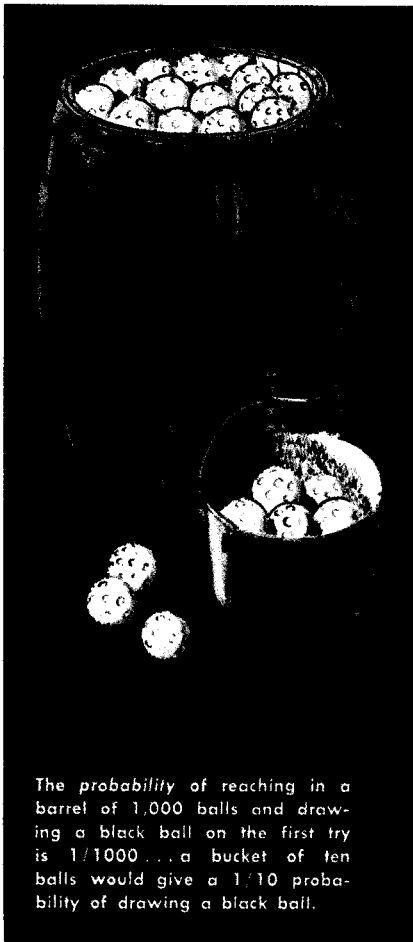
James' powerful writing style is preserved for all time in the epistle of James. The heavy influence of Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" is obvious in this epistle — no "epistle of straw" as some call it, but an epistle of **LIVING FAITH!** It was probably written shortly before James' death, James dying in martyrdom, according to tradition.

So James, the man who wanted nothing to do with his brother's message in the beginning, died for that same message at the end — and will forever, from the time of his resurrection, remain as a *real* brother of Christ, in the fullest sense of that word, in God's Family. □



Science vs. Theology?

PROBABILITY — WHAT IT SAYS ABOUT EVOLUTION



The probability of reaching in a barrel of 1,000 balls and drawing a black ball on the first try is 1/1000... a bucket of ten balls would give a 1/10 probability of drawing a black ball.

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Probability is that branch of mathematics which deals with “*chance*” — or, to be a bit more technical, *uncertain phenomena*. The probability of a given event is a *number*, between zero and one, which *measures how likely* it is that the event will occur.

If an event is *impossible*, its probability is *zero*. If an event is an *absolute certainty*, its probability is *one*.

A probability of $1/2$ means that it is just as likely that the event will happen as it is that the event will not happen. Sometimes this situation is described by terms such as “50% chance,” “50-50 chance,” or “even money.”

The closer a probability is to one, the likelier the event is. For instance, an event whose probability is equal to $999/1000$ is *more* probable than one whose probability is $9/10$.

On the other hand, the closer the probability is to zero, the *less* likely the event is. An event whose probability is $1/1000$ is *less* probable than one whose probability is $1/10$.

Now to the question at hand. What does probability have to do with evolution? The theory of evolution claims that *life*, in all of its complexity, came into existence *by chance*. And since probability is the mathematics of *chance*, probability should have a great deal to do with evolution.

In the following articles some of the relationships between evolution and probability are discussed.

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HOW PROBABILITY WORKS —

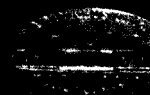
If you flip a coin, there are *two* equally likely outcomes:



The probability of "heads" is one out of two or $\frac{1}{2}$, and the probability of "tails" is one out of two or $\frac{1}{2}$.

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If you flip *two* coins, a penny and a nickel, there are *four* (2×2) equally likely outcomes:



The probability of two "heads" is one out of four or $\frac{1}{4}$, the probability of two "tails" is $\frac{1}{4}$, but the probability of one "head" and one "tail" is two out of four or $\frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$.

If you flip *three* coins, a penny, a nickel, and a dime, there are *eight* ($2 \times 2 \times 2$) equally likely outcomes:



The probability of three "heads" is $\frac{1}{8}$, the probability of three "tails" is $\frac{1}{8}$, the probability of two "heads" and one "tail" is $\frac{3}{8}$, and the probability of one "head" and two "tails" is $\frac{3}{8}$.



MONKEY BUSINESS

“GIVEN a monkey, a typewriter and a stack of paper, by chance alone, words, sentences, even whole books could be written.” This is a doctrine deemed holy by a not-insignificant number of educated men in the biological and geological sciences today.

“Given enough time, chance alone will produce simple life forms . . . given

more time, complex forms of life will come into being . . . given enough time, even man . . . highly intelligent man could arise.” But is this true? And if true, what span of time would be needed?

The Origin of Species — by chance alone? Could life forms — *species* — arise by chance “given enough time”?

Could Darwin’s book also have come by blind chance?

Given a chimpanzee, a typewriter and a stack of paper, how long would it take the chimp to peck out *just the title* of Darwin’s controversial book *The Origin of Species*? Eighteen letters and three spaces, a total of twenty-one strokes with the typewriter. And we will simplify the

problem by allowing him to use all capital letters.

It should take but a few hundred attempts? Or should it?

Begin with a chimp — of course you must provide him with an *intelligent human* assistant to note his progress and to insert a fresh sheet of paper each time the chimp makes an error. How long will it take to type Darwin's title? Twenty-one strokes might take perhaps twenty-one seconds! That is *IF* he hit the right keys. There is a chance, you will admit, that he might *by chance* hit the right keys, even the first time. And that *given enough time* he would certainly get the title right.

How long then to type out Darwin's entire volume? How long to type out the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* with its 24 volumes, each with over a thousand pages? And given enough time, how long for all the books and publications in the world?

Do we acknowledge that given enough time this chimp could type out all the books in the world? By mere random pecking at the keys?

And by analogy, do we then admit that life forms and man too could originate by chance? . . . that the millions of species and billions of billions of different individual creatures alive today are the result of blind chance?

Prepare to Multiply

Let us go back to our chimp and watch over his shoulder as he begins ARX BLMX . . . but wait, his human assistant removes the sheet of paper, turns in a fresh one and our chimp begins again.

T — Success! He has hit a "T" by accident and we are on our way to words, then books . . . and even LIFE itself. . . .

There are 44 keys on the typewriter (26 letters, 9 digits, a space bar and numerous symbols and punctuation marks). For simplicity, the other controls are being handled by our human assistant. He watches for errors (and success), changes sheets and times the proceedings. And feeds the chimp.

The odds of getting that first letter right were 1 in 44 (that's how many keys there are on a typewriter), but he

did it. Now only 20 more successful strokes to go: T, TH, THE!

What were the odds on that first word? One chance in 44 on the T, one in 44 on the H, one in 44 on the E. Prepare to multiply 44 times 44 times 44. The answer is 85,184.

By *blind chance alone*, our chimp has only *one* chance in 85,184 of getting these first three letters correct. But let him proceed. One chance in 44 that he will hit the space bar next, then one chance in 44 of hitting the O, then the R, then I, G, I and N. The odds now become astronomical, for 44 times itself 10 times turns out to be about 27,720 *million million*.

Remember that each time an error was made, his assistant removed the sheet from the typewriter and inserted a fresh one. How high a stack of paper can we expect to result from our chimp typing out these first two words? On the "average," 27,720 *million million* sheets¹ would be wasted to achieve a *two-word* goal — THE ORIGIN — typed neatly on the twelfth line, where the human assistant started our chimp off.

And the stack of 27,720 million million wasted sheets? How high? A thousand sheets of paper might be about six inches thick; two million sheets, a thousand feet high; ten million, roughly a mile high.

But 27,720 million million sheets would reach into the heavens — out past the moon — all of the 93 million miles to the sun — and over a thousand million miles further for a *total* of 2,772 *million miles*. All this waste by using the "random pecking" method of a chimp to type out the first two words!

THE ORIGIN . . . just that much by chance. How many tons of paper? Eight pounds for a thousand sheets. Four tons for a million sheets. Thus our chimp has wasted 110,880 *million tons* of writing paper — tens of thousands of times the production of the U. S. in a year.

¹The probability of success is $p=44^{-10}$ and of failure is $q=1-p$. The probability of the chimp succeeding the first time is p , of failing the first time and succeeding the second is qp , of failing the first two times and succeeding the third is q^2p , etc. Therefore, the *expected* number of wasted sheets of paper is $0p+qp+2q^2p+3q^3p+\dots=(1/p)-1$, which is approximately equal to 44^{10} .

How many trainloads of paper, and who would build the trains, and the railroads? How many square miles of timber would have to be cut to produce the pulpwood? How many lumberjacks?

To inquire where we got the monkey (I mean chimpanzee) in the first place, and where the intelligent human assistant, and where the typewriter, would only cause further embarrassment at this point. And . . . whether any chimp would either submissively or mischievously peck keys at random? Finding the X, wouldn't he go XXXXXX, then XX, XXX, and then go off in search of something else to monkey with?

But let us return to our chimpanzee. How long has this taken him? Not 21 seconds . . . not 21 years but . . .? Allow a second to insert the sheet, a few seconds to make an error and a bit more time to discover the error, stop the chimp and remove the paper.

Five seconds per sheet would allow twelve sheets per minute, 720 sheets an hour and 5,760 for an 8-hour day. Our 27,720 million million sheets would then represent more than 4,800,000 million days. With 235 working days in a year (a month's vacation for *other* monkey business), our chimp is either 20,000 million years old . . . or we are four thousand million chimp generations later.

A Title for Darwin's Book

But we began a task; let us complete it. Twenty-one correct typewriter strokes will complete the title — THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES. And the chance of being correct in each stroke is only 1 in 44. (The chances of error are 43 in 44.) The odds to type out 21 correct consecutive strokes are 44 times itself 21 times, or in the mathematician's mode of expression 44^{21} .

A few minutes with logarithms changes 44^{21} to about $10^{34.5}$, then back to layman's mathematics as the number 325 followed by 32 zeros. (Six zeros would produce a million.) But adding 32 zeros produces an answer of 32,500 million million million million million. That many sheets would produce a stack 3,250 million million million million miles high! But that distance is ten thousand times the assumed extent of the universe. The number of

sheets of paper is millions of millions of times greater than the estimated total number of stars (1,000 million million million) in the universe.

"By faith Abraham..." firmly believed and obeyed a God he had *seen*, *talked with* and *trusted*, but by a *superstitious* faith the *atheistic* evolutionist is firmly convinced that a "monkey and a typewriter" "could" produce THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES. Or at least so goes the favorite analogy. Evolution "is now an integral part of all general education and culture. To suppose that it may some day be abandoned is to live in intellectual barbarism," writes evolutionist Henshaw Ward in his book *Evolution for John Doe*.

Review the problem. Note the simplicity of the accomplishment — 21 correct typewriter strokes in a row. Done by intelligence by the chimp's human assistant, THE ORIGIN OF

SPECIES would have required just about five seconds. Attempted by chance by a hypothetical chimp it would require 20,000 million years to produce the first two words, THE ORIGIN.

"If it really is true that [man] is merely the inevitable culmination of an improbable chemical reaction... then the fact that he has been able... to trace himself back to it is remarkable... That chemicals which are 'merely material' should come to understand their own nature is a staggering supposition. It is also a preposterous one" (*The Great Chain of Life* by Krutch, quoted in LIFE, January 28, 1957, page 28).

The Origin of Life?

What is life? In the simplest physical description, life's blueprint is a delicately designed molecule three feet long and much, much thinner than a spider web. Each atom in this three-foot chain is precisely placed, as precisely as are

the letters in a word and the words in a sentence. *Each cell* in our body contains an identically coded chain. Every living creature has its own *unique pattern* and *sequence* of millions of atoms.

To produce such a sequence of atoms by chance... is unthinkable. To have highly educated men today profess belief in such an untenable doctrine is, to put it mildly, incredible. And to have these educated men dogmatically teach that evolution is no longer a theory but a fact, and that to doubt it is to "live in intellectual barbarism," is a tribute to the capacity of the human mind for self-deception.

But as a skilled secretary types out — THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES — in five seconds, so a skilled Creator arranged a few bucketfuls of red earth into a walking, thinking, living man in a very brief time one Friday about six millenia ago.

— K. C. Herrmann

A Left-handed Twist...

AMINO ACIDS IN METEORITES — EVIDENCE FOR EVOLUTION?

ACCORDING to modern evolutionary theory, primitive life first appeared on the earth several billion years ago when *random* combinations of simple molecules, such as methane, ammonia and water accidentally came together to form amino acids. These in turn eventually (*supposedly*) combined to yield exceedingly complex self-replicating proteins — "primitive" life.

For years, many men, especially those religiously oriented, questioned whether such *simple* molecules could ever — by chance — produce amino acids, which are considerably *more complex*. Then, in 1953, Dr. Stanley Miller and other scientists demonstrated that if hydrogen, ammonia, methane, and water vapor were placed in a simulated "primitive planetary atmosphere," these simple molecules *could indeed* produce amino acids! More recently Fox and Windsor of the University of Miami succeeded in synthesizing some nine amino acids by heating ammonia and formaldehyde

together at temperatures below 200° C. True, a source of energy in the form of ultraviolet light, an electric discharge or heat was needed, but this merely corresponded to radiation from the sun, or to the presence of lightning.

CHALK ONE UP FOR EVOLUTION.

Yet the question remained — could amino acids be produced by *natural* causes without the assistance of men? The answer turns out to be YES! Recently, scientists of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration reported the discovery of 17 different amino acids in a meteorite from outer space. Interestingly, the researchers found an *almost equal* number of "left-handed" and "right-handed" amino acids.

What do we mean by "left-handed" and "right-handed" amino acids? Simply this: Every amino acid (with the exception of glycine) found in the proteins of living organisms, can exist

in *two* forms, each one the mirror image of the other. Since they have the same spatial relationship as a pair of gloves, one type is arbitrarily called "right-handed" (D, *dextro*, right) and the other "left-handed" (L, *levo*, left).

The two forms are identical. They have exactly the same chemical composition. They have exactly the same physical properties; exactly the same density, melting point, solubility, etc. In fact, were it not for the fact that they rotate a beam of polarized light in opposite directions, they would be indistinguishable.

How did the scientists refute those who might claim that the meteoric amino acids were the result of contamination after reaching the earth? Here's the answer: The "left-handed" configuration of amino acids predominates on earth; yet the meteorite contained an almost equal number of "left-handed" and "right-handed" amino acids. Therefore, it was *extremely*

unlikely that contamination of the meteorite had occurred.

The NASA team concluded that the discovery of meteoric amino acids is "probably the first conclusive proof of *extraterrestrial chemical evolution.*" That is, the discovery *proved* that amino acids could be produced away from the

earth from simple molecules by *natural* causes.

CHALK ANOTHER ONE UP FOR EVOLUTION?

On the contrary. Chemical "evolution" is *not* biological evolution. Having a few chemicals randomly join together is incalculably distinct from the

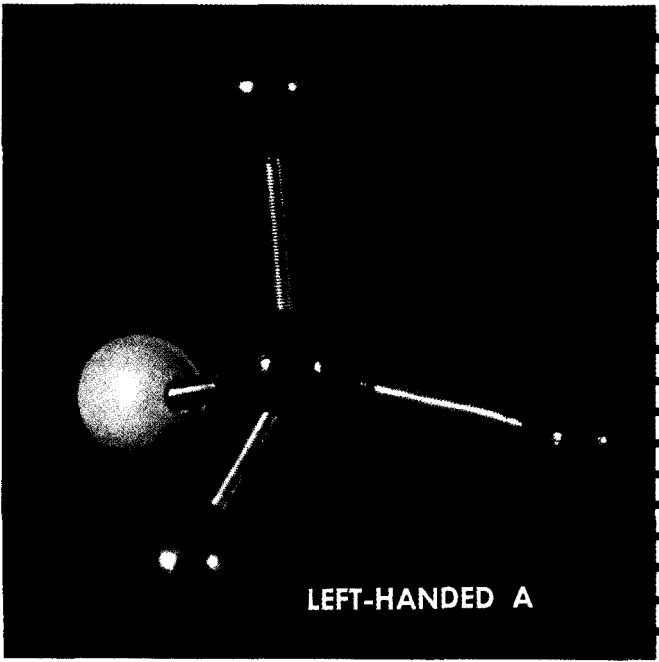
"simplest" living organism. In the following article, some of the incredibly improbable probabilities are discussed. And those calculations only tell us the likelihood that the molecules would "line up." For these molecules to actually *chemically combine* would be still further unfathomably unlikely. In



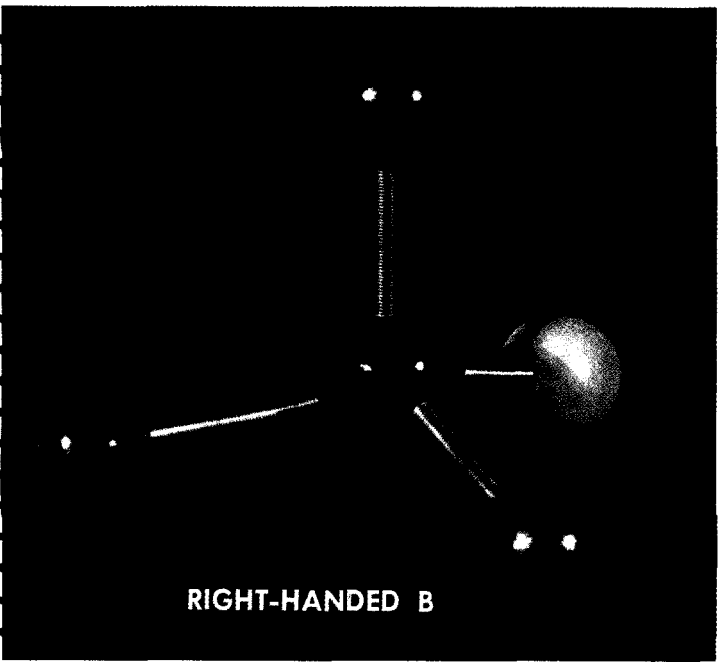
LEFT-HANDED

RIGHT-HANDED

Illustrated amino acid molecules A and B have the same type of relationship as the pair of gloves shown above. Like a pair of matching gloves, molecule A is very similar to molecule B. They are, however, *different* molecules. Only the *left-handed* amino acid molecules are found in *living things*. According to probability, there ought to be as many right-handed as left — but there are none! Evolutionists cannot explain why.



