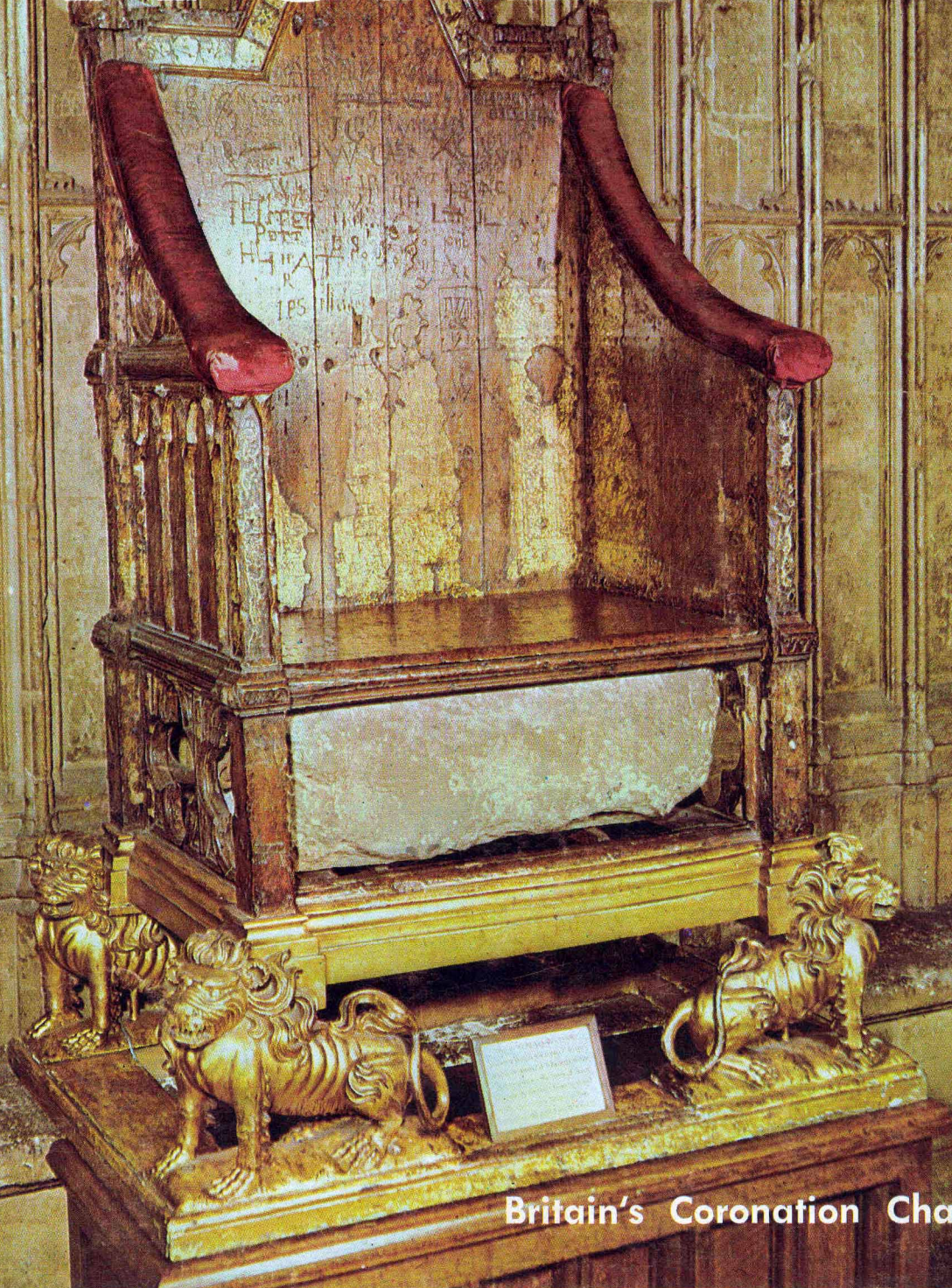


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Personal from the Editor

LAST MONTH I wrote about the ecumenical movement to unite the churches — by compromise of doctrines and practices. So now I would like to ask in retrospect — and answer: What about this whole church question — as it concerns *YOU*? WHERE is the original *true* Church which Jesus Christ founded — the one the *living* Jesus Christ STILL HEADS today? That is the question that haunted me, back in 1926 and early 1927.

I had been reared, like many of our readers, in one of the respected and older Protestant denominations. From infancy I was taken to Sunday school and church. I was told that I was “saved” because I had a “birthright membership” in the church. I didn’t know much about what my church believed — but I don’t remember worrying about that.

But by age 18 I lost interest, and seldom attended after that. On leaving school I entered the advertising profession. I was ambitious. I craved STATUS. So I worked hard, studied continually to improve my abilities, drove myself relentlessly toward that goal of STATUS!

Then, after nationwide occurrences totally beyond my control had twice taken businesses I had started, I was *angered* into an intensive study of the Bible for the first time in my life. So far as the Bible was concerned, I had always said, “I just can’t UNDERSTAND the Bible.”

Strange — I had always *craved* understanding — but about other things. The Bible seemed to me a dry, dull, dead Book that NOBODY could understand. I assumed, of course, that the churches had received all their beliefs, teachings and customs from the Bible — but then, I just had no interest in religion.

But finally, early fall of 1926, I was challenged! I was *doubly* challenged! My wife had taken up with “*religious fanaticism*” — that is, it seemed fanaticism to *me*! She claimed she found it IN THE BIBLE — but I knew good and well that was impossible, because it

was a belief and practice utterly CONTRARY to the churches.

“All these churches can’t be wrong,” I said. “They get their teaching from the Bible, and this fanaticism of yours is *contrary* to what they teach.”

“Well, maybe they teach *contrary* to the Bible, then,” my wife insisted, “because I got THIS out of the BIBLE!”

Argument was no use. She said if I’d show her where the Bible taught differently, she’d give it up, but not otherwise.

At the same time a sister-in-law challenged me in regard to the theory of evolution. I had never happened to study evolution in school or college. She said I was just plain IGNORANT if I didn’t believe in evolution! This stung my pride! Me IGNORANT? What an INSULT!

“All right,” I answered, “I’ll study into the evolutionary theory thoroughly, and if you’re wrong, as I know you are, I’ll PROVE IT to you, and make you *eat those words!*”

I had always believed in GOD — though I knew little about Him, and just was not concerned about “religion.” Of course I had never researched the question deeply and thoroughly, to PROVE whether God exists, or whether evolution is true. Few ever have. I just took God for granted, and *supposed* evolution was a false theory. Nearly all who believe either in God or evolution have *assumed* their belief WITHOUT PROOF!

But no longer for ME! Now I had to KNOW!

It became an almost night-and-day study of the Bible, and of in-depth research in books on evolution, geology, paleontology, biology, physics. I did research into radioactivity. That proved there had been no past eternity of matter, but CREATION! I studied the creation account in Genesis. It was a six months’ intensive research, often studying until 1 or 2 a.m. But in the end I PROVED the existence of GOD and the infallible inspiration of the Bible; I *disproved* the

evolutionary theory and *did* make the sister-in-law "eat those words!"

But in the argument with my wife, *I LOST!* She was right. I was wrong. It was by far the bitterest pill to swallow that had ever confronted me.

You see, it meant not only confessing I was wrong. That is hard enough for the carnal mind. But I had now learned HOW wrong I was, not only what I had believed through assumption, but what I had done and what I *was*. I had thought I was *pretty good!* Human nature always thinks that. I had learned it is just plain BAD and EVIL.

I thought immediately, "IF I accept Bible teaching, and begin to LIVE by it — IF I give in to accept Christ, become converted, live a Christian life, what will all my former business associates and friends say?"

In my mind, it meant GIVING THEM ALL UP — for good!

It meant conversion! And that is something I don't believe happens *really*, and *fully*, without an inner struggle. It certainly didn't in my case. It meant GIVING UP! It meant giving up everything my heart had been set on — my life goal. It meant forsaking my way of life — a total about-face! Actually it meant giving up my IDOL, though I didn't see it that way, then. It meant UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER to God. It meant giving up MY LIFE, actually, and GIVING IT TO GOD!

In the end, I did it!

But now I faced a NEW CHALLENGE! In this intensive study, I had found that "all these churches" CAN BE WRONG! I found that, so far as I knew of what the church I was reared in believed, it was diametrically contrary to the Bible.

Now the question came, WHERE is the TRUE Church — the one Jesus Christ founded — the one He HEADS today — the one that carries out His MISSION — the one He said He would never leave or forsake?

I had been shockingly disillusioned! It had been virtually a traumatic six months.

When I read Romans 6:23, I stared at that verse in my Bible in shocked, incredulous disbelief! It said, "For the wages of sin is DEATH, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." I had always believed the wages we earn for SIN was just the opposite of DEATH. I had been taught that what we get paid for SIN was ETERNAL LIFE — in hell fire!

This verse says eternal life is something we can only receive AS A GIFT from GOD.

But NO! Surely no! We already have eternal life — so I supposed — we are immortal souls! I learned that many theologians INTERPRET that verse — that is, they PUT A DIFFERENT MEANING INTO IT. They change the meaning of the words to make them conform to their belief instead of letting God's Word change their belief to conform with God's Truth. They manufacture a new definition of the word "death." They define "death" to mean "separation from God." I looked at this verse again. On the one hand, for sin, we get DEATH. On the other hand, the opposite of that penalty is ETERNAL LIFE. Now, it certainly was clear, if ETERNAL LIFE is the very opposite of DEATH, then DEATH cannot mean eternal life!

I was shocked to find that in many — if not most — teachings of Jesus and the New Testament, the churches now teach the very opposite, and follow opposite customs and practices!

I was confused! My head was swimming!

But there it was, in plain language. I read that SOULS can die! "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4, 20). It was important enough to be stated twice. Then my startled eyes read, in Revelation 16:3: "and every living *soul* DIED in the sea." That said SOULS can DIE. Then I saw where Jesus said souls can be DESTROYED! "... But rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna" (Matt. 10:28).

It began to look like the churches *were* wrong, after all! But did not Jesus Christ found His CHURCH? He surely did, and I found where He said the gates of the grave would never prevail against it — IT COULD NOT BE DESTROYED! I found where Jesus Christ said He would never leave nor forsake it — where He would always be "in the midst" of it. I found where He was the living HEAD of it! Jesus Christ was resurrected from the grave. HE IS STILL ALIVE!

So WHERE was the Church He was guiding, directing, and using?

I was perplexed. But I kept searching. I continued studying.

I found where Jesus Christ came to DO THE WORK OF GOD. He came to bring mankind the GOSPEL, from GOD. Yet He said that *of Himself* — as a human — by His own human power, He could do nothing — He was utterly powerless, of Himself, for this divine

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Just what IS Death? IS there a Resurrection? Do the DEAD know what the LIVING are doing? Is SUICIDE unforgivable? Where will you meet loved ones again? WHY does God allow CHRIS-TIANS to die? Does death ever come as PUNISH-MENT? What if one dies being UNconverted? Is he lost forever? Here GOD ALMIGHTY answers, from His inspired Word, the question —

What Is

by Garner Ted Armstrong

DEATH is the ENEMY of man — and we all hate it. We hate it most of all when death strikes very close loved ones, taking them away from us, out of our lives, away from our daily routines — just gone.

And most do not UNDERSTAND death.

Why is it that, with all our advancements in science and industry — our accumulation of knowledge, that we STILL do not know the answers to the biggest and most puzzling questions of all — WHAT ARE WE, and WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Millions believe in some kind of life AFTER death. But no one seems able to

PROVE such an assumption. Some believe we NEVER DIE — but go on living, in one place or another, or in one form or another, for *all eternity*. Others believe we have *always lived*. They think life is a strange succession of *different existences* — each in a different form, in a different place.

But no one seems to KNOW for sure!

Just How Important IS It?

When public-opinion pollsters ask Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen their opinions about life, death, and the hereafter — they find most simply unconcerned.

They just don't like to *think* about it — *especially* happening to THEM.

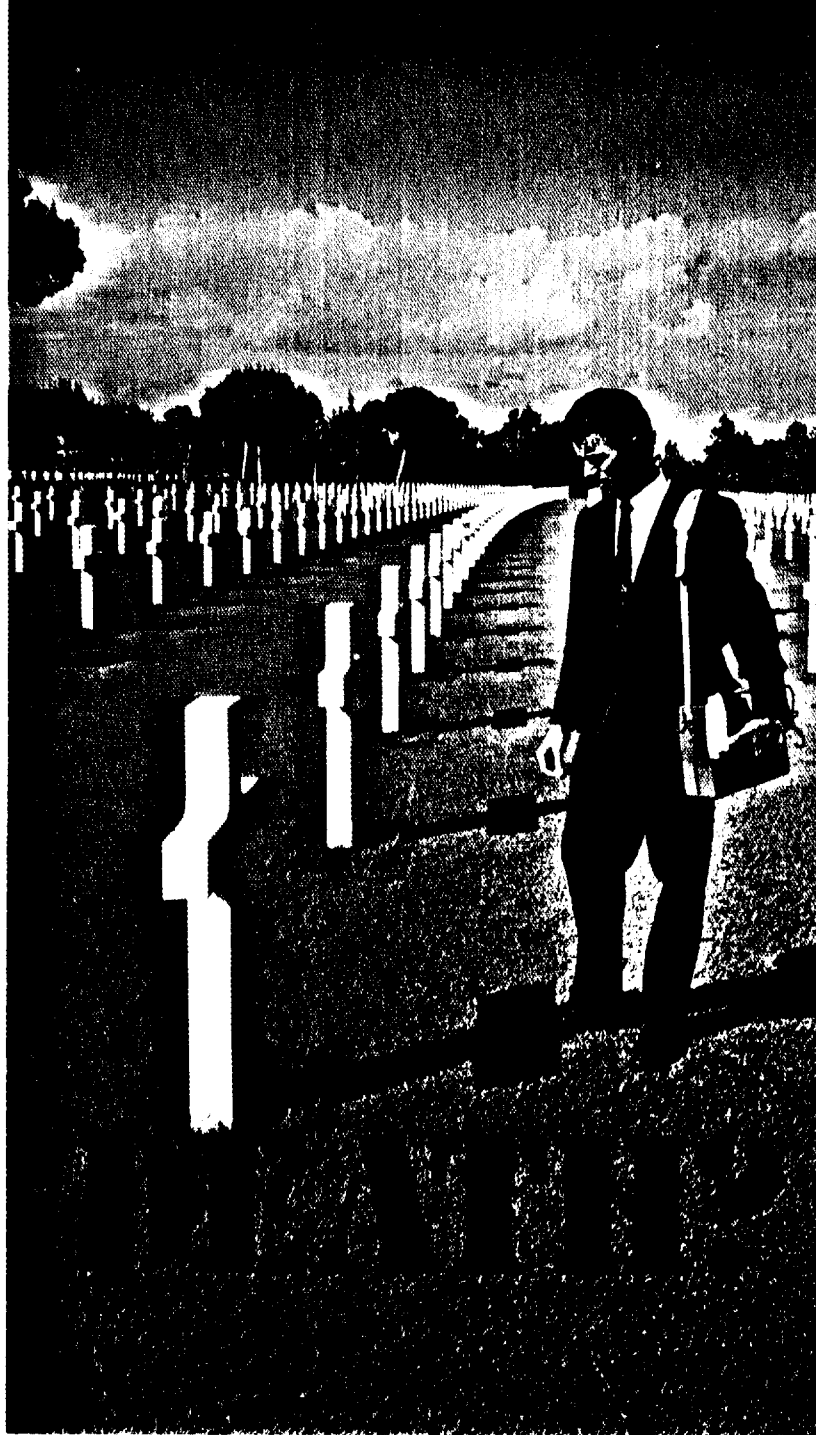
But when death strikes — suddenly EVERYTHING IS CHANGED! Suddenly, we MUST pause, in our swiftly moving lives, to face death. And we are compelled to ask, "Just what is death?" And, for that matter, WHAT IS LIFE?

Can ANYTHING, after all, be more singularly *important* than the answers to THESE questions?

You're here. You *live*. But WHY?

Unsolved Dilemma of Centuries

Serious though these questions are — *urgent* though they be — *man has not*



yet answered them! Science does NOT KNOW — says it *can't* know. Philosophers, theologians, anthropologists, historians, scholars of every stripe have put their minds to these fathomless mysteries for the many CENTURIES now, and have not found the answer!

Today, modern space-age science, and a dazzling array of technological achievements have created an awesome new Dagon for the Western world. The average citizen finds himself continually amazed at all that is accomplished in the name of science.

He faithfully trusts this false god of science to lengthen his life span — transplant his kidneys when they fail, help him reduce or put on weight, change his very personality, and perhaps allow him to choose the sex of his progeny.

The modern world looks to its mechanical god — science — to SAVE it from all its troubles. People look to medical science to save them from sickness — to the physical sciences to produce the continual flow of goods and services to make their life one of physical ease and pleasure. They look to the "life" sciences to explain to them WHAT THEY ARE, and where they're going, and the MEANING of life.

