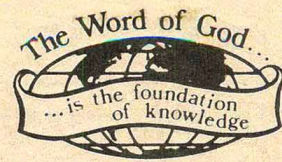


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WHERE ARE WE NOW in the PANORAMA of PROPHESED WORLD EVENTS?

By Herbert W. Armstrong

The DEATH of Pope Paul VI may trigger a drastic change in world events. This change could plunge the world into the most terrifying crisis ever experienced by man.

But I hasten to add if this catastrophic World War III does explode, that will be the definite ASSURANCE that WORLD PEACE in the utopian WORLD TOMORROW is imminently to follow.

I would rather picture to our readers a future of WORLD HOPE than of horrifying world disaster. But we live in a troubled world with unprecedented evils piled mountain-high. And the trend is foreboding — not reassuring. It will get darker before the DAWN. The important thing is that the DAWN is absolutely assured by the living Creator GOD!

Some 30 years ago, before Pope John XXIII was elected, I had wondered if the pope then being selected by the College of Cardinals would be the one who would propose his good offices to the nations of Europe to achieve political, monetary and military union. European nations have longed for some sort of UNITY. They want not only economic union, as they have achieved by the Common Market. They fear the communist hordes — and especially if the U.S.S.R. and the People's Republic of CHINA ever get together.

Until now — since World War II — the Europeans have had to rely on the United States' military power to protect them from further encroachments of nuclear attack from the Soviet Union.

Back during the final days of World War II I was giving a commentary on the war news daily on *The World Tomorrow* radio program. We came to a point where the final coup de grace was expected hourly to be rendered on Germany by the Allies. But the Western Allies could not inflict that final death-blow until the Russians ended their part of the war in the Eastern sector.

Day after day — hour after hour — we waited. But the Russians were in no hurry to END the war. They continued on, until they had taken over Latvia, Estonia

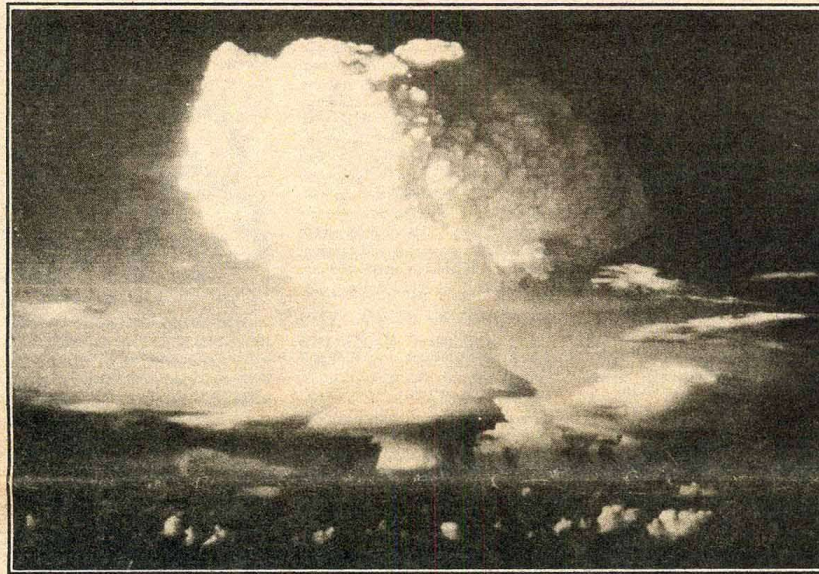


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and Lithuania — and until the Russian boot had been firmly planted on all eastern Europe — including Eastern Germany. All these became the satellite countries. They are spoken of as behind the Iron Curtain.

All who know communist beliefs, aims and tactics know that they are committed to waging this war by propaganda, by infiltration and fifth-column tactics, by sabotage and guerrilla war — and, when necessary, finally by open all-out nuclear war. The Soviet Union maintains a very huge standing army. The Soviet Union competes on a virtual parity with the United States as the world's two superpowers in military strength.

And the Europeans are right on their border. They know how communism did prove the domino theory correct in Vietnam. They not only continued on from North Vietnam to conquer South Vietnam — even with full U.S. participation with its military force — but then quickly Cambodia and Laos fell. And, next in the domino fall-down are to come Thailand, Burma, Malaysia. Indonesia a few years ago successfully stopped a threatened communist takeover — but now it is in the domino orbit.

The Europeans are far more disturbed about their safety in relying on United States military power to protect them than Americans realize! The United

States is not loved in Europe. European confidence in U.S. protection against their next door communist neighbor has been lessening and lessening.

EUROPEANS WANT THEIR OWN UNITED MILITARY POWER! They know that a political union of Europe would produce a THIRD MAJOR WORLD POWER, as strong

as either the United States or the U.S.S.R. — possibly stronger!

They have made a real effort toward union in the Common Market. It has made them economically strong. United they could become stronger economically than the United States. The dollar continues dropping in European and Japanese markets

— and especially the German MARK has soared stronger and stronger, along with the Swiss franc and Japanese yen.

But they well know there is but ONE POSSIBILITY of union in Europe — and that is through the Vatican.

Two leaders in Europe produced, a few years ago, two different plans for union. The former archduke, Otto von Hapsburg, of Austria and the "strong man of Europe," Dr. Franz Josef Strauss of Munich [West Germany]. I know the latter well. He has been a dinner guest in my home.

Five years ago I felt, personally, that the more likely plan that might come to fruition was that of the former archduke of Hapsburg, but the most likely man to HEAD such a union was Franz Josef Strauss. However, we all become a year older every year, and there has been so much delay that a younger man may now head up such a European union.

As I said before, when Pope John XXIII was in process of election, I felt that the pope elected might be the one who would make available his good offices to help political leaders of Europe bring about their hoped-for union.

But at once it became evident (See WHERE ARE WE NOW, page 7)

Two Head-of-State Friends Die

By Herbert W. Armstrong
PASADENA — Two of my personal acquaintances and friends, both heads-of-state, died — one yesterday, the other this morning.

Yesterday, Aug. 21, President Nicolaas Diederichs of South Af-

rica died in a Cape Town hospital after a second heart attack in eight days. He was 74. President Diederichs was founder of the Afrikaner nationalist movement.

Accompanied by Mr. Stanley Rader I spent about two hours with him about a year and a half

ago in Cape Town. We spent some little time taking photographs and in friendly conversation.

Then this morning my good friend, Jomo Kenyatta, president of Kenya, died at the State House (See TWO HEAD-OF-STATE, page 10)



WORLD LEADERS — Herbert W. Armstrong meets with Kenyan president Jomo Kenyatta, left, and South African president Nicolaas Diederichs, right. Mr. Armstrong discusses their deaths in the above article.

The PLAIN TRUTH About HEALING PART 4 WHAT IS FAITH!

By Herbert W. Armstrong
YOU CAN BE healed! Jesus said so! But also He said, "... According to your faith be it unto you" (Matthew 9:29).

First, are you sure you know *what faith is*? Very few know. Yet without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6) "... for he that cometh to God must *believe* that he is, and that he is a *rewarder* of them that diligently seek him."

Looking down into our latter half of the 20th century, Jesus said, "... when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8). Yet you *must have faith for salvation!*

How, then, may you have it? You can't work it up. Yet if you can't have the faith to be healed, how can you have the faith to be saved? God said, "For by grace are ye saved *through faith* ..." (Ephesians 2:8).

Jesus foresaw the near total absence of faith in our time. Few today know what faith is or why they do not have it!

Certainly the world has almost lost sight of real FAITH. No wonder so few have any — no wonder so many say, "My faith isn't very strong," or "I just can't seem to work up the faith." People today do not know what faith is or why they do not possess it. Yet without FAITH none can even be saved!

Jesus had faith

When Jesus walked the earth in human flesh, He possessed faith! Yet He said plainly, "Of myself, I can do NOTHING!"

Few realize that what He did — the miracles He performed — He did not do by any supernatural power of His own. Everything He did, every miracle He performed, was done literally through FAITH, setting us a beautiful example.

But how, then, did He perform His miracles, accomplish His mighty works?

"... The FATHER that dwelleth in me," explained Jesus, "he doeth the works" (John 14:10).