LEFT-HANDED A



RIGHT-HANDED B

addition, one would have to consider the chance that the resulting "chemical chain" would have the *proper three-dimensional* structure suitable for life.

Furthermore, what the NASA men discovered actually *highlighted the uniqueness of life* by underscoring an *embarrassing fact* which every evolutionist must eventually face.

Notice! Some "left-handed" and "right-handed" amino acids are energetically equivalent, it is ENTIRELY EXPECTED that *random* combinations of molecules will produce *equal amounts* of both right-handed (D) and left-

handed(L) amino acids. This is *exactly* what was found in the "primitive atmosphere" experiments *and* the meteorite analyses.

Now, IF life truly evolved following the *random* production of the D and L forms of the necessary amino acids, then we *should* find *both forms* of amino acids in the proteins of living organisms on earth!

But such is *NOT* the case! *ALL* the amino acids which are constituents of proteins in *ALL* living things are the L-amino acids! The D-amino acids, while readily formed in the laboratory, *are*

NEVER found in the proteins of any known form of life! WHY?

Is this incredible fact "just another accident," as most evolutionists are wont to claim, or is it a result of forethought and planning in every organism on earth?

The answer should be obvious. The fact that the amino acids in living protein are *all* L-amino acids *cannot be explained* by evolutionary theory. However, it can be readily explained as the result of the *purposeful design* of a Supreme Designer!

CHALK ONE UP, A BIG ONE, FOR THE CREATOR.

— R. A. Ginskey

PROTEINS BY CHANCE?

JUST HOW likely is it that amino acids could randomly produce a "simple" protein?

Let's suppose we had a "soup" full of amino acids. We want these acids to link up at random to form a relatively *simple* protein consisting of 100 amino acids. How many different combinations are there?

Suppose there are 20 different types of amino acids available. If we wanted a chain of *two* acids, there would be 20 possibilities for the first acid and 20 for the second — or a total of $20 \times 20 = 400$ possibilities. Similarly, if we wanted a chain of three acids there would be $20 \times 20 \times 20 = 8,000$ possibilities.

Therefore, for a protein consisting of a chain of 100 acids, we have

$$\underbrace{20 \times 20 \times \dots \times 20}_{100 \text{ times}} = 20^{100}$$

possibilities. But 20^{100} is approximately equal to 10^{130} , that is, 1 followed by 130 zeros.

Is it *reasonable* to believe that such a protein could have been formed by chance during the history of the universe?

Scientists have stated that there *may* be as many as 10^{22} stars in the observable universe. Let's be generous and say 1,000 times as many, or 10^{25} , stars just to be on the safe side. Instead of allow-

ing just one planet like earth for each star, we'll give each star ten such planets for a total of 10^{26} "earths" in the universe.

Let's also give each "earth" oceans the same size as our earth's oceans — about 10^{46} molecules. Again, we'll be generous and fill the oceans with a "soup" of amino acids rather than sea water. So we have $10^{26} \times 10^{46} = 10^{72}$ amino acids floating around.

In order to give the evolutionists a sporting chance we'll let all of these acids link up into chains 100 acids long *every second*. Since $100 = 10^2$, this would give us $10^{72} \div 10^2 = 10^{70}$ chains per second.

A year has less than 10^8 seconds, but we'll round it off and say we have 10^{70} chains per second times 10^8 seconds per year for a total of 10^{78} chains per year.

Now all we need is an *upper bound* on the age of the universe. Various estimates have been given, but a safe upper bound is about 10 billion ($=10^{10}$) years. Therefore, we would have $10^{78} \times 10^{10} = 10^{88}$ chains formed in all our "oceans of amino acid soup," on all our "earths," around all the stars, for all the years the universe has existed!

But we have already seen that there are about 10^{130} possibilities. It can be shown¹ that the probability of forming by *chance* the given protein consisting of

100 amino acids in 10^{88} tries is *less than* $10^{88}/10^{130} = 1/10^{42}$.

How probable is this? Less probable than a chimp typing *The Origin of Species* by chance! Thus the odds against such an event are beyond astronomical! Even though we have been *exceedingly* generous, the odds that *one small* protein could have evolved are *infinitesimally small*.

The odds against an *average-size* protein of 500 amino acids evolving are, of course, far greater. Of course, an evolutionist (or maybe even a sincere skeptic) can always claim (preposterous as it seems) that it *could* have happened.

Reasoning based on probability *alone* cannot lead to a conclusion that a protein could not form at random. But it does show the *FANTASTIC ODDS AGAINST IT HAPPENING!*

We realize that we are not the first ones to analyze evolution from the point of view of probability. Others before us have also shown the *FANTASTIC ODDS* involved. Then why do evolutionists still cling to their beliefs?

Here are some of the evolutionists'

¹Let $p = 10^{-130}$ be the probability of success in one try. The probability of failure is $q = 1 - p$. The probability of at least one success in $n = 10^{88}$ tries is $p + qp + q^2p + \dots + q^{n-1}p$ $np = 10^{88}/10^{130}$.

David of Israel — One Teen-ager Who Dared To Be Different!

by J. D. Schroeder

THIS ENTIRE WORLD IS IN CRITICAL NEED OF A NEW STYLE OF LEADERSHIP. And tomorrow's leaders come from the young people of today.

Are *you* a teen-ager? Then *you* are involved. You are involved in *history*.

Just as the United States and Britain found themselves face to face with horrible odds in two world wars, Israel of ancient times often found herself at war — and usually against terrifying odds. Then, as in recent times, **GREAT leaders** came to the fore — to lead the nation to victory. And as always, those leaders had been trained during their youth — the years *you* are living **NOW**.

King David was such a *man*. He was *chosen* for his enormous task while *still a youth*, the youngest of eight brothers — a shepherd.

Why did God choose *him*? There *are* reasons. And those same reasons — those *causes* for David's success — will give *you* qualities like David's — qualities of excellence, **LEADERSHIP** — and eventual *greatness*!

Look again at the often-told story of the young David — when he challenged and defeated the gigantic hero of his nation's enemy, Goliath the Philistine. Most of the story can be found in just one chapter, I Samuel 17.

Note that although everyone can learn a terrific lesson from this event, it is most assuredly *not* a "children's bedtime story." It is rather an extraordinary account of a young man's burning courage of his convictions.

At that time, Saul was still king of the nation — a nation which for forty days had trembled before the taunts of one man, Goliath, a giant (over ten feet tall) and a terrifying warrior since his youth. Not one man in the *entire nation* of Israel had the courage to put the giant in his place.

But in sharp contrast with *every other man* in the nation, David saw Goliath in proper perspective. The giant just wasn't all that big and powerful when compared to the great, omnipotent God of Israel. Armed with this vision, David was *fired* with indignation at "this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the *living* God"! (I Sam. 17:26.) He never even *considered* failure.

And so, with the cool fury of controlled but intense anger, David placed the stone in his sling, and *ran* to meet this would-be champion. Powerfully this lithe, youthful figure whirled his sling — a weapon he had often used to protect his father's sheep. And a split second after the stone hurtled out of the sling, Goliath fell on his face. And instantly, the entire Philistine army lost its own heart (as well as the head of their hero) — and Israel gained both — heart and an *eternal* hero.

Where had David learned such bravery and valor? Such powerful *resolve* against the enemy? Such *unbounded* **CONFIDENCE** in the great God of his nation? The answer will probably *shock* you, because David had dared, while a youth, to be *different* — *very* different from the average, run-of-the-mill teen-ager of his day. And it paid off!

You see, **DAVID HAD BEEN LEARNING GOD'S WORD, AND HE'D BEEN STRIVING TO LIVE BY IT!**

And that's very different.

David was neither an "introverted religious hobbyist" nor an "extroverted religious nut." Nobody ever accused him of being "sweetly sanctimonious" or "piously meek." David was the personification of strength — a strength that came from God.

As a teen-ager, tending his father's

sheep, he focused his mind on the powerful promises recorded in those books of the Bible available in *his* day.

What's more, he knew that if he exercised the *courage* to obey God, then he could rely on God to pull him through any emergency. He wasn't surprised when God helped him destroy the enemies of his father's sheep — *lions* and *bears* (I Sam. 17:34-37) — rather he **EXPECTED** it! Remember! He *knew* God's promises! And those same promises inspired him when he met Goliath.

David wrote, "The **LORD** is my shepherd," and he knew what was expected of shepherds. It was their *duty* to protect, as well as lead and care for, the sheep. David took that kind of care of his animals, and expected *his* Shepherd to do the same for him. So God **HONORED** David's confidence.

How about *you*? Are *you* willing to *learn to lead*? Or are you the type who sits back, afraid, waiting for another David to come forward — to *lead you* out of your *cowardice*?

Don't be *that* way! If you have read this far, you probably are the kind of young man or woman who would like to help do something good, something *right*, for this misguided world. And if you are willing to become the kind of *champion* David was — and you **CAN** if you **WILL** — then you need to start building right *leadership* **NOW**! Tomorrow will be here too soon for you to wait a *moment* more.

Write *immediately* for your own copy of *The Seven Laws of Success*, and start *living by them*! Get into the habit of success while you're still a youth!

Write also for the Ambassador College Correspondence Course and start *learning* from the one Royal Book that makes **KINGS** of otherwise ordinary men (Rev. 5:10). Young David took that challenge and became *King* David, an eloquent, eternal example for teen-agers who *care* — teen-agers who are willing enough, with God's help, to be different *today* — so that through the leadership they learn **NOW**, *others* can benefit **TOMORROW**!

Start **NOW**!

The whole world truly waits — for **YOU**!

Yes, *you*. □

False Conversion- A Mortal Danger!

This article affects YOU! The really GREAT DANGER for most professing Christians is revealed here. You NEED to know!

by Roderick C. Meredith

MOST OF you reading this article realize that you had been LACKING something *for many years*.

Now you have come to understand a great deal of *new truth*. A new way of life is opening up before you.

Now you are beginning to really UNDERSTAND Bible prophecies, and the great PURPOSE being worked out here below.

WHY have you been in almost total *ignorance* of the real meaning of Bible prophecy and of world affairs all the years before this?

If you were truly a Christian — a begotten child of God — WHY weren't you given to understand these things before? *Why* didn't God seem more REAL? *Why* didn't you really *study* and UNDERSTAND the Bible all these years?

Does This Mean Someone Else?

The little word *my* is a precious one to most people. They lovingly speak of *my* opinion, *my* job, *my* house, *my* country, *my* religion and *my* God.

We RESENT being told that *our* opinion, *our* faith, or *our* religion is wrong. We like to continue to believe what we have been accustomed to accept as true. Everyone HATES to admit he has been wrong.

Yet, in all this maze of religious Babylon, *somebody* HAS to be wrong!

Are you willing to admit that *it could be YOU?*

May God help you to do so! Because *if we will believe our Bible, we will find that MOST of the people on this earth are steeped in religious error.*

One of the *least understood* principles in all the Bible is that God has purposely *blinded* this world and is letting it go its own way and *learn lessons* during this first six thousand years of human history.

Hard to believe, isn't it?

Yet — *in many places* — your Bible indicates that this *whole world* has been completely DECEIVED in spiritual things. Remember that a deceived person *doesn't know* he is deceived. He is sincere. But he is *sincerely* WRONG!

Because of false teachings and false concepts assumed since childhood, people are *spiritually* DRUNK — having a distorted outlook — so that they are *unable to see spiritual truths*. Like a *drunk person*, they are stupidly SATISFIED in the foggy, hazy, confused spiritual state in which they find themselves.

They THINK they are all right — on the surface at least. But deep down inside is the haunting realization that *something is missing* — their religion seems EMPTY — God seems UNREAL somehow, and so very, very far away.

In these last days, before the second coming of Jesus Christ, you need to KNOW whether or not you are *prepared to meet your God!* With an open mind, you should be willing to *prove* whether or not you have ever been *really converted*.

Your misplaced confidence in a FALSE CONVERSION is a *great* and MORTAL *deception* which could very easily cause you to forfeit *eternal life!* It is such a *dangerous* deception because your own personal VANITY will, in many cases, prevent you from admitting that *you have never been converted!*

Are you willing to FACE this possibility? Are you willing to CHANGE if God shows you *through His Word* that you have never really been converted before?

What Conversion Really Is

God's Word says: "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Rom. 8:9). In plain language, you have to have Christ's *Spirit* in you or you are not a Christian — you have NEVER been converted.

A truly converted person is *filled with* and LED BY the Holy Spirit of God. God places and lives His very *life* within us through His Holy Spirit. By this means, we are *begotten of Him* as children and thus partake of *His very nature!* "For as

many as are led by the Spirit of God, *they are the sons of God*" (Rom. 8:14).

Frankly, in the past, most of you didn't even know **WHAT** the Holy Spirit was, what it was supposed to do in your life, and *what* was the real result of your being led by God's Holy Spirit.

In Romans 5:5, God tells us: "The *love of God* is shed abroad in our hearts **BY** *the Holy Spirit* which is given unto us." Through His Spirit, God gives us *His* love. Thus we partake of *His* nature — *His* character. And God's character is expressed in the *spiritual principles* contained in the Ten Commandments — *obedience to God's Law*. "For *this is the love of God*, that we *keep his commandments*: and his commandments are not grievous" (I John 5:3).

God's Spirit leads us to **OBEY** Him as our Maker and Ruler.

The Apostle Peter was inspired to write of "the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that **OBEY** him" (Acts 5:32).

Real conversion, then, involves a real *surrender to obey God and His Laws*. In Acts 2:38, Peter was inspired to tell **HOW** to be converted. He said: "*Repent, and be baptized* every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the *gift of the Holy Spirit*."

You *repent* of **SIN**. And what is the *Bible* definition of sin? "*Sin is the transgression of the law*" (I John 3:4). That is the *Bible* definition of sin — breaking God's Law! So to really be converted, you must **REPENT** of breaking God's Law. Remember that in the New Testament, this Law was *magnified* by Jesus Christ — particularly in Matthew 5 and the Sermon on the Mount as a whole. We are to keep not only the letter but the *spirit* or intent of God's Law *in every phase of our lives*.

Jesus said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **EVERY** word of *God*" (Luke 4:4). You must *repent* of disobeying God's Law — His *Word* — His **RULE** over your life. Then you need to be *baptized* as an outward sign of your willingness to completely **BURY** your old self — and literally *give* your very *life* to God and to Jesus Christ as

How Does God

"I have prayed and prayed and prayed for an answer to my problem but God just doesn't answer. I don't know what to do. How can I know God's will? Why doesn't He answer my prayers?" Many of you readers have written in asking these very important questions. This article gives the answers!

by Dennis Luker

FIRST, let's establish some basic prerequisites to answered prayer.

Here is one: "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6). First of all you must "believe that he is" — that God does exist — that He is real! To have living faith, to *really believe*, you must *prove* that there is a living God in heaven! God Himself exhorts us to do this! "... *Prove me* now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10). If you want God's blessings poured out upon you, then you need to *prove*, not assume, that He actually does exist! (If you haven't done so, write for our **FREE** booklet *Does God Exist?*)

Next, it is absolutely essential that you take the time to *study* the Bible and *prove* that it is the inspired, infallible, written Word of that Almighty Living God. The Bible itself claims that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16). (Send for our **FREE** literature *Proof of the Bible* and "Twelve Rules for Bible

Study.") After you have proved that the Bible is inspired of God, then you are *on your way* to understanding God's will and *how* He answers prayer.

Notice these important scriptures: "Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thes. 5:17-18). It is *God's will* that we pray and give thanks every day. As you study the Bible, many scriptures reveal God's will for you in specific ways. God has not left us ignorant concerning His will: "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17). God's will for you is revealed in His Word! All you have to do is *study* — and be willing to **OBEY** God's will (His Word) as you learn and understand it!

If you will obey (act upon) what you do understand in God's Word, then He promises to answer your prayers (and God won't lie — Titus 1:2): "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles" (Psalm 34:15, 17). The righteous are described as those who keep the Commandments of God (Psalm 119:172; I John 5:3). God will not hear your prayers if you are sinning (breaking

Answer Prayer?

His Commandments — I John 3:4). "Now we know that God heareth sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth" (John 9:31). God *will bear* and answer your prayers if you are sincerely seeking to obey and please Him. But, if you are living in sin, know better and won't change, God says to you: "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isa. 59:1-2).

So, an important key to answered prayer is summarized in I John 3:22: "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." You must be obeying God and seeking to please Him!

The book of I John reveals one other important aspect to answered prayer: "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us" (I John 5:14). You must pray and ask "according to *his will*," not yours. If you are praying *selfishly*, God will not answer. He says in James 4:3, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." Be *yielded* and pray that *God's will* be done in your life. Let Him answer your prayers His way!

