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I WON'T TALK much about *Youth 05*, when I first became a teenager — or *Youth 10* when I was an 18-year-old “adult” and had come to know more than my father. I felt sorry for my father then — in the year 1910.

I had been born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa, and when I was 20, my father moved to the West Coast, and I didn't see him again for 12 years — when I was 32. You can't imagine how much my father had matured and had learned by that time. He then knew more than I did, and I had only honor and respect for him from that time on.

Of course those were old-fashioned days, and you live today in a very modern and up-to-date world. When I was a youth — 13 to 17 — we still burned kerosene lamps, drove a horse and buggy, had never heard of radio or television.

Actually when I became 11, no one had ever yet flown in an airplane, and when I was born the main cities had horse-drawn “dinky” streetcars.



Illustration by Tom Mansanarez

When I was the age of today's youths no farmer ever thought of farming with a farm tractor; almost no one ever rode in an automobile — and the very few automobiles existing were called “horseless carriages.”

Yes, that's pretty old-fashioned!

But — what about the world

YOU live in, today? In fewer years than my boyhood to now, YOUR WORLD TODAY will have become far more old-fashioned than the world of my youth is today!

For YOU are going to have lived in TWO WORLDS! — two altogether different worlds! The world you live in today will soon be **TERRIBLY OUT OF DATE!**

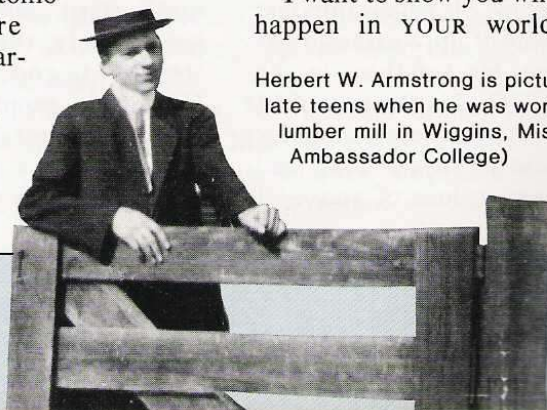
Most young people 13 to 17 today do not realize how the world has CHANGED in just my own lifetime — NOR HOW IT IS GOING TO CHANGE IN YOUR LIFETIME!

But you young people in God's Church are a very special, CHOSEN GENERATION! You can be privileged to know things other kids don't! You have SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES for the

years just ahead other young people your age don't. And I want to explain to you what those special DIFFERENCES ARE.

I want to show you what is going to happen in YOUR world (or YOUR

Herbert W. Armstrong is pictured here in his late teens when he was working at a large lumber mill in Wiggins, Miss. (All photos, Ambassador College)



Mr. Armstrong's grandparents in Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Armstrong's family lived next door until he was age 5.



lifetime) in the next few years — probably *long* before you reach middle age!

WHY is the world going to very soon be so DIFFERENT — in YOUR early lifetime? Because God Almighty the Creator is working out a great PURPOSE here on earth among human people, and you happen to live in the very generation when the greatest CHANGE of all time is going to take place.

To understand what is GOING TO HAPPEN while you are still young, we need to look back for just a quick moment at what happened long ago.

God created this earth long before any human person was created and lived here. When God first created the earth He placed ANGELSON the earth. So they would live happily and at peace together, God placed HIS OWN GOVERNMENT on earth over them. God set up a throne on earth to RULE that perfect government. On it He placed an immortal super archangel, a cherub named Lucifer, to administer God's government.