Yes, even as you and I may be, Jesus was filled with God's Holy Spirit — God's dynamic supernatural power! This power of God Almighty, the Creator, was literally in Jesus; and the same identical power of the same identical living God may be within you today!

All the apostles and evangelists of the first century true Church of God did perform miracles, and even greater miracles than Jesus had performed, until even Peter's

shadow passing over the sick and afflicted caused them to be healed!

Peter, Stephen, Philip, Paul — all common, humble, ordinary men themselves — *all had that power, the SAME identical power Jesus had, because they lived and walked CLOSE to GOD and were filled with the Holy Spirit!*

And we seem to LACK that power today, NOT because God denies us that power, but *because we are so close to a modern, materialistic world — our minds are so filled with the material interests of this life; our minds and our hearts are so far from God; we are so out of touch with Him, through lack of enough time spent in the study of His Word and lack of enough of the right kind of surrendered, submissive, earnest and heartrending PRAYER — and, consequently, because we are not filled with the Holy Spirit!*

So now let's ask two questions: First, what is faith?

And second, how may we have it, and how may it be increased?

What faith is

Now notice, faith is the substance — the marginal rendering says ASSURANCE — of things hoped for (Hebrews 11:1). So FAITH comes before possession.

Once you have received the possession, you no longer hope for it. But even before you receive it, you have it in SUBSTANCE; and that ASSURANCE that you shall possess it — is faith.

Then again, faith is an EVIDENCE — the "evidence of things not seen." Faith precedes the actual receiving of what you ask for. And faith is the EVIDENCE you shall have it before you even see it. It is the EVIDENCE of things not yet seen. You do not have it. You do not see it or feel it — yet faith is your EVIDENCE that you have, or shall have, it. Faith is the ASSURANCE of receiving that which you still HOPE for.

Proof of healing

So I want you to notice that when you *hope* for things or ask God for things, there is an EVIDENCE — a proof, because where God is involved, His evidence is proof — that you shall receive what you have asked. And what is that proof, that evidence? Is it the actual receiving of the answer, so you see or feel or hear that you have it? No, because

Suppose, for instance, you were ill — taken with a disease. Now Jesus healed the sick continually. And He said the works that He did — and this was one of them — we should do also. Now suppose you ask God to heal you. Naturally, you want some evidence that you are going to be healed.

So what is that evidence, that proof? Is it the evidence of the pain ceasing — or the swelling going down — something you can feel and see? I know a man who said, "When I can see anyone healed by direct prayer, then I'll believe in it." This man said he wanted to BELIEVE in it — he wanted to have FAITH in it! He was looking for an EVIDENCE that he could SEE, and he died without ever seeing it!

Because what we SEE — what we FEEL — is not the true EVIDENCE. Having the thing — SEEING it — is not faith. Faith precedes possession because FAITH is CONFIDENCE, ASSURANCE, you shall possess it.

The human mind, naturally, can receive KNOWLEDGE only through the five senses. These are five sole channels capable of transmitting knowledge, by natural processes, to the human brain. The senses of seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, feeling.

Faith is spiritual

But that is not FAITH! Faith is a spiritual matter, and it has nothing to do with the five senses, which are physical.

Prayer is a spiritual matter. God is a SPIRIT! And when we ask, for instance, for healing, we do have an evidence — proof positive — that the healing will be done. But that evidence is not something seen or felt or heard — it is not a physical evidence. It is rather the spiritual evidence of FAITH. FAITH is our evidence.

Let's understand plainly where your human nature has clouded the issue and deceived you. God has told you in Exodus 15 that He is your healer — your God-healer — that is one of His names, and God is named what He is. God sent His Son into the world to be beaten with stripes, to suffer the penalty of your transgressions of nature's laws (which God set in motion), in your stead. His body was broken for you, and by His stripes you are healed! God gave you His word that it is His will to

heal you. He commanded you to call the elders of the Church, which you did. He promised to heal you. But God has also made it a part of this contract, in His Word, that "according to your faith be it unto you" — in the very words of Christ!

Now FAITH is your evidence that God will do what He promised. You can't see faith — you can't feel it. What you see or feel has nothing to do with faith. But the point your human nature — Satan — wants you to overlook is that God did not promise WHEN or HOW He would heal you!

Learning patience

God's purpose in your life is to transform you from what you've been into the very image of His Son — into the very character of God Himself. Part of this character is the learning of PATIENCE! And God instructs you in James 1:3 that the trying of your faith works PATIENCE into your character. God has revealed to you in this and other scriptures that He will sometimes delay healing you in order to TRY your faith and to teach you to be patient! Your healing, God has promised, shall be according to your faith.

Faith is trusting God to do that which He has not yet done. After the healing is completed you no longer need to exercise faith. Faith is the ingredient you must exercise until God heals you — until you can see and feel that you are healed. It's the same with spiritual salvation. You are not yet in the Kingdom of God, but those in Christ have the ASSURANCE — the faith — that you shall be. After God has healed you then you won't need FAITH in it any longer. But your faith must remain firm and steadfast and patient, regardless of what you see or feel, until God actually heals you as He has promised to do.

Your human nature — Satan — wants you to believe that faith is something you exercise in about 30 seconds, while you are still praying, and then if God has not done what He promised as soon as you expect, you are to find God guilty of lying. The instant you yield to the devil's influence over your human nature and render a verdict that God will not do what He promised just because He has not done it yet, that moment you make God out a liar — you lost all FAITH in God. You thereupon

break your part of the agreement, which is to have faith and keep on having faith and trusting God and relying upon Him UNTIL He performs what He promised.

Simple reliance on God

Faith is simple reliance upon God's Word. It is the evidence of what you do not see or feel. Therefore Christ calls upon you to have patience — to keep on TRUSTING God, until He heals you, and then He will heal you!

You must render your verdict based upon the evidence.

Which now, is the evidence you believe? That which you see and feel — the physical evidences that often are deceptive — or your faith that God's Word is true, that His promises are sure, that it is impossible for God to lie?

If you BELIEVE this latter spiritual evidence and reject the physical evidences of sight and of feeling, you pronounce sentence that His Word has been vindicated by your verdict. You shall be RELEASED from the disease and what He promised shall be carried out.

But, if you decide that the physical evidences of sight or feeling are to be trusted over and above the Word of ALMIGHTY God, and you reject His Word and His promise and refuse to believe in it — refuse, in other words, to accept and trust in the evidence of FAITH until God completes it, then you yourself must render your verdict, "NOT HEALED," and you will not be healed!

You see, God does not promise healing or anything else unless we BELIEVE. "According to your FAITH be it unto you," said Jesus. And remember the FAITH must precede and, therefore, is a condition to the possession.

One man expressed it very well: "Faith is the assurance that the things which God said in His Word are true; and that God will act according to what He has said in His Word. This assurance, this reliance on God's Word, this confidence, is FAITH!" And it is a true Bible definition. This Work of God has been built by putting it into actual practice.

Learning God's WILL

God says, "... be ye not unwise, but UNDERSTANDING what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5:17). Remember, whatever your need, the first thing to do, to be sure of receiving an answer to your prayer, is to search the Scriptures to learn whether it is God's WILL (Ephesians 5:17; 1 Timothy 3:14-17).

The Bible reveals God's will. We need never say, "Well, I know God could heal me if it is HIS WILL." You can know His (See THE PLAIN TRUTH, page 10)

WHAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW!

By Herbert W. Armstrong

TRULY, it's time we begin to sing — and even shout — "GLORY! HALLELUJAH! PRAISE OUR GREAT AND WONDERFUL ALMIGHTY GOD!" For each day we are just ONE DAY CLOSER TO GLORY in the Kingdom of God with PEACE, joy and happiness over all the earth!

The 6,000-year DAY OF MAN is just about over! In OUR TIME — this VERY LIVING GENERATION — KING OF kings JESUS CHRIST will rule over ALL NATIONS!

THINK OF IT! No more nerve-racking tensions, uneasy trials to endure. No more suffering, anguish and pain. No more crime, violence, war and fear of war. No more fears and worries! None of these things actually brought on, whether we realize it or not, BY A VERY REAL SATAN THE DEVIL!

But, even now, with all the troubles and evils on every side about us, remember GOD IS ON HIS THRONE IN HEAVEN — and Christ sitting beside Him, interceding for us. GOD'S POWER IS TOTAL — COMPLETE — far greater than Satan's!