You are probably still asking, "But what is His way? *How* does God answer my prayers?" By now I hope you can see that one way God answers

prayer is through His Word! The Bible is literally filled with God's answers to our problems — most people just don't know where to look for the answers or they *don't understand* what they do read.

This brings us to another important point. God *works through* His true servants today in teaching and explaining His Word! Notice a Biblical example in Acts 8:26-31. Philip asked the man, who was reading from the writings of the Prophet Isaiah, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The Ethiopian eunuch, an educated man of great authority (verse 27) said, "How can I, except some man should guide me?" As a result of Philip's instruction and guidance, this man believed and was baptized!

What you may need is a true servant of God to guide and show you what God's Word says about your particular problems. We have such dedicated, consecrated, ordained men in all parts of the United States and many parts of the world. Of course, these men will *not* call upon you *unless* you first request it. But if you want to learn how to solve your spiritual problems, there is such a man near you. Although God doesn't give specific answers to all problems, He does lay down principles or guidelines for the solution of *all* problems!

Certainly, God is able to answer your prayers *directly* by working out circumstances or intervening for you. But, if He hasn't been doing so, you may need to seek out a *true* minister of God and ask him what God says about your problem. Sometimes, this is *how* God answers prayer. □

your personal Saviour, High Priest, and Master.

In Romans 6:1-4, the Apostle Paul describes baptism as a *burial* of the old self. It is to be a complete *immersion* of the body under the water as a type of the burial of the human body in the grave.

False Conversion Is Very Common

But frankly, most people attending the churches of this world and having been baptized by them never really knew *WHAT to repent of!* They didn't know *WHAT sin really is.*

At the time of baptism in most churches, most people sincerely intend to "do better" or to "make their peace with God." But since they have not been taught what sin actually is, they completely fail to realize how *ROTTEN* and *SINFUL* they have really been!

They don't *really* REPENT! They aren't broken up about the wretched state of their lives and their own human *VANITY* and *selfishness*, which expresses itself constantly in all of us.

And such people don't immediately begin to *study* and UNDERSTAND the Bible. They just continue to go along with the customs, the ways and the traditions of this world. Their lives are not actually CHANGED. They don't come to *personally* KNOW GOD!

Speaking of *converted* people, Jesus said: "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, *he will guide you INTO all truth:* for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you *things to come*" (John 16:13). A truly converted person, then, will be guided into *new TRUTH* by God's Spirit. He will come to *understand* and GRASP Bible prophecy — or *things to come!*

Genuine *conversion* actually REVOLUTIONIZES a human being's life! It is a *renewing* of his *mind* — his *attitude* — his *character!*

He comes to really KNOW God — to constantly *study* and UNDERSTAND more and more of God's Word — and he is able to *pray* and talk to God in a personal way. He receives constant *answers* — he is *blessed* — he GROWS more like Christ every month and year of his life!

The sad truth is that most professing

Christians haven't even begun to get ready to START on the road to this kind of Christian life!

Are you willing to face this fact and ACT on it?

Face Up to Human Nature

The Almighty God, who created our minds and our human nature, states twice a warning for us in the book of Proverbs. He warns: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12; 16:25).

It is only human nature to believe that your way is right. But God says that the way that SEEMS right to a man ends up in death! Remember that the wages of sin is DEATH (Rom. 6:23).

The greatest stumblingblock that prevents most people from accepting the truth and being truly converted is their OWN VANITY. Most people have grown up in and attended some church or another. And they hate to admit that they have never been converted! Human nature makes them want to maintain their OWN righteousness.

God has inspired an entire book in His Word to deal with this common problem of human beings. It is the book of Job — one of the least understood books in all the Bible.

The primary lesson in this entire book is that God HATES our own human self-righteousness!

Notice Job's attitude throughout this book! "God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me. My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live" (Job 27:5-6).

Job again voices his real attitude in Job 31:6: "Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know MINE integrity." Even Job's carnal friends could sense his own self-righteousness and vanity. "So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his OWN eyes" (Job 32:1).

Finally, after dealing personally with God and learning a little more about his own insignificance and utter weakness and wretchedness, Job at last REPENTED. "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I ABHOR myself,

and repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:5-6).

But the real question remains: Have you ever come to really ABHOR yourself? Have you REPENTED in dust and ashes? Have you totally SURRENDERED yourself to God and given your very LIFE to Him to use as He sees fit?

God commands us to quit justifying the self! "Let the wicked forsake HIS way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isa. 55:7). But perhaps you don't think you've been wicked?

The Almighty God declares: "There is NONE righteous, no, not one" (Rom. 3:10). Again, He states: "For ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (verse 23).

Yes, we have all sinned! We have all broken God's Law. And most of us are STILL breaking His Law and trying to justify doing so!

God thunders: "For my thoughts are NOT your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:8-9).

Our own human ways and reasonings are always WRONG!

This means YOU! Don't apply this to someone else — apply it to YOURSELF!

It is almost certain that most of you reading this article still have what the Bible describes as a "carnal" mind. Many of you think you are already "saved," when the truth of the matter is that you have NEVER come to the place of total surrender to God and His absolute RULE over your lives! Therefore, you have NEVER received of God's Holy Spirit and been begotten as His spiritual son.

That is WHY you have not been able to understand Bible PROPHECY before! That is WHY you never really understood the great PURPOSE being worked out here below. And that is why God always seemed so far away — so UNREAL.

This lack of God's Spirit is the reason that you were not continually GROWING in grace and in knowledge — and that you have lacked vital Scrip-

ture truths so many years of your life.

Now it is time to AWAKEN! Now it is time to be really CONVERTED!

What You Should Do

First of all, you should apply this article to your own SELF. And you should strive NOT to get your feelings hurt by the correction and the exhortation which is here given in deep LOVE!

Remember that when Jesus had been showing His disciples that they had to literally "eat" of Him and His message, many got their feelings hurt and drew back. "Many therefore of his disciples, when they heard this, said, This is an hard saying, who can hear it?" (John 6:60.) But Jesus asked the twelve, "Will ye also go away?" (John 6:67.)

Then Peter gave an answer which has the same significance today. He said: "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life" (v. 68).

If God has shown you by the "fruits" that this is the WORK of God, then you should FEAR to turn aside from the truth! Where else would you go?

Thousands of you have come to realize that you are getting the truth and message of God through this Work.

But most of you have never thought of actually DOING very much about it!

The Apostle Paul was inspired to write: "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (I Cor. 11:1). The Greek word here literally means to "imitate." You need to imitate the example of God's ministers — and of Jesus Christ.

Frankly, most of you have never been counseled by one of God's true ministers about real conversion and baptism. If you realize the vital necessity of this personal contact and guidance of the true servants of Jesus Christ, then here is GOOD NEWS.

As a part of the ADULT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, we now have TRAINED MEN — graduates of AMBASSADOR COLLEGE — available in all parts of the world, ready to counsel with you PERSONALLY — to answer questions — to help you with any spiritual problems — and to baptize any who are ready for it.

We WON'T send anyone to see you, UNWANTED. Not unless you REQUEST IT! But, PLEASE feel free to invite such

a visit. That's what they are there for. Actually most of them are consecrated and ordained ministers. They, and we here at the Headquarters of this great Work want only to HELP — to SERVE. We count it a PRIVILEGE to do so.

ALL of you need to realize the vital importance of coming to REAL *conversion!* Don't put it off too long!

Be Willing to CHANGE

Never forget that before real conversion comes *real* REPENTANCE. You had better humble yourself until you can sincerely repent as David did in Psalm 51. "Wash me thoroughly from mine *iniquity*, and cleanse me from my *sin*," David cried. "For I *acknowledge* my transgressions: and my SIN is ever before me" (Psalm 51:2-3).

Notice that David did not try to justify himself — he *acknowledged* his sin freely and asked for forgiveness.

He continued: "Against thee, thee only, have I *sinned*, and done this EVIL in thy sight" (Psalm 51:4).

God didn't have to argue or "reason" David into admitting his guilt! As Job, David had come to see himself as he really was and to ABHOR himself. *And you are no better!*

When you are finally ready to *repent* of breaking God's laws, of following human traditions, of *conforming* to this society and its ways, then here is what God requires of YOU. "The sacrifices of God are a *BROKEN spirit*: a *broken* and a *contrite heart*, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psalm 51:17).

At that time, you will be *humble* and TEACHABLE like a little child — not assuming that you are a spiritual giant before you even start on the road to real conversion.

And you will realize the *great* DANGER of *assuming* — because of spiritual pride and vanity — that a previous *false conversion* was the real thing. You will KNOW that this kind of vanity could prevent you from ever being *truly converted* — and could *cut you off from God for all eternity!*

You will also KNOW that God has *always* given the right advice through the *SAME* ministers He is using to preach His message to the world.

"He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." □

Death by Crucifixion - Is Jehohannan Jesus?

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● Christ was about 33 years of age when crucified — not about 24-28. (He was about 30 when He began His three and one-half year ministry — Luke 3:23.)

● Jehohannan's bones were severed when his feet were amputated, but not a bone of Christ's was broken (John 19:31-37).

● The young Jehohannan was given the traditional blow in which both his legs were broken to hasten his death; but the soldiers did not do so to Christ. Instead, His side was pierced and He died by the loss of all His blood! (John 19:31-37; Isaiah 53:12.) [Write for our free article "Did Christ Die of a Broken Heart?"]

● Jehohannan's features were those of a delicate Hellenistic youth who apparently never performed much hard labor; however, Christ worked hard as a carpenter and mason until He was about 30 years of age (Matt. 13:55; Luke 3:23; Mark 6:3). During His ministry, He walked throughout the land of Judea, preaching the Gospel. He slept out-of-doors much of the time. No doubt, therefore, Christ was a rugged, strong, masculine, muscular man — not at all "delicate" or "feminine" in appearance!

● The skeleton of Jehohannan revealed a slightly cleft palate and a slight deformation of the skull, possibly due to malnutrition in his mother's womb. But Christ was the picture of health, with no physical blemishes or defects. He was the fulfillment of the type of the sacrificial Passover lamb which was without blemish (Ex. 12:5). There is no evidence in the Scriptures that Christ suffered from any physical defects. His parents obeyed the health laws God established and their children were robust and healthy as a result (Matt. 1:19; Luke 1:26-38; 2:39-40).

● Christ never was called by the name Jehohannan, or anything similar. His Hebrew name was *Joshua* (sometimes spelled *Jehoshua*) which translated is Jesus, meaning "Saviour" (Luke 2:21; Hebrews 4:8, plus margin).

● The body of Jesus was buried in a rich man's tomb hewn out in a rock near Golgotha, with a great circular stone door (Matt. 27:57-60). However, the bones of Jehohannan were found more than a mile north of Jerusalem's Damascus Gate in a small limestone bone box.

● Christ was buried *alone*. But archaeologists found the bones of a 3- or 4-year-old child with Jehohannan's bones.

● The body of Jesus was wrapped in a linen cloth and placed in the tomb; it was not put into a limestone ossuary (Matt. 27:59; John 20:5-7).

All the evidence carefully considered, both Biblical and archaeological, it is clear that the body of Jehohannan is simply that of a young malefactor who was crucified in the first century A. D. During those times, crucifixion was a common punishment for criminals.

The Jewish historian Josephus tells us that during the Roman siege of Jerusalem in 70 A. D., 500 Jews were crucified on the outskirts of the city *every day* as a warning to the Jews. He wrote, "So the soldiers out of the wrath and hatred they bore the Jews, nailed those they caught, one after one way, and another after another, to the crosses, by way of jest, when their multitude was so great, that room was wanting for the crosses, and crosses wanting for the bodies" (see *Wars of the Jews*, Book V, chapter XI, paragraph 1).

Death by the torture of crucifixion was not uncommon in those cruel days. Jehohannan, like many others, lost his life in this horrible fashion. But his body is *not* that of Jesus Christ, the Saviour and Redeemer of all mankind, who ROSE from the dead and is ALIVE at God's right hand today! (Heb. 7:24-25; Rev. 3:21.)

ANSWERS to your Questions

● "Sometimes you imply that all the songs teen-agers listen to are about the wailing, weeping, jilted individual. I just cannot feel you are being fair in your evaluation of music teen-agers enjoy. Please comment."

Please don't misunderstand. We love good music — all kinds of good music — and have never condemned good songs simply on the basis of their appeal to teen-age minds.

We simply recognize the precarious position of young people standing at the threshold of full responsibility, maturity, and adulthood. We also recognize the enormous, bewildering pressures that threaten today's youth, pressures designed to destroy youth's incredible potential. (Write for our free article "The Generation Gap — Why?" for a detailed analysis of some of these pressures.)

With you — the potential leaders of tomorrow — resides the future of our nation, all nations and ultimately *all mankind everywhere*. So as you, one thinking teen-ager, have discovered, we simply do not mince words where precious lives — *your* vulnerable young life, for example — are concerned.

Let's be honest with each other about music. We would insult your good mind to try to explain how songs that dote on teen sex, teen vanity, teen hopelessness and teen desperation are wrong. ANYTHING that lowers the potential, the hopes, dreams, goals and high ideals of youth is cruelly damaging.

We approve and encourage the good songs which emphasize your important place in society — that help you to focus your lives on the productive, beautiful life you should be living, the kind of life that will lead you right on over into TOMORROW'S WORLD.

● "I seem to be haunted by my old sins though I have sincerely asked God to forgive and have tried not to repeat these sins. Can you give me any advice and counsel?"

There is a vanity in humans that causes us to refuse to fully believe that God will *really* forgive upon real repentance. (Of course, many are unaware of what *genuine* repentance is and it *must* be the real thing to be accepted of God. Our free article about REAL REPENTANCE defines it in detail.)

How often have we all repented or apologized for something, and then let it haunt us for months because we won't forget it? Why not get your mind on God's forgiveness, not your sins?

Let's notice God's *sure* Word. "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. *As far as the east is from the west*, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:11-12).

God refuses to remember our sins upon *real* repentance. Why obligate yourself to remember what God has long since forgotten?

● "What is the origin of April Fools' Day?"

April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day is yet another of those practices inaugurated in ancient times in observance of various seasons of the year — in this case the spring equinox.

"What seems certain is that it is in some way or other a relic of those once-universal festivities held at the vernal equinox, which . . . ended on the first of April. This view gains support from the fact that the exact counterpart of April-fooling is found to have been an im-

morial custom in India. The festival of the spring equinox is there termed the feast of Huli, the last day of which is the 31st of March, upon which the chief amusement is the befooling of people by sending them on fruitless errands" (*Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 11th edition, Vol. 2, p. 231).

This ancient practice which antedates Christianity and is nowhere mentioned in the Bible is of obvious pagan origin. God says: "Be not dismayed at [falsely interpret] the signs of heaven [equinoxes, solstices, etc.] for the heathen are dismayed at them" (Jer. 10:2).

God's Word nowhere teaches us to observe such a day of mockery, foolishness, jesting and ridicule (Eph. 5:4). This sort of *destructive* humor can easily pervert the right sense of humor we should all have and be cultivating.

● "We have recently witnessed a change in the Egyptian government. Anwar Sadat has become President. Newspapers have indicated there is Egyptian blood on his father's side and Sudanese on his mother's. This would make him a native Egyptian with Egyptian blood. How do you reconcile this with Ezekiel 30:13 which states that no native prince would ever rule Egypt again?"

History shows that the Moslem *Arabs* conquered Egypt in 639-640 A.D. Today these Arabs dominate Egypt and the Sudan as well. The ancient Egyptians of Biblical times (known as Copts today) are a small, persecuted minority. President Sadat descends from Moslem Arabs, *not* from the ancient Egyptian royal family referred to in Ezekiel 30:13.

● "What does I Timothy 4:4 mean? Is not this contrary to certain laws concerning the eating of animals in Leviticus 11?"

Let's look at verse 4 of I Timothy 4 *in context*. The first three verses tell us that in the last times (today), all sorts of false doctrines would be propounded. Some religious leaders and nutritional "experts" would even tell

people they should *not* eat the flesh food which God created to be received. Verse 4 declares that God intended man to eat certain creatures. Verse 5 tells us which creatures those are — that is, those that are sanctified by the *Word of God* and prayer.

Now, all we have to do is find what parts of the Word of God reveal *which* animals should be eaten. You will find the answer in Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14. In those two chapters, God "sanctifies" the animals He intended man to eat by declaring them to be clean.

The law of clean and unclean meats was based on actual differences in the physical flesh of animals. Some are fit for human consumption and some are not. God made animals, fowl and fish that way at creation, and people knew the difference long *before* Moses' time (read Gen. 7:2). Whether these laws are of significance today is discussed in our article "Is All Animal Flesh Good Food?" Send for a *free* copy.

● "Please explain Genesis 21:33: 'And Abraham planted a grove in Beer-sheba and called there on the name of the Lord, the everlasting God.' In the Bible, aren't groves generally associated with *pagan* worship?"

Young's Analytical Concordance shows that the Hebrew word for grove in Genesis 21 is *eshel*, which refers to *literal* trees. The Hebrew word translated "grove" everywhere else in the Bible is *asherab*. This word — *asherab* — is the one used in reference to *pagan* worship.

● "As I read your article on the Holy Land, the thought occurred to me that Herod was a great and wonderful ruler, but this isn't so. He murdered untold numbers of infants in an attempt to take Christ's life (Matt. 2:16). He also had John the Baptist beheaded and committed adultery with his brother's wife (Matt. 14:1-12). Why present such a one-sided story of Herod?"