But, somehow — DEATH STOPS IT ALL!

At death, science stops its mouth. A doctor, quietly sympathizing with grieved members of the family may say, in a kindly voice, "I'm sorry, there is nothing further medical science can do for him."

Today, the world exalts knowledge. It holds aloft the great institutions of "higher" learning. The leaders of mankind are the PRODUCTS of these same educational institutions — the "educated" men of the world.

But can anyone claim to be truly educated who does not know what HE IS? Is "educated" the correct description for one who does not know WHY HE IS ALIVE — OR WHERE HE'S GOING, OR WHAT IS DEATH, and WHAT HAPPENS AT DEATH??

These men CAN know. They *could* have understood, LONG ago — had they not rejected the very foundation of all knowledge, the revealed Word of God!

But God has said of them, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge [in their education — their institutions of higher learning] God gave them over to a REPROBATE mind . . ." (Romans 1:28).

Death is a fearful, unknown BLANK to the great minds of this world. They simply do NOT KNOW WHAT IT IS!

But YOU CAN KNOW — if you're willing to know! Jesus *thanked* His Father that He had "hidden these things from the 'wise and prudent' and REVEALED THEM unto babes!" (Matt. 11:25.)

YOU Can DIE!

If anything could be called "instinct" in the human creature — perhaps the "instinct" of self-preservation could.

We just automatically seek to PRESERVE, to *protect*, to LENGTHEN and HANG ON to our lives! BUT WE CANNOT! How FUTILE, how utterly HELPLESS we feel, when we are urging a loved one to "hang on" — to FIGHT TO LIVE — and see that life ebbing away right before our eyes!

But the average person just never gets around to thinking about *his own* death.

And I *don't* mean moribundity of spirit — or FEAR of death. I do not mean a constant contemplation of death — but the *knowledge* of how truly MORTAL, how TEMPORARY, how FRAGILE this physical, chemical existence really is!

Somehow, the average person feels himself almost indestructible.

He can imagine something terrible happening — to someone ELSE, but it's almost impossible to imagine it happening to *himself*. It's like a fear of the UNKNOWN. Since most people do not know WHAT is life, and WHAT is death — and WHAT HAPPENS at death, they simply prefer not to think about it.

But WE CAN DIE. And we DO. And we SHALL.

But, what happens then?

What IS Your Life?

Just what *is* this physical, chemical, brief experience we call "life," anyhow?

Now that you think about it — the words like "life" and "death" are words almost NO one has ever researched, or looked up in a dictionary.

If you *did* try to find some "sci-

entific" definition for life — you would find only some statements to the effect of "the state of being alive," or the ability of a "living" organism to utilize organic life in a living metabolism, and other such "double-talk" which would NOT, in actual fact, tell you WHAT LIFE IS!

But the Creator of all life *does* tell you what it is!

And He stresses its SOURCE, and its TEMPORARY qualities, and its UNCERTAINTY! Listen!

"Whereas you know not what shall be on the morrow. For *what is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appears for a *little* time, and then vanishes away . . ." (James 4:14).

Always, God Almighty stresses the UNCERTAINTY of life. He says, "For *dust* thou art, and unto *dust* shalt thou return" (Genesis 3:19).

You are a physical, temporal creature — *entirely* dependent upon a metabolic process of muscles, nerves, sinews and bone — upon blood and air — upon food and water. You are a living organism — a terribly fragile, temporary creature.

You're MADE of the elements of the *ground*. Perhaps, in our modern societies, of food nicely served on "man-made" plates of fine china — we don't like to think of the fact our food is literally composed of so much "dirt" — and that *we* are, very literally, "dirt." But *we* ARE!

Your Bible reveals the LIFE of man is a purely CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL existence — that our metabolic process is the same as that of animals! (Eccl. 3:19.) Nowhere does your Bible say man HAS an immortal soul, or that there *is* a "soul" *in* man. Rather, the Bible shows man is a soul. That is, each soul (*nephesh*, in the Hebrew) is a *person*, and *can die*.

Read Ezekiel 18:4 and 18:20 where God says, "the SOUL THAT SINNETH, *IT* [the SOUL] shall die." [Ed.: Read our forthcoming article entitled, "Do You Have an Immortal Soul?" in the November issue of TOMORROW'S WORLD if you want to see this completely proved in your own Bible.]

It is true there is a "spirit" in man (Job 32:8) — and this will be explained, thoroughly, in succeeding

issues. But that spirit is NOT THE MAN — and is not CONSCIOUS APART from the man. Job, in the same book said, "But man DIES, and wastes away: yes, man expires [original — implying exhalation, or expiration of *air*], and where is he?" (Job 14:10.)

In this same passage, God inspired Job to say, "O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I WAIT, till my CHANGE come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands" (Job 14:13-15).

Job spoke of being KEPT in the grave — and waiting for a CHANGE to take place — NOT of *being alive* DURING DEATH!

The Certainty of Death

You know several people who have died. Probably, some were VERY close to you — and you cherish the memory of them — remembering the way they were, the things they said and did — their personality and character. Yet, they're dead.

In the modern, "chic," God-rejecting world, death is IGNORED by most people. It's something that "happens" once in a while to soldiers, or victims in automobile accidents, or elderly people, or cancer patients, or those you read of in the newspapers. But most people simply do NOT LIKE TO FACE death. The idea is repugnant to them.

Still, as the old saying goes, "There's nothing surer than death and taxes."

Isn't it about time you WONDERED about death? Isn't it about time you began to ADMIT to yourself there IS such a thing? And isn't it about time you PROVED to yourself the real TRUTH about it?

Remember again — there is NO "dead" person to whom you can talk. Science can't give you the answer. Philosophers say they do not know *what* death is, except that it is not life. There is only ONE source to which you can go to get the TRUE answer, and that source is the inspired Word of your God!

The Bible is, in a sense, the OBITUARY of the leading men that GOD USED

throughout history. The greatest men of the Bible all DIED!

Perhaps we haven't thought about that. But it brings out a tremendous principle — and should give all of us COMFORT through life!

David was a man after God's own heart. When David prayed, GOD HEARD. The Psalms are, in many cases, actual prayers David prayed. One of those Psalms bears directly on the subject of DEATH!

David Died

David was afflicted — in what exact way we don't know. But he apparently was very NEAR DEATH!

He cried out in Psalm 102:1-5: "Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee.

"Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

"For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.

"My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread. By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin."

Finally, he cried out in verse 24, "... O my God, *take me not away* in the midst of my days..."

David cried out to God to *lengthen* his life — to *save* him from death!

And God Almighty ANSWERED THAT PRAYER!

David *didn't* die as a *young* man. He ruled Israel for forty years. David lived his full "three score and ten" and *died* at the age of 70.

But the point is that David did DIE!

In I Chronicles 29:28, we read this of David, "And HE DIED in a *good old age*, *full of days*, riches and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead."

The Apostle Peter was inspired to say: "Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is BOTH DEAD AND BURIED, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day... for David IS NOT ASCENDED INTO THE HEAVENS" (Acts 2:29-34).

David lived a full life; God answered his prayers; he did have the mind of God (Acts 13:22).

But David DIED — and he is still

dead. David is NOT in heaven. That's what your Bible says.

But WHY?

Why did David die? Why hasn't he received his reward? Will David ever be conscious again?

The Apostle Peter Died

Peter was one of the leading apostles in the New Testament Church! He was one of the Original Twelve disciples — handpicked by Christ.

Peter KNEW he was going to die!

He said in II Peter 1:13-15: "Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

"Moreover I will endeavor that ye may be able AFTER MY DECEASE to have these things always in remembrance."

So Peter died.

Yet, he wrote the book on HOPE.

Peter *hoped* for the resurrection and the Kingdom of God. But he certainly didn't expect to receive it then. Peter himself said that Christians would not find the praise and honor they sought until the APPEARING of Jesus Christ! He clearly stated in Acts, as we saw, that David was NOT in heaven — but dead and buried.

Yet, God allowed Peter — one of the most important men in God's Church — to DIE!

The Apostle Paul Died

The Apostle Paul wrote 14 books of the Bible. He was the Apostle to the Gentiles, held a very important spiritual office, had worked diligently and hard for many years, and appears to have been one of the most truly spiritual men who ever lived.

He was stoned, shipwrecked, put in prison. Paul was certainly tried in every conceivable way.

But he died.

He said: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my DEPARTURE is at hand.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me

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Putting the



by Herbert W. Armstrong

MOST of us are outraged when we hear of the wrong being inflicted upon Russian childhood by Russian propagandists. The Soviet Government has compelled the teaching of Communism to Russian children. Thus the Bolshevists expect to make Russia safe for their particular beliefs.

Yet we give our silent assent to the practice of far more dangerous methods upon our own children.

Controlled Education

This device of controlling education, so that the citizen's ideas are fixed long before he arrives at the years of discretion, is one of the oldest of human customs. If children are caught young enough, their minds can be definitely shaped to accept partisan propaganda for truth.

And now the propagandists for evolutionary science — a theory utterly unproved and by its very nature not subject to definite proof — a theory which makes it impossible to believe the Bible — a theory which strikes at the very roots of fundamental Christian doctrine — have succeeded in having their doctrine taught as established truth in our colleges not only, BUT THEY ARE PUTTING THE BASIC FOUNDATION OF THE EVOLUTIONARY CONCEPT INTO YOUR CHILD'S MIND IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS, AND EVEN IN THE ELEMENTARY GRADES.

Wide-Open Door to Your Child's Mind

So subtly is this done that few, indeed, have realized it. We have

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first article ever written for The PLAIN TRUTH. But it was not published until 21 years later. This was written five years before the first issue of The PLAIN TRUTH was published, and by that time it had been forgotten in an old file. In going over it again recently, I thought our readers of TOMORROW'S WORLD would enjoy reading it.)

simply failed to realize the deep-rooted nature of the doctrine of evolution. And so we left wide open the door of our own children's minds to an easy acceptance of evolution as truth — and a consequent rejection of fundamental Christianity.

It is highly important for us to realize that evolution is the very basis upon which most of the natural sciences have been developed.

Evolution is, in fact, itself a basic concept. It is a POINT OF VIEW, directly antagonistic to the fundamental Christian point of view. It is the concept that life has developed and advanced, over long ages of time — millions of years — from the simple to the complex — from unintelligence to modern civilization. It is the point of view that we are always advancing — everything growing better and better. It is the antithesis of the Biblical teaching of the sinful nature of man, the need of redemption, or of any sudden supernatural Creation. It is the concept of NATURALISM — the viewpoint that miracles and all things supernatural are an utter impossibility. It is the concept which discards every miracle — every

mention of the supernatural — in the Bible as the silly, superstitious folklore of an undeveloped past. It is the concept which looks upon man as sufficient unto himself — which denies the possibility of any interference from God — WHICH HOLDS THAT ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH MAN, BUT NOTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD.

That is the Concept

That is the evolutionary concept. That is the point of view from which the orthodox scientist proceeds. That, then, has become the approach by which all subjects are studied and scientific (so-called) dogmas fixed. That is the concept — the viewpoint — which is injected INTO THE TEXTBOOKS USED IN HIGH SCHOOLS, AND EVEN IN THE ELEMENTARY GRADES. That is the concept which our tax-supported public schools are injecting subtly into the immature young minds of your children and mine. Even grade-school textbooks are written from this point of view. You'll find it in the geographies and the histories. It is time for us to awake to the danger.

Listen to the words of Maynard Shipley, president of the Science League

EVOLUTION Concept

into YOUR CHILD'S MIND

of America, and a foremost evolutionist. Evolution, says Mr. Shipley, is the very root of the entire tree of modern natural science. "If you destroy the root," says Shipley, "the tree will fall." Let us realize, too, that evolution strikes at the very ROOT of the entire tree of fundamental Christianity. And if we permit evolution to destroy the root, the entire tree will fall.

"What the friends of science are really supporting, or trying to protect," says Shipley, in a recent article in which he defends the teaching of evolution in tax-supported schools, "is the validity of the *method of science*, and the moral right and duty of the workers in field and laboratory to make known to the students in our tax-supported educational institutions the full results of their researches." In other words, science is fighting for the right to teach your children and mine, in the tax-supported schools, "the full results of their researches," which means, simply, the evolutionary concept — the anti-Bible point of view — the Antichrist doctrine with which Satan is poisoning the minds of millions.

Poisoning Minds of Millions

By that harmless-sounding phrase "the method of science," Shipley means human investigation and research, proceeding from this anti-Bible point of view. "Science commands our respect," he proceeds, "on the ground that its *method* is for all time true — the method, not of tradition or revelation or authority [that is, not of belief in the authority of the Scriptures or of revelation], but of discovery, careful

observation, research, experimentation, comparison, testing, analysis, synthesis."

Shipley purposely omitted the *chief* factor in the "scientific method" which leads to colossal error — false *reasoning*, baseless *speculation*, unfounded *hypotheses*, erroneous *theories* and *suppositions*, unfounded and careless *guesses!* He continues: "We want to know, not what somebody said that somebody else said, many centuries ago [what Moses said God said], but precisely: 'What are the present facts in the case?' These facts, as fast as discovered, must be set in order, then *interpreted* and accounted for [according to the evolutionary concept, of course], not in accordance with tradition or unsupported logic, but in accordance with all the knowledge at the moment available. OUR BOYS AND GIRLS ARE ENTITLED TO THE FULL BENEFITS OF THIS METHOD — THE METHOD OF SCIENCE.

"Why, indeed," continues Shipley, "should not all boys and girls be taught at least the elementary principles of biology and geology and astronomy, all of which, I repeat, are *dependent on evolution for their proper understanding?* . . . Perhaps few would deny that we owe the best that modern culture affords to 'all the children of all the people.' TOMORROW THEY WILL BE VOTERS, who may be called upon to decide whether Biology and Geology, *which necessarily involve processes of evolution*, shall be taught at all in Twentieth Century America. Above all, OUR CHILDREN MUST LEARN THAT ALL CONTEMPORARY INVESTIGATION IS . . . FIRMLY BASED UPON THE EVOLUTIONARY CONCEPT."

Satan's Most Powerful Weapon

Does the overwhelming significance of Mr. Shipley's remarks break upon your mind? Surely Mr. Shipley, president of the Science League of America, has thrown down the challenge. His statements should prove a stirring call to arms to every real Christian! By way of illustrating further the Satanic spirit of the whole movement, the same issue of the same magazine which printed Mr. Shipley's article also printed an excellent outline of fundamental Christian belief, under the glaring caption "FUNNYMENTALS," in a spirit of ridicule.

The forces of Antichrist are organized. The war is on. Not a war of flesh and blood — of firearms and armies and navies — but a subtle, insidious war ON OUR CHILDREN'S MINDS! Better a thousand times to have our children's bodies slain in a physical war, than have their minds destroyed in this intellectual war of Satan. I repeat, that EVOLUTION IS SATAN'S MOST POWERFUL MODERN WEAPON. It is Christianity's greatest enemy.

Attack Upon Our Children

I want you to note briefly, now, a few examples of the method of attack upon our children. I quote from the opening paragraphs of the ancient history textbook of Myers, used in many high schools:

"1. *The Antiquity of Man* — We do not know when man first appeared upon the earth. We only know that in ages long past, when both the climate and the outline of the continents were

very different from what they are at present, primitive man roamed over them with animals now extinct; and that, about 5000 B.C., when the historic curtain first rises, in some favored regions there were nations and civilizations already venerable with age, and possessing arts, governments, and institutions that bear evidence of slow growth through very long periods of time.

"2. *The Prehistoric and the Historic Age* — The uncounted millenniums which lie back of the time when man began to keep written records of what he thought and did, and of what befell him, are called the Prehistoric Age. The comparatively few centuries of human life which are made known to us through written records comprise the Historic Age.

"3. *How We Learn About Prehistoric Man* — How, in the absence of written records, are we to find out anything about prehistoric man? In many ways we are able to learn much about him. Thus, for instance, we may regard existing savage and semi-savage races as representing the prehistoric state of the advanced races. As it has been put, what they now are, we once were."

Reverse of Fact

This is a glaring example of false theory. The savage of today represents *degeneration* — not advancement. Yet this false supposition, antithesis of the truth, is used as evidence of a false concept.

"4. *Divisions of Prehistoric Times*— The long period of prehistoric times is divided into different ages which are named from the material which man used in the manufacture of his weapons and tools. The earliest epoch is known as the Paleolithic, or Old Stone Age; the following as the Neolithic, or New Stone Age; and the later period as the Age of Metals. . . . The man of the Old Stone Age saw the retreating glaciers of the last great ice age, of which geology tells us. . . . The length of the Old Stone Age no one knows; we do not attempt to reckon its duration by centuries or millenniums even, but by geological epochs. But we do know — and this is something of vastly greater moment than a knowledge of

the duration of the age — that the long slow epochs did not pass away without some progress having been made by primeval man, which assures us that though so lowly a creature, he was a creature endowed with capacity for growth and improvement. Before the end of the age man had learned to use fire."

