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Men of courage and integrity, who cannot be bought or sold, are greatly needed in the world today.
(A Devaney photo.)

THE WORLD is casting about for the unpurchasable man. Only a few years ago men thought science had in itself the answers to all human needs. Had not science with its keys unlocked the gates leading to the secrets and power of inanimate matter? Had it not replaced drudgery with effortless ease? Had it not provided food without the accustomed backbreaking toil? Had not man harnessed wind to his sails, steam to his cylinders, and gasoline to his pistons? Had he not captured the jagged lightning and used it to turn his wheels, cook his meals, and flash his voice to the far ends of the earth? Because of these power possibilities, the optimists were elated. They were sure that at last the shackles which for so long had chained the lives of earth's inhabitants to drudgery were to be loosened to permit man to pass through the door of opportunity to a wider and more leisurely life.

But the prison house that the keys of science so confidently unlocked seemingly opened only into a chamber of horrors, if not the chamber of death. Like children who have received too many gifts from Santa Claus, we have accepted from science more than we know how to use. In our life of constant surprises we had forgotten that ultimate values are not inherent in material things—that the most important things in the world cannot be

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The World Needs Him

By R. L. HUBBS

seen, measured, or weighed. Through science we have been given light, but not love; fear, but not assurance; food, but not security; rest, but not peace; knowledge, but not wisdom; and doubt without hope. It is a fact that life in this scientific age is futile without ideals, purposes, and principles. We live in a haggard world, full of wealth, but uncertain as to that which has ultimate worth. It was Goldsmith who penned the words:

"Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates, and men decay."

Years ago we read, "The greatest want of the world is the want of men,—men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall."—E. G. White, *Education*, page 57.

Modern thinkers now recognize that what the world needs most is leaders who are unpurchasable; and, incidentally, those who qualify would have to be trained by the church and would be the embodiment of its doctrines.

Dave Boone recently wrote in *The New York Sun*: "Today is Ash Wednesday—the season of self-appraisal, penitence, abstinence, and meditation of the journey to the cross that stirs men's souls. This groggy world never needed the lessons of that journey more than it does today.

"Failure to follow the honest, courageous, high-minded concept of life as lived and taught by Jesus Christ has put the world in the mess it is in today and is keeping it there, muddled, selfish, quarrelsome, and ineffective.

"Read again the journey of Jesus to

Golgotha, His teachings and His unrelenting stand for the brotherhood of man, even to His death on the Cross, and you will understand that the only answer to the horrors of the atomic bomb and such is a world filled with the atomic energy of His recorded life and words.

"Nothing else—not all the UNO'S, leagues, councils, pacts, and blueprints on earth—can haul man out of the pit he's in."

No saccharinated pronouncements can meet the needs of this hour. The spineless purveyor of anemic platitudes has had his day—now the day of reckoning has come. A sense of doom is in the air. We shall have to find a lost austerity, and lay hold on eternal truth or perish ignominiously.

What the world, tottering on the brink of disaster, actually wants and needs is the product of the Christian religion, pure and undefiled. The most excellent devotee of the teachings of Buddha will not suffice—the most enlightened disciple of Confucius will not do, nor will the best of Mohammed's followers be acceptable. We must have unpurchasable men. The only beliefs that offer a solution to the problems of the atomic age are Christian.

If there is to be a future, the leaders must be Christians. And thus the world has finally come to recognize the value of religious training. World leaders now see in it the only solution to the world's problems. What a tragedy it is that thinking men must wait until they have to look in the ugly face of disaster before they recognize their privileges and opportunities in the work of the church! Men who only recently held passive attitudes toward religious training now believe in it. The most needed process in a world given over to all sorts of processes is the one that would cause men to know right from wrong, and to follow the right fearlessly.

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OUR WORLD is shaking under the impact of crisis after crisis. Just as an old man becomes tottery when nearing the end of life's way, so the earth trembles and quakes as it nears the end of its present sinful course.

What is the meaning of these things? Why is there so much famine, pestilence, earthquake, confusion, hatred, and fear? The answer is, These are the signs of the end. The world is in its death throes. The crises will multiply until the present order of things is ended, and Christ establishes His kingdom of peace.

The Bible has predicted the very things that we are witnessing today. Furthermore, God's word foretells even greater catastrophes. It was Jesus who said: "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." He continued by making the striking statement that "all these are the beginning of sorrows." Matthew 24: 7, 8. These are "the beginning" of trouble, but where will it all end? The Saviour did not cease His remarks with this gloomy word picture, but He made the cheering promise to His faithful followers that He would return to this earth to put an end to all sorrow. Here are His words: "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: . . . and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Verse 30.

One of the outstanding characteristics of the present hour is fear. Men wait with

bated breath the outcome of atomic destructiveness. There is fear of war, fear of famine, epidemics, earthquakes, and other unusual phenomena. We hear about the millions of people starving to death in India and elsewhere. We learn about poliomyelitis epidemics and the insidious spread of cancer. Reports of earthquakes and tidal waves in ever-increasing number and destructiveness cause us to shiver in dread anticipation of the next catastrophe. Added to these things are the fears of financial collapse, race wars, depression, and even revolution. Our Lord prophe-

the climax of it all will be in His next statement: "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Luke 21: 25-27.

Another great sign is found in the elaborate, but not too successful, peace conferences. A valiant effort is being put forth, and rightly so, to establish world peace. The greatest talents have been aggregated to accomplish this work. Even the churches are participating in what appears to be a desperate effort to unite the world into a fellowship of nations. We even find the Protestant churches seek-

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sied of these fears when He spoke of "distress of nations, with perplexity" and of "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Christ explains what

ing an accord with the Vatican in their anxious desire to find peace. Men of long experience in matters of state seem heavily burdened and deeply concerned over the waning hopes for a united world. They are finding out that men are still obsessed with selfish greed and animosities. This problematical condition reminds us of the divine declaration of Holy Writ stated in so many words that "when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." 1 Thessalonians 5: 3.

In the troubles between the capitalists and the laborers we see another omen. The picket lines, walkouts, sit-down strikes, and boycotts all fulfill a phase of Bible prophecy that applies to the culmination of human history as we know it today. This remarkable prophecy reveals that "the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord." James 5: 4.

Are the laborers crying out against the capitalists? In all honesty we must admit that we are witnessing the fulfillment of the prophecy. It is revealed by the prophet James that this is another great evidence of the end of all things. Let us

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Pictured here are some of the delegates to the first session of the United Nations Security Council. The problem of world peace is the concern of these men. (Authenticated News photo.)





THE HUMAN EYE

Another Marvelous God-Made Invention

By ARTHUR WARREN

SOME years ago my son was presented with a marvelous, up-to-date camera. "Lucky fellow!" you will say.

"Yes," I reply. "It has given him untold pleasure. He certainly was fortunate."

It was a good stereoscopic miniature movie camera. All the figures in the pictures stood out like solid objects while the film supplied gave every shade and tint of color with great accuracy.

Looking at the camera closely, I discovered that it was instantaneously self-focusing, giving sharp pictures at the close range of 10 inches, or even at a great distance.

"This is a marvel," I thought.

To my amazement I found that it also automatically adjusted itself to the light. No need to close down the "stops" in sunny weather, or to open them in the late afternoon. If you looked at the "stop" indoors, and then went out with it into the sunshine, you could see it getting smaller.

More marvelous still, the camera could be connected to a sensitive control instrument which would take care of every operation of a complicated machine and—

"Stop!" you say. "I've guessed it. That's the human eye you're describing."

Yes, you're right. This camera was invented by God, the Great Designer, and given free of charge to men and women at birth.

Of course, the human body has thousands of divine inventions. But in the gifts of sight, hearing, smell, touch, and taste it seems as though God has planned to bring innumerable delights to His earth-born children. He has filled the earth with beautiful things, and has designed the human eyes so that we might enjoy them. Think of what this one gift of God, this

divine invention of sight, means to you in the realm of beauty and pleasure alone.

"Ah, there's nothing more beautiful to me than my young wife," says one voice.

"And there's nothing more lovely to me than my little girl and boy," says a happy mother.

The happiness which comes from our loved ones is borne into our souls largely by sight—God's great gift to us.

But all around us are beautiful things which God has created especially to give us happiness through our eyes. In the garden you will see a little woman with radiant face, gazing almost spellbound at the beauty of the roses—deep crimson, ruby red, orange pink, or with delicate tints of shell pink, cream, yellow, and apricot, with an exquisite beauty of form and shape as well.

God's Artistry

What a marvelous artist is our loving God! How infinitely versatile! As you wander about in the garden and note the beauty of hyacinths, crocuses, and tulips, and later, the pansies, the lilacs, the roses, the sweet peas, the lupins, the lilies, the chrysanthemums, and the dahlias—it seems that the Divine Artist-Inventor must have wearied Himself to devise some new shape or combination of colors to call forth your joyful admiration.

Let us not be spiritually blind to these tokens of divine love. They are given that

we may understand His infinite power and Godhead. (Romans 1:20.)

When these eyes of ours look out over the fair countryside, we soon see that God's beautiful things have not all been confined to gardens. There are 750 varieties of wild flowers in Yellowstone Park alone. There are 150 varieties in far-off Alaska. The heavenly mantle of the blue blaaveiss of Norway, glorifying the rough fjelds as the snow melts, is enough to thrill the most dull-eyed individual.

But who could remain unmoved at the sight of English woods in the time of spring bluebells! It is like a stretch of Paradise laid at your feet that you might understand better the love and goodness of "our Father which art in heaven." Matthew 6:9.

And who would think that the desert could blossom with beauty as it does in the spring in California? Great stretches of desert are "as a carpet woven by God," far out-rivaling those from the looms of Persia and Turkey.

Such tokens of God's love are seen in every State and in all parts of the earth. And all of them are portrayed on the human mind by the wonderful "camera" God has given us.