We pointed out in the article that "The darker side of his [Herod's] life has been adequately penned by Josephus

and the Gospel writers." If the article had been written as a biography, this aspect would have been covered in detail. Rather, our article was written from an *archaeological* point of view. From that standpoint the building and architectural achievements of Herod are of great significance.

We should also point out that the two scriptures you mention are not discussing the same man. There were a *number* of rulers of ancient Judaea and other districts all bearing the name "Herod." The most significant of these were the following men:

1) Herod the Great (whom we discussed in our article). He was the one who had the infants killed (Matt. 2:16).

2) Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, was the one who killed John the Baptist (Matt. 14:1-12) and mocked Christ (Luke 23:7-12).

3) Herod Agrippa I, grandson of Herod the Great, killed the Apostle James, the brother of John (Acts 12:1-2).

4) Herod Agrippa II, son of Agrippa I, greatly enlarged Jerusalem. The Apostle Paul testified before him (Acts 26).

● "Is the word 'Christian' ever used in the Bible? Is anyone who professes that *name* a *true* follower of Christ?"

The term *Christian* is used only *three* times in the Bible, although there are *many* other scriptures that thoroughly explain what a Christian is. The Apostle Paul did his first *regular* teaching at Antioch in Syria. Acts 11:26 records, "And the disciples were called *Christians* first in Antioch."

Later, when Paul was brought before King Agrippa, he reminded the King that the prophets foretold the death and resurrection of Christ. Whereupon Agrippa said unto Paul, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a *Christian*" (Acts 26:28). The third place where the word "Christian" is used in the Bible is found in I Peter 4:16 — "If any man suffer as a *Christian*, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf."

If you will read for yourself the context and the events surrounding these three scriptures, you will find that they show that true Christians are *active followers* of Jesus Christ — people who are willing to give up their *own* way, and even to endure persecution, if necessary, in order to obey God. This is in contrast to the dictionary definition of a Christian — "One who believes or professes or is assumed to believe in Jesus Christ and the truth taught by Him" (*Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*).

To find out who the *true* followers of Jesus Christ are — write for our FREE article "What Is a Real Christian?"

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The EXODUS—

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The Exodus from Egypt is not just "another Hebrew myth." Ancient Egyptian documents affirm there is historical proof for this important Biblical event. Read the true facts in this well-researched article.

by Lester L. Grabbe

THERE is no record of any Exodus in the Egyptian records." So thousands of students are assured by college professors. And few stop to question this blanket statement from such erudite scholars.

The Sunday school picture of Moses leading the Israelites through the Red Sea and receiving the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai is soon "dispelled" as the bright young student hits the higher criticism classes of college and university.

The following statement by an eminent historian summarizes the views of many:

The present century has brought extensive archaeological investigations in Egypt, the Holy Land, and adjacent countries which indicate that the Biblical account of the enslavement of the

Children of Israel in Egypt and their exodus to the promised land of Canaan is traditional and legendary and without support of documentary archaeological evidence... no Egyptian records have been found relating to this early period of Hebrew history (Homer Hockett, *The Critical Method in Historical Research and Writing*, p. 52).

A bold statement. But is it backed up by "evidence" the Exodus is said to lack? So well-known and accepted a scholar as Professor William F. Albright takes the opposite view.

There has been a persistent effort by many scholars to discredit the Israelite tradition of a prolonged sojourn in Egypt before the time of Moses (*The Biblical Period*, p. 6).

Even though Dr. Albright himself does not accept word for word the account as found in the Bible, he is con-

fidant there is evidence to confirm the Exodus as a historic event.

Notice what one famous Egyptologist had to say about the common ancient Egyptian practice of inventing victories and completely overlooking defeats:

Every Egyptian king was represented as a conqueror alike in the ancient writings and in the reliefs on the temple walls. The model often goes back to the earliest times... Such a disregard of reality was sometimes carried to absurd lengths. Who is going to believe that the eighteen-year-old Tut'ankhamun ever drove his chariot straight into an alien host killing a score of foes with the arrows from his bow, or again that he slaughtered unaided a whole pride of lions? Yet such are the scenes depicted on the wonderful painted box from the famous tomb (Sir Alan Gardiner, *Egypt of the Pharaohs*, pp. 56-7).

Yes, the ancient Egyptians ignored the

real impact of the Exodus. But strange as it might seem, *Egyptian records are not silent* about this miraculous occurrence!

Forgotten Papyrus Tells

It would be very unusual indeed if we had a truly Egyptian *eyewitness* account of Moses and the ten plagues. At least such an account has not yet been found. But we have the next best thing to it — a *description of Egypt after the ten plagues and the leaving of the Israelites*.

This account is found in what is called the "Ipuwer papyrus." This tattered document in the Leiden Museum of Antiquities is in a sad state of preservation. But its message is unmistakable. It matches the Biblical record *in detail*.

The most exhaustive translation is that of Sir Alan Gardiner published in Leipzig in 1909 under the title *Admonitions of an Egyptian Sage*. Additional information is given by R. O. Faulkner ("Notes on 'The Admonitions of an Egyptian Sage,'" *Journal of Egyptian Archaeology*, 1964, pp. 24-36).

In painful detail the papyrus describes "civil war and foreign invasion, and of the social upheaval attendant thereupon." We have the whole disruption of society which would naturally have occurred to a country devastated by plagues which culminated in the loss of her leadership. Anarchy and foreign occupation would be expected to happen to a country which had all crops, the government, the entire social structure, and the protective army destroyed.

This is exactly what the Ipuwer papyrus presents to us. The phrase "all is ruin" occurs at least twice (3:13; 9:6) and perhaps several other times if the document were better preserved (as perhaps in 5:11). "Might is right." "Murder is the order of the day." "Even brother fights brother." "The dead are found everywhere."

Here is the sad picture of Egypt after Israel left. In Upper Egypt, Pharaoh's servants asked him, "Do you not yet understand that Egypt is ruined?" (Exodus 10:7, Revised Standard Version used throughout for quotes.)

Here we have the *results* of the plagues described, not necessarily all the plagues themselves. Let's see how the Egyptian record compares with the Hebrew account.

Moses Versus Ipuwer

Because Gardiner's translation is generally the more complete, it is the one quoted unless otherwise designated. (Five periods — "full stops" for British readers — are used to indicate wherever the translator put a long line of dots to represent an indecipherable section of the text. Otherwise, a normal ellipsis is used where we have omitted material that was in the translation.)

Exodus 7:20-21: "The Nile turned to blood . . . and the Nile became foul, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt."

Papyrus 2:10: "Why really, the River is blood. If one drinks of it, one rejects (it) as human and thirsts for water" (Wilson). 2:5: "Plague is throughout the land. Blood is everywhere."

Three plagues combined to destroy the foodstuffs of Egypt. The plague on the cattle killed the majority of the animals. Most of the remnant was destroyed by the hail, which also devastated crops. The crops spared by the hail were eaten by the locusts. The result was an extreme famine where men killed each other for enough food to stay alive.

Read the accounts of what happened to the cattle and other animals in Exodus 9 and then compare it with the following.

Papyrus 8:12: "Behold, butchers transgress (?) with geese. They have given [to] the gods instead of oxen." Note that so few cattle were left, geese were sacrificed in their place. 9:2-3: "Behold, cattle are left to stray and there is none to gather them together. Each man fetches for himself those that are branded with his name." The plague of hail had caused the few surviving cattle to so scatter in trying to find shelter that they were difficult to round up.

Now read in Exodus 10 about the locust plague and put it together with

the hail in chapter 9. You have a picture of almost complete destruction of the food supply.

Papyrus 3:3: "... The mistresses of houses say: would that we had something to eat." 3:10-13: "Lacking are grain (?), charcoal . . . All is ruin!" 4:14-5:3: "Forsooth, trees are destroyed (?)" — compare this with Exodus 9:25 — "... cakes are lacking [Faulkner] for most (?) children. There is no food. . . . Forsooth, all animals, their hearts weep. Cattle moan because of the state of the land."

Papyrus 6:1-5: "Forsooth, [men eat] herbs, and wash (them) down with water. No fruit(?) nor herbs are found [for] the birds. . . . is taken away from the mouth of the swine. . . . hunger. Forsooth, grain has perished on every side. (People) are stripped of clothes, spices (?) and oil. Everybody says: there is none. The storehouse is empty and its keeper is stretched on the ground; a happy state of affairs!" (Faulkner.)

Papyrus 6:9: "The corn (?) of Egypt is common property." 9:11: "Destroyed (?) are . . . their food [is taken away?] from them." 10:3-5: "Lower Egypt weeps. The storehouse of the king is common property of everyone, and the entire palace is without its revenues. To it belong (by right) wheat and barley, geese and fish."

A horrible picture of *murder* for a little food. Not only does revenue for the king no longer come in, but the very royal storehouses are also robbed by desperate citizens. Even the animals have nothing to eat.

Another aspect of the hail was the fire (lightning?) mixed with it. Note one peculiar passage of the papyrus — 2:10-11: "Forsooth, gates, columns and walls (?) are consumed by fire; (while) the . . . of the kings' palace stands firm and endures." Apparently wooden structures (but not the more substantially built structures) were destroyed by the fire accompanying the hail!

Death of the Firstborn

In addition we view a scene of death corresponding to the slaying of all the firstborn in the sacred account. Only

such a terrible disaster as the death angel passing through could have produced the pitiful condition described.

Papyrus 2:4: "Forsooth, women are lacking and no (children) are conceived. Khnum fashions (mankind) no longer because of the condition of the land." Khnum was the potter god who supposedly shaped babies on a wheel. 2:5-6: "Death is not lacking (?). The mummycloth (?) speaks, before every one comes near it (?)." Gardiner makes this comment about the preceding statement, "The sense seems to be: corpses are everywhere, and the very bandages cry out, so that they can be heard without drawing near to them."

Papyrus 2:6-7: "Forsooth, many dead men are buried in the river. The stream is a sepulchre, and the place of embalment has become stream." 4:3-4: "Forsooth, the children of princes are dashed against the walls. The offspring of desire are laid out on the high ground. Khnum groans because of weariness."

Yet Israel did not leave a picture of death and destruction without taking their reward for years of slavery. Notice Exodus 12:35-36: "The people of Israel... had asked of the Egyptians jewelry of silver and of gold, and clothing... they let them have what they asked. Thus they *despoiled* the Egyptians."

Papyrus 3:6-10: "Gold is lacking, the of all handicrafts is at an end (?). The of the king's palace is despoiled (?)." 9:6: "Behold, no craftsmen work. The enemies of the land have spoilt (?) its crafts (?) [impoverished its craftsmen — Faulkner]." 6:3-5: "(People) are stripped of clothes, spices (?) and oil. Everybody says: there is none."

The Egyptians literally lost *everything* because of sin.

Pharaoh Not Buried in Pyramid

One point very much disputed is the death of Pharaoh in the Red Sea. But the papyrus also describes this, though in somewhat veiled language.

Papyrus 7:1: "Behold, the fire has mounted up on high. Its burning goes forth against the enemies of the land." There is little doubt from the context

that this is a reference to the pillar of fire and smoke which led the Israelites. The deceived Egyptians may at first have conceived it to be something which plagued the escaping Israelites instead of guiding them.

Papyrus 7:1-6: "Behold, things are done, that have never happened for long time past (?): the king has been taken away (?) by poor men. Behold, he who was buried as a hawk is What the pyramid concealed is become empty. Behold, a few lawless men, have ventured to despoil the land of the kingship. Behold, the secret of the land, whose limits were unknown, is divulged. The Residence is overturned in a minute. Behold, Egypt has come to pour out water. He who poured water on the ground, he has captured the strong man in misery (??). Behold the Serpent is taken from its hold. The secrets of the kings of Upper and Lower Egypt are divulged."

The "enemies" — the Israelites — leave and in the process "take away" — cause the death of — the king of Egypt. Egypt itself is left with countless first-born dead and the entire country ruined. The natural sequence would be the entrance of a foreign power.

And an invader does come — in the form of Asiatics.

Asiatic Invaders

In several places the "Asiatics" are mentioned (though not to be confused with the "enemies," which was apparently only applied to the Israelites). The Asiatics were obviously in control of the land.

Papyrus 1:9: "The tribes of the desert (?) have become Egyptians (?) everywhere." 3:1: "Forsooth, the Desert is throughout the land. The nomes are laid waste. A foreign tribe from abroad has come to Egypt." 4:1: "Those who were Egyptians (?) have become foreigners (?)." 4:5-8: "Lower Egypt can boast of trodden roads Behold, it is in the hands of (?) those who knew it not like those who knew it. The Asiatics are skilled in the crafts of the Marshlands." 15:1-3: "What has happened (?) through it (??) is (?) to cause the Asiatics to know the condition of the land."

But who were these Asiatics? None other than the famous *Hyksos* who conquered Egypt!

As Gardiner himself stated, "The view that our Leiden papyrus contains allusions to the Hyksos has the better support from the historical standpoint" (*Admonitions*, p. 18).

They were called *Aamu* or *Amu* by the Egyptians, the same designation used to refer to the Hyksos (see *Egypt of the Pharaohs*, page 144). But who were the Amu?

The Arabic historians tell us they were *Amalekites!* Dshauhari, an Arab writer of the tenth century, wrote this of the name Amu (or *Omayya*), "It is handed down that this name was a designation for an Amalekite man."

And the Bible gives indication of this Amalekite invasion!

Notice in Exodus 17 that the Amalekites attacked the Israelites about a month after they had left the coast of the Red Sea. This tribe was already on its way into the desolated and helpless Egypt. With Egypt destroyed this people became "the first of the nations" (Numbers 24:20).

Some will ask, Did not the Hyksos live several centuries before the Exodus? According to the present view of historians, based on the theory of evolution, the Hyksos lived before the time of the Exodus. But the *facts* of history — when put together with the Bible — tell a different story.

The Egyptians do record the Exodus — even if in a roundabout fashion! One tattered papyrus has survived. What story did the missing sections tell? What other documents have been destroyed during the long centuries intervening between our time and that of Moses? These are questions which may not be answered until the world tomorrow.

As our long-time readers of TOMORROW'S WORLD know, the veracity of the Bible is not dependent upon any secular historical records. However, surviving accounts such as that of the Ipuwer papyrus do show that ancient peoples have preserved their own records of Biblical occurrences. □

The STORY of MAN

for children five to one hundred five

by Basil Wolverton

MANASSEH REPENTS!

CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR

As King Manasseh grew more powerful, he began to force the people to follow him more and more deeply into pagan practices. Because of his evil deeds, God began to act by sending His prophets with warnings for the people of Judah.

God's Warning

"Warn Manasseh and the people," God told them, "that because the king has stooped to abominations greater than those of surrounding nations of the past, whom I have destroyed, and has forced his subjects to do the same by torturing and murdering the faithful, I will bring terrible times on Judah. If people could hear what their fate will be, their ears would almost burn at listening to the fearful facts.

"As Samaria fell, so shall Jerusalem. I shall wipe out the city as one wipes out a dirty dish by turning it upside down and scooping out the leftovers. I shall forsake this nation. The inhabitants will fall into the hands of their enemies, to become slaves just as the people of Samaria and the northern tribes of national Israel went into captivity.

"Ever since I brought my people out of Egypt more than eight hundred years ago, they have troubled me and tried my patience. Their king has now become one of the basest offenders by conducting himself like an insane man. He won't be allowed to continue in his murderous manner much longer." (II Kings 21:10-16; II Chronicles 33:10.)

The prophets who received this message were Joel, Nahum, Habakkuk and Isaiah. And they wrote down God's warnings in their books which are now a part of the Hebrew Scriptures, or

the Old Testament. At great personal risk, these men managed to make public what God had told them. When reports reached Manasseh, he laughed derisively, but the more he thought about these men having the boldness to give him warnings, supposedly from the God he loathed, the more irritated he became.

"The doomsday dolts are at it again!" he scoffed. "I want them brought here to explain just how their God plans to stop me from doing what I please!"

Some, if not all, of the prophets were arrested about this time. Scriptural and secular references indicate that the elderly Isaiah was one of them. Tradition says that because Manasseh was angered by Isaiah's loyalty to God and his warnings, he had the prophet sawn in two. These religious persecutions are described in the New Testament "faith chapter," Hebrews 11, especially verses 36 to 38.

It was an unusual thing, even in ancient times, for a nation to be surprised by large enemy forces that had already penetrated its borders. There were generally spies and frontier lookouts on duty to pass back information even on small bands of strangers.

But because God willed it, this early warning system failed to work for Judah shortly after Isaiah's horrible death. The people of Judah had a sudden, sickening awareness that Assyrian troops were moving swiftly through the land. The sentries on Jerusalem's walls knew nothing of what was happening till they saw enemy soldiers swarming toward the city's main gate. (II Chronicles 33:11.)

"Your king is our prisoner!" an Assyrian officer called out when the invaders were just beyond an arrow's range of the walls. "If you want him back,

open the gates and send your citizens out to us! If you send soldiers, your king will die right here!"

Leaders of Judah under Manasseh were shocked when they saw that their king was indeed a prisoner of the Assyrians. Obviously he had been captured while on a trip outside Jerusalem.

The leaders of Judah decided to send out a few hundred citizens in exchange for Manasseh.

The unfortunate ones, mainly women and children, were roughly herded outside through gates that were briefly opened, then slammed shut before enemy troops could try to force an entrance. Those thrust out of their city immediately became captives of the Assyrians, who expressed their anger at the small number of citizens given them.

King Manasseh in Captivity

"More! More!" roared the invaders. "Isn't your king's life worth more than this paltry few?"