And, in the meantime — possibly just a very few more years — of all these troubles — His ear is OPEN to our cry, and Christ is interceding for us.

But now, while in these days that remain, we are going to have to live in a time of TROUBLE. WHY? What is the CAUSE?

Does Satan work only in children of disobedience?

We need to realize this TRUTH! Too many in God's Church don't!

In Ephesians 2:2 is a very crucial statement. It is one of the most important in the Bible! It says Satan is "... THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR. THE SPIRIT THAT NOW WORKETH IN THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE."

Many of God's people will read right over the fact that Satan is the PRINCE OF THE POWER OF the air — not really UNDERSTANDING it, and since Satan is now working in the "children of disobedience," we suppose that EXCLUDES US — so we need have no concern about it!

Please let me MAKE THIS CLEAR!

I could never have understood that until I began broadcasting over the air. In the hotel room where I am writing right now are MANY VOICES, MANY SOUNDS, some MUSIC, that I DON'T HEAR. Therefore I am unaware of them. But bring in five or six radio sets and turn on the TV. Just tune to the right wavelengths and suddenly I and any, in this room will hear these SOUNDS — voices speaking, sounds of music. I don't hear them NOW because my ears are not tuned to their particular wavelength.

SATAN BROADCASTS! He broadcasts worldwide — as far as

Many would say, "Don't tell me Satan could be using me! The devil can't use me — I'm in GOD'S CHURCH! But maybe we need to understand more about HOW Satan works to DECEIVE — and a deceived person DOESN'T KNOW he is deceived — else he wouldn't be, would he? LET'S MAKE SURE!

there is air. What he is broadcasting is in THIS SAME ROOM NOW! I don't hear it — I don't see what he is pushing out OVER THE AIR, as PRINCE OF THE POWER OF the air — but my spirit with my mind is TUNED to his wavelength.

But even though I AM automatically tuned in on his wavelength (as every human is), I'M NOT LISTENING! Because I'm keeping MY MIND CONCENTRATED ON WHAT I AM WRITING AND ON GOD'S MESSAGE IN GOD'S WORD, IN THE BIBLES that lie (two different translations) here beside me on the table.

You can tune in on either radio or TV. The SOUNDS come in. THEY WERE ALREADY IN THE ROOM — IN THE AIR — but now you're tuned in on their wavelengths with your radio or TV set; the sounds and pictures became audible and visible. But I can concentrate my mind on SOMETHING ELSE — like THE BIBLE — and focus my mind on THAT, become oblivious to what's coming in on radio and TV. So also I can ignore Satan's impulses.

Once you are converted and become a begotten CHILD OF GOD — once you become a member of GOD'S CHURCH, THAT DOES NOT DISCONNECT YOUR BRAIN AND SPIRIT FROM SATAN'S WAVELENGTH. YOU ARE STILL TUNED IN — if you are willing to yield and LISTEN to Satan.

Let me prove that. Let me quote so many scriptures to PROVE IT you will have to BELIEVE IT!

The POWER of the AIR

First, however, notice that word POWER of the air. Once, when we lived in a suburb west of Chicago, a tornado ripped through a town about a mile west of us. I saw it! It was a fearful sight! That was too close for comfort. I went to see the havoc and wreckage in its wake after it had passed on by. It was TERRIBLE! Several had been killed. A large, heavy church or schoolhouse bell, weighing at least two or three tons, was ripped off and that heavy mass of iron carried almost three blocks by the power of that wind before gravity pulled it to the ground!

I'm writing in Tokyo. We landed here at dusk last night after a 13-hour flight THROUGH THE AIR. We flew at 39,000 and 41,000 feet, at a speed up to 600 miles an hour. Slicing through the AIR at that rate of speed, there is SO MUCH POWER in the air that our plane's wings have to be swept backward instead of straight out or the force of that air-POWER would pull them off.

This article, updated by Herbert W. Armstrong for The Good News, was written by Mr. Armstrong during a trip to the Far East in July, 1977.

Still it's the POWER of the air that held up our plane and kept it floating along smoothly slicing through air at that same elevation above sea and ground for 13 hours.

Some people are AFRAID TO FLY. I met a man yesterday who is afraid to fly. Such people do not understand the POWER of the air and how an airplane is designed to utilize that air-POWER to hold it up in the air at the prescribed elevation and speed steadily and smoothly for HOURS.

Let me tell you that the PRINCE OF THE POWER of the air is a POWERFUL BEING! He is the MOST POWERFUL type of being God has ever created — short of GOD HIMSELF. THANK GOD, God is even MORE POWERFUL! And He is our protection, our refuge, our everpresent HELP.

HOW Satan works today

I have written so much about the spirit that is in every human that I surely need say but little about it here. The spirit in man is merely spirit essence — not a spirit person or ghost — and it cannot see, hear or think. The BRAIN sees through the physical eye. The human spirit acts as a computer, retaining as MEMORY all the facts and knowledge the eyes have seen and ears heard during your lifetime, and it gives instant recall of that knowledge to the brain. With this instant recall the brain THINKS. Thus this human spirit imparts to the physical BRAIN the power of INTELLECT. Animals have no such spirit, so animals do not THINK as does man or have INTELLECT.

God made man to need ANOTHER Spirit to join with this human spirit — the HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD. That Spirit imparts the power of SPIRITUAL intellect — of spiritual comprehension and understanding — which the greatest men on earth — without that Holy Spirit — cannot know!

When God wanted to cause King Cyrus of Persia to send certain Jews under Zerubbabel as governor, and Joshua the high priest, and the prophets Ezra and Nehemiah back to Jerusalem to build the second Temple, "... the Eternal stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation..." (Ezra 1:1).

He got his message through to Cyrus' mind via Cyrus' human spirit. That is likewise how Satan

broadcasts. YOUR human spirit is automatically IN TUNE WITH SATAN'S wavelength.

He does not broadcast in words or pictures — neither audibly or in video — but in ATTITUDES OF SELF-centeredness, of vanity, lust and greed, of jealousy and envy, of competition, strife and violence, of hate, resentment, bitterness, of rebellion and resentment against authority. We call it HUMAN NATURE but it is actually Satan nature.

God's WAY — His Spirit, His law — is just the opposite — the way of LOVE, of outgoing concern for the GOOD of others.

Now the converted Christian with the HOLY Spirit of God can constantly read God's Word, pray often — keep his mind in a prayerful attitude — learn GOD'S WAY and therefore reject Satan's impulses of SELF-centeredness. That's WHY we need CONSTANT PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY and church attendance to keep so CLOSE to God that Satan's broadcasting does not sway us — but we ignore or reject it. Satan CANNOT FORCE US AGAINST OUR WILLS if we do not voluntarily submit.

God's teaching

Now notice some scriptures showing us HOW to prevent Satan from WORKING IN US by his broadcasting.

Speaking of those to whom the Gospel was hid from their minds, Paul wrote: "In whom the god of this world [Satan] hath BLINDED the mind of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (II Corinthians 4:4).

Read that again. Notice, Satan blinded them by injecting into their minds through their human spirit the very OPPOSITE attitude of SELF-centeredness.

We were not BORN with human nature. Such spiritual traits as SELF-CENTEREDNESS are not transmitted by heredity. But we ACQUIRE this human nature just as the children of God, when converted, ACQUIRE the DIVINE NATURE — "partakers of the divine nature" (II Peter 1:4).

To the Corinthians, Paul feared lest they would be deceived by the still-living Satan, just as was Mother Eve: "But I fear," Paul wrote, "lest... as the serpent beguiled [deceived] Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted..." (II Corinthians 11:3). Satan is still working in Church members — just as in the Corinthians who were Church members!

Paul writes to those in God's CHURCH, at Ephesus: "Finally,

my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the POWER of HIS might... For we wrestle not against flesh and blood [other PEOPLE], but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness [WICKED SPIRITS] in high places" (Ephesians 6:10-12). And in verse 11 Paul wrote, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye [Christians] may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

Rely on Christ

I have sensed that some of God's ministers felt that THEY were SO STRONG that they were BEYOND BEING DECEIVED BY HIM OR THAT SATAN could actually WORK IN THEM as I have described above. Brethren, I am Christ's chosen apostle, and I know Satan is a thousand times stronger than I. I have to rely on CHRIST, who is MORE POWERFUL than Satan. Those ministers WENT OUT from us. Satan DID deceive them and WORK IN THEM!