What marvelous effects are produced on the great canvas of the sky at dawn and sunset! My heart fills with happiness when I see the flush of dawn tinting dreamy clouds with rose, and later transforming the eastern heavens into a vast, beautiful opal, softly gleaming forth the palest blue and turquoise, shell pink, rose, and orange—God's morning gift, wishing us a happy day. And the wondrous colors of the sunset, when your eyes catch a vision of "islands of rose in a dove-grey

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"IT IS a pity that people are not so familiar as our fathers were with the Ten Commandments."

These are not our words, although many times and in many ways we have expressed these same sentiments. This time it is no less a person than the archbishop of Canterbury who writes thus in his *Diocesan Gazette*, quoted in the *London Daily Mail*.

No doubt the archbishop would agree that the church must take a large measure of blame for this sad unfamiliarity of the present generation with the Ten Commandments. If those commandments had been thoroughly and convincingly taught by the clergy, matters might have been very different.

But why is it that they have not been so taught? Do the clergy believe in them as God's great moral standard of human conduct? Or do many of them regard the Decalogue as a mere out-of-date law?

The fact is that faith in the law of God has been seriously undermined during the past few decades. Men have talked glibly about the tribal god of the Jews. Even clergymen have discoursed on the incon-

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An Inquiry into the Increase of Lawlessness

By HERMAN F. De'ATH

sistency of basing the religious life of the church on an obsolete code of morals, which has little to do with modern life. Ministers of the other churches, too, have

love is positive but law is negative; and that it is all a dreadful mistake to confront people with an inexorable law, which no one can keep, and which cannot save a single soul from sin.

What has been the result of all this thoughtless, ill-balanced, and superficial sentiment?—Nothing but looseness, indifference to religion, skepticism, materialism, and worldliness.

Then, too, in the past few decades, the whole thought of man has been completely revolutionized concerning his origin and destiny. The theory of the evolutionary development of man from the lowest forms of life, which is alleged to have covered millions of years of painful progress through struggle, strife, and bloodshed, makes nonsense of at least one commandment of the Sacred Ten, and nullifies completely the account of Creation in the opening chapters of the Holy Bible.

Evolutionism a Factor

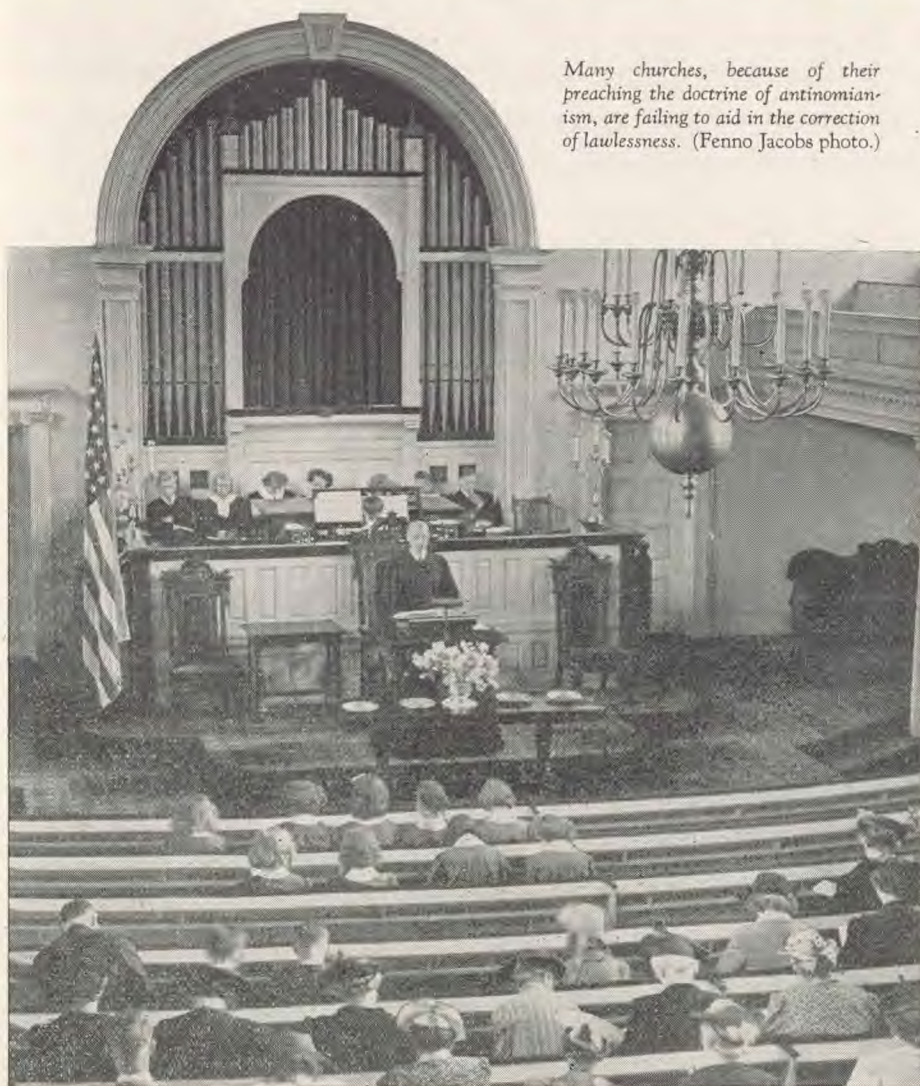
If a man holds that his ancestors were apes and monkeys and the creeping denizens of primeval slime, what standard of conduct is he likely to have? What becomes of his conceptions of right and wrong? Can we expect men today to be on the same level as that of our fathers who were yet uncontaminated by this fantastic, soul-destroying theory? Hardly.

"I think," the archbishop is reported to have said, "one duty of the church today is the reassertion of the great moral platitudes."

But how can popular religion reassert the Ten Commandments while it encourages theories which virtually cancel the most vital parts of that law and flatly contradict the opening chapters of the Bible? It must first recover and reassert the truth concerning man's distinct and separate creation, before it is in a position to reassert the Ten Commandments.

Not until it is prepared to test every human theory by the Scriptures of truth, its own official acknowledged standard, can popular religion become a spiritual force to be reckoned with in the fight against the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Many churches, because of their preaching the doctrine of antinomianism, are failing to aid in the correction of lawlessness. (Fenno Jacobs photo.)



A Dazzling Display of Glory!

Greater than That of the Atomic Bomb



By Wesley Amundsen

The blinding light and cloud of the atom burst over Bikini Lagoon. The terrific glare of this deadly bomb will be greatly surpassed by the glory of the second advent of Christ. (International photo.)

THE HOUR was 5:30 A. M.; the date, July 16, 1945; the place, a remote desert area near Alamogordo, New Mexico. The event was an explosion.

Some of the most eminent scientists of America met out in the sandy wastes of New Mexico to test the new bomb that was to bring a quick end to the global war. An innocent-looking steel tower stood small and strange out in the open. Five miles away, the men, with faces well shielded and eyes covered with dark glasses, waited nervously in the dugout. An announcer stood, watch in hand, waiting to say the final word. The minutes ticked away ominously. As the fateful split-second drew nearer, the men became more tense. Then, suddenly the announcer said, "Now!" Immediately there was a blinding flash of light, followed by the deep rumbling of the explosion. The atomic bomb had made its appearance in our world for the first time. The atomic age had blasted its way in.

Today the world is gasping for breath as it seeks to adjust its pace to this new era. Man has now discovered that which has been hidden from him through the millenniums of time. One of the most powerful of nature's secrets stands bare

and dreadful before the world. The race is on. That shout, "Now!" made by the announcer out in New Mexico, has been heard around the world.

There is another day facing the world, a day when there will be a shout of even greater significance than the one of which we have just spoken. This shout, too, will be heard by men and woman around the world.

It Is Almost Time

For six millenniums God has waited for this hour. Now, the "time is at hand." Revelation 22:10. The minutes of the clock of the universe are ticking away. The hands of that clock say that it is almost 12 o'clock. The plan of salvation, laid before the foundation of the world, is to culminate in the passing of this world order and the ushering in of the new. Probationary time is almost over, and the final hour awaits the startling word from heaven, "It is done!" Revelation 16:17.

Rapidly the closing scenes of earth will rush to their conclusion. The mighty angels, revealed in the seventh chapter of Revelation as holding the winds of destruction, will be bidden to loose their hold, and the wrath of God will come upon the

impenitent. (Revelation 15 and 16.) The final one of those plagues will sweep away the corrupt cities of the world, and "the Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard, and shall show the lighting down of His arm, with the indignation of His anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones." Isaiah 30:30.

A mighty earthquake will shake the heavens and the earth, a seismic convulsion "such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." Revelation 16:18.

The indignation of the Lord will flash through the earth. Mountains and hills will be moved out of their places. The roaring of the tempest will be louder than that of any other storm ever heard by the ear of man. The waves of the sea will mount up in their anger, and will rush in upon the cities of the coasts with a fury unknown to man today. The earth will heave, and its surface break up, as the land trembles beneath the lash of the Almighty.

Dreadful will be the great hailstones, each one "about the weight of a talent" (about 57 pounds). Revelation 16:21. These will rain down from heaven upon

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RECENTLY in an eastern city I visited a cemetery in which sleeps my daughter, an only girl. At her birth her parents dedicated her to the Lord. She was given a training for Christian service. Finishing college, she chose the work of teaching. She gave promise of a useful and successful life. But after four years of service, she was stricken with a deadly disease; and thus were blasted her hopes and ours.

Many times we sought to reason out why Providence permitted her to end so early her earthly career. We could find no solution to the problem. We were forced to realize that, according to the words of Holy Writ, in this life we "know in part" only, and "see through a glass darkly." 1 Corinthians 13:12. And we endeavored to believe that "all things work together for good to them that love God." Romans 8:28.

We must wait for the revelation of God's will and ways to understand fully His wise leadings in this life. There will come a time when all will be made plain, and we shall understand in fuller measure His plans and purposes.