The officers of Judah had no choice but to

Manasseh, idolatrous king of Judah, was brought in chains before the ruler of Assyria.



quickly force more people out through a gate opened only a minute or so. Again, as before, soldiers of Judah remained inside where they could be more effective in the defense of the city. Again the Assyrians pounced on their prey and bellowed for more. This convinced those in authority in Jerusalem that the Assyrians had no intention of releasing Manasseh. They refused to send out any more people.

Having taken other captives from other undefended areas of Judah, and not wishing to carry on a long siege of well-defended Jerusalem, the Assyrians departed with their prisoners. They didn't take Manasseh's life as they had threatened. Instead they took him with them, forcing him to walk in heavy loops of clanking chains. This cruel man who had challenged his Creator could scarcely believe that he was in the hands of his enemies. It was much easier for him to believe more than a month and six hundred long miles later when he was led disgracefully through the streets of the city of Babylon. (II Chronicles 33:9-11.)

"Can this actually be the mighty king of Judah? He lacks the apparel of one of royalty. He doesn't even have the bearing and dignity of a ruler!"

The contemptuous speaker was Esarhaddon, king of Assyria and son of the murdered Sennacherib. The setting was his palace in Babylon, the city-state he had forced back under Assyrian domination. Manasseh, weighted down with his metal fetters, could only stare back with undisguised hatred as his conqueror belittled him before the Assyrian notables who were present.

"This man must learn that Judah shall at last become a vassal nation," Esarhaddon continued arrogantly. "Obviously he isn't yet convinced. Put him in the lower dungeon, and keep him there until he surrenders his nation!"

Thus started months of miserable confinement for Manasseh, who didn't believe that he would long remain in prison because his many pagan gods would come to his rescue. As the weeks went by, Manasseh exhorted these false gods and goddesses one by one to deliver him from the Assyrians. Stunned because nothing occurred in his favor, Manasseh began to doubt the powers of the gods to whom he had been faithful for years. Having doubted the powers of these false deities, he began to wonder if it could be possible that the God his father had worshipped

could possibly exist and have the tremendous power that was claimed in ancient Israelite records.

Manasseh Finally Repents

Miserable and desperate, the king of Judah finally concluded that it might be worth the effort to pray to the God of Israel for help.

There was no response.

But there was a strange awareness that belief in pagan gods was a futile and foolish pursuit. With this start toward wisdom, and through continued fervent prayer to God, Manasseh was encouraged by a growing assurance that he was at last beginning to contact the one real Supreme Power. From then on he began to strongly regret all the things he had done to lead Judah back into the idolatry which his father, Hezekiah, had worked to remove from the nation.

Regret turned into genuine repentance, which God always recognizes. Manasseh's repentance was so intense and genuine that God caused the king of Assyria to change his plans about Judah and Manasseh.

God always blesses *anyone* who sincerely repents. Manasseh's repentance is one of the most profound in all the Bible, because it shows that our

God is so filled with compassion that He will honor the sincere repentance of anyone, no matter how black his deeds have been. Surely no king of Israel or Judah ever provoked God's wrath more with his blatant idolatry even to the point of bringing an idol into God's very own temple. II Kings 21 chronicles the record of his rotten deeds. Only the unregenerate Ahab could begin to rival Manasseh in wickedness. (II Kings 21:3.) Yet our God is so brimful of mercy that He honored even Ahab's humility even though he never really repented. (I Kings 21:29.)

God will forgive any person who makes a full surrender to Him without any reservations — no matter how terrible, or how many, have been his sins. God will forgive them all. (Matthew 12:31.)

The Apostle Paul himself said that *before* conversion he was "a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious." He actually counted himself the "chief of sinners." Yet he obtained mercy, that in him first Jesus Christ "might shew forth *all longsuffering, for a pattern* to them which should hereafter believe on him to everlasting life." (I Timothy 1:13-16.)

God made sure that His Word was replete with examples of the real repentance of grievous sinners. So no one should ever say, "My sins are so bad that God couldn't possibly forgive me." And no matter

Manasseh's demolition crews went throughout Judah and even into Israel to tear down the idols that had been erected during the early part of the king's reign.



how you may feel about your personal sins, that same merciful God stands ready to *forgive you* upon genuine repentance. (Psalm 86:5.)

Manasseh Released From Captivity

"This stubborn king of Judah will never willingly surrender his nation to us," Esarhaddon told his officers and leaders. "Even if he did, his people would put up a resistance I can't afford. It would be wiser to send Manasseh back to Jerusalem. His nation would then become a stronger buffer state between us and our troublesome Egyptian enemies. At the same time, we can always demand tribute from these Israelites, and one we can continue to exact. Is this not better than paying many Assyrian lives to overcome Judah? The nation can be of greater benefit to us if it remains strong and productive."

Naturally there was no evident opposition to the king's wish, although there must have been military men present who were disappointed to learn that their commander had decided not to wage a mad, bloody war on the kingdom of Judah.

Shortly after Esarhaddon's statement, a prison attendant came to free the astonished king of Judah from his dismal cell and escort him to comfortable quarters where he could bathe and be dressed in fine apparel. Servants were present to wait on him, but at his first moment of privacy Manasseh threw himself on the floor and poured out thanks to God for this startling miracle of release from a dark dungeon. He was more surprised and thankful when he learned that he was about to be escorted by Assyrian soldiers back to Jerusalem. (II Chronicles 33:12-13.)

There was much celebrating in Judah — and especially in the capital — when Manasseh returned to his kingship. At the same time there was surprise and gloom among the king's former ranking favorites when they learned of the great change in their leader.

"He keeps talking about the 'God of Israel' instead of about our gods," an officer remarked concernedly to others. "Something must have happened to his mind while he was in prison!"

"There's no doubt of it," another agreed. "I heard that he intends to try to restrain the people from worshipping any god except the God his father worshipped. That will take some doing, because not

many people will want to be tied down to observing the harsh laws of the old God of Israel."

The Struggle to Change

Unhappily for many, that was exactly what Manasseh set out to do. He removed the pagan images from the temple, cleaned and repaired the altar, reinstated Levite priests to reestablish offerings to God and began a systematic movement to comb out idols and pagan altars from all of Judah. At the same time he sent out a royal decree that the God of Israel was the only deity to be worshipped in the nation.

Most of the surprised people obeyed by simply sacrificing to God at the places where they had formerly sacrificed to idols. This was a step in the right direction, but God expected sacrifices to be made *only at His temple in Jerusalem*. Manasseh soon learned that turning a whole nation from paganism to the only true God would be a long and next-to-impossible undertaking.

Meanwhile, he expanded the size of Jerusalem and strengthened and heightened a large part of Jerusalem's walls. He then appointed capable and trusted officers to take charge of Judah's other walled cities, which were subject to possible attack from Egypt or Philistia, and to probable attack from Assyria if the regular tribute to that nation failed to be paid on time. (II Chronicles 33:14-17.)

Manasseh didn't live to see his nation receive the protection and prosperity that would have resulted from the people turning wholeheartedly to God. He was entombed in a family burial place on his own property instead of being buried with most of the kings of Judah. In his time Manasseh caused great trouble in his nation, but he was the only idolatrous king who sought to make such an extreme change for the better in his way of living.

At Manasseh's death his son, Amon, immediately became king of Judah at the age of twenty-two. (II Kings 21:17-18; II Chronicles 33:18-20.)

Again it was the old story — a new, young king going just the opposite of his father's intentions. Amon followed almost exactly the example of his father Manasseh's first years of reign. He even managed to recover many of the hidden carved images his father had caused to be made, and set them up again to be worshipped. Judah was again steered back into perilous, mad idolatry.

(To be continued next issue)

News of the Work

3 MILLION LETTERS Here's How We Handle Each One Personally!

MULTIPLE thousands of letters pour in daily to Ambassador College! In fact, response to *The World Tomorrow* program (and Ambassador's mass-circulation advertising) brought a deluge of nearly three million letters last year, just in the United States alone. That was a half-million letters more than the previous year — and mail response continues to grow!

Who reads and answers all those letters? What is involved in processing so much mail?

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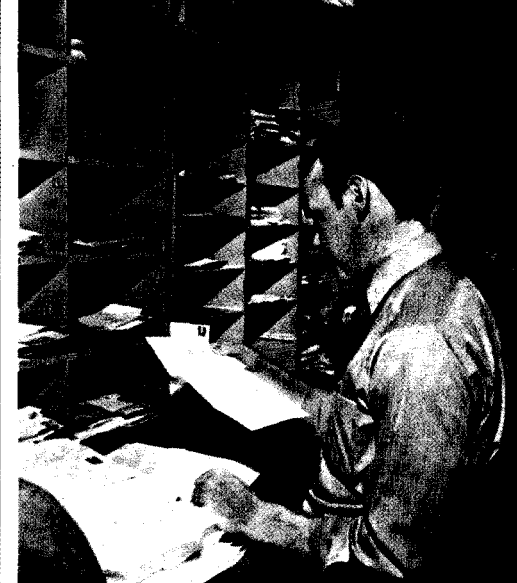
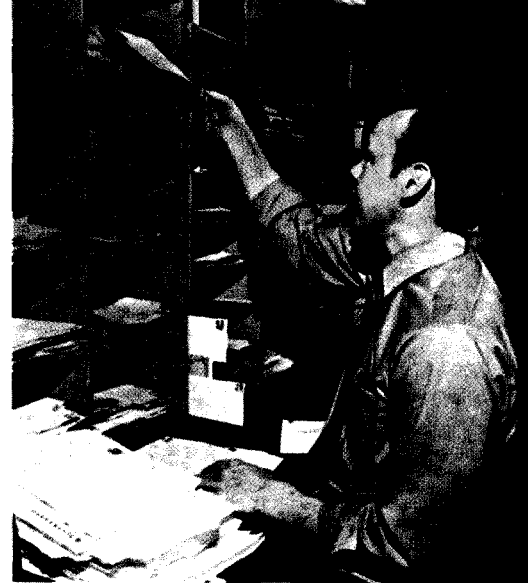
It takes many people, and much equipment, time and training. The huge influx of mail long ago grew to the point that Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong were no longer able to answer all mail addressed to them. For that reason, they set up a personal staff — directly responsible to

them — to read and answer their letters. Over 150 people are needed to do the job, about half of whom are Ambassador College students.

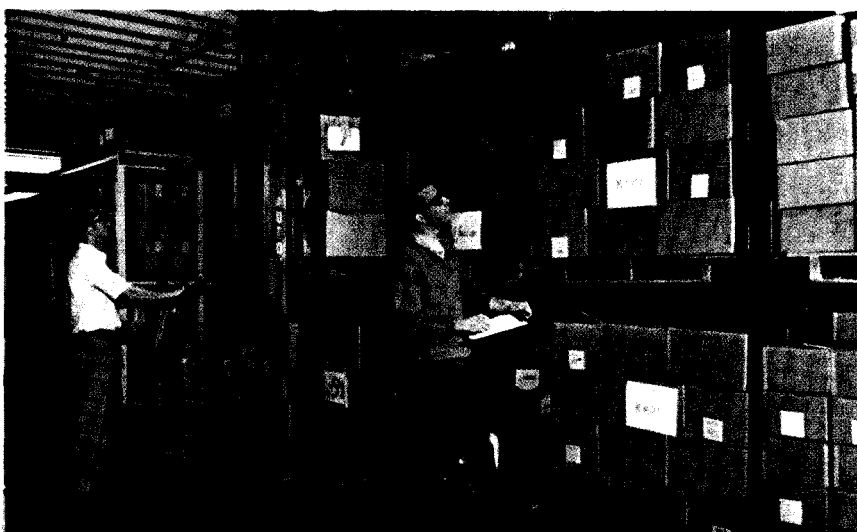
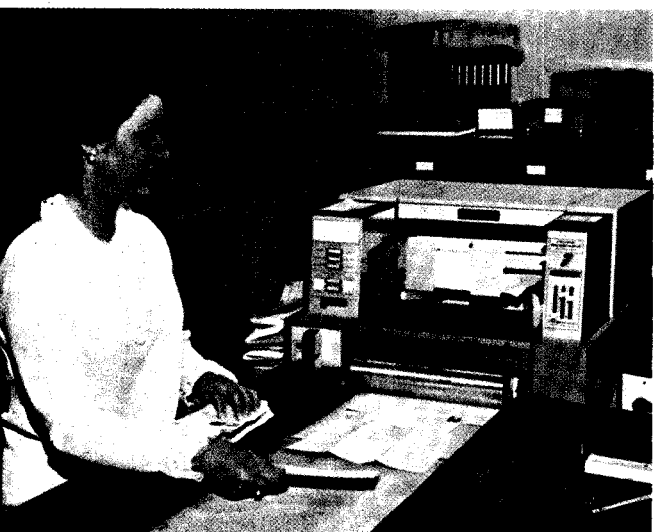
That's in the United States alone. Other smaller staffs in England, Australia, and our other offices around the world do a similar job, varying only in detail. This article will focus in on our Headquarters office in Pasadena — to give a basic, general picture of what goes on in all our offices.

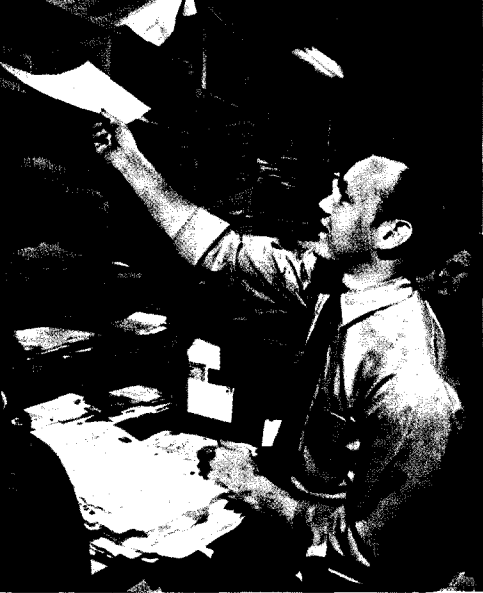
The 7-8,000 letters a day come in for many different reasons and purposes. Some write in to request a reprint article they read about in *The Plain Truth* or *Tomorrow's World*. Others want a booklet they heard announced on the broadcast. Some are moving — and need their mailing addresses changed. Still others might have questions they

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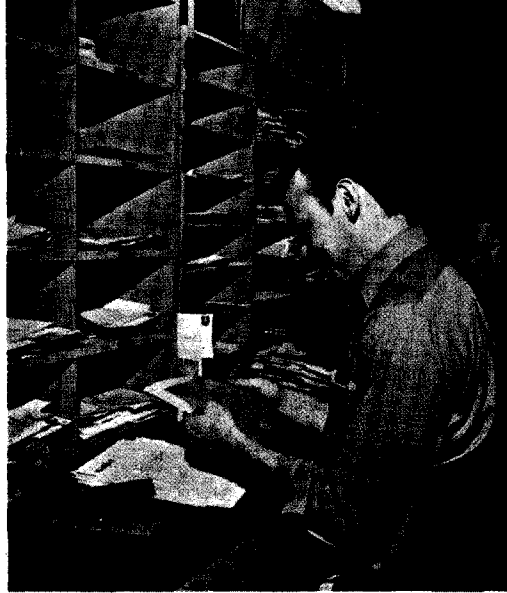


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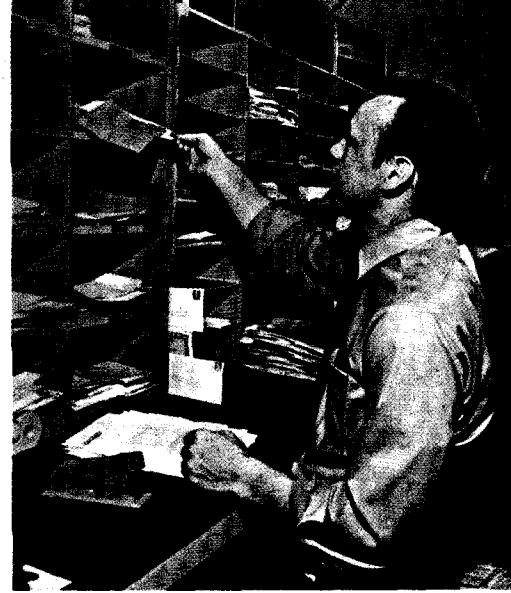




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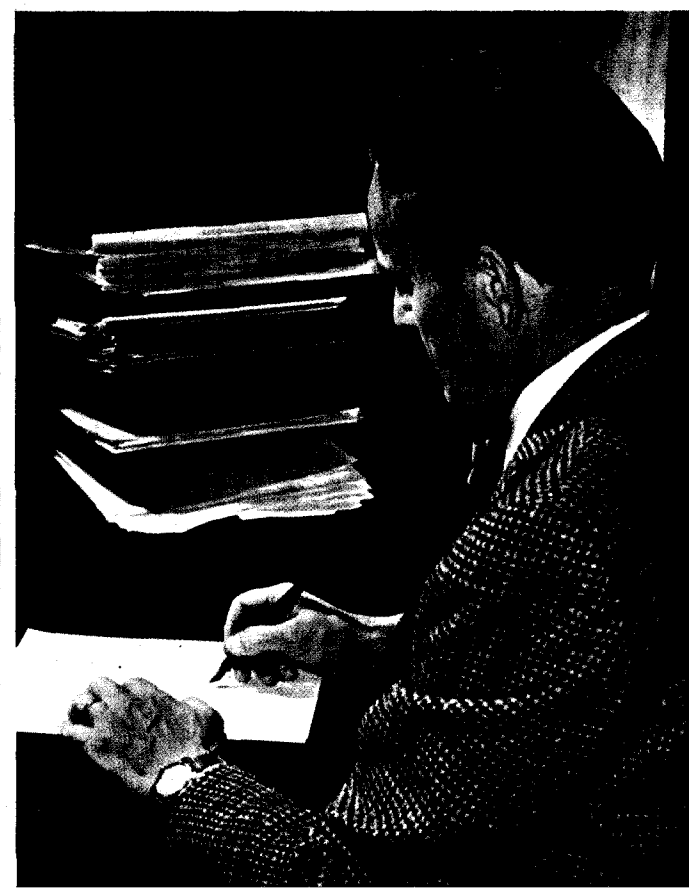
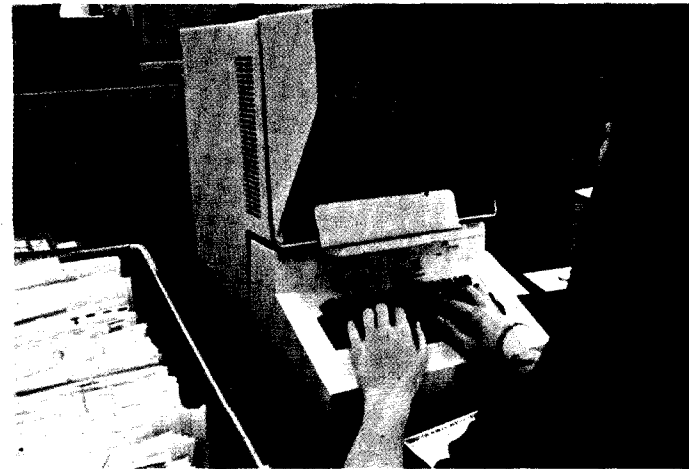


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—Theater College Photos



Above left: The terminal section processes thousands of requests daily. Extreme left: Many letters we receive are placed on microfilm. Left: Mailing warehouse is filled with millions of pieces of literature. Above right: A terminal operator enters some information into the computer. Below right: Letters requiring a lengthier reply are answered by our Personal Correspondents.

need answered, or comments to make. Then there is Co-Worker mail, requests for personal counsel and many other individual requests that require immediate and personal attention.