Contemporary, NOT Successive

These supposed successive cultures named from materials used, are even today, contemporary, and were not successive.

Someday intelligent people will laugh at these fables, believed in as advanced science today.

Can you reconcile these teachings with the veracity of Holy Scripture? Here, in a high school textbook, is a common example of the evolutionary concept as the basis of knowledge. The high school student is taught, not as theory, but as indisputable *fact*, the imaginary existence of long geological ages — that our forefathers were low savage and semi-savage races, from which modern civilization has developed. Does the high school youth question the authority of such statements? Naturally not. He accepts them as truth. And thus the evolutionary point of view is planted securely in his mind. He takes this concept for granted. A young mind in which such basic ideas have been grounded is well prepared to accept evolution as such when he reaches his freshman year in college.

The Tools of Science

The tools of modern science are OBSERVATION and REASON. Science, especially the natural and philosophical branches, is largely occupied with *explaining* things observed. The errors of science lie not in inaccurate observation and measurement. The mistakes and absurdities of science may be traced to its uniform insistence of explaining and interpreting everything observed from the evolutionary concept.

Dr. More, in his book, *The Dogma of Evolution*, well says: "Scientific men do carefully sift the accuracy of observations and measurements, while they are at the same time *singularly indifferent*

toward the manifest absurdity of many of the 'scientific' hypotheses."

I do not say that all science is false. Indeed, there is no conflict whatever between TRUE science and the Bible. True science is Truth. And the Word of God is Truth. Truth does not contradict itself. Religion, indeed, owes much to modern science. The more practical and mechanical branches of science have produced much which contributes toward our daily comfort, happiness, and well-being.

We may well realize that, insofar as the modern scientist confines his efforts to pure observation and measurement, he is invariably careful, cautious, accurate, and trustworthy.

The Scientists' Mistake

His tremendous mistake consists in his false REASONING, from the viewpoint which rejects the power of God, and the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures as the Word of God. "The fear of the ETERNAL is the BEGINNING of wisdom," and of knowledge. When our learned scientist scoffs at the miracles of the Bible; when he denies to God the power to interfere in any supernatural way with the works of His own Creation, and "receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God," which "are foolishness unto him"; then his vaunted "wisdom of this world is FOOLISHNESS with God." That, as nearly as I can express it, is the Bible definition of when we may accept the findings of science, and when they should be rejected.

It is well for us to bear in mind that all of the phenomena of nature which our modern scientists explain from the evolutionary viewpoint are more rationally explained from the viewpoint of "the fear of the ETERNAL," which is the BEGINNING of wisdom and knowledge.

Humanity Was Groping

The pity of it all is that, when the modern scientific movement was generated by such men as Copernicus and Galileo, humanity was groping in a degenerated age of darkness, ignorance, and superstition.

Paganism, falsely labeled "CHRISTIANITY," held a deceived world in

ignorance. The world was supposed to be flat. The sun and the moon were thought to be only a few miles distant. Religion revolved on a concept of God as literally near to the earth.

Such ignorant conceptions were taught as Bible doctrine. Indeed, many scientists today believe such ridiculous notions *to be* the teaching of the Bible. But the Bible nowhere says the earth is flat. Job knew the earth was round, and he knew of the distance from the earth of the various planets and the stars. The ignorant conceptions associated with a flat earth were merely the heritage of the medieval Dark Ages, under a degenerate, apostate, and paganized religious domination.

Yet, today science holds up the example of how, in the day of Copernicus, Religion fought the development of a true knowledge of astronomy by Science, and how today we realize that Religion was wrong, and Science was right.

This is held up as an example of the present struggle between Science and Religion over the question of Evolution, and Science assures us we will one day look back with the same amusement at present-day fundamental conceptions of a Creating God, that we now look back upon the Dark-Age belief in a flat earth. The fact is, that, developing in an age of ignorance and mental degeneration, the exponents of modern science have accepted the Middle-Age concept of religion which was pure paganism, the antithesis of the BIBLE teaching, and proceeded upon their present evolutionary concept *more* because of their reluctance to accept the religious doctrines of ignorant paganism falsely *calling* itself Christian, and the BIBLE doctrine of Special Creation, than because of any *evidence of evolution*. Evolution is wholly the result of inductive processes of reasoning.

Greatest Weapon Against Mental Poison

The greatest weapon against the insidious poison of evolutionary propaganda is sound Bible TRUTH.

Not the ridiculous ideas of the igno-

rant Middle Ages — *but* SOUND BIBLE TRUTH. It is *lack of sound Bible teaching which alone must be blamed* for the spread of the Devil's greatest intellectual weapon.

Science never has, and never will discover any evidences in nature which contradict *sound Bible Truth*. They may find much which disputes careless, willful, and false interpretations of the Bible.

And the ASSUMPTIONS, GUESSES, HYPOTHESES, THEORIES, and INTERPRETATIONS and CONCLUSIONS placed by science upon its observed and measured findings may run diametrically counter to sound Bible doctrine, and to Truth.

But a TRUE UNDERSTANDING of the Bible — a rare thing, indeed — will always prove the key and the very basis for the understanding of all things. Truly, of all the things in which human man falls short, he has no greater shortcoming than a lack of UNDERSTANDING.

What Can We Do?

We come, now, to the question:

What can we do about it?

Our schools and our colleges are handicapping your child and mine, before they start out in life, by substituting false propaganda for Truth — by implanting the ready-made doctrines of Antichrist in the plastic minds of youth. Virtually every college graduate is an evolutionist, today. The evolutionist confidently assures us that only the ignorant and the superstitious reject the "truth" of evolution.

Science is fighting for the right to teach all children — the FUTURE VOTERS, as Mr. Shipley so significantly remarks — the atheistic, Bible-rejecting evolutionary concept. It is fighting to destroy, in youth, all belief in a Creating God and in the Word of God.

Science knows we poor human beings are prone to formulate our views and opinions according to what we have been taught — *we take for GRANTED* that which we are taught from childhood. It knows that if it succeeds in its present insidious crusade, another generation will take evolution for granted as a pure matter of course.

A doctrine unproved and unprovable will thus — and only thus — be universally accepted as Truth. Christianity will be destroyed. Religion will degenerate to the low plane of pure morality — a morality which will be *outmoded*.

Predictions Happened!

Editor's Note: This article was written in 1927. All these predictions *have come to pass!* They now are the *condition* in the "civilized" world!

This gigantic trend is the latter-day spirit of Antichrist. It is the final, mighty, masterful crowning thrust of Satan — by far the most effective weapon he ever managed to employ.

Out of it already has sprung the *new* religion of Antichrist, popularly known as Modernism — a religion which accepts the moral teachings of Jesus, but denies everything fundamental in God's Word. A religion which answers the true Bible definition of the religion of Antichrist — that which "denies that Jesus Christ *is come in the flesh*."

Editor's Note: This situation is one of the reasons for AMBASSADOR COLLEGE.

"CHRISTIANITY," wrote Elbert Hubbard, "supplies a Hell for the people who disagree with you and a Heaven for your friends. The distinguishing feature of Christianity is the hypothesis that... through Adam's fall we sinned all. Christianity is a combination of morality and superstition, and they never form a chemical mixture. Man is the only creature in the animal kingdom that sits in judgment on the work of the Creator and finds it bad."

But Elbert Hubbard knew nothing of TRUE Christianity. He knew about the paganized religion in its hundreds of denominations, falsely branded "Christianity."

Had Elbert Hubbard, Robert Ingersoll, Tom Paine, Emerson, Jefferson, and other skeptics, agnostics and atheists known the PLAIN TRUTH as revealed in the Bible, they never would have been atheists or agnostics. They lived in a deceived world of spiritual darkness, where TRUTH was turned into irrational superstition.

The Astounding Truth Behind

the world's

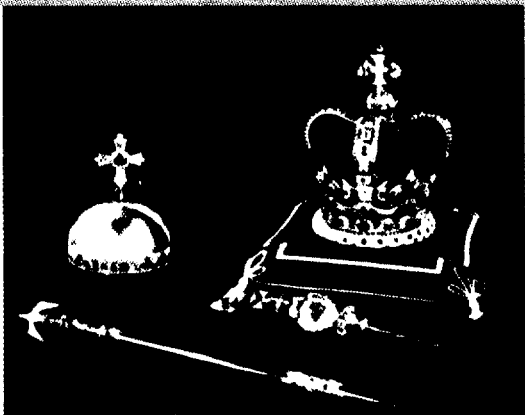


The British Throne is the oldest in the world. In July, half a billion saw via world-wide T.V. Britain's Heir Apparent, her future King, invested with the symbols of that Royal House. Will the British Throne — like so many other thrones of Europe — soon become extinct? Here is the fascinating history and the thrilling future of the 3,000-year-old Royal Throne of Britain.

by Raymond F. McNair

Above: Three "overturns" of the ruling dynasty from King David through Queen Elizabeth II. Right: Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, wearing the Crown, is seated on the throne as the Bishops pay homage, during the Coronation ceremony in Westminster Abbey, February 6, 1953. The actual Coronation Throne on which Her Majesty was anointed Queen (shown on our cover) stands in front of the Queen just out of view of the camera. Below: Symbols of British Authority, the Crown Jewels.

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oldest THRONE



Caernarvon, Wales

FEW REALISE the gripping facts behind Britain's Royal Throne. Few of the half billion who saw *Prince Charles's Investiture* knew the very interesting history behind the Throne to which he is Heir Apparent.

Few of the quarter million who flocked to Caernarvon to view and cheer the British Royal House at the Prince's Investiture remotely understand the fascinating but true story behind *how* the Royal House of Britain came to the "Sceptred Isle" ages ago.

And — few, if any, of the four thousand guests who were invited to witness the splendourous processions and the actual Investiture *within* the ancient walls of Caernarvon Castle — few grasped the real importance of the Investiture — especially as viewed in the light of the very ancient *history* and the glorious *destiny* of the British Royal Throne!

Indeed, comparatively few in all the entire world realise the *Biblical identity* of the ancient peoples who immigrated into the British Isles, and thence to North America and the Commonwealth!

To many Britons — as well as to non-Britons — the British Monarchy appears to be an *anachronism* of this space age. Many consider the Monarchy to be totally out of date — something from the mediaeval past.

Malcolm Muggeridge, a well-known British critic, has referred to the British Monarchy as a "royal soap opera." And

an American news magazine of wide-spread circulation recently made the statement that: "By any standard of rational judgment, the *monarchy*, of course, *is no longer necessary*."

But is it true that the British Monarchy is no longer necessary?

British Throne — 3,000 Years Old

It is a well-known fact that the Monarchy existed long *before* there was a British Parliament. But, shocking as it may seem to many, the British Royal Throne will continue long *after* the Parliamentary system — as we know it today — has disappeared into the dust of dim antiquity!

From the beginning, God's system of government has been *monarchial* — not *democratic* — strange as that may seem!

It is high time the peoples of Britain, the Commonwealth, and the whole world came to understand the true *origin* and the exciting *destiny* of the British throne.

Two very well-known *symbols* found on British Royal Heraldry — on the Royal Seals and the Royal Coat of Arms — are the LION and the UNICORN. What is the real significance of these symbols? Why are they used by British Royalty — including Prince Charles — until this very day? Where did these symbols come from?

Before we look at certain ancient prophecies of the Bible, it is vital that we understand one very important point.

Once God Almighty says something — once He makes a statement or a *promise* — He will assuredly back it up! It is "*impossible for God to lie*"! (Heb. 6:18.) Furthermore, "*The Scripture cannot be broken*" (John 10:35).

God Determines National Boundaries

It is God who makes and unmakes nations (Job 12:23). "Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance" (Isa. 40:15).

King *Nebuchadnezzar* of ancient Babylon had to learn this lesson the hard way. After a period of severe chastisement from God, he acknowledged God's overruling hand in human government. "He [God] doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What doest thou?" (Dan. 4:35.)

The Apostle *Paul* also understood this important truth: "And [God] hath made of one blood *all nations* of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the *bounds of their habitation*" (Acts 17:26). It is God Almighty that determined beforehand the frontiers of the nations.

Moses also realised that God sets the national inheritances of all nations: "When the *Most High* divided to the nations their inheritance, when He

separated the sons of Adam. He *set the bounds* of the people according to the number of the children of Israel" (Deut. 32:8).

It is well known that Abraham was a descendant of *Shem*. And it was through Abraham and his descendants that God Almighty promised certain great *spiritual* and **PHYSICAL** blessings. The spiritual promises of *grace* (salvation) are generally understood by most Christians.

But very, very few appear to have diligently studied the promises of **PHYSICAL BLESSINGS** which God just as assuredly promised to Abraham and to his offspring. Let us now consider some of these promises of the *physical, material blessings* which God solemnly promised to Abraham and to his descendants.

What Did God Promise?

Just what did God Almighty promise the patriarchs? Here are some of the more important of those *divine promises*:

1) Abraham's descendants were prophesied to become "as the *dust* of the earth" (Gen. 13:16). This has never been fulfilled in the *Jews* — the House of Judah — alone!

2) "Many nations" and "kings" were to descend from Abraham (Gen. 17:6). Certainly, the *Jews* alone have never comprised "many nations."

3) These "nations" and "kings" would be born from Abraham and Sarah through *Isaac* — not through Ishmael (Gen. 17:16).

4) To Abraham, God said: "I will multiply thy seed as the *stars* of heaven, and as the *sand* which is upon the sea shore; and *thy seed shall possess the GATE of his enemies*" (Gen. 22:17).

5) This promise was repeated to *Isaac* and *Rebekah*: "Be thou the mother of *thousands of millions*, and let thy seed possess the *gate* of those which hate them" (Gen. 24:60). Surely no one will argue that the *Jews* have ever comprised thousands of millions!

6) *Isaac*, Abraham's son, was divinely inspired to bless his son Jacob with this tremendous blessing: "Therefore God give thee of the *dew* of heaven, and the *fatness* of the earth, and plenty of *corn* and *wine*: let people serve thee, and

nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee" (Gen. 27:28, 29).

7) Now notice this fantastic promise which God made to *Jacob*: "And thy seed shall be as the *dust* of the earth, and thou shalt *spread abroad* to the WEST, and to the EAST, and to the NORTH, and to the SOUTH" (Gen. 28:14). God predestined Israel to become great **COLONISERS**! Jacob's seed were to be "as the *sand* of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude" (Gen. 32:12).

8) Later, God changed the name of **JACOB** — meaning "*deceiver*" or "*supplanter*" — to **ISRAEL** — meaning "*overcomer with God*" (Gen. 35:10). "And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a *nation* and a **COMPANY OF NATIONS** shall be of thee and **KINGS** shall come out of thy loins" (verse 11). At no time in their history have the *Jews* been a company of nations.

Joseph's Two Sons

9) Joseph had two sons — one named *Ephraim*, the other *Manasseh*. It was these two sons (Ephraim and Manasseh) who were promised the great *birthright* blessing — the choicest *material* and *physical* blessings ever given any people!

"Reuben [was] the *firstborn* of Israel . . . but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his *birthright* was given unto the *sons of Joseph* [Ephraim and Manasseh] the sons of Israel" (I Chron. 5:1).

Notice carefully the blessing that was given to Ephraim and Manasseh. "He [Manasseh] also shall become a *people*, and he shall be *great*: but truly his younger brother [**EPHRAIM**] shall be greater than he, and **HIS SEED SHALL BECOME A MULTITUDE OF NATIONS**" (Gen. 48:19).

10) **JOSEPH** (remember, Ephraim and Manasseh were Joseph's sons) was prophesied to become "a *fruitful bough* by a well" (Gen. 49:22). Verses 23 and 24 show how other nations would invade and *war against* the descendants of Joseph, but he would be given victory by his God.

11) The people of Israel were prophesied to become a mighty people, ruled over by "a king" — having the strength of a **UNICORN** (Heb. *ox*) and were to be "as a great *lion*."

"Behold, I [Balaam] have received commandment to bless: and He hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. He hath not beheld iniquity [or *misfortune*] in Jacob, neither hath He seen perverseness [*trouble*] in Israel: the Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a **KING** is among them. God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an *unicorn* [Heb. *ox*] . . . Behold, the people [of Israel] shall rise up as a great *lion*, and lift up himself as a young *lion*: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain" (Num. 23:20-24).

This remarkable prophecy was given by the false prophet, Balaam. Even though he had wanted to curse Israel, God forced him to prophesy the truth — to foretell these blessings to befall Israel.

Judah — The Lion

12) **JUDAH** was prophesied to be the tribe which would produce the *kingly* line in Israel. "The sceptre [of a king] shall not depart from **JUDAH**, nor a law-giver [or ruler's staff] from between his feet, until Shiloh [the Messiah] come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be" (Gen. 49:10).

"For Judah prevailed above his brethren and of him came the **CHIEF RULER** [or King]; but *the birthright was Joseph's*" (I Chron. 5:2).