Death Will Be Destroyed

And there will come a time when death shall be destroyed. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:4. Lord, hasten that joyous hour! What a happy reunion will then take place!

How will this reunion be effected? This question concerned the patriarch Job in an hour of great affliction. He inquired: "If a man die, shall he live again?" Job 14:14. He answered his own question: "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." The appointed time is the day of the resurrection. Addressing his Maker, Job declared: "Thou shalt call, and I will answer Thee: Thou wilt have a desire to the work of Thine hands." Verse 15.

Beautiful and comforting is this thought! Just the same as we desire to see again our loved ones who have passed away, so our Lord Jesus Christ in heaven desires to see again the work of His hands, the ones whom He has loved and for whose salvation He made His great sacrifice on the cross.

In the following scriptures read the manner in which the great miracle of the resurrection is wrought:

"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." John 5:28, 29.

"Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written,

Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Corinthians 15:51-55.

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18.

Is there not, indeed, comfort in these precious promises?

The Glad and Glorious Resurrection

The Hope of All the Sleeping Saints

By FRANCIS McLELLAN WILCOX

Some day the tomb will be split open at the call of the great Life-giver, and then His sleeping saints will awake and come forth clothed in immortality. (Horne photo.)



On an old tombstone in a New England cemetery is inscribed in effect these words: "An inn for the weary pilgrim stopping over night on his way to the Holy City."

Christ likens death to a sleep. He said: "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him." John 11:11. In perfect sleep all consciousness is suspended. And so it is with those who sleep the sleep of death. "For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion forever in anything that is done under the sun." Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6.

Of the dead Job declares: "His sons come to honor, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them." Job 14:21.

The psalmist sounds this warning: "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." Psalm 146:3, 4.

The death of the righteous is brightened with the hope of the resurrection. To this grand and glorious event the church of

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the sword for the power of the Spirit, the traditions of men for the commandments of God, and the lure of mammon for the love of God, and the result is altogether too apparent in the woeful state of affairs that prevails among the peoples of the earth.

declarations of God have been discarded, and human devices and ingenuity have been allowed to take the place of a plain "Thus saith the Lord." Many a man has brought ruin upon himself and his fellows because he has failed to heed the still, small voice of God. Many a nation has come to its end because it has rejected the

The World NEEDS *the Bible*

It Contains God's Message of Hope

By EDWIN R. THIELE

If there is one lesson above all others that the world needs to learn, it is that there is no substitute for honesty, justice, mercy, love, and truth. It is this lesson that through all the ages God through His word has been endeavoring to teach.

The Holy Scriptures are our sacred treasure chest of truth. It contains not the vain imaginations

and speculations of men, but the divine revelations of God. When He speaks concerning a matter, we may know that those words are both wise and true. It is to man's infinite advantage to believe the Lord and obey Him. When man follows in his own ways, in flagrant disregard of the ways of his Maker, he is walking in a pathway of error and folly; the end thereof is disaster and death.

When the Lord speaks, we may believe Him and follow Him, knowing that He will not lead us astray. There are things concerning ourselves and the world in which we live, which, relying upon our own wisdom, we may never know. Following our own instinct and intuition, we are often led into pathways of folly and evil. Human reasoning often leads not to God but away from Him. The hypotheses of men often turn out to be falsehood, not truth. But no house founded on falsehood can ever endure. No path that leads away from the Saviour and righteousness will guide us to lasting peace, prosperity, and joy. Man, following his own way, frequently finds that it leads him into darkness and trouble, and he discovers that the end thereof is only bitterness and death.

The greatest misery and woe that has fallen to the lot of man has come when the

light contained in God's Holy Word, Civilizations have met their doom because they have failed to uphold the standards of God's ways of righteousness, mercy, and truth. The unparalleled difficulties we are facing in the world today are due to a failure to heed the warnings and admonitions left by God in the Bible.

Long ago the prophet Micah gave us a good explanation of the basic nature of true religion: "Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." Micah 6: 6-8.

It is justice, mercy, and humility that are called for by God. But where can they be found among the children of men, either in the church or outside? We wage war in the name of justice, but we ourselves are guilty of as grave injustices as this world has ever known. We are bitter in our denunciations of the lack of mercy in others, and yet we often manifest a callousness and severity that would put the tender mercies of Cæsar or Attila to shame. We profess our faith in Him who declared that "the meek shall inherit the earth" (Psalm 37: 11), but our own arrogance, bigotry, and pride have reached limits where they have become a byword among all the peoples of earth.

It was the Master Himself who said: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and

FOR MANY years the Bible has been the most treasured book of all the peoples of earth, but never was there a time when it was of greater importance than now. The message of this book has always been of vital importance to man, but never was there a time when the world needed it as desperately as it does today.

As the prophets received their messages from God and passed them on to the peoples about them, the result was enlightenment and blessing to all who heard. As these messages were later collected into a single volume, which was henceforth received by men as God's divinely inspired word, there came to the world a great revival of righteousness. But today we are living in a time when even among peoples who call themselves Christian, and who profess to base their creeds upon the words of this Sacred Book, the basic truths of the Bible are ignored and forgotten. The result can be seen in the sad state of our modern world.

It is not the Bible—the message of God—that has failed, but it is man who has failed to heed it. Man has endeavored to substitute ritualism for righteousness, materialism for spirituality, opportunism for duty, guile for veracity, hypocrisy for sincerity, pride for humility, the might of

pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." Matthew 5: 44, 45. But where is the man of state who would dare say that this is a practical policy to follow in the nation where he holds sway?

"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword," is a truth expressed in the word of God. Revelation 13: 10. But do we as nations and Christians believe this word?

The Blessing of Giving

Yet again we are told that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20: 35. Great have been the blessings of those who have accepted this word and have acted upon it, but how much of unbelief our actions so often portray!

The greatest blessings and treasures of our times are ours by virtue of the revelations of God's word of divine truth and its portrayal of the wisdom of the ways of righteousness and holiness. Without this message the light that is ours would long since have gone out in darkness, and mercy, goodness, and faith would long since have perished from the face of the earth.

If our present world is to continue to exist, it is of paramount importance that there be a speedy return to the principles set forth in God's word of truth. If confidence, peace, and joy are ever to become the lot of man, it will only be by our acceptance of the way of life, made so plain in the holy Guidebook given by the Lord for the benefit and blessing of man. In the Bible and its message from God is the one great hope of our age.

The Glad . . . Resurrection

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God has looked forward for the consummation of their hopes through all the centuries.

And to the silent sleepers in the cities of the dead their sleep in the tomb will be as a night's rest after a weary day. They close their eyes in death, and the next conscious moment they look into the face of the blessed Lifegiver, their truest and dearest Friend. To us who live and grieve, the days are long and weary, but to our loved ones it will be as though they passed at the moment of death into the presence of their Lord.

The glad day of deliverance and restoration and reunion hastens on apace. Soon

"He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Hebrews 10: 37. In concluding His message to John, the Lifegiver declares: "Surely I come quickly." To this the apostle responds: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Revelation 22: 20. This may well be our prayer today.

And when Christ shall come, "the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isaiah 35: 10.

We shall clasp glad hands with our loved ones, never, never more to part. And this glad and happy reunion will be unbroken throughout the endless ages of eternity. A poet has said:

"When we've been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun."

By Christ's enabling grace may we so live that we shall have part in that joyous home coming.

The Human Eye

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ocean"! Or when brilliant bands of gold and flame radiate from the west, and our eyes see a vision, as it were, of all the glorious hosts of angels, rank upon rank and army upon army, until the sky seems filled with heavenly glory. We see it all through these eyes! What a wonderful gift of our gracious God!

When we develop the habit of careful observation with this gift, the beauty of God's created works appear more and more around our own homes and when we visit other lands. We shall rejoice in the scenery of America, the quiet beauty of England, the sparkling fjords of Norway, and the peace of Swedish lakes at dawn. Our eyes will kindle with admiration as we "see the dawn descending down the shadowy hills" on the mountains beyond Lake Geneva.

A Source of Pleasure

And if it has been our lot to see the beauties of the Pacific Isles, it may be that we shall look with keener interest on the majesty of our own Rocky Mountains, the beauties of Yellowstone Park, and the breath-taking vision of the Grand Canyon.

"Ah!" says the soldier who has been abroad for years on war service, "what gladdened my eyes most of all was when I saw my homeland peep over the ocean's brink!"

"And when I saw my little boy and girl again!" rejoices another.

Yes, and all these joys and pleasures come to us through the eyes. Wonderful gift of our gracious God!

Sunday Observance . . .

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between their alleged holy day and any and every other day in the week.