So the first thing is to open and date the mail, and sort it into various categories. The mail must be organized, divided, and broken down — and sent to the right places, to be read and processed one letter at a time.

Terminals

The record of names and addresses of all those who regularly subscribe to Ambassador College publications is maintained in our computer. For that reason, most of the mail will at some point be processed through terminals.

What is a terminal? "Terminal" is short for "2260 IBM Inquiry Terminal." A terminal looks essentially like a typewriter keyboard with a television screen on top of it. Terminals are used to get information from, or record information in, our computer. (All information in our computer is held *highly confidential*. Only those specifically designated to do so are allowed to operate, or obtain information from, the terminals.)

So it is through terminals that the operators keep the computer files up-to-date. Mail requests for changes of address will be made. (About 20,000 such changes are made every month!) All new subscriptions to *The PLAIN TRUTH*, *TOMORROW'S WORLD*, and *The Correspondence Course* must be added to the files, and all donations must be accurately recorded.

Also, all literature and publication requests will be entered into the computer, which then prints the mailing labels. Requests for individual booklets, reprint articles, etc., are entered into the computer bank throughout the day. Then overnight the Data Processing Center operates the computer to process these requests, and to print out the mailing labels for the envelopes.

The computer not only prints the address labels for literature requests, but also groups together all envelopes requiring the same combinations of literature. For example, in any one day there might be several dozen people who request the crime booklet and the

pollution booklet together — and no other literature. The computer will group the address labels of these people together — making the job of the persons inserting literature into the envelopes much easier, allowing us to take advantage of postal discounts, and making the entire mailing process more efficient.

Individual Concern

Some of the mail can be handled almost entirely through terminals, especially those letters requesting just a specific booklet or reprint article. Each of these requests is given individual, personal attention and care — by a *human* being concerned with the human product — with people's lives!

Besides these letters there are many others who write in, asking questions, or wanting advice and help with their problems. These letters are *carefully* and *thoughtfully* read by our Personal Correspondents. If the question has to do with the understanding of a scripture or of Biblical doctrine, then printed literature which contains the needed information is sent to answer.

But if the letter needs a personal answer, then our Personal Correspondents write a private letter.

Letters from all over the United States contain requests for a personal, private appointment with one of our representatives. These letters are promptly dispatched to the respective men, who are stationed in various parts of the United States.

Outgoing Mail

Others are responsible for mailing out the booklets, reprint articles, *Correspondence Course*, Co-Worker letters, semi-annual letters, donation receipts, renewal letters, and on and on. (*The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD* are mailed out directly from the Ambassador College Press.)

We have in recent years acquired various automated devices to accelerate this operation. There are four automatic inserters, inserting, in the case of the high-speed Philipsburg, 10,000 letters per hour at maximum speed! Cheshire labelers are also being used, capable of affixing mailing labels on up to 27,000 envelopes per hour.

Once the literature is inserted and the

mailing labels glued on the envelopes, the mail is sorted by ZIP code and bagged before going to the post office. This facilitates its movement through the postal system and hastens its delivery.

Still others must take care of the storage and restocking of all printed items — quite a job in itself. In illustration, there might be in stock at any one time over a million booklets in over fifty titles and half-million reprints in over 130 titles. There might also be a million lessons and tests of the *Correspondence Course* — and several million envelopes of many different types!

There are people who tabulate mail response to *The WORLD TOMORROW*, which goes out over 460 different radio stations worldwide. We're very concerned with the effectiveness of each of our radio stations — to ensure that every Co-Worker dollar is spent properly. Each station is analyzed by its mail response to determine whether it effectively reaches the most people at the right time.

Others handle telephone requests for literature and pass on letters to the Editor with specific comments of interest to the Editorial staff.

And there are many other jobs too — all necessary, all vital in reaping the harvest God gives His Work (Luke 10:2). For that's how God describes the process of the Gospel message, that "as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and returns not thither, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: *So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it*" (Isa. 55:10-11). God's Word goes out over *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast.

And last year the harvest from that Word included over three million letters. Handling that harvest could *not* be done without the many dedicated men and women in offices around this world — with Co-Worker support, Ambassador training, and the best modern machinery — who labor in this area of God's Work!



Ambassador College Photo

ISRAELI ARCHAEOLOGY DIRECTOR LECTURES AT AMBASSADOR

IN DECEMBER 1968, Ambassador College entered into a partnership with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Israel Exploration Society for the purpose of conducting archaeological explorations in Jerusalem in the vicinity of the Western (wailing) Wall and the Temple Mount. This is the biggest, most extensive "dig" under way today anywhere in Israel.

Since that time many close ties have developed between the two schools. In 1969, Ambassador students and faculty were privileged to hear in person from Dr. Binyamin Mazar, director of the excavations and a former president of the Hebrew University. Also that year, they were honored with an address from Mr. Michael Ravid, Israeli Consul-General in Los Angeles at that time.

And just recently came the oppor-

tunity to hear from the Israeli Department of Antiquities — which oversees all archaeological work in Israel — in the person of its director, Dr. Avraham Biran.

Dr. Biran, a leading archaeologist, has had experience working on many digs in Israel and also in Iraq. Prior to his present position, he held a number of diplomatic posts including Consul-General of Israel for the western United States from 1955-1958.

From 1966 to the present, he has personally headed the excavations at Tel Dan, site of the northernmost city of ancient Israel.

Attending the series of three lectures at Ambassador, Pasadena were some of Dr. Biran's personal friends, leading figures of the Friends of Archaeology of UCLA and members of the Southern

California branch of the Archaeological Institute of America as well as interested Ambassador students and faculty.

In Israel, Dr. Biran pointed out, archaeology is like a national sport. It is "a national obsession that reaches into all walks of life."

In his first lecture, he surveyed the various sites in Israel that have recently been excavated. And they are numerous! One might think at first that this might be something of a waste, especially for a country with such great defense burdens and a severe manpower shortage. But on the contrary, archaeology is one of Israel's strengths. It is vital for Israel, and for any nation for that matter, to maintain its ties with its past. The ideas and ideals that built the nation and have given it direction, aims and a purpose for being must be preserved if the nation is to remain strong. Also, the mistakes of the past must be remembered lest they be relived. The study of archaeology and history therefore can strengthen a people by encouraging them to strive to even surpass the greatness of the past.

In discussing his work at Dan for the second lecture, Dr. Biran showed by slides and diagrams evidence of both the Israelite and Canaanite occupations of ancient Dan (Laish, Judges 18:27-30). Especially impressive was evidence of a huge "high place" used for pagan worship by both Canaanites and Israelites. That Dan was a center of pagan worship is often noted in Scripture. (See Judges 18:30; I Kings 12:29-30; II Kings 10:29; Amos 8:14.) Dan is therefore of primary significance in studying the fall of ancient Israel.

Dr. Biran again surveyed numerous sites in discussing "The Bible and Archaeology" for his final lecture. Highlights here were pictures of a plaque found at Caesarea mentioning the governorship of Pontius Pilate and also the most recent find of the bones of a man who had been crucified. This was the first archaeological evidence of a crucifixion.

Finally, Dr. Biran expressed his appreciation for the involvement and interest of Ambassador College in the archaeological work being conducted in Israel.

News of the Work

News from the Vancouver Office



The WORLD TOMORROW telecast now goes to every major city in Canada! Several new TV stations were added early this year — one being station CHAN and its satellite stations in Vancouver, B.C. This chain covers the major percentage of the population centers in British Columbia. TV stations CJOH Ottawa and CJSS Cornwall are also now carrying the telecast.

Growth in 1970

Letters are now pouring into the Vancouver office by the thousands each week from all areas of Canada. The mailing list for *The PLAIN TRUTH* had jumped in two short years by well over 100% to over 100,000 copies monthly at the end of 1970. Over 300,000 letters flooded the Vancouver office in 1970, requesting various pieces of literature as well as our monthly publications, *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD*. The circulation of *TOMORROW'S WORLD* was 33,000 by last year's end — after only one and one-half years of publication.

Who Is Serving You Canadians?

Almost seventy full-time employees in the Vancouver office and in most major cities across Canada work long hours each week. Some read the thousands of letters, others type envelopes to mail out literature. Still others work full time answering questions in personal letters to the many thousands that write in asking for information and help.

Our representatives in the major cities in Canada spend long hours on the road driving and in personal contact with those who request to be contacted —

assisting and serving all those who desire the service. (If you live in Canada and desire to be contacted personally, feel free to write to Box 44, Vancouver 1, B.C., and ask that one of our representatives contact you. Your letter will be forwarded directly to him and he will see you as soon as he can. Of course, he will *not* call on you UNLESS you personally request it.)

The Fruits of Service

We are meeting head-on the major personal, civic and national problems that face not only the Canadian society but this whole world. The lives of multiple thousands are being changed and people are finding answers and a happiness they never had the slightest idea of how to find before.

Here are a few of the excerpts from various government officials and police departments in Canada:

I would appreciate to receive from you any pamphlets or documentary concerning youth. I for one am a police educator for the Laval Police Force and our aim in this field is to help our youth, so any written documentation can be useful in our line of work. I have been looking at many programs on television, advertising your cooperation with the public and wish to encourage you to keep up the good work.

A booklet entitled *Crime Can Be Stopped — Here's How!* has been received by this force from the Winnipeg Police Department and we believe it will be of value in our community relations program.

I might have found your program better than other people. Being an education officer myself, I teach the same thing to the children and parents every day. This is the reason why I am writing you. The speaker mentioned two books entitled "How to Protect Yourself Against Crime" and "About Child Rearing" which were handed out free.

Now just a few letter excerpts from individuals expressing their appreciation for God's Work and the changes it has made in their lives.

Your magazine deals with hippies and drugs and many people read it, so could you please try to find space for this letter; I'm sure it will open some peoples' minds. I'm 16 and I started using drugs when I was 14. I started out with aspirins and ended up in acid. I could never figure out why they called it that until I found out that it burns your soul out and I just didn't care! With these "feedings" I got weird so I left home to find love and peace. I thumbed to California and stayed there for about 6 months, blowing my mind. "H" was beautiful but after two years I looked at life more realistically because I couldn't stand the phoniness of it all. I don't know what the rest of my life will be like but I think I can face it better and more realistically now.

I am a 14-year-old girl who has read your books time and time again in wonderment. Some stories are quite frightening to me, as it is difficult for me to visualize the trouble and temptations of our society. Still this beautiful book has guided me to many right decisions. As you probably know the teen-agers of today are greatly influenced by many things but I haven't been because I read this book. It is hard for me to explain how you have helped me, as words cannot explain your Work.

I would just like to say that after reading your booklet "Hippies, Hypocrisy, and Happiness," I realized that you are so right about the reasons young people become hippies and turn to drugs for "kicks" and a "way out." Some of these people don't think there is any future for them and don't care if these drugs are killing them or not. The truth is they are either too lazy or haven't got the "guts" to face up to life. I have been off drugs now for 4 months and am quite happy. I am working steady and able to talk to my parents and accept my country's laws.

And so, the Work of God changes lives in Canada — and around the world!

The Laying on of Hands

The Bible leaves us in NO DOUBT as to what THE LAYING ON OF HANDS is and how the true Church of God should employ it.

by Richard A. Wiedenheft

THE MOST basic doctrines of Christianity are listed in Hebrews 6:1 and 2 — repentance, baptism, faith, and the resurrection. Among them is *the laying on of hands*.

Yet you have probably never heard of the *laying on of hands*. Most so-called Christian churches seem oblivious to this basic Biblical teaching — and those who do recognize it, misunderstand, misapply, or misuse it.

Old Testament Examples

Back at the time that God was bringing the children of Israel out of Egypt, He instructed Aaron and his successors to lay their hands on certain of the sacrificial animals. This was done as a symbol of the figurative transfer of sin to the animal to be sacrificed. (See Lev. 8:14-23; Num. 8:10-14.)

An excellent example is what took place on the Day of Atonement. "And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness" (Lev. 16:21).

Certainly Aaron didn't have a special set of hands — his were just like any other Israelite's. But this physical ceremony was commanded by God to make the physical, unconverted Israelites realize that their sins needed to be atoned for and ultimately placed on the head of the father of sin — Satan.

To Confer Blessings

In Genesis 48 is recorded Israel's (Jacob's) blessing on his two grand-

sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. "And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the first-born" (verse 14). Joseph, the boys' father, objected to Jacob's putting his right hand on the second born, but Jacob refused to change the position of his hands: "I know it, my son, I know it: he [Manasseh] also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother [Ephraim] shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations" (verse 19).

Jacob's hands certainly didn't make Ephraim and Manasseh become the great peoples they are today — the power of Almighty God did that. But God used the physical symbols of Jacob's right and left hands to be a visible sign of the blessings He was to grant those two boys and their descendants.

Christ's Example

Some might reason, "Sure, God used physical symbols and ceremony in the Old Testament, but we worship God in 'spirit and in truth'; we don't need physical symbols." Note the example of Jesus Christ Himself. He conveyed a blessing to small boys and girls by laying hands on them. "Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray. . . . And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence" (Matt. 19:13 and 15).

Christ's physical hands didn't do anything for those children. Only God,

through the power of His Holy Spirit and through His angels, can bless and protect us; but the point is, our Lord and Master used a physical *laying on of hands* as He prayed to God for a blessing on those small children.

He didn't limit this simple physical act to the unconverted people of the Old Testament. He used it as a symbol of authority to ask for a blessing on the children, and He set an example for His true Church to follow.

To Give Authority

God has also willed that *the laying on of hands* be used in ordaining His servants to a position of responsibility. Moses passed on his authority to Joshua by laying hands on him. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him; And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. And thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses" (Num. 27:18-20, 23). Notice that it was *not* Moses who put Joshua over all Israel. Moses merely laid hands on Joshua as a *symbol* of the fact that God had placed him in that office.

New Testament Examples

There are many New Testament examples of a person being ordained to an office through *the laying on of hands*. In Acts 6:5-6, the seven deacons were set before the apostles, who prayed

and *laid hands on them* — putting them into the office of deacon.

Another example is found in Acts 13:1-3. "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and *laid their hands on them*, they sent them away."

Again, it was God who chose these men to do a job. By laying hands on Barnabas and Paul, the leaders of the Church merely put approval on what God had already done.

Timothy was admonished by Paul, "Lay hands suddenly on no man . . ." (I Tim. 5:22). In other words, he was telling Timothy, "Don't ordain anyone to an office on the spur of the moment."

Paul also exhorted Timothy to ". . . stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by *the putting on of my hands*" (II Tim. 1:6). It was *God Almighty* who gave Timothy the gifts that he had; but God works through a physical Church and a physical ministry. It was Paul who placed his hands on Timothy as a *physical outward sign* of the fact that God had chosen Timothy as a minister.

Recognition of Authority

God has ordained that His Church employ *the laying on of hands* as a *physical symbol of the authority that God placed in His Church and with His true ministers*. Timothy couldn't have jumped up one day and proclaimed himself a minister all on his own — he had to recognize the authority in God's Church and in the Apostle Paul. He had to be placed into the ministry through the *laying on of Paul's hands*; because Paul had been given authority by God — through *the laying on of the hands* of the elders and apostles before him. Thus the authority in God's Church went back to the twelve apostles, who were called, chosen, and ordained by Jesus Christ Himself.