It was to be *Judab*, as a tribe, which would be referred to as a "lion" because the "Lion of the tribe of Judah" (Rev. 5:5) would later be born into this tribe. "JUDAH is a **LION'S WHELP**: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a *lion*, and as an old *lion*; who shall rouse him up?" (Gen. 49:9)

Each of the Twelve Tribes of Israel anciently had its own *standard*, its *tribal symbol* or coat of arms (see Num. 2:1-34).

The tribal symbol or standard of Ephraim was an *ox* or a *unicorn*. Interestingly, the people of Britain are referred to under the symbol of "John

Bull" to this very day. And the unicorn (ox) is one of the two main symbols found universally on the coats of arms of the British Royal Family.

The ensign, *standard* or tribal symbol of the tribe of *Judah* from time immemorial has been a LION. And, surprising as it may seem to some, the real symbol of the tribe of Judah to this very day is not the "Star of David" (though Jews use this symbol today) but is the LION (see article "Flag" in *Jewish Ency.*)

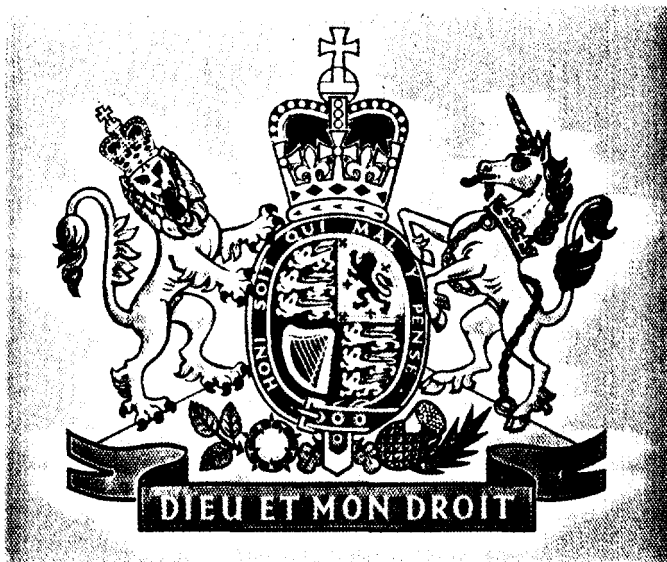
Before we can see how the aforementioned prophecies have been fulfilled in the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples of Britain and the Commonwealth — and in the peoples of the United States and the democracies of northwestern Europe — we must briefly survey the ancient history of the people of Israel as mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures.

Israel's First King

Abraham was the father of Isaac. Isaac begat Jacob. Jacob had TWELVE SONS, and these sons became the founding fathers of the TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL.

In the fifteenth century B.C., *Moses* and *Aaron* led the people from their Egyptian bondage into the region of Sinai. Then forty years later *Joshua* led these same *twelve tribes* of Israel across the Jordan river and into the Promised Land (Palestine) in 1446 B.C.

Coat of Arms of the British Royal Family.



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After they had possessed the land of Israel for about 400 years, the nation of Israel began to yearn for a change of government.

From the days of Moses until Samuel's time they had been ruled directly by God's appointed Judges. But, during the rule of Samuel, Israel desired to be ruled over by a *human KING* — like all the other nations round about them. Previous to this time God had been their Ruler — their King — and ruled them through His divinely appointed human Judges.

"Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, and said unto him, Behold thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now *make us a KING* to judge us like all the nations" (I Sam. 8:4, 5).

Samuel was greatly *displeased* by their request when they said, "give us a *king* to judge us." "And Samuel prayed unto the Lord. And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but *they have rejected me*, that I should not reign over them" (verses 6, 7).

Samuel was instructed by God to give the people what they wanted — a *human king*. But Samuel was also told to protest — telling them a human king would be bad for them. Such a king would take their sons and daughters

for his *soldiers* and civil *servants*, would levy *heavy taxes* and would generally *oppress* them (verses 9-18).

"Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a *king* over us; that we also may be like all the nations; and that our *king* may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles . . . And the Lord said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice,

and make them a *king* . . ." (verses 19-22).

It was not very long after Israel *had* their own human king that they learned the full meaning of God's warnings.

Saul, a *Benjamite*, was first chosen as their human king (I Sam. 10:1). He was very impressive, physically — was a mighty man who towered head and shoulders above the average Israelite (I Sam. 9:1, 2).

But King Saul was a *coward* and a *weakling*. Instead of steadfastly *obeying* God, he feared the people, made excuses, knowingly and *deliberately* disobeyed God (I Sam. 13:1-14, 15:1-26, 16:1). So *God rejected Saul* and his dynasty!

Samuel was sent to break the bad news to the self-willed king: "And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly; thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God, which He commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD HATH SOUGHT HIM A MAN [David] AFTER HIS OWN HEART, and the Lord hath commanded him to be *captain* [king] over His people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee" (I Sam. 13:13, 14).

David's Everlasting Dynasty

Like Saul, DAVID also made mistakes — some very serious ones. But *unlike* Saul, he quickly acknowledged and turned from them (repented) when his mistakes were pointed out (see II Sam. 11, 12). In the main, his heart, his attitude, was right — and God looks upon the heart, not upon the outward appearance (I Sam. 16:7).

God had inspired Jacob to prophesy that the KINGLY or REGAL line — "the *sceptre*" — would not depart from JUDAH (Gen. 49:8-12).

David was a descendant of *Judah*. His wise, righteous rule over Israel caused God to confirm to him and his descendants the *sceptre promise* previously made to the tribe of Judah.

God Almighty Himself promised that David would have a descendant to sit upon his throne throughout every generation. Notice this amazing promise —

this *prophecy* regarding David's throne.

"My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His *seed* also will I make to endure for ever, and HIS THRONE as the days of heaven. . . . My *covenant* will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and *his* THRONE as the sun before me. It shall be established *for ever* as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven"! (Psalm 89:28-37.)

Now, has God failed? Has He failed to keep His promise to David — that he would have a descendant upon his throne throughout all eternity?

And has the Word of God failed as given in Genesis 49:10 — "the SCEPTRE shall not depart from JUDAH, nor a law-giver from between his feet, until Shiloh come"?

Since God cannot lie, and His Word cannot be broken, these promises and prophecies have had to be fulfilled from David's time (when the *throne* was first established in the tribe of *Judab*) right on down to our time. And this is exactly what has happened. A descendant of *Judab*, and also the offspring of King *David* is, this very moment — in our very generation, sitting upon that throne — *or else the very Word of God is untrue!*

Now let us see just how these prophecies have been fulfilled.

Israel Divided Into TWO NATIONS

When Solomon died, his son, *Rehoboam*, began to rule. Rehoboam decided to *increase* the tax burden even more than Solomon, and for this very reason *ten* of the Tribes of Israel revolted (see I Kings 12:1-24) and formed the "House of Israel." Only the tribes of *Judab*, *Benjamin* and *some of the Levites* remained loyal to the Throne of David, yet this maintained God's promise to David that he would always have a man sitting on his throne (see I Kings 11:9-13).

From that time forward Israel remained as *two* distinct nations. The southern kingdom, *Judah*, had its capital city at *Jerusalem*. The northern ten-tribed kingdom (or "House of Israel")

occupied the territory north of Jerusalem and had its capital at *Samaria*.

The Bible is very explicit in showing that the kingdoms of Israel and Judah were *separate kingdoms* from that time forward and frequently even fought against each other (see II Kings 16:6).

The northern Kingdom of Israel (*Samaria*) was uprooted from the land of Palestine and driven into *captivity* by the Assyrians about 721-718 B.C. The entire population was taken into captivity to the general region of the Caucasus Mountains near the Black and the Caspian Seas.

Several hundred years before the Ten Tribes of Israel went into captivity, King David numbered all the able-bodied men of Israel. "Joab reported to David the total number of the people who had been registered; all in ISRAEL amounted to ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND men-at-arms. . . . (Joab had not counted Levi and Benjamin among them, for the king's order was detestable to him)" (I Chron. 21:5-6, Moffatt trans.).

This historical passage reveals that there was in the time of David a total of 1,570,000 able-bodied "men-at-arms" in *Israel AND Judab* — not including the tribes of *Benjamin* and *Levi*.

So the total population of Israel at this time, including the aged men, the women and children, must have been at least *six or seven million!* For it would be extremely rare for as many as *one-fifth* of the population of any country to be in military service at one time.

Just *what happened to these several millions of Israelites who were taken captive by Assyria into the regions of the Caucasus Mountains?*

Ancient Britons Came From East

History clearly reveals what happened to these many millions of lost Israelites — the so-called "lost tribes of Israel" (see Matt. 10:5, 6). All history is crystal clear in showing that the ancient peoples of northwestern Europe had come from the EAST — had, in fact, come from *the very area* where Israel went into captivity — from the area of the Black and the Caspian Seas!

These peoples of "lost" Israel had CHANGED their names, their language

and many of their *customs* when they arrived in northwestern Europe under such names as Angles, Saxons, Celts, Scyths (or Scots), Cymry or Kymry, Gauls, etc.

Now let us see how the Royal House of Britain also came from the EAST — and how it is the very same throne upon which King David, and later Solomon, then still later Zedekiah of Judah, all sat.

Israel's captivity occurred in 721-718 B.C. But the southern kingdom of Judah continued to exist for approximately another hundred and thirty years till the captivity of Judah which occurred in 604-585 B.C.

King *Zedekiah* of Judah was the last descendant of David to sit upon that Throne in *Judab*. Eventually he and all the nobles and his own princely sons were slain or died in Babylon (Jer. 39:1-7).

The aged prophet *Jeremiah* was commissioned to take the royal daughters of the kings of Judah and transport them to Ireland where they married into the Zarah branch of the tribe of Judah — who were then already dwelling in that country.

To this very day, "*Jeremiah's tomb*" is believed to exist in Northern Ireland, near Enniskillen, on Devenish Isle in Loch Erne.

It was in Ireland that the Royal House of David was next established. It ruled for centuries in *Ireland*, then was transferred to Scone in *Scotland* and then later to London, *England*.

It is in London, England that the very Throne of King David still exists. The present Royal Family can trace their genealogy (from England through Scotland and Ireland) right back to Kings David and Solomon, who were of the tribe of Judah. This is a fact beyond all refutation!

The Three Overturns

Even the transferring of David's Throne from Jerusalem, Palestine to London, England — via the *three distinct overturns* — was prophesied long ago — centuries before the birth of Jesus Christ.

"And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel [referring to King *Zedekiah*], whose day is come, when iniquity shall

have an end, thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem [from King Zedekiah of Judah], and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more [overturned], until He [Shiloh, the Messiah] come whose right it is; and I will give it Him" (Ezek. 21:25-27).

This plainly says God would overturn the throne three times and it would be overturned *no more* UNTIL Shiloh, in the person of Christ, would come and claim that throne — which is rightfully His.

When the royal male heirs to the Davidic throne died in Babylon, this left no direct *male* heirs to the Throne of David. But God had commissioned the prophet Jeremiah to *pull down* the Throne of David in Jerusalem, and to plant this same throne in Ireland. This aged prophet took some of the royal princesses from the Holy Land to Ireland where one of these royal daughters of Zedekiah, Tea Tephi, of the Pharez branch of the Royal House of Judah married a prince of the Zarah branch of that same tribe (see Jer. 41:10).

The Throne was overturned from Jerusalem to Ireland, then from Ireland to Scotland, and then from Scotland to England. This completed the *three* overturnings. It will remain in London, England until it is given to the One whose right it really is. At the second coming of Jesus Christ, it will be given to Him, and will be once more returned (overturned) to Jerusalem, Palestine, where it will *remain* during the entire one-thousand-year or millennial rule of Jesus Christ.

Christ — Born to Be King!

Many Christian-professing people are ignorant of the simple fact that Jesus Christ was born to sit upon the Throne of David — *born to be KING!*

"He [Jesus] shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the THRONE of his father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob [right here on this earth] for ever: and of His Kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:32, 33). (Note also verse 69.)

Jesus Christ was not born to be a SAVIOUR only — He was *born* to be a KING! "Pilate therefore said unto Him, Art thou a *king* then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a *king*. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world . . ." (John 18:37).

Jesus tried to allay any fears that Pilate might have regarding His setting up a kingdom *at that time*. He told Pilate: "*My Kingdom is not of this world*" (verse 36). Christ knew He would have to wait 2,000 long years before He could assume kingship in His Kingdom.

When will Jesus Christ actually be given power to sit upon the Throne of David and to rule the nations of this earth? This will occur at the sounding of the *seventh* (and last) trump!

"And the *seventh* angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The *kingdoms of this world* are become the *kingdoms of our Lord*, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11:15).

Even *David* prophesied of this same event: "For the kingdom (of the whole earth) is the LORD'S: and He is the *Governor* among the nations" (Psalm 22:28).

Daniel also spoke of this important prophetic event. He knew that the Messiah ("the stone") would set up a kingdom and rule the world. "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a *kingdom*, which shall never be destroyed: and the *kingdom* shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever" (Dan. 2:44).

The prophet *Zechariah* also wrote of this same momentous event. "And the LORD shall be KING over all the earth" (Zech. 14:9). All nations shall go up to JERUSALEM to "worship the *King*, the Lord of hosts" (verses 16, 17).

Even *Jeremiah* foretold this same Utopian rule of the Messiah. "At that time they shall call *Jerusalem the THRONE* of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart" (Jer. 3:17).

So also did *Isaiah* prophesy that the

Messiah would sit upon the Throne of David and rule all nations of this earth. "For unto us a *child* is born, unto us a son is given: and the *government* shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called . . . The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and *peace* there shall be no end, upon the THRONE of *David*, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever" (Isa. 9:6-7).

When Will Christ Begin Reigning?

Even Christ's own disciples erroneously "thought that the Kingdom of God should *immediately* appear" (Luke 19:11). So Christ had to straighten them out by a parable: "He said therefore, A certain nobleman (meaning Himself) went into a far country to receive for Himself a KINGDOM and to return" (verse 12). Verse 15 refers to Christ's second coming "having received the Kingdom."

But in spite of these very clear teachings, the disciples of Christ still didn't realise that the actual establishment of the Kingdom of God upon this earth would be deferred for 2,000 years — so they asked Christ, after He was resurrected: "Lord, wilt thou *at this time* restore again the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). Christ told them plainly: "It is not for you to know the *times* or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power" (verse 7).

The New Testament teaching is clear. Christ went about everywhere preaching "the GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD" (Mark 1:14). He taught the *good news* of the government of God from the beginning to the very end of His ministry.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the *gospel* [GOOD NEWS of the Kingdom of God] to every creature" (Mark 16:15), commanded Christ.

The very Work of Almighty God — with which you have now come into contact — is doing this very thing. *The WORLD TOMORROW* radio and TV programmes are fulfilling Christ's commission. *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD* magazines are also helping fulfill Christ's command.

The sure prophecies of the Scripture reveal that the Royal Throne of Britain

will soon cease to function from London, England. This ancient, prestigious and majestic Throne will be transferred back to Jerusalem, Palestine (where it once was), and will remain there throughout the entire Utopian era spoken of by all the prophets of God.

That very Throne of David will be a thriving, functioning, existing throne when Jesus Christ takes it over and sits upon it at His coming. He will not take over a defunct, non-existent throne — a throne which ceased to function many years ago!

Is it any wonder then, that the present Royal Family of England can trace their lineage back to David? Is it surprising that some in Britain have commented that members of the Royal Family even look "Jewish"? I have a chart giving the genealogy of the present ruling Royal Family, showing their lineage all the way back to King David.

The "Crown of Thorns"

It is interesting that the designer of the crown which was used at Prince Charles' recent Investiture, admits that the crown resembles Christ's Crown of Thorns. The London *Daily Mail* printed an interesting article in which it revealed

this interesting fact. "Even its designer [Mr. Louis Osman] concedes there is a *bint of the* CROWN OF THORNS in the coronet which will crown Prince Charles Prince of Wales next week" (*Daily Mail*, June 25, 1969). "In the intertwining shapes there is a *suggestion* of the humblest of all crowns, the Crown of Thorns," said its designer, Mr. Osman.

Is it mere coincidence, or is it by Providence, that Prince Charles' Investiture Crown was modelled in such a way as to resemble the Crown of Thorns? Notice the MOCK Coronation Ceremony, on the eve of Christ's death!

"And they stripped Him, and put on Him a SCARLET ROBE. And when they had platted a CROWN OF THORNS, they put it upon His head, and A REED (symbolizing a ruler's staff or a *sceptre*) in His right hand: and they bowed the knee before Him, and *mocked* Him, saying, Hail, KING of the Jews!" (Matt. 27:28, 29).

Notice these important points. They knew Christ said He was born to be a king. Christ was, in fact, a direct descendant of the Royal Line of the House of David!

The "scarlet robe," the "crown of

thorns" and "the reed" or *sceptre* were all given to Christ to *mock* Him — because they knew He claimed He was born to be a king — a king of the Jews.

Even His superscription, written on the cross, had these words in it: "This is Jesus the KING OF THE JEWS" (verse 37).