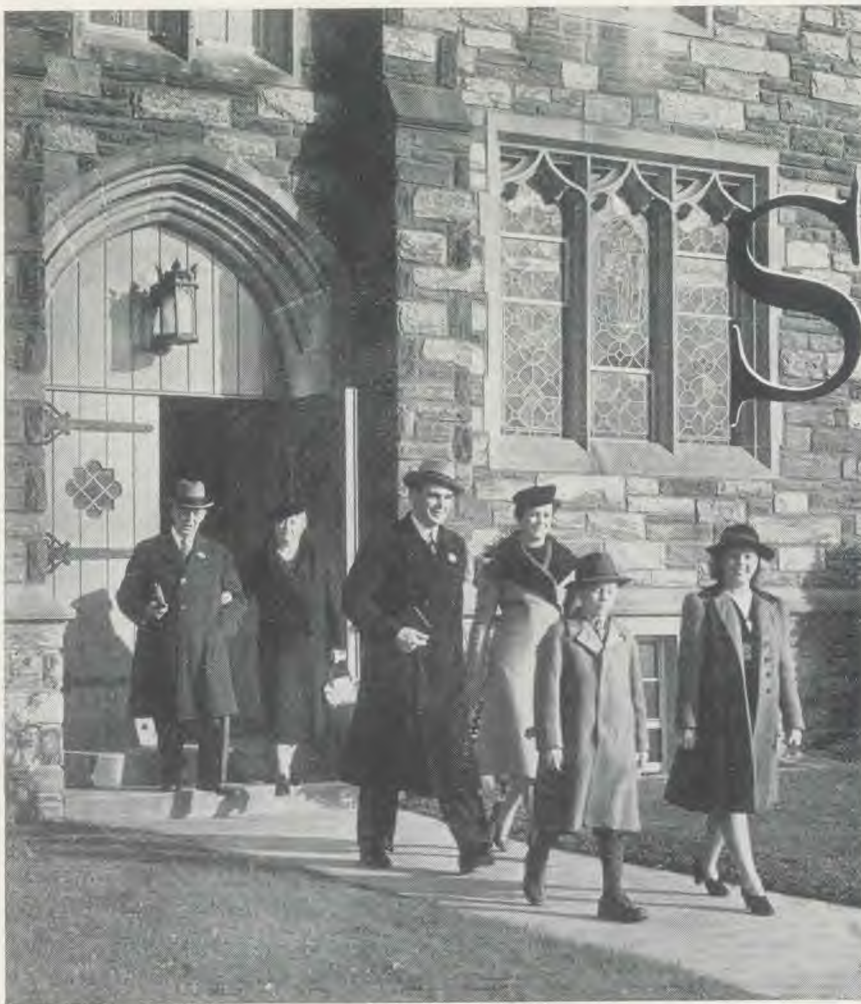
It is God who makes holy—and only God—not a new calendar. The essential nature and character of the days of the week are not changed by renaming them. Under their new names they remain as holy as they ever were—if they ever were.

Of course, what is here said of Sunday, the first day of the week, is equally true of the real Sabbath, the seventh day of the week. Consequently, Jews and Seventh-day Adventists are affected by this new calendar in exactly the same way as are Roman Catholics and Protestants. If they really believe the seventh day to be holy, they cannot accept the new calendar. To be true to their faith, they would be forced to keep the day then called "Friday" during all of 1951, for that would be the true seventh day, clothed still with all the holiness God conferred upon it in the beginning (Genesis 2: 2, 3) and when He covered it by one of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20: 8-11), and when it was called Saturday and recognized as the seventh day in the Gregorian calendar, and before it was driven from its place and called the sixth day, and renamed Friday by the so-called "World Calendar." It is not the name or the number to which holiness attaches, but to the day.

And again, of course, the world of Islam would be likewise affected. Mohammedans keep Friday, the sixth day. That day would be affected exactly as every other day would be affected under the so-called "world calendar."

In brief, the "world calendar" now proposed for adoption in 1950 is anti-religious, being anti-Roman Catholic, anti-Protestant, anti-Jewish, and anti-Islamic. It is an insult to more than half the population of the globe. Instead of being a world calendar, it would be more accurately named anti-world calendar.

No, do not write your congressman to oppose H.R. 7041. It died with the Seventy-ninth Congress. But be prepared to write your congressman in the Eightieth Congress, for the World Calendar Association very probably will persuade Mr. Mundt, or some other congressman it can induce to swallow its propaganda, to introduce a similar bill. It is determined to have its anti-religious calendar put in effect in 1950.



tion, on January 1, 1950, of a new calendar for the present one. It calls on the United States to put this new calendar into effect in this country and "all the territories subject to its jurisdiction."

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the earliest possible date upon the governments of the nations of the world at appropriate conferences that may be held and/or sessions of the United Nations and/or other international bodies, that the World Calendar be adopted, effective January 1, 1950."

The "world calendar" which this bill would have supplant our present calendar is an arrangement of days, months, and quarters based on a year that arbitrarily is made, on paper, to comprise 364 days.

Four equal quarters of 91 days each can be gotten out of 364, and the "world calendar" sponsors are aiming at four equal quarters. It matters nothing to them that 364 days do not make up the true length of the year. They demand a figure that can be divided by four. They get it arbitrarily, not scientifically, by deciding on a year having 364 days. They can then fix their quarters by giving them, exactly and permanently, 91 days each.

That enables them to fix their months in a pattern of 31-30-30 each quarter. The first month in each quarter is given 31 days—January, April, July, October. The other two months in each quarter are given 30 days each.

That results in giving each quarter exactly 13 weeks. Their plan makes it possible to begin each quarter always on what they call "Sunday," to end it always on what they dub "Saturday."

This also makes it possible to have July 4 always fall on what they style "Wednesday," Christmas to always fall on "Monday," and New Year's Day to always fall on "Sunday."

All of which seems most convenient. But it only *seems* convenient. It would not work out conveniently at all. For consider how all this is made to *seem* convenient.

Notwithstanding the use of 364 as the

THE YEAR 1950 will be the last year that Sunday will be observed as a sacred day if zealous calendar reformers have their way. They propose to detach it from its place in the week and substitute another day in its stead.

Their proposal would result in Sunday-keepers observing Monday during 1951, Tuesday and Wednesday in 1952 (six months each), Thursday during 1953, Friday in 1954, Saturday during 1955. They would not get around to observing Sunday again until 1956, and then only during the first six months. Then they would start the round of days all over again.

No, this is not a hoax. There is a serious, determined effort in progress to scramble the days of the true week, to detach them from their rightful places in the seven-day period, and to send them wandering through the mazes of an irreligious calendar, without any regard at all for the sacredness which may attach to any day.

This is not, of course, what the sponsors of this audacious proposal announce as their purpose. But this is precisely what their proposal will do if carried out. They attempt to conceal this by vigorous denials.

However, facts are facts. A thorough analysis of the proposal discloses this as the inevitable result.

On July 15, 1946, Representative Karl Mundt, of the First District of South Dakota, and Representative Kee, of the Fifth District of West Virginia, jointly introduced into the Congress, and jointly sponsored, what is known as H.R. 7041, "a bill to improve the calendar by making it perpetual, by equalizing the quarters of the year, and fixing holidays."

From the terminology of the bill few would suspect what the effect of its adoption would be on the sacred days of several of the world's great religions—Christianity, Judaism, and Mohammedanism. It would displace their holy days—all of them. This fact is most carefully covered up under a jumble of words in 11 preambles, three resolutions, and three be-it-enacted.

In these preambles and resolutions Congressman Mundt managed to get in nearly all of the propaganda of the World Calendar Association, which has been striving for years to get what it calls the "world calendar" adopted in place of the present Gregorian calendar.

What this bill proposes is the substitu-

number decided on for the days of the year, that is not the *true* number of the days of the real year—which consists of 365 days and a fraction. A day is not gotten rid of by ignoring it, or by refusing to count it, or by pretending that it

to sacred days in all religions. Consider what would happen if this “world calendar” should go into effect in 1950. No difference would appear throughout that year until its last day. All the way through its weeks to December 30 in-

streperous day another name—but not a month date. They propose to take the name “Sunday” away from it, and call it something impressive. “Universal Peace Day” is the name Mr. Mundt proposes for it. “United Nations Day” is what Eliza-

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does not exist. It turns up anyway. And so the “world calendar” folk have had to devise a means of disposing of this brash, embarrassing, stubborn day, which persists in arriving despite the fact that they wish it wouldn't.

This is what they propose to do with it. They give it a special name—and allow it to occur—but do not count it in their calendar reckoning. They would act as though it did not exist; make it a holiday, but give it no place in their calendar. So far as their calendar is concerned, it is “no day,” a “blank day.” They furiously deny this; yet they are bound to recognize its truth. They have a day on their hands that they cannot manage—at least, without disarranging every day of every week thereafter.

The effect of this is positively disastrous

clusive, the days of the week would be exactly the same as in the present calendar. But the month dates would be different after February, for this month would have 30 days instead of the 28 that it now has, March would have 30 instead of 31, April would have 31 instead of 30, and May 30 instead of 31, etc.

But the days of the week would not change until December 30, 1950, should arrive. And then Monday would become “Sunday,” and the real Sunday would lose its place in the calendar. All through 1951 observers of Sunday would keep Monday, the second day of the week, as their holy day, instead of the true Sunday, the first day of the week.

The day following Saturday, the 30th of December, would be Sunday, the 31st, according to our present time count. But that just must not be, say they. It is one day too many. It spoils everything for them. There cannot be any Sunday, December 31, in their plan.

What to do? They would give the ob-

beth Achelis, president of the World Calendar Association, proposes. But it would have no date, mind you. And it would not be called “Sunday”—which it really will be—for that name is needed by them to begin the New Year of 1951, the next day.

And so it is proposed that December 31 shall disappear, and forever, and that December 30 shall end all years thereafter.

By this the real Sunday is displaced. Monday takes its place. Only this Monday is renamed. It becomes “Sunday,” no longer Monday. And the true Sunday, during 1951, becomes “Saturday.”

Many will say, “So what?” Just this: Those who keep Sunday as a sacred day have claimed that 19 centuries ago something special happened on that particular day of the week. The thing that happened was the resurrection of Jesus Christ. That stupendous event, it is claimed, clothed Sunday, the first day of the week, with a sanctity that no other day possesses.

We do not argue here as to whether the claim is true. But we do mention the indisputable fact that the resurrection of Christ on the first day of the week has been set forth for centuries as the basis for the observance of Sunday by both Roman Catholics and Protestants.

Another day, the second day of the week, upon which the Lord Jesus was not resurrected would suddenly, by a process of calendar-reform legerdemain, be shifted by the calendar-reform plan to Sunday's place. An attempt is made to dress it up in Sunday's alleged sacredness, and masquerade it under the name of “Sunday.” The churches are asked to play the game of pretending it is the first day of the week by holding their services on this false Sunday rather than on the real Sunday, which would have the name “Saturday” attached to it.