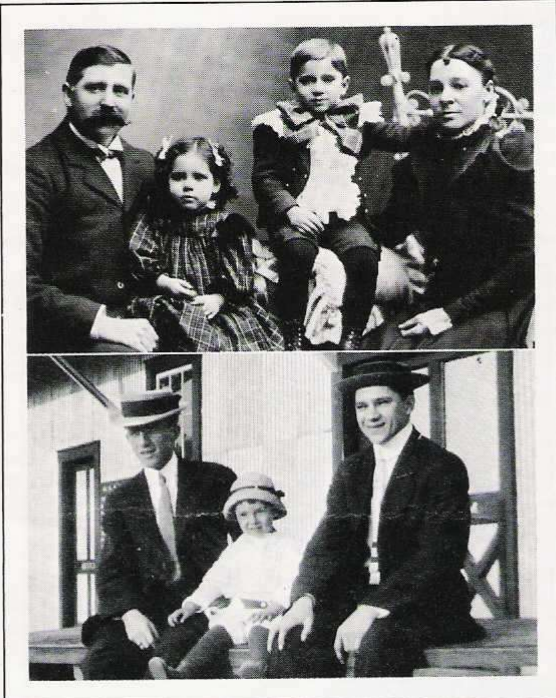
Now EVERY GOVERNMENT always is based on a foundational LAW or CONSTITUTION. And that LAW is a WAY OF LIFE — to regulate the lives of all under the government, so all may be happy. The LAW or constitution — or WAY OF LIFE by which all under God's government should live — is the way of OUTFLOWING LOVE — that is, LOVE toward God and LOVE toward one another. I like to make it simple, and call it the way of "GIVE." That is, GIVE love and kindness to others — SERVE others, HELP, COOPERATE with others, SHARE with others.

But Lucifer led his angels into just the opposite way of life — transgressing God's law, He led them in the way of "GET." That is the way of "I love only ME — I want everything for MYSELF — I am SELFISH — I am mad at you — I am jealous of you — I

want to BEAT you in every game, in every deal and in business — I want to TAKE AWAY FROM YOU — I want to HURT YOU and have everything good for myself — I RESENT you or anyone having any AUTHORITY over ME."

So Lucifer became Satan the devil, and his angels became demons. But two thirds of all angels are still good and holy angels!

Then God decided to create HUMAN



BEINGS out of matter. Angels had been created out of SPIRIT and so angels are immortal and will live forever. But God made people out of MATTER — from the material earth of the ground. People live a while — 70, 80, 90 years or so, and then die. But God made people in His own form and shape, and put a bit of spirit into each human brain so we can know, and think, and plan, and reason, and make decisions like God and like angels — only God gave people only a "human" spirit, and people can KNOW only that which is MATERIAL and PHYSICAL. God made people to NEED another super-Spirit — the Holy Spirit — which comes from the very Person

of GOD and which only God can give.

And God offered the very first man He created — Adam — this wonderful Holy Spirit from the very Person of God, if only Adam would REJECT the "GET" way of life to which Satan had turned, and would accept God's way of life of "GIVE" — or outflowing LOVE toward God and toward other people. Also, through His Holy Spirit God would have given Adam and his children through the means of His Spirit KNOWLEDGE of SPIRITUAL principles, problems and right values. Also the gift of eternal life.

But that first man who ever lived on earth, Adam, allowed his wife to lead him. And his wife, Eve, allowed Satan to deceive her into thinking the "GET" way of life was better. So they both disobeyed God. They took the fruit of the forbidden tree. That was the tree of the KNOWLEDGE of GOOD and EVIL. What did their sin really mean? It meant they TOOK TO THEMSELVES the KNOWLEDGE — the coming to KNOW — what was good and what was evil — that is, what is right and what is wrong. It meant they chose Satan's way of "GET" and rejected God's way of "GIVE." They disobeyed God. They rejected God as their RULER, and so they rejected GOD'S GOVERNMENT and His WAY OF LIFE.

Now this man Adam was the father of all people on earth, for all have been born from him and Eve, and all humans are ADAM'S FAMILY. He was making the decision for ALL HIS FAMILY — that is for ALL THIS WORLD — whether to live by GOD'S WAY of "LOVE" or Satan's way of "GET." And he was making the decision of whether he would decide to REJECT Satan's way of selfishness, or whether he would QUALIFY to replace Satan on that throne and RULE his

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Center photos, top: Mr. Armstrong's family in 1897, when he was about 5; bottom: Mr. Armstrong at age 19 in Wiggins, Miss.; Left: Mr. Armstrong, age 9, with his sister Mabel and brother Russell.

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whole family (this whole world) with GOD's government.