Is it merely coincidence that Prince Charles' crown was made to resemble this "Crown of Thorns"? It is most interesting that the One who was *mocked* by being given a "Crown of Thorns" nearly two thousand years ago, will soon succeed Prince Charles (or whoever sits on the Throne at that time) and sit upon the very Throne of David — which Prince Charles, as the *Heir Apparent* will undoubtedly occupy in the very near future.

Christ to Occupy David's Throne

There can be no doubt that the present Royal Family of Britain are the direct descendants of the ancient Jewish King, David, and that Queen Elizabeth II sits upon the very Throne of David, and that one day in the near future there will be another *crowning* — perhaps the *last* in this age — on this Throne before the Messiah comes and takes over the very Throne which He was born to occupy — the Throne of His earthly father David.

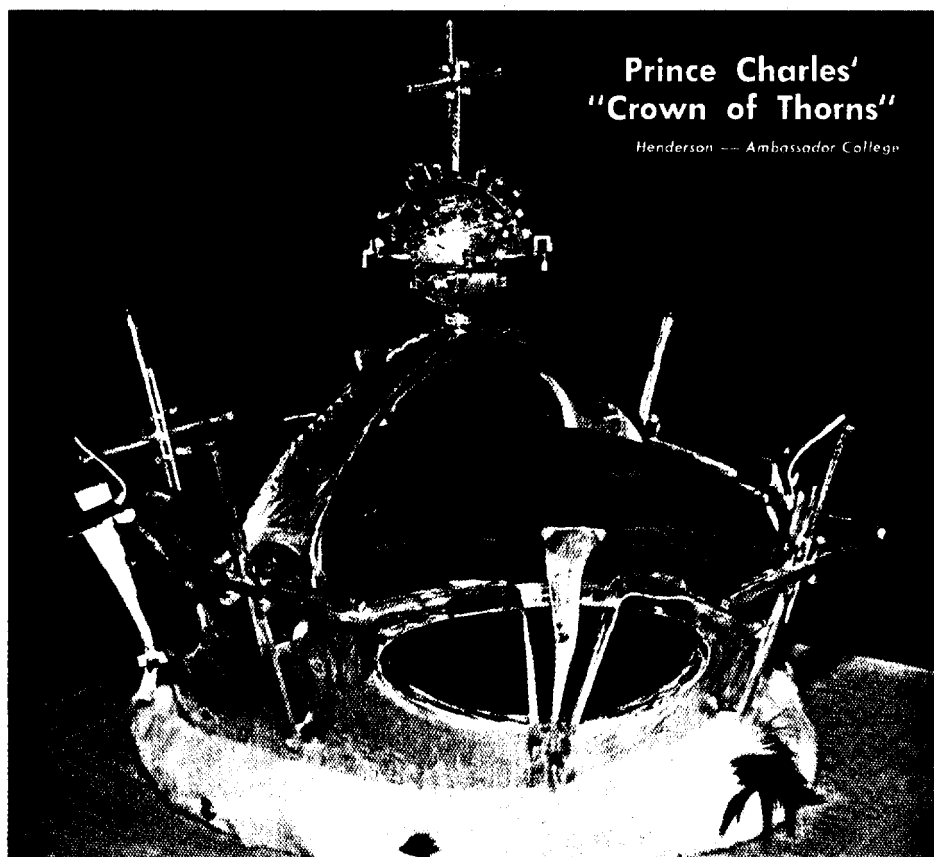
We are very near the end of this age of man's six thousand years of *misrule* on this earth! Mankind is about to annihilate himself, but Christ promised to intervene in order to prevent that terrible catastrophe from happening (Matt. 24:21, 22).

We can thank God Almighty that the literal Kingdom (the rule or government) of God is very near to being established upon this earth.

Soon, Jesus Christ will return to this earth in *supernatural* power and glory to sit upon the "Throne of David" and to rule all nations from Jerusalem, Palestine (Matt. 25:31, 32).

Mankind has lost his way — doesn't know the "way of peace" (Isa. 59:8).

Only when the glorious Kingdom of God and His Government is established on this earth, will man ever attain real peace, happiness and prosperity! Only the "Prince of Peace" can bring true peace to the war-weary, bickering nations of this blood-stained earth.



ANSWER PRAYER?

Why doesn't God answer prayer today? Or does He? Can you be sure? Do you know anyone who continually receives answers to prayer — actual, concrete, demonstrable answers? Read in this article how you can make sure YOUR prayers will be answered.

by Leslie L. McCullough

“**W**HY doesn't God answer my prayers?” Every minister has had this question thrust at him in the course of counseling with some of his congregation. At one time or another, nearly every member of the “Christian world” has asked himself the same question. Oftentimes the thought remains unspoken simply because we would rather not have to acknowledge, even to ourselves, the lack of real answers to prayer in our lives.

The God of your Bible claims to hear and promises to answer the requests of His followers. Why then don't many in our Christian society receive an answer to their prayers? Were these claims made only to people of ages gone by? Or are they valid today? Can you, in 1969, expect this same God to fulfill the same promises?

Are there any conditions imposed in order to qualify to receive these promises? What are the stipulations to be met before God will hear and actually answer your prayers?

Message Must Get Through

When you go to the Western Union office to send a telegram, you are relatively confident your message will arrive at its destination. Bad weather or an accident may knock the line out temporarily and your message is delayed. But as soon as the lines are repaired, the message is delivered.

The same principle applies to our prayers to God. We are sending a message. Generally it is an urgent message — a request for help — so we should be sure our lines of communication are operating properly. If the lines are “down” because we haven't met the proper requirements, the help isn't going to arrive. Therefore, we need to be sure we haven't short-circuited or broken the lines.

Surely none of us would *knowingly* sever his connection with God. Yet in our Western world of Christianity, millions of us readily admit we rarely pray except at a time of severe crisis. Then we aren't sure God has heard us and end up only hoping for an answer instead of actually expecting one. We haven't severed our connection with God. *We have never ESTABLISHED one!*

Look at the conditions which exist between you and your God. Have you made it a point to be in continual contact with Him so if there is ever a need, you can receive

a speedy answer? Or have your lines of communication deteriorated so badly that you don't even expect a reply? If so, remember, the fault rests with you.

God Has Not Grown Senile

One of the first reasons or ways we break our contact with God is found in this message to ancient Israel, “Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear . . .” (Isa. 59:1). God hasn't become so old and feeble with the passing of a few hundred years that He is impotent and no longer able or willing to act on the needs of His people. Neither has He become so ancient of days and dull of hearing that He is oblivious to our prayers. He simply hasn't become senile and incapable of performing as in the past.

Continuing in Isaiah 59:2, “But YOUR INIQUITIES have separated between you and your God, and *your sins* have hid His face from you, *that He will not hear.*”

OUR PRAYERS AREN'T ANSWERED BECAUSE OF OUR SINS! It is our personal and national sins which have withheld the Creator's intervention from us. It is an eternal truth that God won't hear sinners. This message was given to Israel and then repeated to the people of Christ's time. It is ageless and has been recorded for our admonition as Christians today. “Now we know that GOD HEARS NOT SINNERS: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth His will, him He hears” (John 9:31).

Sin is the transgression of the laws of God (I John 3:4). We break our relationship with God and fracture our lines of contact by disobeying the very One to whom we make our requests. Then we wonder why our prayers aren't answered. The solution is obvious. If we want an answer to prayer, we must first honor the *only* One who is capable of granting our needs. Obedience to His way of life and to His laws honors Him. That obedience removes one of the biggest obstacles to our receiving an answer to prayer.

More Keys to Receiving Answers

Once we begin to obey God, we also begin to apply a second principle needed in order to receive a response — WE MUST SEEK GOD'S WILL. It is easy to pray and parrot the words “thy will be done.” It is much more difficult to set

aside every carnal and selfish desire and MEAN WITH ALL OUR HEART to seek God's will.

Our carnal nature will lead us astray unless we realize how deceitful our heart is. Any prayer offered to God or soliciting His aid must be in keeping with His way of life. We can't ask for someone else's misfortune or pray for problems to befall our fellowman. We can't pray with only a selfish motivation and expect to be heard. To be answered, our request must be in accord with God's desire for us and the rest of mankind.

Jesus Christ was and is our perfect example in everything He did.

He said, "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; *because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me*" (John 5:30).

What is the "will of God"? How can you know whether or not you are actually seeking His will?

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; *who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth*" (I Tim. 2:3-4). God's will then is that ALL MANKIND COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH *which produces salvation*. God's Word — THE BIBLE — points out the way to salvation and is the source of all truth (John 17:17).

A Christian comes to understand more of God's will by understanding more of the Bible. It pinpoints what His will is in every facet of human life. It gives instruction on how to have a happy married life. It directs parents in the proper methods of child rearing. And the Bible tells all mankind how to conduct itself toward God and man.

A truly converted Christian will be not only seeking but deeply desiring to live according to God's will as it is manifested in the Bible. He will want God's way — in everything. He will seek to overcome "the way that seems right to a man" and will attempt to live every moment as Jesus Christ would. All of his prayers will be made with the knowledge of God directing him. A real Christian will want what God wants and if he has any doubt, will

strive to find exactly what is right from God's Word. The result is continual acknowledgment of his requests. Concrete answers to his prayers.

We Must Ask in Faith

In our modern-day society, thousands of people have real faith in the ability of a Don Meredith or Joe Namath to connect with their pass receiver on a touchdown play. The reason? They have seen them in action every Sunday afternoon on television. They have faithfully followed the statistics of the game and know what their favorite quarterback's ability is. *They know their man.*

These same people as well as most churchgoers would find it difficult to have a deep abiding assurance that the great Mastermind of all life's plays is capable of delivering their needs as they go through the game of life. The reason? We haven't been diligent in following our God. We don't know the statistics in the record book. We, and Christianity as a whole, haven't read and talked enough about the past performance record. TOO MANY OF US DON'T KNOW OUR GOD!

How then can we expect Him to produce the desired result? Oftentimes we aren't too sure He exists. Or if we claim to know He exists, we frequently only *hope* we will receive an answer to prayer. Hope isn't enough.

"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). If we aren't sure He *is*, we certainly can't be sure He will grant our requests.

How then do you receive the faith which guarantees an answer? What is faith? Can we "drum it up" by thinking positively? Or do we sit back and wait for it to occur?

Faith is a product. It is the result of diligence in seeking God's will. "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). When we diligently search the record book (God's Word), we learn of His past performance and ability to deliver what He promises. The Bible shows how He has produced under

pressure. There are hundreds of examples of past prayers which have been answered. This knowledge of past performance helps to produce a real assurance of what God will do.

THAT ASSURANCE IS FAITH!

"Now faith is the substance [margin renders it confidence or assurance] of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). In other words, faith is simply the knowledge and assurance that if what we are asking is in accord with God's way, we know He will answer.

"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him" (I John 5:14-15).

This is the kind of faith which assures us of an answer to our prayers. Faith is the realization on our part of having met the requirements. It is the knowledge we will receive an answer one way or the other. But it doesn't mean we will receive a "yes" answer. Perhaps God's will for us is in the form of a negative reply. The prayer still has been answered. Real faith accepts *whatever* the answer may be knowing it is the right one.

We Must Ask

It sounds a little foolish to say that in order to receive an answer we must make a request. Yet such is the case. We don't expect people in this physical life to provide for our needs automatically without knowing the need. They would have to be mind readers, and more, to do it. Our Creator is just that — HE IS A MIND READER! And what's more, He can supply the need. One of the numerous facets of His character is the quality of being "omniscient" or all-knowing. He knows our need before we ever ask (Matt. 6:8).

Why then do we have to bother to ask? Why doesn't God supply the need as He sees it?

First, we have to ask because we are told to. "Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain; ye fight and war, yet ye have not, BECAUSE YE ASK NOT. Ye ask, and

receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts" (James 4:2-3).

Second, God simply doesn't supply our needs automatically. As a loving Father, He wants His children to recognize their need. And He wants them to realize He is the One who can provide the need. If we automatically have our wants supplied for us, it is only a short time before we cease to appreciate the things given. Soon, we cease to appreciate the Giver. Any father enjoys providing good things for his children. In spite of the pleasure of providing for a loved one, a physical parent wants the child to realize who gave it. God is the same. He wants us to know our wishes are provided for by a loving, generous Father who is looking after our welfare. He wants us to realize that, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17).

When we ask our spiritual Father for help, a job, health or welfare, we acknowledge Him as our Father. That acknowledgement brings honor to Him and helps us maintain a proper relationship with our Creator.

The fact remains that *we must ask* before we receive or can expect to receive an answer. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: FOR EVERY ONE THAT ASKETH RECEIVETH; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Matt. 7:7-8).

Strange as it may sound, if you haven't received an answer to prayer, perhaps it is because you have never asked. Think about it for a minute. When was the last time you sincerely asked God to supply a particular need? If you aren't careful, you may be one who has limited your Father simply because you have never bothered to ask Him for your needs.

Must Be in Right Attitude

You have at some time or another asked for something in prayer. Everyone has. What was your attitude in asking? Was it a demanding "give it to me now" attitude? Was it an "I

don't think He will, but I'll ask anyway" attitude?

All of the points previously mentioned are summarized in one very basic scripture which epitomizes an overall proper attitude. This one scripture takes into account seeking God's will. It includes the other facets of asking in faith and in a proper manner because all these are necessary in order to have the right attitude. Yet it specifically points out the kind of man, woman or child God will answer. "... But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word" (Isa. 66:2).

Poor? You mean we have to be in the lower strata economically speaking before God will hear our prayers? What about those people who have been blessed financially? Won't God answer their prayers?

The rest of the scripture explains what is meant by "poor." It is describing the attitude of humility and sincerity found in the true Christian. By speaking of a "contrite spirit," the writer is picturing the individual who deeply respects and holds in reverence and honor the God of the universe. Jesus Christ is said to have been heard and answered because He feared (Heb. 5:7). He wasn't in a continual state of trepidation.

Jesus knew the absolute majesty and the unimaginable power of His Father. He knew and fully understood the overwhelming consequence and penalty of sin and how sin could keep Him from ever rejoining His Father. He knew the holiness and righteousness of God's Law. As a result, He revered, honored, respected and loved His Father. He also feared being denied access to Him through disobedience. Therefore, He feared to sin.

We need to follow His perfect example. Real Godly fear is the beginning of wisdom. "And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, *that is wisdom*; and TO DEPART FROM EVIL IS UNDERSTANDING" (Job 28:28). The proper fear and respect for God causes us to depart from evil and to stop sinning.

If this is our basic attitude, we will be attempting to manifest all the other points previously mentioned. In addi-

tion, we will make our requests and then patiently await whatever answer God sees fit to provide. We will know that the answer received will be the one which is best for us as a Christian.

Ask in Jesus' Name

There is one final point to remember in our communications with our Father. Without it all the other steps in prayer could become ineffectual. It is the key for tapping all the vast power of the universe and putting it at our disposal.

We should make our requests in the name of or by the *authority* of our elder brother Jesus Christ. "And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, **WHATSOEVER YE SHALL ASK THE FATHER IN MY NAME, He will give it you.** Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and *ye shall receive*, that your joy may be full" (John 16:23-24).

Jesus gave an absolute guarantee which assures us of an answer to prayer when properly used. These promises were made to the disciples of Jesus who walked and talked daily with Him. They knew Him. They were familiar with and loved Him because they had talked by the hour about the everyday things of this physical life as well as the things of the World Tomorrow. Later when they prayed, they were sure He would see their prayers were answered because He was their Friend as well as their Saviour. He told them personally, "If you shall ask *any thing* in my name, I WILL DO IT" (John 14:14).

How about you? Are you really on speaking terms with your Creator and Saviour? If you are, you will be applying every one of these points and you will be receiving an answer to your prayers. Every one of these promises is ironclad for the real servants of Jesus Christ.

YES, GOD DOES ANSWER PRAYERS TODAY! He does provide concrete, demonstrable answers to those who truly serve Him. Are you receiving your share? If not, perhaps you are not approaching Him in a proper manner. Or perhaps you aren't as much of a Christian as you had thought. Apply these principles of prayer and you can correct and strengthen your lines of communication. God will do the rest.

Female emancipation is now a reality. Women are competing with men on every level. Are we racing toward a unisex world? Are there standards for young girls and teen-agers to live by? How do you become the right kind of girl? What does God Say?

“**Enjoy**”

by Ronald Kelly and John Robinson

“**Y**OU’VE come a long way, baby, to get where you got to today,” shrills the cigarette ad to women of the “now” generation. True, women have “come a long way.” There’s no doubt about it. But where have they come from — and where are they going? Where are *you* going?

Since the ultimate “fate” of every girl is WOMANHOOD, what should a woman really be? And, through the eyes of God — *what is a GIRL?*

The Battle of the Sexes

In today’s topsy-turvy, upside-down world, girls have been *taught* from infancy to compete with their male counterparts — on every level. From office work to politics, from finances to cab driving.

Today’s women are “free.” They’ve even got their very own cigarette with which to wreck their health.