Timothy couldn't have been ordained

by just any church or any minister. He had to be ordained by the **TRUE CHURCH** and **TRUE MINISTRY**, *through which God was working*.

Receiving the Holy Spirit

Christ gave the ministers of His Church the authority to baptize those who have truly repented of their sins. Along with the physical act of baptism is promised the Holy Spirit — through *the laying on of hands*.

Millions have supposedly been baptized, but very few have ever had hands laid on them for the receipt of the Holy Spirit after baptism. And fewer still have had hands laid on them by a person who had authority from Jesus Christ to baptize.

Notice the example in Acts 8. Philip went to the city of Samaria to preach the Gospel. Many believed and were baptized. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the Gospel had been preached at Samaria, they sent Peter and John, "who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost [Spirit]: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then LAID THEY THEIR HANDS ON THEM, and they received the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8:15-17). It could have been a few days or even weeks between the time these people were baptized and the time they had hands laid on them to receive the Holy Spirit.

Obviously, the physical act of placing one's hands on someone else doesn't transmit the Holy Spirit. Only God Himself can beget a repentant, baptized person with His Spirit. But God has given us the example of this physical procedure as a symbol of recognition of the human instruments through which He works.

The Example of the Apostle Paul

Even the Apostle Paul, though he was struck down by Jesus Christ Himself, received the Holy Spirit only when Ananias laid hands on him. "And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and *putting his hands on him* said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that

thou mightest receive thy sight, and *be filled with the Holy Spirit*" (Acts 9:17). Immediately Paul received his sight and was baptized. In his case, as in a few others, Paul first received the Holy Spirit and then was baptized: the normal pattern, however, was baptism first — then receiving the Holy Spirit through *the laying on of hands*.

Several years after his conversion, Paul visited Ephesus and found people who had been baptized by Apollos unto John the Baptist's baptism; they hadn't even heard about the Holy Spirit. Paul instructed them more fully about repentance and baptism. "When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had *laid his hands upon them*, the Holy Spirit came on them . . ." (Acts 19:5-6). First they were baptized, then they received the Holy Spirit through *the laying on of hands*.

The most ignored and misunderstood aspect of *the laying on of hands* is its application to the miraculous healing of sickness.

Again, Christ Himself set the example. When He came to His own country He found such little faith that He remarked, "A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house" (Mark 6:4). The Gospel writer Mark continued in verse 5: "And he could there do no mighty work, save that he LAID HIS HANDS UPON A FEW SICK FOLK, and healed them." Luke 4:40 says, "Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and *he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them*."

In Acts 28:8 we find that Paul also laid his hands on Publius' father to heal him.

Concerning His true ministers Christ stated: ". . . They shall LAY HANDS ON THE SICK, AND THEY SHALL RECOVER" (Mark 16:18).

You can locate many similar examples by checking the words "laying" and "hands" in a concordance.

Christ said that His true ministers

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What It Means To Be... EQUAL with GOD

Can human beings literally become equal with God? What exactly would that mean? Are these questions "childishly absurd"? Or even blasphemous? Many people think so. But not God. And it's His Plan and His universe—He should know!

by Robert L. Kuhn

THE BIBLE states that the purpose of human life — the ultimate goal for all human beings — is to eventually be born into the God Family, to eventually become equal with the Creator of the universe!

Equal with God!

Shocking? Undoubtedly. But this remarkable fact is surprisingly easy to prove. There is no difficult "exegesis" (scriptural analysis) involved. Symbolic logic is unnecessary. Complex philosophical arguments are not needed. And Hebrew can even be "Greek" to you — and you can still understand this simple, beautiful truth.

In one sense, all that is required is a four-step process:

1) The Creator of the universe is the One who became Jesus Christ (John 1:3, 10; Colossians 1:16; Ephesians 3:9; Hebrews 1:2).

2) Jesus Christ is equal with God (John 5:18; Philippians 2:6).

3) We are joint-heirs with Christ, and as a sure result, we will all be glorified together with Him (Romans 8:17).

4) Whatever glory God the Father had given Christ — the position of Creator — Christ will eventually give to us (John 17:11 and 22). In other words, every converted individual will eventually enjoy the same relationship to Christ — God the Creator — as Christ presently enjoys with God the Father.

In another sense, all that is required is a "childishly simple," word-by-word reading — without interpretation — of Genesis 1:26. Here God succinctly gives the purpose of human life: Whereas animals reproduce after the animal kind, man reproduces after the God kind! Or, more properly phrased, human beings are the instruments through which *God is reproducing Himself*.

Which means that you were born to literally become a *Son* in the God Family-Kingdom. Now that is not a dark saying. It is not the esoteric wisdom of a far country. And it is surely not cloaked in mystery. God's Plan is straightforward. It is explained and expounded in dozens of scriptures.

What the World Offers

You can scrutinously investigate all of the myriad denominations, synods, sects, cults, orders and offshoots that this world has to offer — and never find even a remote allusion to the fact that God is a Family, that God is reproducing Himself, and that man was created to literally become God.

Now there is certainly no dearth of *ideas* floating around. Any way you want it, you can find it — some religion is sure to feature it. This world's religious system offers *every* conceivable possibility for man's ultimate destiny: everything from angelic beings to eternally physical beings, everything from dis-

embodied souls to transmigrated bodies — *everything but the truth*.

Looking for a purpose in life? Check your newspapers, magazines, yellow pages, grocery store bulletin boards, college campuses. Find yourself a religion that suits you. You've got thousands to choose from. Surely at least *one* church or organization has been specifically tailored to your tastes. Get yourself an austere one — or one with all the weird variations, special nuances and distinctive frills that the human mind can concoct thrown in as part of the "package deal." Better yet, make up your own "package deal" — invent your own religion.

You can believe anything you want. Anything but the truth. Anything but the incredibly awesome fact that every human being was designed to grow up to join the God Family.

We repeat: No religion of this world even comes close to hinting that man's purpose in life is to be born *as a Son* into the Family of Almighty God.

Now that all by itself should seem rather odd. In all the wide spectrum of religious beliefs it would seem that at least *one* would have stumbled upon the obvious, literal word-by-word meaning of the Bible. But none has. Perhaps we will cover that very interesting point in a later issue of **TOMORROW'S WORLD!**

Now, it is true that a few religious fringers might possibly agree that "man is to become God." *But their*

"God" is not God. They just use this respectable three-letter term as a convenient label to attach to some nebulous, self-satisfying platitude like "Cosmic Consciousness" or to some amorphous, self-glorifying quality like "Infinite Intelligence." And the goal of human life, these self-assured mystics maintain, is to become "At One with the Cosmic Consciousness" and to be "merged into the Infinite Intelligence."

This watered-down excuse for a purpose in life is the "calling-card-come-on" of many "mental science" religions — and also figures prominently in some non-Western religions. All of these philosophies have one point in common: They preach the utter dissolution of the individual human personality. You are to be diffused into the "Cosmic Consciousness," absorbed by the "Infinite Intelligence" and swallowed up by "Universal Love" — much like a drop of yellow paint which becomes completely diffused after being dropped into the ocean, or like a decaying human body which becomes totally absorbed into the surrounding soil after many years in its grave, or perhaps like those hapless human minds which were swallowed up by the invading monster brains which terrified us in the science-fiction movies of the 1950's.

The Bible absolutely repudiates all such attempts to destroy the dignity and the majesty of each distinctive human mind. Human beings will always retain their individuality — we will become individual Personalities in the Father's God Family.

What God Offers

It cannot be repeated too often:

We were born for the express purpose of literally becoming equal with the Creator of the universe — members in the same eternally ruling God Family-Kingdom.

But what will we be like?

Like God!

Exactly!

Exactly like God!

We will *do* what God does. We will *feel, act, enjoy* and *experience* at precisely the same presently incomprehensible level of awareness at which God feels, acts, enjoys and experiences.

And we will not lose our unique awarenesses and our individual personalities. We will not be diffused into the "Cosmic Consciousness," we will not be absorbed by the "Infinite Intelligence," and we will not be swallowed up by "Universal Love."

As a matter of fact, just the opposite is true: The members of God's Family in tomorrow's world will be more distinct from one another than members of the human family are distinct from one another in today's world. All will have their own individually specific memories, abilities, personality traits, jobs, responsibilities, preferences and ideas. But there won't be any competition or conflict. Because the old culprit — self-centered human nature — will have been long since eliminated.

Exactly Like God? How's That Possible?

When mankind is promised to be made "equal with God," that of course means that individual human beings will eventually become qualitatively equal with God — and obviously does not mean that individual human beings will eventually become quantitatively equal with either God the Father or Jesus Christ. Being "equal with God" only means that we will be in the same God Family as the Father and Christ are in — and has nothing to do with an equality of power, authority, intelligence, etc., *within* the Family.

In other words, those people who will be changed "in the twinkling of an eye" (I Corinthians 15:52) will share the same exact *qualities* of life which today are only possessed by God the Father and Jesus Christ.

For example, one of God's *qualities* is that He has inherent life — He generates *eternal life intrinsically within Himself*. Because *God is life*. "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself" (John 5:26). Consequently, since the two original Beings in the God Family created all mankind to grow to become qualitatively like themselves, when we individual human beings are changed into new, individual *God-Beings*, we, too, will generate eternal life *intrinsically* within ourselves (John

7:38; 4:14; 3:16, 36; 6:47; 10:28; 17:2, etc.)

But quantitatively, man will never equal God the Creator, just as surely as God the Creator (Jesus Christ) will Himself never quantitatively equal God the Father (John 14:28).

These two original Beings in the God Family will always remain in overall command. Their absolute authority will never be questioned — although they will delight in sharing progressively more of their responsibilities with their offspring as the God Family continues to expand throughout space and time.

What Being God Will Really Be Like

We have seen that God is reproducing Himself. And this is what human life is all about.

Every individual person has been created to grow toward Sonship (Romans 8:14-15) — to become a literal Son of God — a Son who is in every way qualitatively equal to his Father, yet a Son who is always in thankful and gracious submission to his Creator Father.

This overall concept is not difficult to grasp.

But it is crucial — because *that's what human life is ALL about*.

Perhaps a practical analogy will help us to more fully comprehend the wonders of God's magnificent purpose — and the majesty of our individual calling.

Picture the model of a large family corporation. The Rothschilds of Europe are perhaps the best example. The "Patriarch" father founded the company "from nothing" many years ago. He labored long by himself to build the business. When he begot sons, he desired to prepare them for the time when they could come into his organization. He nurtured them and he trained them. And so, after receiving all the proper education and experience, his sons matured into able, dedicated men. Their father now took great pleasure in turning over much administrative responsibility and governing authority to his sons. Each son was placed in charge of one major division — in addition to occupying a seat on the board of directors. As a direct result,

HOW MANY CREATORS?

by Gunar Freibergs

MANY ancient peoples have preserved among their myths an account of the creation of the world. Distorted though such stories may be, they do contain certain basic elements common to other, more reliable ancient documents. The *Popol Vuh*, the sacred book of the ancient Quiché Maya of Guatemala, for instance, contains a creation story very similar to that found in the Bible. It opens with a vista of emptiness very much like that of Genesis 1:2:

The surface of the earth had not appeared. There was only the calm sea and the great expanse of the sky. There was nothing... There was only immobility and silence in the darkness, in the night (*Popol Vuh*, Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1950, p. 81).

In this expanse of water and chaotic gloom, then, creation began.

But unlike the conventional concept of a Creator doing all the work, the Maya account speaks of *two* beings. Tepeu and Gucumatz, the "Creator" and the "Maker," known as the "Forefathers," combined their efforts for the task:

Tepeu and Gucumatz came together in the darkness... and talked together... discussing and deliberating; they agreed, they united their words and their thoughts... Then they planned the creation, and the growth of the trees and the thickets, and the birth of life and the creation of man.

The story proceeds then with "Let there be light!", the appearance of dry land, plants, animals and man, much as in Genesis.

But why *two* creators instead of one? Surely, if the inhabitants of Central America could remember and maintain — independent of the Biblical record — the less important details about the creation, they ought to have a pretty good idea about who did the creating. Yet

they speak of *two* creating beings instead of *one*.

The point is, of course, that the Mayas are absolutely right on this particular point! Even in speaking of two creators they have actually retained a detail not commonly understood outside the original Hebrew context of the Genesis record. For the Bible, too, shows there were *two* distinct personalities involved in creation, not one as commonly assumed.

When Genesis 1:1 opens with: "In the beginning God...", the Hebrew word for "God" used here is *Elohim*. It is in the *plural*, designating more than one. The English translators unfortunately did not perceive this, and hence simply rendered *Elohim* in the singular as "God." Yet the sense of plurality was not completely lost, for Genesis 1:26 was correctly translated in accord with the original: "And God said, Let *us* make man in *our* image."

Most professing Christians would find it alien to conceive of more than one being as the creator. Yet *Elohim* expresses plurality in a uniplural sense. The word means "God," but in a family relationship. The New Testament speaks of "God the Father" and "God the Son," the One who became Jesus. They are two distinct beings, but both are God, *Elohim*. Both of them have been together since eternity. "In the beginning was the Word [the Son], and the Word was with God [the Father], and the Word was God" (John 1:1). Together they planned the creation, and God the Son carried it out (John 1:3; Col. 1:16).

Thus the Bible reveals that there were actually two spirit beings — two distinct personalities who united their efforts in the creation — exactly as the Maya account so surprisingly relates.

the business was able to expand enormously in many directions at once. The father, of course, still presided over and ran the whole operation — yet it was the collective strength of his sons which made the family corporation grow great. The sons, of course, enjoyed the same *quality* of life as did their father — intellectually and financially — but the father would always remain somewhat richer in all areas. The sons counseled and advised their father on all decisions — but the father would always be the boss. His word would always be final. Everybody thoroughly loved his work — and his life. A family atmosphere prevailed. And when each son would have his own sons, the ruling family would geometrically increase. And the family corporation would continue to grow.

So it will be when human beings become Sons in the eternally ruling God Family.

Exactly so.

After being nurtured and trained in this physical life, after receiving all the proper education and experience, we will be able to assume the positions of enormous responsibility and authority which Almighty God will take great pleasure in sharing with us. At that time, each individual Son will have precisely the same relationship with God the Father in administering the entire universe as human sons have with their physical father today when they help administer their large family corporation. And, in the very same analogous manner, we, as Sons of God, will enjoy the same quality of life that God the Father enjoys.

Furthermore, as strange as it sounds, we will counsel and advise our Creator Father — we will have suggestions and opinions which will actually help God the Father administer all reality, suggestions and opinions which will be original and unique.

Life will be scintillating. Eternity could never get boring: "In thy [God's] presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalm 16:11).

And the God Family will forever expand beyond all the bounds which our restricted human imaginations have erected. □

Personal

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packets at candy counters, with the slogan, "Have you had your IRON today?" Supposing raisins to be rich in iron, millions bought the raisins.

One of the hardest elements known is manganese. This metal is used in bank safes. Yet small traces of this element are drunk in through rootlets of some plants and converted into *living* matter in food. Our bodies *need* manganese. But it is a good thing for us that they need only small traces of it, or we should not be able to obtain enough of it in organic form.

So it is literally true that "we are just what we eat." Each of our bodies started from a small ovum, no larger than the period at the end of this sentence — and even that was developed through food that grew in the ground. And that ovum had to be fertilized by a sperm cell only one fiftieth as large. But what caused that tiny embryo to GROW until you were born? It was developed from food that grew out of soil — out of dust. But you are now much larger and heavier than when you were born. Where did all the *rest of you* come from? From FOOD, which came from the ground — FROM DUST!

So it is literally true that you *are* what you eat — and "dust thou art." Since you ARE merely *food* converted into a human body and mind, is it not plain that whatever FOOD you put into your mouth has a very great deal to do with WHAT you are — and WITH YOUR HEALTH or lack of it?

Now let me give you more facts.

Of the *two* kinds of compounds the 16 elements compose, ONLY organic ones are food. Many inorganic compounds are actually in fact — like potassium cyanide, deadly poison! For example, anemic people need more iron. They have become anemic through iron deficiency. But if you are to build natural good health, you must get that iron in ORGANIC FOOD — not in pills made of inorganic iron. ONLY organic substances grown through food are naturally absorbed into the bloodstream to replenish broken-down cells and supply tissue, healthy flesh and blood.

Now of the 16 NATURAL elements that grow in food, twelve are alkaline-reacting elements. Included in these are iron, calcium, magnesium, potassium, silicon, sulphur, manganese. These supply the nourishment — replace deteriorating cells, build bone, flesh, tissue, skin, hair.

Four of the 16 elements produce carbohydrates — the acid-reacting food-stuffs. These are carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen. Principal of these is carbon. These are found in starch, sugar, and fats. You've read advertisements advising, "Give your child more (the brand advertised) to supply quick energy." One thing is wrong with that: IT IS TOO TRUE!

The carbohydrates *do* supply our energy. They are — up to a certain point (and *that's* the *vital* point) absorbed into the bloodstream. On the way back to the heart the blood passes through the lungs. Your lungs are like the carburetor in your automobile. The "carbon" in your car that supplies *its* energy is the gasoline (petrol to our British and Continental readers). As it passes through the carburetor, it is *freed* on mixing with the oxygen in the air. This is a little explosion, which forces down the piston and results in propelling the car.