BUT LISTEN CAREFULLY! A DECEIVED man does not KNOW he is deceived. He THINKS he is RIGHT. If he KNEW he was deceived, he would not be, would he? Satan is MORE POWERFUL, and, in addition, MORE CUNNING, MORE CLEVER, MORE SUBTLE, THAN ALL OUR MINISTERS PUT TOGETHER!

I say to you ministers! You may feel you have grown so great in the ministry that you are greater than I and so strong you can overpower Satan. THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT SATAN WANTS YOU TO THINK! No, you ministers — directly or indirectly my CHILDREN in the Lord — better teach your flocks what I am teaching them here — what CHRIST teaches them.

For some — and that few is too many in this WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD — have been tending to try to see HOW CLOSE they can get to Satan's way — apparently desiring HIS WAY of worldly interests, rather than God's — and STILL MAKE IT INTO THE KINGDOM! That's the best way I know to make it into the LAKE OF FIRE and take many of your congregation — over whom Christ and I have set you — along with you! If Satan's way were better, God would tell us to live that way!

Brethren, I say to you, THIS CHURCH HAS GOT TO HAVE A CLEANING UP!

THIS CHURCH HAS GOT TO GET BACK ON THE OLD PATHS OF GOD'S TRUTH, from which in some ways it has tended in recent years to stray. There is too much desire to be worldly — to be secular — to be like the churches of SATAN!

I have never compromised with GOD'S TRUTH and I never will, and if any minister does, I want members of his flock, who are directly or indirectly MY CHILDREN IN THE LORD, to write me PRIVATELY and PERSONALLY with the facts, and I promise I will 1) PROTECT you and keep

(See WHAT, page 5)



ON THE JOB — Herbert W. Armstrong types one of several articles, above, for *The Good News*. Mr. Armstrong types all his own articles and at times must work late into the night to produce a steady stream of material for the Work's publications. Right: Mr. Armstrong and his wife Ramona go over letters from members and co-workers. The couple often read numerous personal cards and letters, which are representative of the thousands that pour into Pasadena monthly. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong want to personally thank all those who have sent their special greetings and messages of support. Pictures here were taken in Mr. Armstrong's office in Pasadena.



**PHOTOS
BY
DEXTER FAULKNER**

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your information PRIVATE, so far as YOUR NAME is concerned, and 2) I WILL ACT ON IT!

I say, as Elijah did, "... If the ETERNAL be God, FOLLOW HIM, but if [Satan], then follow him" (1 Kings 18:21). But quit halting BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS!

A little leaven

I know that God's ministry and our brethren AS A WHOLE are faithfully preaching and believing GOD'S TRUTH and back of me in it 100 percent. But I receive warnings of a FEW that could increase until the WHOLE CHURCH would go the devil's way, if it is not HALTED IN ITS TRACKS RIGHT NOW!

That's PLAIN SPEAKING, but I speak in the name and with the POWER of the living CHRIST, and HE is back of it 100 percent. Many NEED to REPENT, that God's Church may be CLEAN!

Christ said a little leaven will leaven the whole lump! One rotten lemon in a crate will rot those next to it, and they in turn until the whole crate is rotten.

THAT MUST NOT HAPPEN TO GOD'S CHURCH!

God called me, taught me, committed His GREAT COMMISSION to me. He raised up this WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD — today's era of God's Church — through me. He started *The Good News* and *The Plain Truth* through me. He started the BROADCASTING and telecasting through me. He started AMBASSADOR COLLEGE through me. He used me to TEACH THE

STUDENTS, WHO WERE TO BECOME GOD'S MINISTERS, HIS TRUTH. That TRUTH included TITHING, HEALING and many things some of the younger ministers seem to want to GET AWAY FROM today!

I am going to call for GOD'S CHURCH TO GET BACK TO THE ORIGINAL CHANGELESS TRUTHS — for TRUTH is the SAME, yesterday, today and forever!

Some ministers, whom I have not taught directly — who have come along since I was able to continue personally teaching the Bible courses in college — have been tending to want to WATER DOWN God's precious TRUTH — to see how close to SATAN'S ways they can get and STILL make it into God's Kingdom.

Let me tell you with power — the POWER OF THE LIVING CHRIST — you CAN'T DO THAT: You'll make it into the LAKE OF FIRE INSTEAD!

I receive letters from thousands and thousands of you brethren assuring me that you are back of me 100 percent. And there is every evidence that is at least 98 percent of the brethren!

If you are — and I KNOW you are — now is the time to STAND UP AND BE COUNTED. Write and TELL ME FRANKLY the condition in your local Church! Mark your letter PERSONAL and PRIVATE and it will reach me, and I will protect your confidence. But I WILL ACT — for the living Christ,

the HEAD of this Church, has shown me, His APOSTLE, that the time has come for a CLEANING UP!

One sent forth

In the Church, the highest rank is that of *apostle* — which, literally, means "one sent forth." Yet God put his TRUTHS and doctrines in His Church through them and their writings, and they were, in an executive way, IN CHARGE.

The same is true today! And today He has sent His apostle for our day from place to place all over the world, proclaiming the now VERY SOON-coming KINGDOM OF GOD to those of the very generation during which God's KINGDOM will be set up.

An apostle is ONE SENT FORTH! I am sent — with YOU BACK OF ME — and I know that 98 percent or more of you ARE 100 percent behind me (because you are behind Christ) backing me with your prayers and intercession to God through Christ as well as with tithes and special offerings.

But back to my subject. I know that MY human spirit is tuned automatically — and I CAN'T TUNE IT OUT — to Satan's wavelength. And I know also that ALL OF YOURS ARE TOO.

It takes constant VIGILANCE to keep our minds on CHRIST, on HIS WORK, on the THINGS OF GOD — to avoid LISTENING to Satan's broadcasting of attitudes of selfishness, of taking interest in ma-

terial WORLDLY THINGS, of swaying us to REASON humanly that we can get a little closer to interest in worldly and material things — a little more like the professing "Christian" churches of this world — and still get into God's Kingdom!

Resist Satan's broadcasts

If we allow ourselves to LET DOWN just a little — in our prayer, Bible study or Church attendance and tithing, we begin to let our minds become interested in the things or ways of this world — TV or movies, perhaps — some have been seen gambling in casinos. Then we wonder why we find ourselves irritable, mentally on the defensive, suspecting others — getting conceptions of competition or division or sides in the Church — suspicious of the motives of others, controversial, cynical, and we do not realize WHAT IS CAUSING ALL THAT! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT CAUSED IT — SATAN WAS BROADCASTING IT, AND BECAUSE YOU WERE NOT VIGILANT IN PRAYER AND KEEPING CLOSE TO GOD AND HAVING GOD FILL YOUR MIND AND HEART WITH THE WARMTH OF HIS LOVE, these negative attitudes of Satan were taking hold of you!

That's why GOD WARNS US, through Peter, "Be sober, BE VIGILANT, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

Just think of that sentence,

LITERALLY. If you were alone and a savage, roaring lion came running at you, you'd be FRIGHTENED to death, to use a common expression. God meant for us to realize that we SHOULD BE JUST AS FRIGHTENED AT THE knowledge Satan is seeking to DESTROY this Church and all of us in it.

Peter continues, "Whom [Satan] resist steadfast in the faith..." (verse 9).

Through James, Christ teaches us: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. RESIST THE DEVIL, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you..." (James 4:7-8). He meant for us to TAKE HEED!

Yes, it IS possible — maybe Satan is using YOU — and you DON'T KNOW IT!

This Church needs to get CLOSER TO GOD — back to the original TRUTHS He put in His Church through His apostle. We need to CONFESS our sins and He will be faithful and just to FORGIVE us our sins, and to CLEANSE us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

I want to close this article by telling you once again HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU, for your faithfulness, your loyalty and your love to me. I know God IS blessing you — perhaps in ways you do not fully see or realize. I send you all my love.