The latest trend began around the turn of the century and *snowballed* with the two world wars. Tired of a second-place rut, our twentieth-century woman cast off the shackles of tradition. She suddenly leaped from the seclusion of the back seat to the wheel of the family station wagon. From the mundane world of the kitchen sink and the oven to the glittering world of the office.

Men were put on notice. “Man’s world” was under siege! Women marched for suffrage (the right to vote), the right to work, eat and live in male environments.

They marched into theaters, into bars and nightclubs, into jobs and factory

work — to take their place in previously “off-limit” areas. It was done in the name of equality, human rights and suffrage.

Now the siege has lifted. Society has had a face-lifting.

But what have been the results? Has it made the world a happier place? Have truly happy homes been produced? Where has it all led?

Meanwhile, What About God?

In all the confusion of modern space-age life, has anyone stopped to ask what the Creator of *ALL* had in mind when He created humans, *male* and *female*?

The Bible is literally jam-packed with scriptures explaining the reason for all human life — for Adam and Eve.

God never intended a battle of the sexes. He never intended women to compete with men in sports, on horseback, in business, in labor — *or anywhere else!*

Nor did God intend for women to be subservient, second-rate, inferior members of a browbeaten subculture. Women were not designed to be slaves or a “necessary evil.” It’s time you knew the truth. God is not pro-man, anti-woman.

God is pro-humanity!

A Team Effort

It was God in the beginning who said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet [suitable or fitting] for him” (Gen. 2:18). God then “caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept” (Gen. 2:21). From the rib which God removed from Adam, He created the

first woman — Eve — created to be a suitable help for her husband.

Men and women aren’t to *compete* — they are to *help* each other. *God says so!* The physical goal for every young girl is to someday become a part of a man-wife TEAM EFFORT. Both learning and preparing for their respective parts and both looking forward to eventually being born into the Kingdom of God.

Notice I Peter 3:7. Jesus Christ inspired Peter to write, “Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving *honour* unto the wife, as unto the *weaker vessel* [not a jackhammer operator], and AS BEING HEIRS TOGETHER OF THE GRACE OF LIFE; that your prayers be not hindered.”

There’s no sexual discrimination in God’s Plan. Men are not “better” than women in God’s sight. They are just different. But both are looking to the same *spiritual* goal.

Now that we have the ultimate purposes of women and girls in mind, let’s examine some specific areas of how to prepare for your responsibilities. God is infinitely interested in each of you. You are important — *very important* — in His eyes.

Now for some specific points.

A Girl Should Be Educated

Time was when women were thought to be not only weaker *physically*, but weaker *mentally*. Men were supposed to be more scholarly, deeper thinkers — the only ones who *really* needed education. Only in comparatively modern times have girls gone to school — especially to receive higher education.

We have already seen God created

being a GIRL!

humans male and female — *cobeirs* — to share life and equally inherit the Kingdom of God.

Therefore, EDUCATION is as *important* for a girl as it is for a fellow. Because of this need for education, Ambassador College was established as a *coeducational* institution. Women, who will be working side by side with their mates, need training in arts and culture as well as more domestic subjects in order to be effective partners with their husbands. A capable, dedicated man with an uneducated woman for a wife will have *little* success leading and inspiring others.

But the education of a woman should *not* be channeled into the same fields of education as men. In today's society, women *compete* with men in the fields of mathematics, science, even building and construction. This is not the kind of education women should pursue.

Tests over many years have shown there is no basic difference between the intelligence level (what we call I.Q.) of men and women. Women are able to learn and retain facts, assimilate and use them in equal proportion to men. The difference is not in mental agility — the difference is in God's intention. Remember, when God created Adam and Eve, He said of the woman, "I will make him an help meet [suitable or fitting] for him." A woman's education should *complement* — not *compete* with — the education and physical job responsibilities of the man. Society and our modern educational institutions have not understood this vital principle.

In basic fundamental understanding



and in the liberal arts, men and women should share learning and experiences — in subjects such as English composition, music and history. Men and women need to have a common bond of knowledge. Otherwise, they have *nothing* in common.

The specialized education a man will follow in preparing for a job in engineering or science is totally different from the training and calling of a woman. A woman should be thoroughly trained in domestic sciences (home economics), family management and planning. At Ambassador our young women prepare for responsible lives learning the basics of home management, rearing children and preparing to be inspiring helps to their future husbands.

Vocational Training Not Wrong

This does not mean that women should not prepare for a vocation!

Many women Ambassador graduates, for example, also prepare for fields in teaching and secretarial training. Others prepare to be home economics instructors or work in the fields of music and art. Marriage is not always the *immediate* goal of a young woman of college age, therefore women should prepare for responsible positions and jobs after graduation from high school or college. But their *ultimate* calling and responsibility should be to become a loving wife and later a mother. Not vice versa, as is far too often the case.

In ancient times, girls were never educated to become proper wives and mothers. They were kept in ignorance spawned by superstition. In modern times, the "emancipated" modern wife, unencumbered by the taboos of tradition, has been educated — but is no longer competent to be a wife and mother.

The divorce courts with their stockpile of statistics are living witness against the system we have created. But you do not have to be one of these statistics! You can be an educated, balanced, proper young woman, if you realize your purpose and set out to accomplish your life patterned after the laws of Almighty God.

Education is not the *final* step for

young girls preparing for womanhood. It is really only the *basic* FOUNDATION. There is yet more.

A Girl Should Be Beautiful

It may come as a real shock to you, but BEAUTY is a prime consideration for a girl. But then, doesn't *every* girl want to be beautiful or pretty?

And, is that wrong?

Of course, beauty for the sake of vanity and selfishness is *not* God's way. If the skin of a person's face happens to be stretched just right and she is ravishingly beautiful, myriad problems beset the poor girl. She may be the *most popular* girl in school — only to be the most divorced later in life!

Witness Hollywood's most prominent "sex symbols."

But simply because scores of beautiful women have led *miserable* and wretched lives doesn't mean beauty *has* to lead to unhappiness.

True beauty is good. Let's see some Biblical examples.

A Biblical Beauty Queen

One of the most outstanding examples is Sarah, the wife of God's servant, Abraham. If you remember the account in chapter twelve of Genesis, God told Abraham he would inherit a *great* and *wonderful* land. But a famine had come and Abraham had to move into Egypt to care for his family (verse 10).

Before entering Egypt, Abraham warned his wife about a potential problem. He knew the Egyptians would immediately notice her beauty and would perhaps kill him so they could take Sarah (verses 11-12).

And sure enough, when they reached Egypt, it came to pass, "... the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was *very fair*" (verse 14). Pharaoh himself — a man surrounded by beautiful women — selected Sarah to be his wife and was willing to purchase her from Abraham. However, God did not allow it. That would be adultery. The point is, Sarah was so striking, the *Egyptian Pharaoh* wanted her for *his wife*.

You probably think Sarah was a beau-

Vocational training can be very helpful for a single girl.

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tiful, *young woman*. True, *she was beautiful* — but *not* young, at least by our standards.

She was SEVENTY YEARS OLD!

How many seventy-year-old women have you ever known who would cause such a stir? Pharaoh's designs certainly lend *striking* testimony to her personal beauty.

Another outstanding woman from Biblical times was Ruth. Ruth was a widow out gleaning the grain left over from harvest, when Boaz (a wealthy Jewish landowner) first noticed her. You can, and should read this account in Ruth. It's a very short book.

Ruth's appearance was so impressive, Boaz had to stop and ask who she was. If you are really realistic, you *know* Ruth was not a 217-pound, waddling nightmare with a raucous voice which would drown out a foghorn. And remember, she was *working*.

She certainly must have been a captivating picture of beauty to so attract Boaz. And he was so struck by her he would later marry the beautiful Moabitess who had come with her mother-in-law, Naomi, to live with the people of Israel.

Esther Saves a Nation

Yet another example of a beautiful woman in the Word of God is a woman responsible for an entire nation of people existing today who may otherwise have been killed. God devotes an entire book to her life and her part in history — the book of Esther.

Every girl should make a study of the book of Esther. We don't have space to expound it here. But you may recall King Ahasuerus desired to marry the most beautiful woman in the land. There had been a conspiracy against the Jews at that time and God used the beauty of a woman — as well as her inspiring attitude which made her *truly* beautiful — to save His people.

Becoming the wife of a king was a very great privilege and Esther prepared *diligently* to present herself in the most attractive way possible. Notice Esther 2:12, "Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been *twelve months*, according to the manner of the women,

(for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, to wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with other things for the purifying of the women)."

No doubt Esther was a gorgeous girl. But notice the examples of the intense personal care. She literally spent a *solid year* getting ready for marriage.

The result?

"And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti" (Esther 2:17). It paid for Esther to spend time becoming beautiful. It will for you, too!

In these specific examples (there are numerous other examples similar to these in the Bible), a beautiful woman played a very important part in God's plan. However, their beauty was a clean, fresh, fragrant, well-groomed, natural beauty. You can be certain it was *not* a modern *commercial* beauty of paint, false eyelashes, pancake makeup and wigs!

The Bible records the account of another beautiful woman — Jezebel. But she put her beauty on in the morning and it all came off just before she went to bed. *Inside* she was a vehement, insidious, caustic, hateful hag. Her beauty from a battery of jars was designed to *seduce* men (see II Kings 9, especially verse 30).

Jezebel's heart was absolutely foul and rotten. She *sought* the life of one of God's greatest servants of all time — Elijah. And she would have killed him had God not intervened.

She suffered a hideous death for her rotten ways. She ended up eaten by dogs. God was *totally* unimpressed with her brand of "beauty."

But righteous, faithful women God records had a natural beauty. They cared for themselves with personal habits of cleanliness, grooming and clothes selection. In every case what was *most BEAUTIFUL* was their mental *outlook* and *attitude*.

Your Part in Beauty

How does all this apply to young girls and young women today?

Mothers should teach their daughters what *real* beauty — GENUINE beauty — is. *And mothers should set the pace in example!* Being overweight, having poor personal hygiene, being unkempt and disorganized detract from true femininity. A really beautiful woman, properly motivated, can be truly inspiring.

Learn *how* to take care of yourself. Learn to dress properly and look sharp. Watch what you eat. Weight problems and facial blemishes can largely be controlled by diet. You should also write for a booklet entitled *True Womanhood — Is it a Lost Cause?* It's free, of course.

Before leaving the subject, a word should certainly be given to all girls and women about *hair care*. The Bible plainly states a woman's hair is given to be a vital part of beauty. "But if a woman have *long hair*, it is A GLORY TO HER: for her hair is given her for a covering" (I Cor. 11:15).

Long hair on a man is unequivocally wrong and it is a shame for a man to have such hair (I Cor. 11:14).

The opposite is true of a girl. Long hair is a crowning glory and a mandatory part of true beauty. Contrary to the beliefs of many people, there is not a *single scripture in the Bible* which says, "Thou shalt put no scissors to thy hair." The instruction from God's Word is that a woman should have properly long hair. It does not say a woman's hair length must be to the middle of her back. Rather, God says, it is a "covering." Hair styles are very personal and individual — and certainly a *very important part* of how to be a girl.

This brings us to the next major quality.

A Girl Should Be Pure

If anything typifies, symbolizes, and represents our modern twentieth-century youth, it is sexual *licentiousness* and *freedom*. A young person is just not "in" unless he or she has an affair (or *ten affairs*) prior to marriage. Sex "counselors" encourage pre-marital sex experimentation to "check out compatibility." You're a total "square" if you don't neck, pet, or go all the way.

But again, what are the fruits of this moral degeneracy?

The fruits are illegitimacy, venereal

disease, warped and twisted minds. And if you disagree with the facts, the mountainous proof, the incontrovertible evidence — that's your problem. It's your prerogative — but it doesn't make you right.

Virginity — An Obsolete Word?

You remember what kind of woman Esther was? She was not only a beautiful woman — she was a *virgin*. She had not compromised with God's laws and was able to present herself in marriage pure and clean (Esther 2:17).

How about you?

Will you present yourself a pure, clean and chaste young woman at the time of your marriage. Fewer and fewer in our permissive society can say they are virgins at the time of their marriage.

Reports and estimates vary, but it certainly can be assumed that well over *sixty percent* of all young brides have had premarital sex relations. Other authorities put the figures as high as **EIGHTY PERCENT**.

What a testimony against our society!

You have to decide, girls, whether or not you'll be on the short end of the statistics. You'll have to decide if you will buck the crowd and put up with the taunting derision, being called "gran-*nie*" in the school halls by those who experience and practice "free love."

But, listen, it will be well worth it to your entire *future life* — to your future husband and to your future children.

It means you will have to resist the steady pressure of the insistent and selfish "lines" of young men. It means "slapping the fire out of" the first fellow who tries to lay a hand on you and avoiding dates with the *wrong kind* of young men with *nothing but SEX* on their minds! You'll only have to slap one — maybe two — because word like that really gets around, girls. Don't ever give in — no matter what anyone *says*. Think of what you have to lose!

Now for our fourth and final point in developing a young girl into true womanhood.

A Woman Should Be Trained to Be a Keeper at Home

We have already seen how God created mankind male and female — a

team to function together. The Bible record gives God's principle, "... she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (Gen. 2:23-24). Since almost every young girl is going to become a wife one day, isn't it logical that her training and upbringing should qualify her and prepare her for this time in life?

The Bible plainly states the older women should "teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be *discreet, chaste, KEEPERS AT HOME, good*, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed" (Titus 2:4-5).

God did not create woman to be a competitive counterpart to the male. Each was created with a purpose and equipped with abilities and talents to fulfill those purposes.

The man is to earn the living. He was created to work in the hot sun — to till the ground, build the factories, produce from the earth.

The woman was created to complement, supplement, inspire and help the man in fulfilling that purpose while she functions in her own abilities. What a different world it would be if everyone understood this *one* vital point of knowledge.

Unfortunately, the world doesn't understand. But *you can understand*. You can put these principles into practice in your life — you teen-agers, especially you young girls reading this article, can prepare for your place in Tomorrow's World with the knowledge you are gaining through the pages of this magazine.

But Is It Worth It?

Is it worth it to forsake the "fun" of the teen years? Is it worth it to keep yourself morally pure and to prepare for adulthood? Is it worth it to swim upstream — to buck the tide — to resist the crowd?

There is a certain "pleasure" to be derived from sin. God says so in Hebrews 11:25. There is a certain sensual thrill attached to many of the world's practices. But it's only "for a season."

You always have to pay the penalty of sin.

The pleasures of sin might be likened to someone offering you an inheritance of one million dollars. However, there are a couple of stipulations involved.

Ten thousand dollars is offered to you when you're fifteen. You may take it with absolutely "no strings attached." Just think — you can have all the clothes you've dreamed of and a new car. The only catch is — you forfeit your claim to the remaining \$990,000.

However, if you'll turn down the ten thousand at age fifteen — wait six short years, to age twenty-one, you'll become a **MILLIONAIRE!**

Which would you choose?

Would you grab the *immediate* money and reject the ultimate reward?

Many would! Many are! And that is **INSANE!**

Consider *your* life, teen-agers. What will it produce in the future? What kind of happiness will you experience if you put the *right principles* to practice in your life? Do you have the vision to look ahead a few years? Can you see the results of premarital sex experimentation from those around you in your school, on the street, in your own home town? Or does the gaily lighted world around you hold out its arms in welcome to you of its own "now" generation?

Just in case you think after reading the past three articles that it *isn't* worth it — that you'd rather have your "fun" now — be sure to read the next article in this continuing series. We'll show you what kind of a world it will be like as you become **THE ESTABLISHMENT**. As we said to the fellows in the last month's article, "You have to grow up — you can't forever stay a teen-ager." Pretty soon you'll be twenty, then twenty-five, and then "over the hill" into the "older generation" at thirty. What will the world be like when you are *thirty*?

Will the pill, pot, and all that go with them take over? Will the "incrowd" run the governments of the world — and if so, what kind of a society will exist?

You'll be shocked at the different **WORLD TOMORROW** in which *you* can live!

TWELVE RULES for Bible Study

In the July number of TOMORROW'S WORLD we covered six of the twelve rules for Bible study. This month we shall explain the next six rules, along with a thirteenth rule which may help you apply the first twelve and unlock the inspired Word of God to your understanding.

by David Jon Hill

REMEMBER the first six rules: First, ask God in *prayer* for guidance. Then, let the Bible *correct* you. The third rule: PROVE ALL THINGS! Fourth, realize the Bible *never* contradicts itself. Fifth, ask, "What does the Bible say?" — and let the Bible answer for itself. And number six, check the *context*, asking the questions, What? When? Where? Why? Who? How?

This brings us to rule number seven.

Get All the Scriptures

No one scripture can *of itself*, taken *out of context*, be used to establish the Truth. "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any *private interpretation*" (II Peter 1:20).

God has put His Bible together in a very unusual manner. He has written it so that men could study it intricately in its original languages, poring over its pages for their entire lifetime — *and yet never come to a knowledge of the Truth*. Many people have memorized great sections of the Bible and yet not come to realize what those sections mean. You must take the whole Bible in its entire context, getting *all of the scriptures* in that Bible *on any one subject* BEFORE you can come to the knowledge of that particular subject from God's point of view.