Plainly, if Sundaykeepers submit to this plan, they will have to abandon every claim they have ever made for Sunday sacredness, and confess before the world that there has never been any difference

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Will Attack U. S. First

ANY FUTURE aggressor would attack the United States first, according to General Jacob L. Devers, commander of the United States Army ground forces. "If this future aggressor could defeat the

As we contemplate the solemn import of it, we cannot but foresee trouble ahead. We recall to mind the following words of Holy Writ: "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." 1 Thessalonians 5:3.



greatest, most powerful nation in the world, his remaining conquests need only be political," the four-star general stated. (See *The New York Times*, July 20, 1946.)

We were saved from defeat in the past two wars because we had allies who held off the enemy until we were prepared to meet him. However, General Devers thinks that the next act of aggression will be directed at us without warning, and will allow no time whatever for preparation. He urges that we be ready for any eventuality.

The general also declared that any future war would be heralded by an attack of long-range rockets striking suddenly and swiftly.

These warnings from a leading military figure make the peace cry sound hollow.

This United States postage stamp has been issued to commemorate the founding of the Smithsonian Institution. Its wording bears a startling resemblance to the prophetic statement in Daniel 12: 4, which speaks of "the time of the end," when "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." (Acme photo.)

These potatoes, part of a lot of 2,000,000 pounds so treated, were smashed on an idle air strip at Moses Lake, Washington. After they are dried and processed, alcohol will be produced from them. (Press Association photo.)

Consider the destructiveness of rocket bombs blasting our cities! It is almost unthinkable that our fair land should be blighted by the horrors of modern warfare. How awful it is to imagine the shrieking bombs, huge fires, piles of ruins, agonized screams, and roads jammed with evacuees. Could this happen in America? The militarists and scientists, not to mention the statesmen, all bring these things into the realm of possibility by their bold predictions.

The imminence of these things in the light of present conditions ought to arouse us to more godly living. The admonition of the Bible should be heeded. God says: "Watch and be sober." 1 Thessalonians 5:6. H.

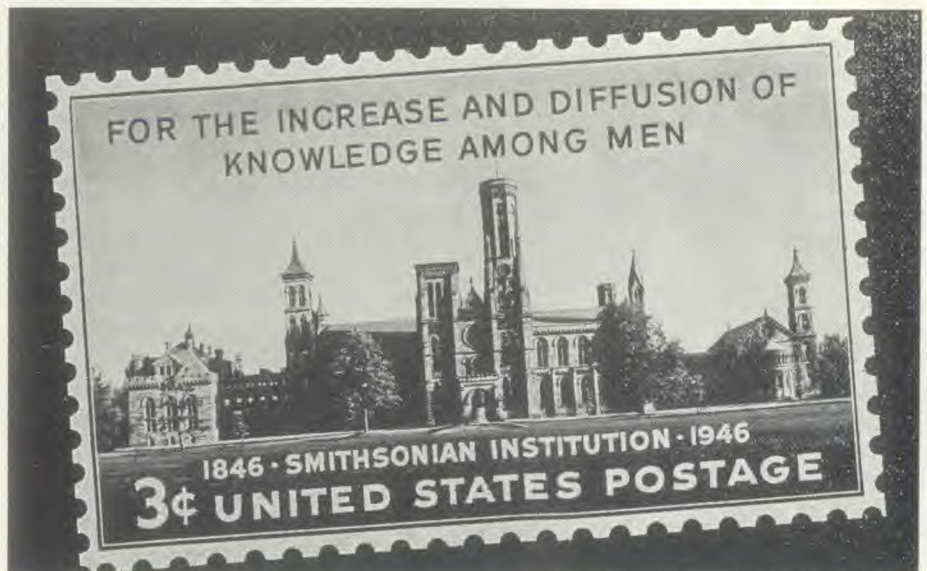


Liquor Maims and Kills

CAR ACCIDENTS are largely the result of liquor drinking, according to E. T. Cunningham, vice president and editor of *The Weekly Underwriter*. He states that "it is a well-known fact, which safety men choose to ignore, that over-indulgence in intoxicating liquors on the part of drivers is responsible for about 90% of all automobile accidents. (See *The New York Times*, July 28, 1946.)

This editor claims that he investigated many automobile accidents and almost always found a whisky bottle on the back seat of the wrecked car. He insists that drinking is the chief road hazard to safe driving.

In this same article the Metropolitan



Life Insurance Company gave the figures on the "shocking" increase in motor vehicle fatalities. For the first six months of this year the death toll was 24% higher than last year.

Actually, on the basis of these facts, we should brand liquor as a treacherous killer. It is the enemy of man, and just as dangerous as a poisonous reptile. How long will men continue to court this evil thing that is responsible for snuffing out the lives of a huge army of its victims. God questions the "doomed dupes" of the whisky bottle as follows: "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine." Proverbs 23: 29, 30.

Dr. Robert V. Seliger, Johns Hopkins Hospital psychiatrist, stated in the September issue of the *Woman's Home Companion* that more American women are becoming confirmed alcoholics. He made it known that the modern woman still has the same sensitive nervous system as her grandmother, and is in great danger of cracking under the strain of modern dissipation. He warned that the number of women admitted to mental hospitals as a result of alcoholism is increasing at an alarming rate. He added that "60 to 70% of the patients are doomed to end their lives in psychiatric hospitals or literally drink themselves to death."

More and more frequently we are reading in the newspapers of those who have actually drunk themselves to death. What a pity! And this is not just confined to men, but includes women also. It is time for Christian people to rise up in opposition to this killer who continues to roam freely. His shadow falls over the railroad crossings, on the highways, in the homes, in the factories, and he is ruthlessly driving his horde of unhappy slaves to the prison houses, hospitals, and insane asylums. God was right when He declared: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 20: 1. H.

A CORRECTION

DUE TO an oversight on our part, the poem "Transition" in the October issue of OUR TIMES was erroneously attributed to Audria Nelson, whereas the correct name of the author is Audria Nolton.

OUR COVER

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A Great Crisis Is Near!

BY SPECIAL arrangements of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council, 60 delegated churchmen from 15 nations (the Vatican excused) assembled at Girton College, Cambridge, England, August 4-7 of this year. According to the official report prepared by Walter W. Van Kirk, an American delegate, "the primary purpose of the conference was to devise a co-ordinated strategy of action by which the non-Roman churches might concert their efforts for the establishment and maintenance of world order."

John Foster Dulles was unanimously elected as chairman of the conference. A Presbyterian and a lawyer, Mr. Dulles is better known in the United States for his religious activities as chairman of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace, under the direction of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

The conference created a permanent Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, consisting of 30 church leaders from 18 nations.

An Associated Press report quoted Protestant leaders at the conference as declaring themselves in favor of joint action on world problems by Protestantism and Roman Catholicism, based upon "some kind of satisfactory understanding at the highest level, presumably between the World Council of Churches and the Vatican." It referred to Mr. Dulles as saying that "parallel action" of the Roman Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches would at least be sought.

Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, dean of the Graduate School of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, at Mount Airy (near Philadelphia), Pennsylvania, was reported as saying: "It is imperative that the churches of the world seek in every legitimate way to bring moral pressure to bear on the leaders of the world. If it is appropriate for labor and business to put pressure on the United Nations organization, it is necessary for churches to do the same thing."

The Commission of the Churches on International Affairs was created for that purpose. Dr. Nolde himself was named associate director of that body. "His specific responsibility," says Dr. Van Kirk, "will be that of relating the churches to the work of the United Nations and other international bodies."

In this connection it is interesting to recall that early in 1944 Dr. Nolde, also a member of the Federal Council's Commission on a Just and Durable Peace, delivered a notable speech entitled "The Christian Movement toward World Order." The printing of it in the *Congressional Record* (of April 24, 1944) cost the taxpayers of the United States \$156. In that address he said that "the Christian Movement toward World Order," as he calls it, "is offering to governmental leaders the benefit of Christian insights and judgments in the area in which governmental leaders must operate."

This clearly means that the popular churches have launched a concerted effort to exercise a dominant religious influence over the political and social activities of the postwar world, and that they expect to do this in collaboration with the papacy. Indeed, Dr. Nolde said:

"Christianity believes that moral law, no less than physical law, undergirds our world. It contends that the moral order, which is fundamental and eternal, is relevant to the corporate life of men in nations and in society as well as to the life of individuals. The sickness and suffering which affect our present society are symptoms and proof of an indifference to and a direct violation of moral law. Guilt of this indifference or violation becomes a relative matter, and no nation upon earth is completely free from a measure of responsibility. Christianity therefore proclaims that the moral law must become controlling not only in the lives of men as individuals, but also in their corporate life as nations."

Every intelligent Christian knows that the world is in a terrible condition morally, and that men need the religion of Jesus Christ above everything else. But it is not the business of churchmen to put pressure upon the civil powers to enforce that religion upon the people. Such an effort is sure to bring vexation and persecution to religious minorities not disposed to follow the dictates of politically minded preachers.

Dr. Nolde is a Lutheran. His statements need not evoke much surprise, for the Lutheran Church has lived in wedlock with the civil power as the state church in Germany and the Scandinavian countries. But among the fine people of the Lutheran

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STOP that BLEEDING!

HEMORRHAGE (bleeding) is a frequent household emergency. While the ordinary cases of bleeding are of little consequence, and are easily controlled, serious bleeding may take place from home accidents. Hence everyone should know what to do when bleeding occurs, and do it immediately, for blood is the foundation of life, and its loss may be a serious calamity.

Most of us have a fairly clear idea of the movements of the blood, or the circulation, but it may be well to review it. The circulation is a continuous traveling of the blood from the heart to all the parts of the body and back again. It is really a transportation system for oxygen, carbon dioxide, and the chemicals we get from our food. These things are necessary to rebuild the wear and tear of daily living, and to supply materials for growth.

The center of the circulatory system is the heart, a really marvelous double pump, with no connection between its two parts except through the blood vessels. We may start any place in the circle, but for convenience we will start at the right lower cavity of the heart, or right ventricle. The thick-walled lower cavities are called "ventricles," and the thin-walled ones above them are "auricles," or ears. The ventricles and auricles all hold the same amount of blood normally. To force the blood out of the cavities (and they all work approximately at the same time, else there is much trouble) the heart becomes smaller, or contracts, and squeezes the blood into the big vessels attached to it.