And I hope to see many of you at the coming Feast of Tabernacles. For the first time in over 11 years I will have a WIFE at my side — except when I am in the pulpit — and she sends all HER LOVE to you all along with me.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to Mr. Armstrong

Let me just thank you for waking me up and getting me personally back on track. You are surely God's chosen human leader. *The Good News* is great and the articles are great. I have never seen anything like it since I have been in the Church.

I know you will be having many letters coming to you about the great change in the Work and the Church. It just makes me spiritually proud to be a member of the Worldwide Church of God. And to know that Jesus Christ is in charge of this Work and not man.

Thank you again, Mr. Armstrong. Just remember for me and my family we are in support of you and are fasting and praying more often.

Tiffany V. Jones and family
Randleman, N.C.

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I am glad to hear that Mr. Armstrong is making Ambassador College "God's College" once again. I had the misfortune of attending a secular college for four years where truly Satan was the head. Premarital sex, drugs and drunkenness were commonplace among the student body. Some of the professors even used profanity in the classrooms. I hope and pray that Mr. Armstrong will continue to sweep Ambassador College clean of Satan's influence.

Hezekiah Bradley Jr.
Greensboro, N.C.

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I am enthused about HWA being back. I began listening to him as a high school student in the 1950s. So when the first tape came I felt like the British fleet in 1940 when they flashed the message "Winston's back!"

Jerome M. Stam
Washington, D.C.

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We are indeed sad to read the six-page-long letter dated June 22, 1978, from Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

Knowing he has only a little time left, Satan is fighting desperately to destroy God's Work built by the Worldwide Church of God for so many years. We

have no doubt our God will eventually triumph.

Let us pray, Lord, come to rescue quickly before too much damage is done.

Peter Chow
Roseville, Australia

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I am so deeply grateful that you sent the personal letter from Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong to me right away so that I received it last Friday, and thus was able to participate fully in the Sabbath of 24th, the one day set aside for fasting and prayer by the entire Worldwide Church of God. I feel so cleansed and uplifted.

Thank God that Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong is so fully restored to health that he is now able to send us this pastoral letter for our present and future well-being in the Church of God.

Mrs. Enid Hose
E. Geelong, Australia

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Not just a newspaper

I would like to commend the *new Good News*. To me it is not just a newspaper, but a good and new attitude towards God's Work.

I particularly enjoy Mr. Armstrong's articles on the Church and its doctrines! Also, I enjoy immensely, Mr. Hoberg's "Worldwatch" section.

Now let's give the Work one last good punch to tell the world.

Randy E. Fisher
Winnipeg, Man.

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Man, what a change in *The Good News* paper. It certainly is uplifting to read articles like those in the July 24, 1978, edition. Please keep up the good work.

Please relate to Mr. HWA that I remain 100 percent behind him and do pray for him and the successful completion of this "Great Work."

I was especially happy to read that there will be a section in the *PT* with strong spiritual meat for the members and co-workers. This will certainly be greatly appreciated.

So until next letter thank God that I can be of use of Him, and thank you all at headquarters for the great Work being done for us brethren and co-workers; it is (in my opinion) truly a fine example.

Robert Lege
Kaplan, La.

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I wish I could really put into words

what I felt after reading the latest issue of *The Good News*. I can't read it fast enough, and, it is full of spiritual food and encouragement.

I know Mr. Armstrong is God's apostle and Christ is leading him, and Mr. Rader is truly like-minded and following his example and leadership and is very inspiring in his loyalty and faithfulness. I'm very thankful God has put such a pair in that place, and it makes me want to attain the same goal you both are reaching for.

Mrs. Stanley Davis
Milwaukie, Ore.

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Good news in 'Good News'

Through the pages of *The Good News*, would you kindly convey sincere gratitude and thanks for the way Mr. H.W. Armstrong is allowing God, through Jesus Christ, to use him to rejuvenate and inspire God's Church and people at this time. It is wonderful to be reminded of, and to receive in print, scriptural doctrines which are for the benefit and good of all the human race — if they will but take heed and act upon.

Hopefully there will be some reminders in every future copy, plus a "Sermon Summary" for the scattered ones in God's Church who are unable to attend services and fellowship with others of like-mind. They are a real blessing, and looked forward to very much indeed.

It's so very good to have the good news in *The Good News* once more.

Betty B. Swainston
Yealering, Australia

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Fantastic! Fantastic! The new *Good News* is absolutely fantastic! Thank you for the strength that now comes from it loud and clear.

We in middle Tennessee are now able to hear from headquarters seven days a week. About two months ago we were literally having a "famine of the word" except for Sabbath services, of course. We can now hear you every weekday on WSIX and see you, looking extremely well, I might add, on Sunday morning on WTVF, channel 5. My unconverted husband won't hear my words, but not a word does he say when you're on television. He says, "There's something about his voice." — Wonder what it is?

Wendy Loveliss
Columbia, Tenn.

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I feel a spiritual lift just from reading

New alignment

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trade continues to contract.)

The Soviets have an unwitting ally in their new overtures to the west — the United States. According to the authoritative "Evans and Novak Report" of July 5, datelined from Bonn:

"The Soviet campaign to cast doubt on the dependability of the United States is in full bloom across Europe, particularly here in West Germany, which for 30 years has been the root of the U.S.-European strategy against Moscow. The smell of this Soviet campaign is everywhere, where, sweetened with the apprehensions of America's NATO allies as to whether the Carter administration really knows what it wants and how to get it."

The new *Good News* and am looking forward to the spiritual meat in *The Plain Truth* (added addition).

I have the faith now that will grow once again.

Gordon Brauchla
Anderson, Ind.

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Sure do appreciate the meatier articles in the *GN*. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to help us with these articles. Really great!

Janet E. Flythe
Starke, Fla.

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Your most recent article in *The Good News*, "The Deadly Deceit of Higher Education," inspired me and filled in some empty spaces for me.

My first thought was, Why is Mr. Armstrong against higher education? But as I read on, I realized that it's the kind of higher education that concerns you.

Thank you for loving us enough to warn us against our errors and for teaching us continually as God directs you.

Billie Wakeman
Humboldt, Iowa

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I just want to write and say I could not be more pleased with the direction the (See LETTERS, page 10)

The pressure for a new arrangement in Europe, across ideological boundaries, comes not only from the communist side, however. A top official in the West German government, Egon Bahr, architect of Willy Brandt's *Ostpolitik*, continues to be especially active in pushing for greatly expanded ties with the Soviet Union. Mr. Bahr spent hours talking with Mr. Brezhnev both in Bonn and on a subsequent trip he made to Moscow in July. Mr. Bahr did not act as an official emissary of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and is, in fact, aligned with the SPD's [Social Democratic Party] activist left wing. Nevertheless, as Germany's confidence in America decreases, Mr. Bahr's radical approach may become the standard German policy in the future. According to Evans and Novak:

"Here is the specter of what has always made the western alliance tremble: a menacing new version of the 1920 Rapallo Soviet-German treaty. Another Rapallo is certainly no possibility in the near future. Indeed, it is unthinkable in Helmut Schmidt's Germany."

"Nevertheless, what is clearly at issue in the Brezhnev-Bahr talks is chilling, even though no immediate threat: West Germany leaving NATO with Soviet guarantees against aggression and with the ultimate prospect of German reunification. Bahr, a fanatical German nationalist, leads SPD's far-left faction which believes the key to Germany's future reunification is held in Moscow, not Washington."

Thus, events in Asia, the signing of the Sino-Japanese pact and Chairman Hua's bold anti-Soviet trip and the chills these produce in Moscow, have their direct bearing on extremely important future political realignments in Europe. And perhaps these realignments will mature a lot quicker than the analysts believe.

WHERE ARE WE NOW in the PANORAMA of PROPHESIED WORLD EVENTS?

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that Pope John had other ideas. He started the ecumenical movement to bring about a different kind of union — a church union between Protestants, the Eastern Orthodox churches and the Roman Catholics.

Then 15 years ago I thought Pope Paul might be the one to lead in this European political union. But the resurrection of the old Holy Roman Empire was again delayed. Pope Paul continued with Pope John's ecumenical union project. But that was not to be accomplished.