"Whom shall He teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little . . ." (Isa. 28:9-10).

That is how the converted mind is to study the Bible. Yet, when the unconverted study God's Word a little here and a little there they are *STILL not able to understand* the Message of God's Truth because they do not have His Holy Spirit guiding them. That Holy Spirit — the very mind and understanding of God — is the power that inspired those words in the first place, and WITHOUT THAT SPIRIT TO INSPIRE THE UNDERSTANDING, THE DOOR TO THE WORD OF GOD REMAINS SHUT! (The Holy Spirit is given *only* to those who OBEY God — Acts 5:32.) Continuing from Isaiah: ". . . But the word of the Lord *was* unto them [those who DISOBEY] precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken" (Isa. 28:13).

Oftentimes people think that the Bible is *contradicting* itself when actually all it is doing is *supplementing* itself. A good example of this is found in Matthew 27:37 as compared to Luke 23:38. Here Matthew and Luke *appear* to contradict one another in their statements as to what was written on the sign affixed to the stake upon which Jesus Christ was crucified.

Now while you're going through this article, just take time to *get your Bible* and USE this example to PROVE that getting *all* of the scriptures on any one subject WILL give you God's understanding on it. In order to find out *what* was written on that sign, *who* wrote it, and *how many* languages it was written in, you will need to put at least four scriptures

together, not just two. So turn first to Matthew 27:37, and *write down* what the Bible says was written on that sign. Then, *go right on* to Mark 15:26 and write, beneath what you have written, what *Mark* says was written on that sign. Then do the same with Luke 23:38 and also John 19:19. Put them all together and you will see what was written on that sign.

If *one* of these scriptures were left out you would not know that it was *Pilate* who did the writing. If *two* of these scriptures were left out you would not know that the writing was originally done in *three languages*. These four bits of information, each from a different author, supply us with a complete record of what was written there originally. No one scripture contradicts the other — each only serves to complement and round out the information of the other.

Let the Bible Interpret the Bible

So many people write in to *The WORLD TOMORROW* and comment how much they enjoy Mr. Armstrong's *interpretation* of the Bible. Over and over again you will hear Mr. Armstrong explain to the radio audience that it is *NOT his interpretation* that is being heard over *The WORLD TOMORROW* but *only PLAIN BIBLE TRUTH!*

In your edition of the King James Bible the book of Revelation will probably be entitled, "The Revelation of *St. John the Divine*." This is an excellent example of *MAN'S interpretation*. Now in order for you to understand *what* the book of Revelation is — *whose* revelation it is, *to whom* it was written and *what* it is about — all you have to do is

read the first few verses of THE BOOK ITSELF! In fact the very first words of the very first verse *directly contradict man's interpretation* of the Bible with the plain Bible statement that this book is, "THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST"! (Rev. 1:1.)

Romans 3:4 is a good clear principle to live by in this EIGHTH rule of Bible study — "... let GOD be true, but every man a liar."

This book of Revelation has long been an enigma to the people of the world — GOD SAYS it is a book of *revelation*. *The world says* it is a book of *hidden mystery*. People have come up with many weird interpretations for the book of Revelation — yet the book of Revelation is VIVID in its own clear description and needs no interpretation! Continue in Revelation 1:

As you read in verse 12 that John saw seven *golden candlesticks*, you don't have to *wonder* what these seven golden candlesticks are — all you have to do is READ ON until you come, in the *context*, to verse 20 and that verse tells you plainly that the seven candlesticks ARE the seven churches. In verse 16 it states that John saw *seven stars* in the hand of the Son of man. There is no need to go into great, eloquent illustrations of what the seven stars are, because again verse 20 reveals the plain Bible truth — no interpretation necessary — that the seven stars ARE the angels of the seven churches. And so it goes through the rest of the Bible.

All you have to do is be patient and search God's Word and you will come up with God's clear answers to the muddled questions of mankind.

Don't Put Vague Scriptures First

Perhaps a better general statement of this NINTH rule of Bible study would be: *Never establish a doctrine by a vague or difficult-to-be-understood scripture.*

Too many people *assume* that the vision which Peter had regarding the unclean beasts lowered to him on a sheet affirms that God "cleansed" unclean meat. Because they *take out of context* a verse, unclear of itself, that says, "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common" (Acts 10:15). However, all

they need to do is read on *two more verses* and verse 17 very plainly says that *Peter himself doubted* what the vision meant when he saw it — he didn't jump to any conclusions, but vague-scripture quoters are eager to! Further reading in the same chapter will explain what Peter finally came to understand about the vision — read verse 28: "God hath showed me (by means of this vision) that *I should not call any MAN common or unclean.*"

Don't overlook the *tenth* rule.

Use Several Translations

In Matthew 27:46 Jesus Christ, while hanging on the stake before He died, used the *Aramaic* translation of the first verse of Psalm 22. Even though the original Word of God was inspired in the Hebrew or the Greek, God has allowed it to be translated into nearly every language spoken by mankind. If we were going to be particular about which language we used or which translation, then we would all have to learn Hebrew and Greek and study the Bible in its original languages.

The King James Version was written 358 years ago. In the time since, the English language has undergone many changes. Sometimes those texts which are vague and unclear in the King James can be cleared up very easily by just reading a *more modern translation*, such as the Moffatt or the Revised Standard Version.

There is one thing to note about the King James translation and that is regarding italics. This word *italic* is written in italics. Words that look like this in your King James Version are NOT in the original languages but are *supplied* by the translators. So everywhere in the King James Version where you notice words in italics they are supplied to help you understand the meaning of the sentence. However, since the translators were carnally minded, they did not always supply the words correctly. So some of these words in italics are incorrect and do not help but rather hinder your understanding.

On the other hand, NOT all of the words which ARE supplied by the translators are in italics. Take I John 5:7 for instance, where the reference to three

who bear witness in heaven is a completely erroneous reference inserted by a monk-copyist in the Middle Ages. The fact is this particular verse appears only in the King James Version and is in NONE of the other translations of the Bible.

Often these difficulties will be cleared up by merely reading another translation and comparing it to the King James. Any questions arising after a thorough reading through several translations of any one verse will be few, and can be handled by studying further in Bible helps.

If there are words that you have difficulty in understanding, remember not only to look them up in an English dictionary such as Webster's, but if possible in a *Bible dictionary* or in STRONG'S CONCORDANCE so that you can see what the meaning of the word in the original is. Sometimes people will look up a word in a modern dictionary and find a definition that is not at all the *sense* of the word as used in the King James Version. Take for example the word "conversation" in I Peter 3. Conversation to us today means talking between two people. A modern dictionary will give this definition. However, in the time of King James this particular word meant *the entire conduct* of a person, and that is the meaning in the Bible usage of this word. In order to understand it then, you need to understand the meaning of the *original* word, and not just the meaning in a modern dictionary.

But this leads to OUR ELEVENTH rule.

Don't Establish Doctrine With "Bible Helps"

Clarke's Commentary and the commentary by Jamieson, Fausset and Brown are good reference works — as is Halley's *Bible Handbook*. Sometimes in the back of Bibles there will be sections called "Bible Helps." Even the marginal references in your Bible, which *sometimes* prove to be very helpful, are often misleading. These "helps" often turn out to be the insidious instruction of Satan himself and they may lead you astray.

Therefore, all of these Bible helps should be used ONLY to establish

historical or grammatical facts related to the Bible and MUST NOT be used *to establish doctrine or to interpret the meaning of the Bible itself*. The chain reference in my Bible in the center of the two columns at Revelation 1:10 says, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day..." and by the Lord's day there is a little z. In the column by the z there are two scriptural references — one to Acts 20:7 and the other to I Corinthians 16:2 which both refer to the *first day of the week*, but have nothing to do with the Lord's day which is explained in the rest of the book of Revelation.

Yet to find out what the BIBLE says about what day Jesus Christ is Lord of, read Mark 2:27-28! "And he said unto them, the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: therefore the Son of man is LORD also of the Sabbath."

So, with Bible helps you must remember to use them only for technical facts and not for interpretative facts. And now, rule TWELVE:

Mark Your Bible!

Perhaps you have thought the Bible should not be marked. But realize that what is *holy* about the Bible is not the paper, ink and leather out of which it is made, but the *words of truth*, the *spiritual facts*! Any *physical* tool you can employ — such as marking with a pen or colored pencils — to help you remember and apply the spiritual truths in your life, is right with God! He expects you to USE His written Word to worship HIM — not physical paper and ink! Sometimes we hold back from marking the Bible and think that we'll do it later — especially when we're listening to a point that we need to remember about a particular scripture — but we never seem to get around to it. It's always so difficult to get out the pencil and ruler, and have our hands clean. So I have found over years of experience that the best way to mark the Bible is to *JUST MARK IT!*

When you find out for instance that the word "conversation" in I Peter 3:1 ought to be "conduct," the thing you need to do is to IMMEDIATELY WRITE DOWN "conduct" in the margin and

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What Is DEATH?

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AT THAT DAY" (II Timothy 4:6-8).

The Apostle Paul isn't in "heaven." He said he won't get his reward until that day -- the day Christ returns!

Christ said, in Revelation 22:12, "MY REWARD IS WITH ME"!

But Christ isn't here yet. The Apostle Paul is *still* dead and buried.

And did you notice?

The Apostles Peter and Paul viewed DEATH rather objectively. Although it was a *sobering* experience, the Apostle Paul almost WELCOMED IT! He said in Philippians 1:21, "For to me to live is Christ, and to DIE IS GAIN"!

When Stephen was martyred, he simply said, "Lay not this sin to their charge"! (Acts 7:60.)

Why?

Why in the face of DEATH were these men calm? What is it that they *knew* about DEATH that didn't frighten them?

People of God Allowed to Die

James and John the Baptist were murdered. God allowed it!

Elisha, who raised the dead to life, and was the greatest servant of God in his day became SICK and died!

You can read it in II Kings 13:14, "Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died."

But, "maybe Elisha lost faith" — you say?

Not at all!

Notice, verse 21. "And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, HE REVIVED, and stood up on his feet."

God inspired that!

He wanted to get across a great principle!

That is, God's servants — the greatest of them — DO DIE! But God wanted to be sure no one REASONED that perhaps Elisha had lost faith. So He inspired *this account* to occur after Elisha's death.

Here was proof that Elisha had NOT lost faith; God had NOT forsaken him.

It merely came time for Elisha to die. He had *served* his purpose on this earth. Elisha became sick and God simply *allowed* him to die. God took him from the evil to come.

God allowed the WIFE of Ezekiel to die. Ezekiel was one of the most powerful servants of God on the face of the earth. He had actually seen the THRONE OF GOD in *vision*. God revealed some of the most detailed and important prophecies ever given to man through Ezekiel.

But God allowed his WIFE to die. And it can be demonstrated that Ezekiel had not yet lived to be fifty — and certainly his wife had *not* lived her "three score and ten."

But God allowed her to die. The account is found in Ezekiel 24:16-18.

"Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of your eyes [his wife] with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down.

"Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thy lips, and eat not the bread of men.

"So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even MY WIFE DIED; and I did in the morning as I was commanded."

The next few verses explain what her death was to signify to the people at the time. But the point is she DIED.

Any LIFE After Death?

Remember what Job was inspired to say? "O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, TILL MY CHANGE come" (Job 14:13, 14).

Job knew about the *resurrection* of the dead. And so does ANYONE who knows the promises of God! Your Bible speaks in both Old and New Testaments of a RESURRECTION of the dead — a RECREATION OF LIFE!

Daniel was inspired to write, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to ever-

lasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt" (Daniel 12:2).

Later, Christ quoted these same words. Read John 5:21 through verse 29! Jesus said: "For as the Father *raiseth up the dead* . . . even so the Son quickeneth [makes alive] whom He will . . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the DEAD shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall LIVE . . . Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of *life*, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (judgment; margin).

Christ spoke of MORE than one resurrection!

Notice the proof. Turn to Revelation, chapter 20. Now read verses 4 and 5. "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them [Greek word: *psuche* — meaning same as *nepesh* in the Hebrew] that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years"!

And the "souls" John saw in this vision were DEAD! Notice the proof. "But the REST OF THE DEAD lived not again until the thousand years were finished" (Revelation 20:5.)

John saw a vision concerning the resurrection of the JUST! Christ promises RULERSHIP with Him to those who overcome (Rev. 2:26, 3:21) which He will give AT HIS RETURN (I Cor. 15:23; Phil. 3:20, 21).

The RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD was the whole hope — the heart and center of the MESSAGE of the early Church! Notice how it completely DOMINATES the sermons of Peter and Paul in early Church history. Read ALL of the following verses *in context* in your own Bible! "... have crucified and slain: Whom God hath RAISED UP..." (Acts 2:23, 24). "This Jesus hath God *raised up*, whereof we all are witnesses . . . For David IS NOT ASCENDED INTO THE

HEAVENS: but he saith *himself* [proving David, too, expected to WAIT TILL A CHANGE CAME, THROUGH A RESURRECTION!], The Lord said unto my Lord, 'Sit thou on my right hand, UNTIL I make thy foes thy footstool' (Acts 2:32-35).

Peter continually emphasized CHRIST'S resurrection as proof of the future resurrection of ALL mankind! "And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead..." (Acts 3:15). "Unto you first God, having raised up His Son Jesus..." (Acts 3:26). "...the Sadducees came upon them, being grieved that they taught the people, and preached *through Jesus the RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD!*" (Acts 4:1-2.)

Notice! Peter preached the RESURRECTION! He said NOTHING about the completely PAGAN doctrine of any supposed "immortal soul" or going to "hell" or "heaven" when one dies!

Rather, he emphasized how even David, a man after God's own heart, was DEAD AND BURIED (Acts 2:29) and showed the believers that David HAD NOT GONE TO HEAVEN (Acts 2:34), but was waiting in his GRAVE, just as the Bible says, until a RESURRECTION of the just!

Meaning of Life

Paul was inspired to write ONE WHOLE CHAPTER on the subject of the resurrection! You need to *study* the whole 15th chapter of I Corinthians!

Notice how Paul was directed by God's Holy Spirit to answer the "let's suppose" and "what if?" kind of questions people would ask!

"But some man will say, 'How are the dead raised up? and with WHAT BODY do they come?'" (I Cor. 15:35.)

And true to that prediction — people ask: "Yes, but WHAT ABOUT THOSE 'VAPORIZED' AT HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI?" People want to know about men buried at sea, eaten by sharks. And what about those CREMATED?

All right — WHAT ABOUT THEM?

Is it "DIFFICULT" for God because the same BODY no longer remains?

Ridiculous! And that's exactly what Christ inspired Paul to write about such questions. "Thou FOOL — that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it DIE... so also is the resurrection of the

dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in INCORRUPTION... it is sown a NATURAL body; it is raised a SPIRITUAL BODY!" (I Cor. 15:36-44.)

Just as Job said, there is a complete CHANGE at the resurrection. The resurrected being is given spirit life — not an old, disease-ridden, maimed or mangled, shot or burnt, hideously deformed or wasted HUMAN, PHYSICAL, BODY!

"WE SHALL BE CHANGED!" said Paul! (I Cor. 15:52.)

Hope of DEAD

Can you see? Your Creator says DEATH IS DEATH — just as you KNOW it is — and that a resurrection FROM the dead is the *whole hope* of a Christian! That's why Paul asks, "Else what shall they do which are baptized for [Greek: *Hyper* meaning FOR THE HOPE OF] the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized FOR THE HOPE OF [margin] the dead? And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?" (I Cor. 15:29-30.)

The HOPE OF THE DEAD is a RESURRECTION FROM the dead! Baptism SYMBOLIZES that resurrection!

"Therefore we are buried [by being immersed completely in water — symbolizing BURIAL] with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of HIS RESURRECTION!" (Romans 6:4-5.)

Your God shows you that those who have truly been CONVERTED, who have utterly *surrendered to Him* — who have GIVEN UP their carnal arguments, their resentment and hostility toward God and His Word, and who have begun to really LIVE by God's Word, will be in the RESURRECTION of the just!

Paul said this was the DRIVING AMBITION in his life!

"... And I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus... that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection... if by any means I might attain unto the RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD!" (Phil. 3:8-11.)

But what about those who have NOT been converted? What if someone dies

who never really knew the truth? What about the MILLIONS upon MILLIONS of Asians, Africans, and members of all races right down through history who NEVER EVEN HEARD THE NAME of Christ, let alone had an opportunity to hear and study His WORD? What becomes of THEM?

The REST of the Dead

Christ spoke of a resurrection to LIFE, and a resurrection to "JUDGMENT" (John 5:29). The word rendered "damnation" in the Authorized Version is more correctly translated "JUDGMENT" from the original.

Notice how the Bible interprets the Bible on this important point!

John was inspired to say, "But the rest of the dead [those NOT included in the resurrection to *eternal life* at Christ's coming!] lived not again UNTIL the thousand years were finished!" (Rev. 20:5.) The words following this parenthetical statement then refer back to the FIRST resurrection of the dead *in Christ!*

But the REST of the dead — those millions having *never heard*, never having an opportunity for salvation "lived not again UNTIL the thousand years were finished!"