The vessels carrying blood from the heart are arteries, and carry red blood. The ones going to the heart are veins, and the color of the blood in them is bluish.

When the blood passes from the right ventricle to the lungs, it goes from a very large vessel, or tube, to a number of smaller ones, the number rapidly increasing as the size decreases until they are so small they are like hairs, hence the name capillaries. These tiny capillaries are so small and thin that the gas from the air we breathe (oxygen) passes right through the walls to the blood, and the gas in the blood from the wastes of the body (carbon dioxide) passes out into the lungs. In this process the blood is changed from a bluish color to bright red, and the little bodies in the blood (corpuscles) seize the oxygen as they give up the carbon dioxide. Oxygen is carried by the iron of the blood to all the parts of the body.

The Loss of Blood Is Serious in Accidents

From the lungs the bright red blood passes to the left auricle, and then through the separating valves (these valves prevent the blood from going the wrong way) to

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the left ventricle, which is a very powerful muscle, even though not very big. The blood from here is forced into the big

artery of the ventricle (the aorta), which first stretches like a fine rubber bag. As the aorta next contracts, the blood is forced into smaller and smaller arteries (all of them elastic and helping to push the blood along) and again reaches other capillaries, where the iron of the blood gives up its oxygen and takes on a load of carbon dioxide. This is carried back to the right auricle and through the valves to the right ventricle. The process is continuous, the heart beating from 60 to 80 times a minute in adults, and somewhat faster in children. It usually beats much faster when we are exercising.

The work of the heart keeps a constant pressure in the blood vessels, which is much higher in the arteries than in the veins. As the blood goes into the smaller vessels, it loses much of its pressure; and when it reaches the capillaries, it is moving quite slowly. There are many more veins than arteries, and when the blood passes through the capillaries and starts back through the veins, most of its force has been lost. This is very important to remember.

All of us have at times scraped off a little skin. It usually stings considerably, and very soon there is an oozing of red blood, which is a "capillary hemorrhage." It usually quickly stops and forms a thick substance that we call a "clot." This is also most important. Why does it not do the same thing in the blood vessels? Sometimes it does, and causes much damage, or loss of life. But usually the blood is kept fluid by a chemical it contains. This prevents its thickening until it is exposed to the air. If people are normal, a little bleeding soon stops itself.

Now we shall see how these facts apply to the control of bleeding. Usually the oozing and slight bleeding require very little pressure to stop. It should always be applied by something very clean, for germs are everywhere. The usual method is to apply tincture of iodine around the wound, a clean dressing to protect it, and then we should have no further trouble.

Serious bleeding usually comes from cutting or tearing a large vessel. We must de-



The arrows in this illustrative picture point to the places where pressure should be applied to stop bleeding. (Keystone photo.)

cide whether it is an artery or a vein, for pressure to stop it must be made in different places. If an artery is bleeding, the blood will come in spurts. It is not safe to depend upon the color of the blood, as blue venous blood may change to red so soon that we cannot tell for a certainty that it is from a vein. But if it flows out quietly, with no spurting, we may be sure it is a bleeding vein.

We have seen that blood going from the heart is in the arteries, and that each heartbeat forces the blood out quite rapidly. Naturally we must press between the heart and the wound to stop the bleeding from an artery. If a vein is bleeding, the pressure must be away from the wound as the blood is going back toward the heart. Light pressure is usually enough. If we know where the blood vessels are located (practically they run together), we can quickly stop the bleeding by pressure of finger or thumb in the proper place.

Using The Tourniquet

We may apply pressure with a wide bandage, a handkerchief, or cloth. It is better never to use a rope or string, for such things may seriously damage the vessel walls. Put the bandage on and twist it up gently until it just stops the bleeding. Except where the arteries are very deep in the muscles, it takes very little pressure. And we must remember that *any mechanical pressure must be continued only a very short time*, and can generally be used only on an arm or a leg. Then it must be loosened a little to let some blood into the muscles, or the part affected may be seriously damaged or may die. If a wounded person has bleeding controlled by a tourniquet, and must be carried some distance, then someone must be responsible for loosening the tourniquet every 10 to 15 minutes. If the bleeding has stopped, leave the tourniquet loose, but do not remove it, for the bleeding may start again. The surgeon will stop the bleeding by tying the vessel tightly, but this is a particular job and should not be undertaken by an untrained person.

As we have learned, nature can stop most bleeding by the formation of a clot; but if a large artery is bleeding, the force is usually too great to permit a clot to stay in place. So the help of others is usually necessary; though if one remains cool, he can control even a serious bleeding on himself.

Practically all bleeding (except internal) can be controlled by hand or tourniquet pressure. No material should be placed in contact with the wound unless it is sterile. No matter what the type of bleeding, do not move the patient until you are sure

that he will not be damaged. Do not give water or medicines (stimulants), for these may increase the bleeding.

If varicose veins break (as they may do), the bleeding may be very severe. The leg should be elevated and just enough pressure applied below the break to control the bleeding. Usually an immediate operation is necessary in such cases.

There are people, fortunately few, who lack material to clot the blood. These are called "bleeders." Even a very little wound may seriously affect them. In many instances such cases of bleeding can now be controlled by special treatment.

This is very important, for small wounds may bleed for hours. Such bleeders are, in so far as we now know, always boys or men. The condition is hereditary, and passes from the mother to the son, but not to the daughter.

The attached chart shows places where bleeding is most likely to be readily controlled. Careful study of the chart often proves of great value. It is an excellent plan for members of a family to practice this pressure on the blood vessels of each other to prevent excitement in an emergency. Such a practice is one of the best means of avoiding panic.



Replies to Health Queries

This information for the readers of OUR TIMES is supplied by Owen S. Parrett, M. D., a physician and writer of wide experience. Address questions to the doctor in care of this magazine.

What are the symptoms of pleurisy?—J.H.

Pain on breathing is the most essential and constant sign, or symptom, of pleurisy. However, all pain caused by breathing is not necessarily caused by this ailment. Severe intercostal neuralgia may cause this symptom. Generally, however, the pain of pleurisy is more severe, and begins with the very first start of lung motion due to the breathing. Sometimes only the use of the doctor's stethoscope, by which the friction rub of the pleura may be distinctly heard, will determine whether pleurisy is present or not.

Following the birth of my first child I started having attacks of epilepsy. If I were to have another baby, would it be likely to seriously aggravate this condition?—A.N.

While one cannot state positively that the birth of another child would not increase the severity of this affliction, it is my opinion that if you could be well cared for during the pre-natal period with adequate diet, rest, and general hygiene, there should be no real danger of this increasing your trouble.

While it is true that the absolute causes of epilepsy are not all known, it has been found that careful eating and general habits of temperance and abstemiousness, with good general hygiene that promotes the general health level, all help to decrease both the frequency and severity of the attacks, and if they are not too severe, may sometimes entirely relieve this aggravating condition.

What foods and meat can I eat for an anemic condition?—O.J.

There are four common classes of foods that are high in iron. Egg yolks are one of these, since the blood of the little chick is made from the yolk while the white mostly goes to make up the other structures. Second are the green vegetables; third are the whole-grain cereals, or the outer coats of processed cereals, such as the middlings and shorts. These are often fed to the calves and the pigs when our children are fed the starchy center of the grain

that is totally devoid of elements for supporting life.

Last in this list are all highly colored fruits, berries, vegetables, and their juices. Rest, sunshine, and freedom from care and worry all tend to build up the blood. So far as meat is concerned, none is required if an adequate diet is supplied, and since meat tends to promote auto-intoxication or intestinal sepsis, a meatless diet is really preferable in anemia. Milk contains no iron, so is not too good here.

Is the use of salt tablets advisable in hot weather? Excessive sweating exhausts me and I seem to get some relief from the tablets.—B.R.N.

A certain amount of salt is necessary to life itself, and essentially all of our foods contain fair amounts of this chemical in addition to many other minerals. However, the use of a moderate amount in the seasoning of foods is a good practice, but should not be overdone. In hot weather, when one is drinking more freely of water, the body may be robbed of its sodium chloride, since the body fluids as excreted contain much salt, whereas the drinking water contains almost none. For this reason, it has been found that the taking of extra salt tablets in hot weather by one who for any reason is perspiring and drinking very freely of water, results in lessening the tendency to exhaustion.

Is there any vitamin that will strengthen the eyes?—G.A.

The part of the seeing mechanism called "visual purple" is dependent upon vitamin A for correct function. This vitamin element enables one to see more readily in a dark room or at night. It was supplied freely to our night flyers during the war, and the civilian supply was limited by this fact. Vitamin B complex, and especially B1 which tends to build up the nerves, may also be helpful since the function of sight is largely a nervous mechanism. Both these vitamins should be helpful, when used freely, in improving the seeing mechanism.

RECENTLY the President of the United States told 300 Washington clergymen that in his opinion the world was at the crossroads. "Either we are facing," he said, "the greatest age in history, or we are facing the absolute destruction of things as we know them now." Then he added, "The United States as a nation came out of this war with all the best things in us brought to the surface. But since V-J Day, I fear very much we are losing sight of our responsibilities."

So, according to Mr. Truman, we are in grave danger of not accomplishing what we undertook to do a mere six months ago. For this reason he calls for the prayers of all Christian people. We believe him sincere. A few days ago your correspondent attended a church service and knelt in prayer with the first family. It was good to know that the President himself was praying and that he believes in prayer. This is something for which every Christian American can be grateful.

But prayer alone at a time like this is not enough. Think for a moment how grave our present danger is; and, alas, how tragic would be the consequences of our failure as a nation now.