Few realize it, but GOD ALMIGHTY is the one with power to make and unmake nations and kingdoms. God *allows* many things. He has *allowed* Satan to continue for the entire 6,000 years during which, on Adam's choice, God *sentenced* the whole world, except such as God should call for special service, to be cut off from God.

And sometimes God *delays* — holds up impending events that He has foretold. In the seventh chapter of Revelation in order of time sequence of prophesied events, the time had come for the seven trumpet plagues. But, in this history-in-advance account,

God is shown *delaying* these plagues until the sealing of the 144,000 and another innumerable multitude.

On the other hand, God reserves the prerogative to *speed up* events when His purpose requires. And we may well be at the very time of this prophecy now: "For he [God] will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness: because a *short work* will the Lord make upon the earth" (Romans 9:28).

It has been, these past 15 years, appearing that God was *holding up* world events that are prophesied to come — delaying them — to allow time for CHRIST'S GOSPEL MESSAGE to be delivered over the entire world. As in Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end [of the present, evil world] come."

But during Pope Paul's reign the Roman Catholic Church ran into unprecedented strife-torn troubles from *within*. Many priests were starting a liberal movement. Quite a number were marrying, contrary to Catholic law. Many nuns were marrying. Probably 90 to 98 percent (there

are estimates only, and they vary) of the Catholic laity neglected completely to follow the traditional church doctrine that the sexual union, even in marriage, must be solely for procreation — and any other use is deemed sin, even though venial.

Also Pope Paul faced, at the opposite extreme, a power group of cardinals and bishops and priests who stood unalterably for traditional conservative Catholic tradition.

Pope Paul walked the tight-rope, but did manage to hold the church together, though torn within by dissent and opposing power struggles.

What kind of pope will the College of Cardinals elect now? (This is written prior to that election). Some cardinals and bishops are saying they hope it will be another middle-of-the-roader like Paul — but there seems agreement that is not likely.

What does seem more likely to me, as an observer and one who understands what is prophesied, is that in the privacy of the locked-in Sistine Chapel there will be sharp contention — a heated power struggle from both liberal and conservative camps.

It will threaten to split the church right down the middle. Neither side will, in the first few days, give ground.

Then what seems prophetically likely is that a strong conservative leader will suggest a solution to save the church. Let the Vatican take the lead in *uniting the nations of Europe* into a political union.

Two popes have failed to achieve ecumenical religious union. Why not now turn to lead in *POLITICAL UNION, on condition that the resurrected Holy Roman Empire be a UNION of CHURCH AND STATE!*

A political union, with a common monetary currency, in all probability the German MARK — with a common MILITARY FORCE to protect not only political Europe but also Catholicism against encroaching COMMUNISM! Communism is perhaps a bigger threat to Catholicism than to political Europe.

But also, this political union will put the Catholic church right back in the saddle as it was from 554 to 1814 — with the power of police and military to enforce its decrees!

At one bold stroke, this would

solidify the Roman Catholic Church and its strife from within, protect it from communist encroachment and elevate it to a position of pinnacle power, heading what may well become the GREATEST POLITICAL AND MILITARY POWER ON EARTH!

Of course the liberals will object to this enforcement of the Catholic faith, if it is to enforce the traditional conservative doctrines.

The conservative cardinals may give some ground. This meeting of the College of Catholic Cardinals may emerge with a *slightly changed Catholic doctrine* — but the traditional conservatism will probably carry the balance of power in what emerges from this cardinal congress.

The meeting of the Catholic College of Cardinals in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican may well prove to be a WORLD-SHAKING EVENT — the most important world event since World War II!

In the panorama of prophesied world events, the *next* prophesied event IS the restoration of the Holy Roman Empire as a new United States of Europe!

After that — WHAT?

The PLAIN TRUTH About HEALING

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will. And so far as healing is concerned, I can tell you definitely that His Word says plainly and emphatically that it is His will. The Bible is full of *promises* — literally FULL of them. If you need anything study to see whether God *promised* it, and if He has, HE CAN'T BREAK A PROMISE!

Claiming a promise

I remember one time several years ago when my two sons came to me and asked me to do something for them — I don't remember now what. They were then around 7 and 9 years old. I do remember I didn't want to do it.

"But, Daddy, you PROMISED," they said, "and you've GOT to keep your PROMISE."

And then I remembered I *had* promised. Well, what do you think? Do you think I could break a promise when my two sons came to me and put it like that? No, and if you'll just as boldly tell God He has promised and then CLAIM that promise as applied to your case and TRUST God to keep it and quit worrying about it — quit trying to work up faith — just RELAX and let God take over from there — leave it with Him — let Him do it — He'll do it, every time!

I know whereof I speak, because I've put what I'm now telling you to the test not once, but literally hundreds and thousands of times, and God has never failed to keep His promise once. I've seen the answers come so often and so frequently that I expect the answer when I ask!

God promises to supply every need — that if we'll seek first the Kingdom of God and His RIGHTEOUSNESS, which is right doing, He will provide every material need (Matthew 6:33).

Work a living example

Why, this very Work we conduct is a direct answer to prayer. This Work of the Worldwide Church of God — *The World Tomorrow* broadcast, *The Plain Truth* magazine and AMBASSADOR COLLEGE — which now has grown to national and international scope and influence, started as small as any work could start — literally from NOTHING.

It has been from the start 100 percent a work of FAITH, and we had to really learn this lesson of faith before it had even started.

Why people lack faith

And now, very briefly, WHY don't we have FAITH, and how may we get it, and how may it be increased? So many say, "Well, I have no impression — I have no feeling, no conviction — that I shall get the answer."

They want to wait until they get a certain CONVICTION, a certain FEELING, a SORT of ASSURANCE they can FEEL, before they really believe they shall have the answer.

But THAT is not faith!
That is FEELING!

Your feeling, your convictions, your impressions, have absolutely nothing to do with FAITH.

FAITH HAS ONLY TO DO WITH GOD'S WORD! The one question is, Has God promised it in the Bible? If He has, then probabilities, pos-

sibilities, feelings, convictions, impressions, have nothing whatsoever to do with it. God has a thousand ways we know nothing of, of answering and providing whatever He has promised. We don't need to see HOW He is going to do it or even WHEN!

And that's another thing, He almost never will do it the way we expect. So don't try to figure out how it is possible for God to do it. You are trusting SUPERNATURAL POWER! Then BELIEVE in that power. God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. What He has promised He will perform; but He will do it His way and in HIS TIME. Leave all that to Him and just TRUST HIM. Rely upon His Word.

God's gift

And let us remember FAITH is the GIFT of GOD.

So many think that everything else that comes from God is His gift, but the FAITH REQUIRED to receive these things is something we ourselves must somehow work up or strain and strive for. But we have to just relax and TRUST God, even for the FAITH by which we receive everything else! (Ephesians 2:8.)

In Revelation 14:12 is a description of the true Church of THIS DAY. Those in this Church have the FAITH of JESUS. Notice, the FAITH of JESUS! It is not just our faith in HIM, but His faith — the very faith with which He performed His miracles — placed in us and acting in us.

How can you get it? Draw closer to God. Get to know God. Surrender all the way to Him and do His will. And then PRAY. You get to know Him in PRAYER. We are too close to the material things. Through PRAYER, much more prayer, you can come closer to God and the spiritual things. And what a happy, joyous experience it is, once you have really done it!

Faith required for salvation

No subject pertaining to Christian salvation is more generally misunderstood than that of saving FAITH.

Just "BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" is the popular teaching today. And that statement is abso-

lutely true — if you understand what kind of BELIEVING is required.

Unfortunately millions are being deceived — led to trust in a faith that will never save one single soul — by a very popular and very false teaching.

It is customary to quote only a PART of the scriptures on this subject — reading a false meaning into them — and thus by subtle half-truths, popular teachings shackle most of Christendom to spiritual blindness and deceptions.

Do these scriptures contradict?

God does not usually reveal all the truth respecting a particular subject in any one passage alone. "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? . . . precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little" (Isaiah 28:9-10). To understand any general subject in the Bible, it is necessary to view all the scriptural evidence touching that particular subject. And we cannot read our inherited or desired meaning into any particular passage; for "no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation" (II Peter 1:20), but each passage is interpreted by, and in the light of, other texts.