Notice verses 11 through 15! "And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away, and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the BOOKS were opened: and ANOTHER book was opened, *which is the book of life*: and the dead were JUDGED [not sentenced, or "condemned," but JUDGED] OUT OF THOSE THINGS WHICH WERE WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS."

Notice what the Bible DOES NOT say! Millions have falsely pictured this event as a great "assembly line" of miserable humans, marching endlessly past a great "courtroom" — each told in his turn, "You go to heaven," "You go to hell!"

Isn't that the way YOU have always pictured it?

But that isn't what the Bible SAYS!

Your Creator says the dead will finally be judged OUT OF THINGS WRITTEN IN THE "BOOKS," and that they will be judged BY THEIR WORKS!

And what *are* those books? The

original Greek word is *Biblos*. And *Biblos* is translated correctly into English as "BIBLE." Surprising though it may seem, there is nothing "holy" about the word "Bible" when it is used *by itself*. But when the word "HOLY" is added to the word BIBLE, (which merely means BOOKS) then the meaning is HOLY BOOKS!

OF COURSE!

That is exactly how YOU will be judged. God says, "I CHANGE NOT!" (Mal. 3:6.) Jesus Christ is THE SAME, yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). God will judge those people in the future JUST AS HE JUDGES TODAY!

And how does He judge HIS OWN PEOPLE?

"For the time is come that JUDGMENT must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that OBEY NOT the gospel of God?" (I Peter 4:17.)

JUDGMENT is a "discerning." Those who are members of God's true Church, members of the very body of Christ (I Cor. 12:13) are being judged NOW! (I Peter 4:17.)

And *how* are they being judged?

Christ said, "... Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17), said Jesus Christ. The BOOKS or *Biblos* which are the laws by which YOU and I are judged are the books of *your own Bible!* Each Christian is judged, according to his WORKS, based upon the *Word of God*.

Your God is *fair*. God does not judge YOU by one "method," and then judge multiple millions, or even *billions* of other human beings by a totally DIFFERENT standard. Think about it for a moment.

Does it make *sense to you* that millions of people could be sent to a supposed "ever-burning hellfire," helplessly and uselessly beating at the flames that threaten to engulf them, shrieking in hideous and all-consuming agony for ever and ever and ever — *for all eternity*, just because a missionary had a flat tire?

Let's follow it further. Perhaps (and this is not so far-fetched but that it could have been true), a missionary was striving to reach a tiny Chinese village.

Let's assume the missionary ran into trouble with his ancient old Ford automobile, and received a severe tire puncture on the rough and rocky road. Perhaps the missionary labored several hours under the hot sun to repair his tire — arriving at the village several hours later than he had intended. Meanwhile, the elderly grandfather of the family upon which he was about to call had "passed away." Mind you, this missionary was going to bring the "name" of Christ to this isolated Chinese family.

But the grandfather DIED! All during his lifetime he never ONCE had an *opportunity* to even hear the *name* of Christ — let alone hear *one word* out of the Word of God or one word from a missionary, teacher, preacher, government official, or even a *neighbor* about his responsibilities before God.

Rather, he had been reared in the Taoist or Buddhist religion.

Does it make sense to your rational mind that this elderly Chinaman would then be *doomed* to spend ALL ETERNITY in an ever-burning *hellfire* because a missionary had a flat tire?

Preposterous!

And so is it preposterous according to your Bible!

No, your God is a *just* God! He treats all human beings *equally!* He deals the same way with Chinese as with Africans, the same with Americans as with Britons, the same with Australians as with Germans, and the same with Asians as with Latin Americans!

Those who *have never had* an opportunity to learn about God's Word and His laws, who have never even heard the only name whereby man must be saved (Acts 4:12) must have that opportunity!

Religious hobbyists, arguers, scoffers, and bigoted antagonists will oftentimes accuse the Great Creator for this masterful plan of offering a so-called "second chance"!

With boiling rage, many a religious hobbyist has shrieked his venom at any supposed "second chance"!

But is this a *second* chance? When, pray tell, did these millions of wretched, hapless, disillusioned and illiterate souls ever have a "FIRST" chance?

They never did.

But they will.

God says, "But the REST of the dead lived not again UNTIL the thousand years were finished!"

And these will be resurrected to "judgment" which is NOT a sentencing based upon deeds they did in *ignorance*. But is, rather, a period of 100 years duration (Isaiah 65:20) during which every one of these multiple millions, perhaps even *billions* of human beings *must have the same opportunity you have!*

How RIGHTEOUS, how just, how merciful, and how PERFECT is the great plan of God!

What happens, then, if a loved one of yours died not having "understood" much of the Word of God?

The FIRST CHANCE — for Everyone!

Death is DEATH — the complete absence of life and consciousness.

Remember, your Bible reveals the "dead KNOW NOT ANYTHING." There is *no* consciousness of the passing of time. In the parable of Lazarus and the rich man, the rich man lifted up his eyes in a resurrection — *unaware* that *thousands of years* had passed between the time when he *died* and his yet future resurrection. If you have not yet read the gripping booklet on *Lazarus and the Rich Man*, then write for your free copy immediately.

The MAJORITY of those dying today in all nations ARE NOT CONVERTED!

The *majority* of those having died through past centuries died with NO KNOWLEDGE of Christ, of the Bible, of the way to salvation.

But they are NOT hopelessly lost.

They *must* have their *first chance* for salvation.

Notice what God says about His own specially chosen people, Israel. "What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the *rest were blinded* (according as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should *not see*, and ears that they should *not hear*;) *unto this day*" (Rom. 11:7-8)

Are God's *sun elect* (Isaiah 44:1, 45:4) LOST FOREVER because God Himself has caused them to be BLINDED to His truth?

Not! Notice the proof! "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant

of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness *in part* is happened to Israel, *until* the fulness of the Gentiles be come in" (Rom. 11:25).

God has a TIME SCHEDULE He is working out. He WILL finally give all those ancient Israelites — whose hearts were hardened, who DID NOT KNOW the way to salvation — their FIRST chance!

Notice it: "And so ALL ISRAEL SHALL BE SAVED!" (Rom. 11:26.)

He says further, "For God hath concluded them [shut them up — original] all in unbelief, *that He might have mercy upon all!*" (Rom. 11:32.)

"... God our Saviour; Who will have ALL MEN TO BE SAVED, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (I Tim. 2:3, 4).

Every human being WILL be given an opportunity to hear, and to *understand* the Word of God. He will then make up HIS OWN MIND — make HIS OWN decision about WHETHER he will obey!

What About Suicide?

And what if someone kills HIMSELF? Will he be resurrected?

Of course! Suicide is SELF-murder. God commands, "Thou shalt NOT KILL," and says the wages of *sin*, which is the breaking of God's Ten Commandments (I John 3:4), is *death* (Rom. 6:23).

In the case of suicide, the penalty is the *same* as for any *other* broken law. In the resurrection AFTER the millennium of PEACE on the earth (Rev. 20:5, the resurrection *to judgment*) any person having committed suicide will learn the enormity of his sin; will HEAR the Word of God, just like the millions of others who committed sins, and who died not having the knowledge of the truth.

Is There a Hellfire?

Believe it or not, the Bible shows there must be a THIRD and FINAL resur-

rection! This time, a resurrection to DEATH — *by fire* — for those who have deliberately and willfully sinned.

Remember, there are THREE CLASSES OF PEOPLE with whom God is dealing. Those who *have* repented, and, whether living or dead, will rise to meet Christ in the air (I Thes. 4:15-18), coming down ON THAT DAY with Him to the mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4) to RULE with Him for 1,000 years (Rev. 2:26; 3:21; 5:10; 20:4). Then there are the millions of those who *have never* understood — the "REST" of the dead (Rev. 20:5).

And then there are those who WILL not choose to repent — who are finally *to lose out* on salvation.

Notice the Bible proof!

After the millennium of Christ's rule on earth, even AFTER the picture of the Great White Throne resurrection to JUDGMENT (Rev. 20:11-12), God says, "And death and hell [Greek word, *Hades* meaning THE GRAVE] were cast into the lake of fire. *This is the second death!*" (Rev. 20:14.)

A grave is only a grave when it contains a *body*. This scripture speaks of a resurrection to *physical* life, for the incorrigible evil, and a "GEHENNA" fire destroying them!

Read what God inspired the prophet Malachi to write: "For behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall *burn them up*... and ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet..." (Mal. 4:1-3).

The GEHENNA fire of your Bible is MUCH HOTTER than the pagan myth of an "ever-burning" fire. *This fire really burns* — it *destroys!*

Remember to write for the booklet about *Lazarus and the Rich Man*. It

explains how the rich man comes up in THIS final resurrection — only to see the advancing *wall of flame* before him. There is a mighty REAL FIRE revealed in the BIBLE — GEHENNA (Greek word) fire.

Peter said, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with *ferrent heat*, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be *burned up!*" (II Peter 3:10.)

But *before* giving this awesome warning of impending DESTRUCTION of the wicked, Peter *again* shows the righteous MERCY of the LOVING God, who "... is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that ANY should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance!" (II Peter 3:9.)

There is the real TRUTH about death — from your own Bible! Death is DEATH — without consciousness. A *resurrection* is the hope of the dead — not living for all eternity in some fanciful "limbo" or compartment of "heaven" or "hell."

The stories you've heard all your life about the boiling pots or the "pearly gates" are sheer MYTH! (Write for reprints on *Hell* and *Heaven* for a full explanation of these false doctrines.)

But the plain *truth* of your Bible is CLEAR!

What a great *blessing* it is to know the TRUTH about death! And how *especially comforting* is this knowledge when you must literally *see* death come to a loved one!

God's great and merciful PURPOSE in our lives is achieved because *Christ conquered death!* He will soon *release* those who are "waiting" for their change to come — and that day is MUCH nearer, now, than you may think!

Personal from the Editor

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spiritual MISSION. The Father that dwelt within Him — by the power of His Holy Spirit — did the work.

So it was really GOD doing it, by His Holy Spirit, using the individual human mind and body of Jesus as His instrument. GOD started HIS WORK of revealing HIS MESSAGE and building His Church through the individual human BODY of Jesus Christ.

I saw where God's true CHURCH is called "THE BODY OF CHRIST" (I Cor. 12:27, 13; Rom. 12:5). How could the CHURCH be the BODY OF CHRIST? I searched.

I studied. God's Word made the truth PLAIN. God started His Gospel WORK — proclaiming the Gospel (Good News) of His KINGDOM through the individual human BODY of Jesus. But after His resurrection, Jesus sent the same HOLY SPIRIT on the day of Pentecost, 31 A.D., and thereafter, to enter into the COLLECTIVE BODY of those constituting GOD'S CHURCH.

The CHURCH, then, is the COLLECTIVE BODY Christ uses as HIS INSTRUMENT, empowered by God's Spirit, to carry on GOD'S WORK. Jesus Christ heads and directs it from heaven!

How does one become a member of this ONE BODY? By receiving God's Holy Spirit. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized [immersed] into ONE BODY" (I Cor. 12:13). The word baptize means immerse — to plunge into. It is God's Holy Spirit which PUTS ONE INTO the only true Church!

But are there MANY CHURCHES? No, everywhere the New Testament speaks of the ONE Body — ONE CHURCH. "For the BODY is not one member, but many... But now they are many members, yet but ONE BODY" (I Cor. 12:14, 20).

Christ is NOT divided (I Cor. 1:13). There is ONE true Church. All in it "speak the same thing" (I Cor. 12:13). The word baptize means immerse —

But WHAT is the divine MISSION of that Church? What is its PURPOSE? The answer is to do the WORK OF GOD, which Jesus started, and now continues through His Church. And what did Jesus start DOING?

Mark tells us, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). Then, beginning verse 2, Mark records how John the Baptist prepared the way before Him. Coming, then, directly to the BEGINNING of the WORK Christ did, Mark says: "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee..." — DOING WHAT? — "...preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: REPENT ye, and BELIEVE the Gospel" (Mark 1:14-15).

Two things Jesus commanded His hearers to do: 1) REPENT, and 2) BELIEVE. But believe WHAT? Believe His GOSPEL! You have to believe that Gospel — that Good News of the KINGDOM OF GOD, to be saved! JESUS SAID SO!

The KINGDOM OF GOD is the GOVERNMENT of God. It is also the divine FAMILY of God, into which we may be born. It is the UNIVERSE-RULING family! You repent of — WHAT? Your rebellion against that GOVERNMENT of God, God governs by

His LAW, summed up by the Ten Commandments. Some will say, we must repent of SIN! Yes, SURELY! For sin IS the transgression of THE LAW (I John 3:4). Repentance means unconditional SURRENDER to the GOVERNMENT of God — to yield to let God RULE your life, according to His laws — it means to live by EVERY WORD IN THE BIBLE (Matt. 4:4).

What is the divine MISSION of God's true CHURCH? It is to carry on THE WORK Jesus started. Jesus commissioned His Church: "Go ye into all the world, and PREACH THE GOSPEL to every creature." Not just any gospel. Not a gospel merely about the Person of Christ — but His Gospel of the Kingdom of God — the Gospel He said we have to BELIEVE in order to be converted and saved!

Again, Matthew records His Great Commission: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in [into] the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: *teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have COMMANDED you*: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19-20). In proclaiming His GOSPEL, Jesus specifically said, "Teach them to OBEY God's COMMANDMENTS"!

Jesus gave a prophecy for our time — just before the END of this world. His disciples came to Him privately. They asked, "What shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the age?" (Matt. 24:3). Jesus warned against false ministers, saying that Jesus is Christ — yet DECEIVING THE MANY. And answering their question as to what sign would show when He is to come, He said: "And this Gospel of the KINGDOM [the same Gospel] He taught the original Apostles] shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; AND THEN shall the END come" (Matt. 24:14).

That Gospel was not preached after 70 A.D. to all the world. In every generation it has been preached — to a FEW, but not TO ALL THE WORLD — on ALL CONTINENTS!

Wherever God's true Church is — the ONE Church that is CHRIST'S — it will be preaching THAT GOSPEL to the whole world — over all continents — today. For we are near the END! That is the Gospel of the living Christ! It is the GOOD NEWS of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD to RULE THE WORLD! It is the Gospel of the divine GOVERNMENT. It teaches people to REPENT of rebellion against GOD'S government — transgression of GOD'S LAWS. It teaches

salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ — the remission of sins through Jesus' shed blood and reconciliation to God by Christ's DEATH; and salvation through His LIFE.

It has NO PART in this world's governments — its members are AMBASSADORS, as in a strange land, of THE KINGDOM OF GOD, soon to destroy and replace all human governments of the nations today. Jesus prayed for His Church: "...Holy Father, keep through *thine own name* those whom thou hast given me, that they may be ONE, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them *in thy name*: ... And now come I to thee... I have given them thy Word; and the world hath hated them, because *they are not OF the world*, even as I am not OF the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. *They are not OF the world*, even as I am not OF the world. Sanctify them through THY TRUTH: THY WORD is TRUTH" (John 17:11-17).

Jesus said His true Church was to be KEPT in the name of the Father — GOD. Twelve times in the New Testament, the NAME of this one true Church is The Church of God! It is GOD's Church, and Jesus Christ is its guiding, sustaining, directing HEAD!

In this world, churches are named after MEN, or after the SYSTEM men have devised, or the kind of church government MEN have thought out, CONTRARY to God's Word, or after a significant doctrine they emphasize, or what men hope to make it — all-encompassing, universal or catholic. But wherever that ONE true Church is, it will be named The Church of God. But that is not all. Many have appropriated God's name, but are not proclaiming the KINGDOM OF GOD, as the GOVERNMENT of God, which we must OBEY — teaching obedience to God's Law (Ten Commandments) — teaching REPENTANCE of rebellion and transgressing God's Holy LAW — teaching that we may be now BEGOTTEN into the KINGDOM (Family) of God, and may, by the resurrection, be BORN into the GOD FAMILY! That true Church is preaching the imminency of the coming of CHRIST as KING of kings and LORD of lords, to RULE all nations for a thousand years on earth. Not up in heaven, but ON THIS EARTH (Rev. 5:10).

There is only ONE such Church!

It is doing THE WORK OF GOD. It is, as Jesus said it would be, a "little flock," persecuted, despised by the world. But it does have dedicated, consecrated,

converted, fully instructed and trained, ordained MINISTERS in all parts of the world — available to call on you, visit you in your home, answer your questions, explain the Bible to you — IF YOU REQUEST IT! But none of them will EVER call on you, unless YOU of your own free will request it! Paul had visited the elders (ministers) at Ephesus from house to house — BUT, regarding the general public, Jesus said, "GO NOT from house to house" (Luke 10:7).

Neither Jesus, nor Peter, nor Paul, nor any of the original true Apostles ever approached people and personally URGED conversion on them. God has made every human a FREE MORAL AGENT. God compels each to MAKE HIS OWN DECISION, and the true GOD will never force you to be converted.

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