In like manner, as your blood passes through your lungs, it "fires" upon mixing with the oxygen in the air you have inhaled. Your breath filters out the waste products the blood is carrying off, and they (broken-down cells) are expelled through exhaling your breath. That's why you sometimes have "bad breath." I think you can see what happens when your lungs are filled with poisonous tobacco smoke. They simply do not perform their full duty. And *this* damage is *in addition to* what doctors are now telling us about LUNG CANCER! You get a DOUBLE DOSE of bad health!

At the same time, this "firing" of the carbon in the blood supplies not only ENERGY, it also supplies your bodily heat — keeping your body at normal temperature of 98.6 degrees.

Now here is a MOST IMPORTANT FACT! Nearly all of us, today, because of what our food factories have done to our foods, are eating several times more

of the carbohydrates in food than we should for normal good health. So WHAT HAPPENS? If this carbon in the blood supplies not only energy but also our bodily heat, WHY does it not raise our bodily temperature up to two or three times the normal 98.6 degrees?

The answer to that is IMPORTANT!

That is something DOCTORS OUGHT TO BE TELLING US. Why don't they? I guess you'll have to ask *them* — I can't answer for them. Perhaps they are just so busy TREATING the PENALTY you have incurred by BREAKING NATURE'S LAWS, eating an over-abundance of the carbohydrates.

But I will tell you what happens. And YOU had better HEED!

If eating twice as much of the carbohydrates as you should actually *doubled* your bodily temperature, you'd die of high fever before the doctor could get to you. But YOUR CREATOR provided a preventive, so it does not react quite that way. Just as some taxicab companies put a "governor" on the accelerators of their cars, so that the driver can only push it down far enough to reach the controlled speed the company has predetermined — perhaps 45 — perhaps 55 or 60 miles per hour — so your Maker designed the bloodstream of your body to absorb no more carbohydrates than 1/2 of 1% approximately of either the weight or volume of blood — and at the moment I do not remember which.

What, THEN, happens to the excess of the carbohydrates you are stuffing down your stomachs? They *do* supply a certain unnatural artificial energy — but they are primarily eliminated in an unnatural way, contrary to nature's laws, through the kidneys. And this process in time builds up and causes a whole string of these modern diseases of a law-breaking civilization! But SOME of it *is* carried as a toxin or poison by the blood into muscles and joints. And after so long a time, you "catch a cold" or "a fever" — so you think, not realizing that you actually ATE that cold or fever before you "caught it." It may go into pneumonia! A cold or fever is merely a sudden violent elimination of toxins and poisons you have injected into your body by

WRONG DIET which has BROKEN GOD'S PHYSICAL LAWS!

Or, this accumulation of toxins may result in rheumatism, arthritis, or other disease.

Actually, your body requires two or three times as much of the alkaline-reacting mineral elements as of the carbohydrates — yet the average American or Briton is eating at least two or three times as much of the carbohydrates.

And *what are* the carbohydrates?

They are the starches, sugars, fats and oils.

Today nearly everything we eat passes through man's hands — or his factories — before it comes to the consumer. In the interests of bigger profits the gigantic food industry is giving us a diet of FOODLESS "foods."

Take wheat. Wheat is almost a perfect food. It contains all 16 major food elements, in near perfectly balanced proportion. But they take that perfect grain of wheat apart, rob it of the 12 mineral elements, and turn it into white flour — containing the four carbohydrate elements.

Why?

Well, if they were to give you real WHOLE wheat flour, it would spoil after so long a time. And in the BIG BUSINESS distribution system, the flour may not reach the consumer until after it spoils. *That* would mean a loss to the food industry.

One dietician gave this advice: "My BASIC RULE in diet is: Eat *only* those natural foods that will spoil — and eat them before they do."

What SHOULD we do? Well, I'll tell you what we do at Ambassador College. We raise our own wheat in Kansas, our own beef and many other items of food in Texas. We have large trucks (vans — lorries) — the largest allowed on the highways — one a refrigerator truck. We bring our own hard wheat, naturally and organically grown, in our own trucks to the Pasadena and Texas campuses. There we have our own stone grinders. When our bake shops are ready to bake another batch of bread, or pastries, the wheat is ground into flour — real whole wheat flour — and immediately baked. We use honey or

natural brown sugar instead of "refined" sugar (which has been robbed of its alkaline elements).

There are many things more that we do — but that serves as an illustration. We feed about 1200 students on all three campuses three times a day, and we try to feed them on REAL FOOD, not foodless "foods."

There is another area in which our English-speaking peoples ruin their own health. They take a good steak, or a mixed green salad of uncooked leafy green vegetables, or other fruits or vegetables, and then RUIN them with sauces, gravies, or dressings that will wreck any stomach — at least in time! People think they must mix foods into conglomerations of meat with starch, sugars, condiments, artificial flavors, preservatives, sea-"foods," and unhealthful mixtures — IN CONFUSION! The "best" chefs are those who can concoct the most injurious sauces and conglomerations. And then the people of this degenerate world suppose it is just NATURAL to be sick!

A little baby will put about everything in reach into his mouth. It seems most of our adults are still doing it. If we like the taste — or develop a perverted taste — we think it must be good food! But everything that grows is NOT good food. Nor is every animal good for food.

Another reason our bodies are being robbed of the alkaline minerals is the way our women cook. Ask a woman WHY she does not feed her children steel-cut oats, and natural brown rice.

"Oh, that takes too much time!" she will probably answer. So she uses the quick-cooking minute oats or minute rice — the kind that has been robbed of all the real food value and reduced to a starch. She *just can't afford to take time* to give her children good health. She must HURRY — and build up in their bodies anemia, and diseases that will KILL them before their time.

A murder is merely ending a life *before its time*. Many of you are doing that on the installment plan — doing it not only to yourselves, but also to your children.

Suggest to a woman that she cook her vegetables on slow heat — at a

temperature of 180 degrees in a heavy aluminum utensil. She will probably protest that she can't take the time. Many women, I have found, simply are unwilling to believe the TRUTH. They think proper cooking would take more time — and THEY HAVEN'T TIME to keep their children healthy. If it means killing their own children BEFORE their time — murder on the installment plan — they simply CAN'T TAKE TIME to prevent this installment-plan murder!

Many children are raised on a diet of white bread, jellies and jams, potatoes with greasy and starchy gravy, a little meat, pie and cake and cookies and pastries, and candy. Some will ask: "Well what else *can* we eat?"

Eat more vegetables — green leafy raw salad vegetables unspoiled by injurious dressings; non-starch vegetables cooked at low temperatures — about 180 degrees, and served with only butter and a little salt; fresh fruits; clean lean meats (NO FAT); whole grains; fresh raw (unpasteurized) milk, butter, cheese; eggs and clean fowl.

What about potatoes? And I mean Irish potatoes. Are they not starchy? Only when and because you women pare off the alkaline part containing the needed minerals. Slice a potato in half and notice the ring a little way inside the skin. The portion between that ring and the skin is the alkaline part. The inside is the starch part. If you cook the whole — unpeeled — potato in a heavy aluminum pan at about 180 degrees temperature, you'll find that the skin is *very* thin and will peel right off, leaving you the WHOLE potato. In this form, it is called by some the king of vegetables.

If you have bony, knobby knees and elbows, and would like to be more pleasingly rounded (or plump without being fat or overweight), try cutting out the *inside* of the potato, and eating often of the alkaline part. The alkaline portion outside the visible ring, a little way inside the skin of the potato, is strong in potassium. In perhaps six months you'll be surprised at what this natural, organic potassium will do.

In this editorial I have had space only to scrape the surface of this subject. Perhaps sometime I may find

time to write more fully and in more detail.

But before ending, I want to give you a little of what our Creator says about health and sickness. It is God's will that we be IN HEALTH (III John 2). God intended us to obey His laws — His physical laws that operate in our bodies for good health as well as His spiritual Law. Yet He knew our weaknesses and rebellious nature. When we repent of breaking His spiritual Law and transgressing against Him, our loving and merciful Father has provided a way for removing the penalty — through Jesus' sacrifice, paying the penalty in our stead.

In like manner, when nature's laws have been broken, this is God's instruction to those who have become His begotten children:

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and *the prayer of faith* shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:14-15).

Notice important specific points in that instruction. It says the prayer of FAITH shall save the sick. But James also says (chapter 1:6-7) that if one's faith wavers, he will not receive the answer. Yet also, in the "faith chapter" of the Bible, Hebrews 11, we read this: "He that cometh to God must BELIEVE that he *is*, and that he is a REWARDER of them that diligently seek Him" (verse 6).

And again, what we ask of Him we receive BECAUSE we keep His Commandments, and do those things that please Him (I John 3:22).

So, although God *does heal*, there are conditions — we do have our part to perform.

Notice further: When the sick came to Jesus, He healed them, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matt. 8:17). And I Peter 2:24, "by whose *stripes* ye were healed." Before Jesus was crucified, He was beaten with stripes — paying the penalty of our *physical* transgressions in our stead.

This kind of healing — and nothing else *is* actual HEALING — is a divine miracle, FORGIVING physical SIN — and removing its penalty. It is a MOST SERIOUS THING, not to be taken lightly — not to be made a mockery of by fanatical and wild public demonstrations in "healing meetings." Jesus healed — the apostles healed — He gave AUTHORITY to His ministers to heal — but they did it quietly, without demonstration, as a ministry of LOVE — not as a highly publicized circus sideshow to attract crowds.

This sort of sensational "divine healing" is NOT the way of God. Such practices today have only brought ridicule and discredit and in no sense do I advocate or approve them! The courts and law-enforcing agencies, as a result of these UNSCRIPTURAL "divine healing" practices, are completely hostile to "divine healing." But what Jesus did, and commissioned His true ministers to do, IS SOMETHING ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT.

Real healing by God's power is a matter of FORGIVING SIN — sin against the physical body. Read Luke 5:18-26. None but GOD can forgive sin (verse 21). Doctors, therefore, CANNOT HEAL. They can work *with* nature's laws — but that is not HEALING.

Do we, then, advise people *against* going to medical doctors? By NO MEANS. Doctors have their place in this world. But the healing that God performs is NOT OF THIS WORLD.

I have answered the call of thousands, who have come to me for prayer for healing. Many *have* been healed — miraculously — of even cancer and an advanced case, in a hospital, of leukemia. On the other hand, many *have not* been healed. Yet I have prayed with the same faith for the one as the other.

WHY are many not healed? Jesus said it is ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH. Perhaps they did not fully believe. Perhaps they were not obedient. Perhaps they should read James 4:3, where it says: "Ye ask, and receive not, *because...*" And you may read the answer yourself.

So let me make this plain.

I DO NOT SAY, DON'T GO TO THE DOCTOR of medicine: I DO NOT KNOW

whether *YOU* will be healed by God — because I cannot know whether you have the faith, are conforming to God's conditions, have really repented and turned from violating God's Laws. I do not leave people without ANY help — for, if they do not have the faith, have not repented, are not keeping God's Commandments, they probably won't be healed, and I cannot advise them against the only help they might have — that which this world's society has set up. Healing by God is NOT a thing to experiment with!

But, why not solve this whole question by avoiding the CAUSE of sickness and disease — and KEEPING HEALTHY in the first place? Then there is NO PROBLEM, is there? □

Laying of Hands

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and servants would *lay hands on the sick* — and the sick would recover. While many professing Christians know nothing of God's promise to heal, others make a public mockery and display of what they think is the healing power of God.

James 5:14 is a command from God to those who are sick. No minister's hands are special or holy. No olive oil has any mysterious power. It is God Himself who heals through His Holy Spirit; but He has prescribed a physical act to show our faith and trust in Him and to show that we know where He is working on the earth today — to show our acceptance of the authority He has placed with His servants.

How clear God's Word is! From beginning to end it mentions and explains this basic doctrine — *the laying on of hands*. It's not mystical or magical. There's no spiritual power or faith in anyone's appendages.

But God commands that the physical act of *the laying on of hands* be used by true Christians.

How many churches are there that make this *basic truth* part of their WAY OF LIFE?

You can be sure that Christ's TRUE CHURCH will be following His example in the doctrine of the laying on of hands in its many applications. □

Letters to the Editor

Personal from the Editor

I have digested your latest copy of *Tomorrow's World*. I lack words to define my appreciation of the thought you put into your editorials, especially from the Bible for authoritative proof of the statements you make. You leave no room for conjecture. God bless you for the enlightenment you show in your work.

Frank S. S.,
De Land, Fla.

Thank you for your "Personal" in the February issue of *Tomorrow's World*. It is just what I needed to straighten out my thinking. As a result of your article, I am going to forget about sending to "the Work" just what I think I can afford. Instead, I am going to go ahead with a full 10%.

James J.,
Columbus, Ohio

A World at War

I enjoyed "A World at War" in the February *Tomorrow's World*. So many things and events are happening in this day and time that most people are hardened to the fact of a calamity striking this earth. If the people of this world only read the Bible, and understood the warning of God's prophets.

Cordell B.,
Smithville, Tenn.

News of the Work

I just wanted to tell you how much we appreciate "The News of the Work" in *Tomorrow's World*. I'm especially thinking of the baptizing tour in Africa. It's certainly inspiring to see these people sacrifice so much to go traveling so far to see God's ministers. We also want to thank the ministers for their sacrificing to make the trip in the face of all the hardships they have. We also want to thank Mr. Armstrong for the news and details about his round-the-world trips. These letters and articles help us to feel more a part of God's Work.

Jeanne C.,
Fresno, Calif.

Plain Bible Teaching

The articles in this February issue on Acts 2:38 were really an eye-opener for me. In all my 39 years I have never heard a preacher explain just what the ceremony at baptism actually meant. Should these five articles ever be made into a booklet, I would like to have a copy.

Billy H.,
St. Charles, Ill.

• *We are considering just that — when it is available we'll let you know.*

The article "Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit" by Robert L. Kuhn is terrific. It moved me spiritually. I want to meet one of the true representatives of God.

Vernon N.,
Lanark, Ill.

"Jesus Freaks"?

Yes, I would definitely like to receive counseling, and if I can measure up, baptism. Until quite recently, I was a nose-thumber at "Jesus Freaks." Since I've started reading the material sent to me, I've sincerely looked forward to the mailman's visit each day, just in case there's more coming. My wife is also reading the material and we've both decided to try turning the other way.

Richard C.,
Bakersfield, Calif.

• *"Jesus freaks" we are NOT, but representatives of the Real Jesus of your Bible are on their way to counsel with you as you requested.*

Teen-ager Finds Priceless Knowledge

Just received the February number of this magazine, and I just had to write and say that *Tomorrow's World*, along with *The Plain Truth* is improving dramatically with each successive issue. Not only can't I satiate my hunger for the priceless knowledge and instruction contained in these magazines, but I desire more and more to put myself in this Work of God — and at age 19, I realize more and more that mental and spiritual growth just can't come fast enough! The more I learn, the more precious God's knowledge becomes to me — and as I said, I just can't get enough! Keep it coming!

Robert H.,
Pebble Beach, Calif.

Ambassador College Tour

We had the pleasure of visiting Ambassador College at Pasadena in January. All the pictures that we have seen, all the literature that we have read about the college, did not do it justice. The atmosphere there is so different than that of other colleges that we have visited; everyone was so friendly and helpful. Our guide was so enthusiastic about his work there. He had a very positive attitude and seemed to know where he was going, which is something missing in most of the young people with whom we come into contact.

Mrs. Theodore B.,
Fairfield Bay, Ark.

Cannot Accept Truth

Please discontinue my *Plain Truth* subscription along with my *Tomorrow's World* subscription. I guess the reason I am doing this is because I know what is going to happen to the world within the next few years and I just cannot accept it as the truth. When I can bring myself to believe it, I shall then request to be placed on your subscription list again.

Kenneth H.,
Cheektowaga, N.Y.

• *Please reconsider, Ken. Staying in the dark won't help. Besides, this magazine not only warns of things to come, but*

also shows the only way of escape. You say you "know" what's going to happen, but you want to wait till you can "believe" it? It may be too late, then! Hang in there, Ken — we are going to make an exception for you and keep sending this magazine to you — free of charge, of course — we KNOW it will help you BELIEVE!

"Freely You Have Received, Freely Give"

I am so glad that your magazines are made available whether a person can afford them or not. Because if I had to pay for them right now, I'd definitely be out of luck, and I have gained so much from *Tomorrow's World* and *The Plain Truth*.

Mrs. R.S.W.,
Warwick, R. I.

• *The Living Christ knows that many have limited incomes. Therefore, He has directed that there be no charge for His Gospel (1 Cor. 9:18; Prov. 23:23). Jesus said, "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matt. 10:8). Our Co-Workers believe and practice this principle.*

How to Study the Bible

Since September, 1970, I have been very much interested in your magazine. I now am a habitual reader of *Tomorrow's World*. It has helped me greatly to become a better Christian both in thought and in deed.

Then there is the question that always arises in my mind when I read your articles. That question is "How do you manage to find all of those passages in the Bible to which the article pertains?" This thought very much plagues me and I must say that I am a little jealous of the fact that you know so much about the Bible. Any tips or hints on how to get more out of my Bible reading and study would be immensely appreciated. I am now only 16 but I have this unquenchable desire to learn more and more about our Lord and Saviour and the Bible itself. Like I've said, any hints or tips would be greatly appreciated.

Robert M.,
Bellefontaine, Ohio

• *Why not enroll in the FREE Ambassador College Correspondence Course, Robert? This course is a unique, in-depth study of the Bible itself which leads you to understand the amazing truth of God's Word. And while you're at it, ask for the FREE reprint article, "Twelve Rules for Bible Study." It will give you additional valuable hints for reading and studying your Bible.*

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