For example, it is quite popular to quote Romans 3:20: "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight. . . ." and from this passage alone assume that salvation comes by faith, in disobedience to God's law! Those who thus interpret this passage never tell you that in Romans 2:13 the same apostle Paul was inspired to write: ". . . not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the DOERS of the law shall be justified."

Is there contradiction here? If the one scripture is intended to reveal that we do not have to make an effort to obey God's law to be justified and then saved — but that we are saved by faith without obedience to God's law — then, indeed, God contradicts Himself in His Word! And if you wish to make Romans 3:20 say that, you must consistently acknowledge there is contradiction in the Scriptures, and if this be true, you have

no basis for your faith!

No contradictions here

Again, Ephesians 2:8-9: ". . . by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." But those who quote this text so freely to teach the doctrine of no works never tell you that the same inspired scripture says also: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (verse 10).

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? . . . Even so FAITH, if it hath not works, is DEAD, being alone . . . I will show thee my faith by my works."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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proach, his conduct, reputation and life blameless, because right or wrong he will be imitated.

"One way he must be blameless has been variously understood and translated as 'husband of one wife' (KJV), 'married only once' (RSV) and has been interpreted even more variously by different ones to forbid polygamy, to forbid remarriage of a man whose wife has divorced him or even to forbid the second marriage of a widower.

"However, the actual Greek expression, literally 'one-woman man,' probably means simply that an elder must be one who is faithful in thought and action to his own wife (as a Christian example to others) as opposed to running after other women.

"The same expression is also found in Paul's instructions about ordaining elders to Titus (Titus 1:6), in regard to deacons to Timothy (I Timothy 3:12) and the converse (a one-man woman) to Timothy about deaconesses (I Timothy 5:9)."

Please explain the meaning of I John 5:8, there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood.

H.A.S.
Teaneck, N.J.

"The three witnesses mentioned here are witness to the fact that God is giving us eternal life through His Son (verse 11). They are:

"1. God's Spirit, which is not a person but the power of God, the down payment of begettal given by God to show that He will later finish

Thou BELIEVEST that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt-thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is DEAD?" (James 2:14-20).

There is no contradiction here!

Rather, by putting all the scriptures on the subject of saving faith together, we learn that there are TWO KINDS of faith. And the kind so blindly trusted in by the majority of this day is nothing but a DEAD faith — and a DEAD faith never will save one soul! Notice! James 2:20: ". . . faith without works is DEAD" — just a DEAD faith.

James continues: "Was not Abraham our father JUSTIFIED by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how FAITH wrought with his works, and BY WORKS WAS FAITH MADE PERFECT? . . . Ye see then that BY WORKS A (See THE PLAIN TRUTH, page 11)

the payment when you're born into the Kingdom of God with a wholly spiritual body (Ephesians 1:13-14).

"2. The water, which is baptism, a symbol of our burial and death so that a new entity can begin to exist, an entity that can grow into a Son of God (Romans 6:4). An alternative explanation would be that the water is God's Word, which cleanses the Church (Ephesians 5:26).

"3. The blood, a symbol of Christ's death, which reconciles us to God by paying our death penalty and thereby enables us to go on to inherit eternal life.

"Christ's sacrifice, our coming to repentance and being baptized and then the receiving of the Holy Spirit from God the Father are proofs or witnesses to the fact that God is giving us eternal life, for these are the means by which it will come. There is a part — a witness — for each of us — God, man and Jesus Christ."

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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Church has taken, back in the right direction! Although, it must have been a bit painful to see some members leave. But in order for God's true Church to get its Work done, it must first have Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, with Christ leading him, at the helm.

Rocco Nadone Jr.
Newark, N.J.

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We thank you for these letters of inspiration as you are thoughtful enough to inform us as to what is happening. It's better to hear it from you than twisted around and coming in over the radio.

We live so far and have small children that it is a special treat for us to attend services, so we want to let you know how much your letters and *The Good News* is appreciated. We read every word of your articles and the sermons. This is meat. Mr. and Mrs. Vic Cox
Bogata, Tex.

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I really appreciate the fact that Mr. Herbert Armstrong has been pointing us back to the fact that Christ is the living Head of this Church by his wonderful articles in this publication [*The Good News*].

The headlines emphasizing how Christ is moving to make AC, the Worldwide Church of God, the Work, etc., into things pleasing to God really got me to thinking. I have been looking to Herbert Armstrong, Garner Ted and the local ministers more than Christ.

Mr. Armstrong's articles helped me to realize I was not alone in this, that the whole Church has been drifting away from God and His ways and looking to fallible human leadership instead of Christ.

Rod King
Columbus, Ohio

Two Head-of-State Friends Die

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in Mombasa in his sleep.

I had visited with him, accompanied by Mr. Rader, at his office in the State House in Nairobi and the better part of a whole day at his residence 35 miles outside Nairobi. He customarily spent every night in his suburban home, driving the 35 miles every morning to his office in Nairobi.

We had luncheon at his home with members of his family. He conducted us on a tour through a suburban self-help hospital, which he had built. He was, as am I, a staunch believer in helping others to help themselves — to help them get on their own feet so they can make their own way, rather than supporting others out-

right in pure charity while they do nothing to help themselves.

Through the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, we had undertaken to join with President Kenyatta in founding in Kenya a self-help school to help reduce the illiteracy of the country. He was apparently just my age — 86, though he did not know his exact birth date. He was a very close friend — like two close brothers — with Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. The emperor was just eight days older than I, and one of his last acts before he was taken prisoner by the military coup that overthrew his government was to send me a telegram of congratulations on my 83rd birthday.

President Kenyatta defeated the British in the fight for Kenyan independence in 1963. He ruled one of the most stable governments in Africa.

After spending several hours with him, I rated him publicly with the evaluation of greatness — one of the few persons I have known in a life of acquaintance with hundreds of the great and the near-great.

God rates people according to how well they do according to what they have to do with. Jomo Kenyatta started out with very little — as an African tribesman. He was a self-educated and self-made man whom I felt had reached the status, in this world, of true greatness.

The PLAIN TRUTH About HEALING

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MAN IS JUSTIFIED, and not by faith only" (James 2:21-24). Then are we saved by works *instead* of faith? No, NEVER! We are saved by FAITH! But faith functions *with* our works and BY WORKS our FAITH IS MADE PERFECT! That is LIVING FAITH!

Why salvation is needed

Why do we even need salvation? Because we have SINNED, and the penalty of sin is DEATH!

But how have we sinned? What is sin, anyhow? Sin is the transgression of LAW, is God's answer (1 John 3:4).

"Yes," answers the victim of modern fables, "but we are not under the law today, but UNDER GRACE!" Why certainly! "What then?" asks the inspired Paul, "shall we SIN [transgress the law] because we are not under the law, but under grace?" And Paul's answer is, "GOD FORBID" (Romans 6:15). And again, "... Shall we continue in SIN [transgressing the law], that grace may abound? GOD FORBID. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Romans 6:1-2).

The law has a penalty — DEATH. It claims the life of the one who transgresses it. The law has power to take the life of the transgressor. It therefore is more powerful than the sinner — and is OVER the sinner, holding a claim on his life. It is the SINNER who is UNDER the law. But when the sinner REPENTS of his transgression and accepts the sacrifice of Christ as payment of the *penalty* of the law, then he is PARDONED — UNDER GRACE — the law no longer stands over him, claiming his life. Those who are still sinning are still UNDER the law! And those who, through repentance, obedience and FAITH, have turned from disobedience and are, through faith, KEEPING the law are the *only* ones who are UNDER GRACE!

God's spiritual mirror

Let us understand it! "... By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight. ... No, certainly not! That scripture is 100 percent true, and there is no contradiction! You cannot be justified by the deeds of the law — not at all!"

Why? The last half of this same verse gives the answer. Why do most preachers never quote it? "... For by the law is the KNOWLEDGE of sin" (Romans 3:20). THAT'S WHY!

The purpose of the law is not to forgive, to justify, to wash away, to cleanse. Only THE BLOOD OF CHRIST can do that! The purpose of the law is to tell us what sin is — to define it, to REVEAL it — so we can quit it. Sin is the transgression of the law — that's what sin is.