Let us go back to V-J day for a bit. It so happened that I was in Manila on that day, among those men waiting for the word to move on in the invasion of Japan. That was to be the largest invasion of all history, and we knew it would be a costly one. I recall what unrestrained joy broke loose in the city the night the good news came. Suddenly and unexpectedly, a million men, groomed for attack, were now informed the fighting was over. Special thanksgiving services were held all over the city. They were well attended. Men thanked God and made vows. It brought the best in us to the surface, as Mr. Truman has said. But, alas, how soon we have forgotten! But such is human nature. Says Ella Wheeler Wilcox:

"I know a land where the streets are paved
With the things we meant to achieve.
It is walled with the money we meant
to have saved,
And the pleasures for which we grieve:
The roads that lead to that mystic land
Are strewn with pitiful wrecks;
And the ships that sail for that shining
strand
Bear skeletons on their decks."

The Lord expresses these thoughts in a parable which we do well to read: "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he



Christ continues to seek admission into the hearts of men. His entrance would solve many of the problems of today. (Holman Hunt, Artist.)

thing out of his life. He succeeded. He swept his house clean, garnished it, and emptied himself of that vicious master. Now he was his own. He made vows. He was free. Oh, glorious freedom!

Then one day something happened. The evil spirit returned to have a look. He discovered his old house was empty, that is, as far as any spirit outside the man himself was concerned. He promptly went and called seven other spirits worse than himself, and the latter state of that man was worse than the first.

So is the plight of every well-intentioned man who decides to do better under the animus of his own courage and determination. He forgets that he is fighting an enemy far stronger than himself. He forgets that the evil spirit with which he has struggled is a crafty foe. He forgets that in casting him out he must be sure—and we repeat it—he must be sure that he replaces him with another spirit. There can be no vacuum in nature, much less in the soul citadel. There must come to us a replacement, a power greater than we, one that is able to bring about those good things we want to do but have been unable heretofore to do. That

power is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Good intentions are not enough. Quitting old habits, eliminating hatreds, is only the beginning of Christian living. The end is Jesus in the life. Unless He

abides in us, our last state, regardless of the vows we make and the good plans we outline for ourselves and others, will only be worse than the first.

A man cannot pull himself up by his own bootstraps. Neither can a world. But Christ can lift any man. He can lift a fallen world. That is, if man will let him. When Christ occupies the heart of man, everything is changed. He is the answer to every need. Today He says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock." Revelation 3: 20. Why do we not open the door? The President needs our prayers. He must have them. But he needs more. Our nation needs more. The world does. It needs better men, God-possessed men, men who will acknowledge but one Lord and Master. The perils of emptiness are ever before us, and particularly so now. The seven evil spirits of national bitterness, class prejudice, racial animosity, selfish planning, religious intolerance, economic strife, and lust are waiting to make our latter state worse than the first. As our President says, we stand at the crossroads. But some one else is also standing there with us. It is Jesus.

Let Jesus In

A Sure Cure for Hatred and Prejudice

By W. H. BERGHERM

walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first." Luke 11: 24-26.

The man in the parable was dissatisfied. He knew he was not the man that his sister, his mother, or even his country, thought he was. Really he was not the man he himself wanted to be. He realized that he had fallen into the grip of some unclean power that now had control of him and made him do things he did not desire to do at all. He determined, after a great struggle, to free himself from this Satanic influence. He summoned every ounce of strength within to cast that evil

Significant Signs

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read his very words: "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. . . . Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." James 5:7, 8.

The horrible atrocities of the recent war and the great surge of crime following the conflict are signs that appear as the handwriting on the wall in a solemn warning. Look in the newspapers and current magazines, and you will find reports and pictures of murder, rape, and criminal assault. Hideous crimes are becoming the order of the day. Shootings, knifings, bludgeonings, and reprisal hangings are shamefully casting their shadow across the world. There seems to be a reversion to the cruelty of paganism. The monster of criminality is on the rampage, and there is apparently nothing that can stop him. Jesus said that there would be "fearful sights" seen by the world near to the time of His coming. (Luke 21:11.) The Bible rightly foretold "that in the last days peril-

ous times shall come. For men shall be . . . incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good." 2 Timothy 3:1-3.

Amazing though it may seem, the evidences so strikingly revealed concerning the soon return of Christ have not resulted in a return to godly living by the majorities. To the contrary, greater sums of money are being expended for intoxicating drinks, gambling, night club activities, and other exciting thrills. It almost appears that men are intent upon drowning their fears in a riotous round of living. The big cities are ablaze with the attractions of sin. They appear to be outdoing even Sodom and Gomorrah. When men everywhere ought to be seeking God in humility and deep earnestness, they are, on the contrary, worshiping mammon and the goddess of pleasure.

It is time for all faithful Christians to blow the trumpet, and arouse men to a sense of concern for what is coming. The judgments of God are already in the land. The myriads of men, women, and children traveling down the broad way that leads to destruction must be warned. As we

read the following words from God's Book, may we determine not to be found in the class herein described: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be . . . lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." 2 Timothy 3:1, 2, 4, 5. The Saviour prophesied that "wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat." Matthew 7:13.

The great increase in knowledge, and the advance of travel seen today are signs of the soon return of Christ. The Scriptures have foretold these things as follows: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4. The wonderful advance in biblical knowledge is an outstanding characteristic of this day. We also see many marvelous developments in other fields of endeavor. Think of the inventions of this generation! Consider the advancement made in the field of transportation. Watch the roaring aeroplanes, the speeding streamlined trains, and the high-powered automobiles. Are you not impressed that this is "the time of the end," when, as the word of God has predicted, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased"? A hundred years ago, when the railroad train was in the early stages of development, an attempt was made in England to fix the speed limit at 15 miles an hour, for it was feared that any greater pace would take the passengers' breath away. Think of this in the light of the tremendous rates of speed today!

Because of the advancement in knowledge and the increased means and speed of travel, the gospel message is going to the ends of the earth with startling rapidity. The radio, the aeroplane, the printing press, the steamship, and the railroad train are all playing their parts in hastening the conclusion of God's last message to the world. God has ordained that His work shall be "cut . . . short in righteousness" (Romans 9:28), and He has provided the means for the accomplishment of His purpose. The very fact that the message of the coming kingdom is being proclaimed in all the world is in itself one of the greatest signs of the end. Christ prophesied that "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14.

It is time for all God-fearing men and women to "look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28. Our Saviour has said: "When ye

Thankfulness

By GEORGE C. HOSKIN

We thank thee, Lord, for home's accord,
A home where loves abound,
Where hearts are pure and faith secure,
Where favors free we often see
And tenderness profound.

We thank Thee, too, for friendships true,
For friends who're ever near,
Who always shield defects revealed,
Whose trusts abide whate'er betide,
And memories endear.

Lord, we include, in gratitude,
Thanks for our enemies,
Who in their way our faults display,
Who hide the best and tell the rest,
Prompting humilities.

Let us express our thankfulness
For blessings from above
From Thine abode so oft bestowed
In measures bold to keep and hold,
And all Thy matchless love.

shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors." Mark 13: 29. He even made the astounding statement that "this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away." Mark 13: 30, 31.

For the faithful children of God the coming of Christ will not be doomsday. Only to the wicked will it spell doom. For those prepared for it, it will be a better day than any we have known. Let the troublous conditions that surround us awaken all who sleep. O may "the wicked forsake his way"! Isaiah 55: 7. This old world will continue to be rocked by catastrophe after catastrophe until Jesus comes. May everyone who dwells in false security be mightily shaken and made to recognize the need of a preparation for this event!

A Great Crisis Is Near!

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communion are thousands of ministers and laymen who are resolutely opposed to state-enforced religion.

France, Russia, Italy, Germany, Spain, Mexico, and other lands have already demonstrated clearly that political ecclesiasticism breeds atheism, revolt, and intense hatred against Christianity. A union of church and state in any form is a repudiation of the basic teachings of Protestantism, an abandonment of the fundamental principles of religious freedom so long held dear by the American people.

Christ made a clear-cut separation between our obligations to the state and our religious duties to the Lord. He said: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Matthew 22: 21. He also emphatically disdained the idea of using force to further His cause, saying: "My kingdom is not of this world: if My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is My kingdom not from hence." John 18: 36. He suffered martyrdom when clerics put pressure on Pontius Pilate, the civil authority, to kill Him because He taught religious opinions different from theirs.

Long have Americans been forewarned that a great religious crisis would come to this country. Today it is taking shape before our very eyes, and we are beginning to hear the dragon's voice with our own ears. Now it is passing from the realm of futurity to that of actuality. Therefore, let every God-fearing, liberty-loving Christian raise his voice in protest against the move to use the civil powers to force religion upon the nations. O.

A Dazzling Display of Glory

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the great skyscrapers built by man, and they will crumble to rubble.

Concerning that day the prophet wrote in the following words: "The loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. And the idols he shall utterly abolish. And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth. In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, . . . to the moles and to the bats; to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth." Isaiah 2: 17-21.

Events of that day will happen swiftly, one right upon another. The heavens above will open as the King shall ride forth in all His splendor, in the glory of His Father, and with His angelic host shining in resplendent beauty. (Luke 9: 26.) As He shall near the earth with His retinue, the voice of the Son of God will ring out and be heard around the world: "Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust." Isaiah 26: 19.

The Graves Will Open

At that mighty shout, and while the trumpet will sound its call to the dead in Christ, the graves will open for those who have died in the hope of a blessed resurrection, and they will come forth clothed in immortality. (1 Thessalonians 4: 16.) What a mighty host that will be! The first man to die, righteous Abel, will be there, together with the just of every era of the world's history. Those who believed God and obeyed the gospel will come forth to share in the rewards of the victors.

Then, as the graves shall open and the resurrected saints come forth, the living Christians, those who have walked with God by faith, and who have been obedient to His commandments, also will be changed, "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." 1 Corinthians 15: 52. Together the two groups will begin their journey up to the celestial city of God. (1 Thessalonians 4: 16, 17.) For them the warfare has ended, and there will be "no more death." Revelation 21: 4.