All women ought to understand this. In every woman's handbag is a little mirror. She knows what it is for. Every little while she takes out this mirror and steals a glance at her face. Sometimes it reveals a speck of dirt. And we might truthfully say, "By the use of these mirrors are no dirty faces washed clean." You women understand what we mean! But do you throw your mirrors away because by

them your faces are not washed? Of course not — what a silly question it seems when applied to a MATERIAL case! And if we ask you WHY your faces are not washed clean by your mirrors, you answer: "Because by the mirror comes the KNOWLEDGE OF THE DIRT."

God's law is His spiritual mirror. We look into it and see the dirt on our hearts! But by looking at the law or keeping it no dirt is WASHED from our hearts — only Christ's BLOOD can do that. By the law comes the KNOWLEDGE OF SIN!

Listen to James explain it! "But be ye DOERS of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a DOER of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:22-25).

Faith establishes law

"But," argues the no-law deceiver, "no man can keep the Commandments. It is not humanly possible. Since FAITH has come, we keep no law — faith has made it VOID."

Thus even "... Satan himself is transformed into an angel of LIGHT. Therefore it is no great thing if HIS MINISTERS also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness. ... For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ" (II Corinthians 11:13-15).

"Do we then make void the law through faith?" comes the question in inspired Scripture — and the answer: "GOD FORBID: yea, we ESTABLISH THE LAW." (Romans 3:31).

Yes, faith *establishes* the law! By keeping it, is faith made PERFECT!

Yet, *can* we keep the Commandments? Is it possible? Satan's no-law deceivers say NO! What is the PLAIN TRUTH?

A man came to Jesus and asked how to be saved. The Savior Himself replied, "... if thou wilt enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS" (Matthew 19:17). "When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (verses 25-26).

There is Christ's own answer! With men it is impossible — utterly impossible to really KEEP His Commandments. But — here's the blessed truth — WITH GOD, it is possible, even to keep His Commandments. Do you begin to see? IT TAKES FAITH — faith in the power of God! And, just as your own diligent effort coupled with faith makes faith perfect, so faith coupled with your effort makes PERFECT OBEDIENCE! The two go hand in hand. And you cannot have the one without the other. A LIVING FAITH, the only kind

that will SAVE, is an *active* faith — one that trusts God to make it possible to OBEY Him, to live the true Christian life, to KEEP His blessed Commandments!

Think! Could a just God command men to do what is IMPOSSIBLE to do? Or can we conceive of Jesus as a smart-aleck young man who knew more than His Father and who did away with His Father's commandments? How absurd! Yet this is the popular conception today.

The law is eternal

God's law is not a horrible monster! Just and right laws are a terror only to the criminal — they are made to PROTECT the good! God's law is PERFECT (Psalm 19:7), it is a SPIRITUAL law, (Romans 7:14), HOLY and just and good (Romans 7:12). ALL His commandments are SURE and stand fast FOREVER and EVER (Psalm 111:7-8). Don't you believe it when men tell you differently!

God's law is, simply, LOVE! It is the perfect way of life. Every particle of human suffering, unhappiness, misery and death has come solely from its transgression. It was given to make man HAPPY and is the *only* philosophy of life that can do so. It came from a God of LOVE, and LOVE is the fulfilling of the law (Romans 13:10).

But not YOUR own natural love! It requires "... the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by THE HOLY GHOST. ... (Romans 5:5). God has, and will give you, the love that will fulfill His law. And so it is possible through FAITH and the GIFT of God's Holy Spirit for man to keep His Commandments! And whoever claims differently, God calls a plain LIAR (I John 2:4).

Faith necessary for obedience

The true Commandment-keeper is forced to trust God to make obedience possible. And thus faith does not void, but *establishes* the law! And to keep the law requires FAITH!

A thrilling example of this eternal truth is recorded in the book of Daniel. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, erected a great golden image.

"Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, that at what time ye hear the sound of the [band] ... ye fall down and worship the golden image. ... (Daniel 3:4-5). "And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace" (verse 6).

Set over the affairs of the province of Babylon were Daniel's three young Jewish friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. One of the Commandments of God's eternal spiritual law forbids such worship of images.

Had you been in their place, what would you have done? Would you not have said: "Well, I have to bow down to this image. I have to do it or be killed!" And perhaps you would have excused yourself by reasoning thus: "I don't think God would be fair if He punished me for this, when He knows I am FORCED to do it. Anyway, He tells us to be subject to the

power of state!" Yes, it is easy to use reason to excuse disobedience to God. But God is not looking for chances to punish us — but rather for opportunities to SAVE us through faith — to save us from the folly of SIN and the sad consequence our own acts impose!

God's law is intended to *protect* us from suffering. Whatever we sow we shall reap. It is not God who punishes us when we do wrong; it is merely our own acts rebounding like a boomerang!

But these three young Jews knew the truth — that we should OBEY God rather than men, that through FAITH God makes it possible. When they firmly REFUSED to bow down to worship the king's image, Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded they be brought before him (verse 13).

Listen to the quiet, trusting, unafraid answer of these lads. "... O Nebuchadnezzar, ... our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace. ... (verses 16-18).

A test of faith

Sometimes God *tries* our faith. He tried theirs. You might think He failed them, but He only permitted their faith to be tested.

"Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed. ... therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. ... Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments" — surely the God whom they trusted would have them released now? But no, there was no physical evidence whatever that God so much as heard! — and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace" (verses 19-21).

The furnace was so hot the flames leaped out and "... slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego." And they fell down "... bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace" (verses 22-23).

God permitted them actually to be thrown in! Was He unmindful of those who trusted in Him to make possible the keeping of His Commandments? Not God!

The king looked into the furnace, and said, "... Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God" (verse 25). So Nebuchadnezzar came near the mouth of the furnace and called to them.

"... Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego came forth of the midst of the fire. ... these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and DELIVERED his servants that TRUSTED IN HIM. ... (verses 26-28).

There was an example of *living* FAITH — a faith that TRUSTED God

to make it possible to live the way of His law! Yes, WITH God, it is possible to keep all His Commandments. Don't let any man deceive you to the contrary.

Worshipping in vain

When God's Word says, "... BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. ... (Acts 16:31), it does not mean the DEAD faith now popularly taught. The common teachings of this day distort this to mean a mere belief in the FACTS of Christ's existence, His sacrifice and His saving work. Just accept these FACTS and accept HIM — without any obedience to God's laws! But the demons believe these things — and they TREMBLE — but they are *not* thereby saved!

Christ was the Messenger of the new covenant — a Messenger sent from God. You cannot BELIEVE on such a divine Messenger unless you believe and obey the MESSAGE that He brought. "... If thou wilt enter into LIFE," was His teaching, "KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS" (Matthew 19:17).

"REPENT," said the inspired Peter, and "... ye SHALL receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). God gives His Holy Spirit only to them that OBEY HIM (Acts 5:32). And His Holy Spirit is the LOVE that God gives us to fulfill and to keep His Commandments. And it all comes BY FAITH!

Christ came to save us FROM, not in, our sins. To FREE us from the enslavement of sin and unhappiness and wretchedness it brings — not to make us free to commit sin.

Is it possible to BELIEVE in Christ — to worship Him — in the customary manner of the day, *and yet be lost*? Christ Himself says YES!

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that DOETH the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

Hear Him again!

"Howbeit IN VAIN do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men. ... (Mark 7:7-8).

There it is! From Jesus' own lips! Such a dead faith — such worship — is IN VAIN. Those who trust in it, and in the men and denominations that teach it, ARE LOST! And the quicker we come to realize it, the better.

God's true purpose

God's PURPOSE in salvation is to rescue men from SIN and its resulting unhappiness, misery and death. To REPENT of sin is the first step. Then the BLOOD OF CHRIST, upon acceptance and faith, cleanses of all past sins. And by FAITH we are kept from sin in the future. Thus the resulting righteousness is of FAITH — the righteousness *imparted from God*.

We are not justified BY THE LAW — we are justified by the blood of Jesus Christ. But this justification will be given only on condition that we REPENT of our transgressions of God's law. And so it is, after all, only the DOERS of the law that shall be JUSTIFIED (Romans 2:13).

How plain and how beautiful is God's TRUTH! *amen amen amen*