But what about the multitudes of those who have believed not the gospel, and have had pleasure in unrighteousness? What about those who have turned a deaf ear to the law of God? What about kings

and princes, rulers and statesmen, merchants and buyers? What about the unsaved? The Bible picture of their end is not a pleasant one. At the coming of Christ, simultaneously with the resurrection of the saints and the translation of the living Christians, the following events will occur:

"The heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand." Revelation 6: 14-17.

The Effect of His Glory

No scoffing will be heard there on the part of those who have so lightly regarded all the warnings and the signs regarding the coming of the Son of God. Thousands and tens of thousands will rush from east to west, and from north to south, seeking to escape from the presence of the Lamb of God. But there will be no escape, for sudden destruction will come upon them.

The penetrating brilliancy of the coming of Christ will be greater than that of the sun shining in its strength at noonday. It will no doubt be as though atomic energy were unleashed to a degree 10,000 times more powerful than that which wiped out the two great cities of Japan. Paul says that evil men will be destroyed by "the brightness of His coming." 2 Thessalonians 2: 8.

The prophet Jeremiah pictures the scene of utter devastation on a world-wide scale, saying: "I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by His fierce anger. For thus hath the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate." Jeremiah 4: 23-27.

We can comprehend a little more of the effects of unleashed destructive power since we have seen the generation of the atomic bomb. Some of the men who witnessed the explosions, both in New Mexico and in Japan, have given us their testimony regarding them. Crewmen of a

flying fortress 170 miles from Hiroshima reported that "a tremendous flash, like a ball of fire or a setting sun, shone in the distance."

An army general said of the desert explosion: "The lighting effects beggar description. The whole country was lighted by a searing light with the intensity many times that of the midday sun. It was golden, purple, violet, gray, and blue. It lighted every peak, crevice, and ridge of the near-by mountain range with a clarity and beauty that cannot be described, but must be seen to be imagined."

Said a Japanese soldier who escaped the fury of the blast at Hiroshima: "I looked up, simultaneously a lightning-like flash covered the whole sky, blinding my eyes."

And still another witness reports that "a new universe had indeed erupted into the world of men with the force of a volcano, with the brilliance of an exploding star."

Yes, that is what the atomic bomb caused men to say about its brightness and power. But the coming of Christ will be accompanied by a display of energy that will not only destroy two cities, or three, or four, or even a dozen; it will destroy all the cities of the world. "The cities of the nations fell." Revelation 16: 19.

No Need to Fear

The people of today fear the misuse of atomic energy, and they have cause to fear. But they do not have the right kind of fear. The Bible says, "Fear God, and give glory to Him." Revelation 14: 7. Godly fear will cause men to prepare to meet the Saviour when He comes. Godly fear casts out the fear of destruction, for it helps men to obey God, not because of fear of the consequences—no, not that—but they fear to let sin into their lives. They fear to offend the God who has manifested His love toward them, and who longs to save them from the wrath to come. They have learned to love Him, and therefore they serve Him because He is just and His law is good and just.

Let men heed the warnings and counsel of God's prophets. The words left on record by Peter are timely ones for us today:

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be

found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless." 2 Peter 3: 11-14.

Summing up the events more or less in their order, as they will occur at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, we find that Jesus is coming for His people, to call forth the sleeping saints and to translate the living, to clothe them with immortality so that they shall never die. He will come to destroy the wicked, and to abolish sin and wickedness.

When Christ shall come to take His people to the homes prepared for them in His kingdom, the whole world will suffer destruction and lie waste and without inhabitant for 1,000 years. But at the end of the thousand years, "we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth," when the kingdom of Christ will

be fully established and Satan will be destroyed. (See 2 Peter 3: 13.)

Happy are they that have part in the "blessed hope"! Blessed are those who have made Christ their Helper and Saviour! They will be among those who will look up into the open heavens on that great day and say: "This is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Isaiah 25: 9.

"Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Hebrews 3: 7, 8. "Let us not sleep, as do others." 1 Thessalonians 5: 6. Let us be as "men that wait for their Lord" (Luke 12: 36), so that when He comes we will be ready to go home with Him.

Scripture Problems Solved

This department of OUR TIMES is a service for answering questions concerning the Holy Scriptures and the Christian religion. Send your queries, accompanied by your full name and address, to the editor. Only the initials will be used in publication.



Who was the person designated as Melchisedec in Hebrews 7: 1-3?—R.M.

Melchisedec (the Old Testament form of the name) was "king of Salem" and "the priest of the most high God" in the land of Canaan in the days of Abraham. (Genesis 14: 18.) To Melchisedec "the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils" which accrued to him as victor over the four Oriental kings who invaded Canaan in those days. (Hebrews 7: 4; Genesis 14: 20.) Jebus, his place of abode, was later captured by the Hebrews.

The tribe of Judah did not completely conquer the Jebusites at first. (Joshua 15: 63.) Later they attacked them with better success. (Judges 1: 7, 8.) The tribe of Benjamin, however, failed to drive the Jebusites out of the portion that pertained to them. (Judges 1: 21.) The Jebusites retained their hold there for a long time, for we find them still in possession of Mount Zion in the eighth year of David's reign. At that time he took the site from the Jebusites. (2 Samuel 5: 5-9; 1 Chronicles 11: 4-6.) Later David purchased from a Jebusite a parcel of ground on Mount Moriah, and on it Solomon erected the temple. (2 Samuel 24: 18-25; 1 Chronicles 21: 15-28; 2 Chronicles 3: 1.)

"As soon as David was established on the throne of Israel," says a well-known commentator, "he began to seek a more appropriate location for the capital of his realm. Twenty miles from Hebron, a place was selected as the future metropolis of the kingdom. Before Joshua had led the armies of Israel over Jordan, it had been called Salem. Near this place, Abraham had proved his loyalty to God. Eight hundred years before the coronation of David, it had been the home of Melchisedec, the priest of the most high God. It held a central and elevated

position in the country, and was protected by an environment of hills. Being on the border between Benjamin and Judah, it was in close proximity to Ephraim, and was easy of access to the other tribes.

"In order to secure this location, the Hebrews must dispossess a remnant of the Canaanites, who held a fortified position on the mountains of Zion and Moriah. This stronghold was called Jebus, and its inhabitants were known as Jebusites. For centuries, Jebus had been locked upon as impregnable; but it was besieged and taken by the Hebrews under the command of Joab, who, as the reward of his valor, was made commander-in-chief of the armies of Israel. Jebus now became the national capital, and its heathen name was changed to Jerusalem."—E. G. White, "Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 703.

Melchisedec was a priest of higher rank than was Abraham. (Hebrews 7: 4.) He was a priest-king, a public minister of the Lord. Abraham was a family priest. The office of priest was conferred upon Melchisedec by direct appointment from God and for life. In the Aaronic priesthood this was not so, but the priest came to his office by a law of inheritance. (Exodus 29: 9; Numbers 18; 1 Chronicles 24: 1-19.) But Melchisedec is spoken of as being "without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life." Hebrews 7: 3. The Greek text says: "without father, without mother, without genealogy, neither beginning of days, nor of life an end having." No record was kept of his father and mother, no genealogy was listed, and no memoir was written recording the beginning and the end of his life. Such a record was not necessary, because his priesthood was not governed by a law of inheritance as was the Aaronic.

DON'T TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO LIE



IT HAPPENED, it really did, in a restaurant where children under 12 years of age are not allowed. But on this day, the day that I am going to tell you about, there were seated at a near-by table two women and a pert little miss.

Sometime during the dinner hour a man whose business it was to keep things running smoothly wandered over to the table where the little girl was sitting. After talking a bit with the women, he turned to the child and said: "Hello, honey, having a good time?"

"Oh, yes," she replied.

"Do you go to school?" he asked.

"Oh, yes," she again said, and then added, "I'm in the fourth grade."

"Just how old are you?"

"Twelve," was the prompt answer.

"Well," said the man, "I must say, you are the smallest specimen of a 12-year-old that I have seen in a long time."

Then he got her to tell him about her teacher, her pets, and her playmates. When she had finished, he said, "My, but you are a bright little girl, and how old did you say you were?"

"Nine," the child replied, then a scared look came into her face as she realized what she had said.

"I thought so," said the man. "But tell me, why did you say you were 12 when you are only nine?"

"My mother told me to." Then with a little catch in her voice she added, "My mother says that I have to do as she tells me to or—else—" and then she was silent.

Turning to the mother he said, "Madam, no woman who teaches a child to lie is fit to bring up a child." And to the little girl he said, "Honey, don't ever lie again. Always tell things true, will you?"

The child nodded, "Yes."

I thought of this little scene in the restaurant, when a young

mother was telling me about her seven-year-old son who was begging for a wheel. As the traffic was very heavy by her home, she did not consider it safe for him to ride a bicycle. "He's all we've got," she said, "and we don't want to lose him."

"And does he understand all of this?" I asked.

"Well," she replied, "I tell him that daddy has to work very hard for his money, and he couldn't possibly buy him a new wheel. If he should buy one, it would be a second-hand one, and all scratched and banged up. Surely, I say, you would not want to ride around on such a wheel as that when the other boys have nice, shiny ones. Then I ask him if he wouldn't rather wait till Daddy has enough money to buy him a brand new bike with all the latest improvements. He usually agrees with me, but just how long he will be satisfied with my explanation I do not know."

And neither do I, but I do know that parents will be held responsible for the example they set before their children. And if the example is bad, then they are helping swell the increase of juvenile delinquency that is sweeping the country, for "children are what their parents make them." Or as S. D. Gordon says:

"The way to train the child is to train yourself. What you are he will be. If your hands are morally dirty, his life will be dirtied by the home handling he gets. If he is to obey his mother, he must breathe in a spirit of obedience from his mother."

Early training in the home will save many a child from shame, misery, and destruction. Think about these things, dear mothers, and then ask yourselves this question: "Am I a fit mother to be entrusted with the care of a child?" And as you think, pray that God will help you to guide your children aright.

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