When Satan so subtly and cleverly deceived Eve and caused her to lead Adam into accepting the way of life by which Satan was now ruling, that left Satan on his throne.

Now God had decided that ADAM should make the decision of the KIND OF GOVERNMENT and the WAY OF LIFE Adam's family (THIS WHOLE WORLD) would live. Now UNDERSTAND THIS! REMEMBER THIS! God did not decide this — God made Adam DECIDE FOR THE WHOLE WORLD HOW THE WORLD WOULD LIVE!

And when Adam decided, God simply made Adam's decision binding — and left Satan still on his throne invisibly RULING all Adam's world as Adam had decided — UNTIL ANOTHER HUMAN PERSON should QUALIFY to displace Satan from that throne by *overcoming Satan* and choosing GOD's government and God's WAY OF LIFE — the way of "GIVE" or outflowing LOVE.

So that left Satan on the throne over all people on earth — over Adam's FAMILY.

And do you know what happened? Not any of Adam's children were able to resist Satan's pull on them, by cleverly deceiving them into living Satan's way of "GET" — of hostile competition — of wanting to "WIN" — of wanting to "GET" everything, even if that meant taking it away from someone else or from others! And Satan kept on deceiving Adam's children, and the next generation, and the next and so on, CLEAR UNTIL ONE PERSON WAS BORN DIFFERENT!

That was JESUS CHRIST! Jesus did not have a human father. He did have a human mother, and He was a human Person, so He could die — but His Father was GOD! So Jesus was both GOD and MAN! He had been the very one God used in creating Luci-

fer, and then Adam and all PEOPLE!

He was FILLED with GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT! Satan then tried desperately to tempt and trick and deceive Jesus, so Jesus could not resist his clever wiles about "GETTING" and competition *against* other people instead of LOVING other people as much as Himself. Jesus never let Satan trick or deceive Him. Jesus always RESISTED Satan and Satan's way of getting the best of others, and of selfishness, coveting, lust and greed, jealousy and envy, competition and strife and violence and resentment of authority.

And when Satan met Jesus head-on, as you may read in Matthew 4, beginning verse 1, Jesus CONQUERED Satan, resisted him, commanded Satan to get away from Him — and forced Satan to OBEY HIM! No person had ever been able, in all 4,000 years after Adam and Eve, to do that.

Jesus CHOSE GOD'S way of life — the way of LOVE! And Jesus loved all people so much He DIED to pay for them the penalty of their sins, so they could be freed from the death penalty they had all brought on themselves by going along with other people in Satan's way of life!

Jesus was the first one — and the ONLY ONE — who was able to REJECT Satan's way and



choose GOD'S way — the way of GOD'S LAW of LOVE — which is the basic LAW on which the GOVERNMENT OF GOD IS BASED.

Jesus QUALIFIED to RESTORE

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD on earth!

He did not, however, sit on the throne of the whole earth at that time, 19½ centuries ago. Instead, He was resurrected from death and ascended up to GOD'S THRONE in heaven, to have GOD the Father CROWN HIM and send Him back to earth to sit on earth's throne and RESTORE THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD!

And that time is going to come in YOUR LIFETIME — and even I may, if God wills, live to see it!

But there is a lot more to the thrilling story than that!

It takes a LOT OF PEOPLE OR PERSONS TO RUN AND RULE IN A GOVERNMENT! Jesus did not plan to do it all by Himself alone, without many others under Him, working LOYALLY to lead people into GOD'S WAY OF LIFE — which is the way of life of GOD'S GOVERNMENT.

So God's GREAT PURPOSE is MUCH MORE than just ruling people to live His kind of life.

God decided that if ANGELS would not live by God's laws, neither would just ordinary human people — for angels are greater than humans!

God decided to do something incredibly GREAT — even for GOD to do. He was going to reproduce HIMSELF — to have human people born AGAIN, so that in a second birth they would be born as GOD BEINGS — just like GOD HIMSELF!

God was going to be NOT ONLY the Father of Jesus — but of hundreds and thousands and millions of other human people! That is the GREATEST THING THAT EVEN GOD CAN DO!

So, in order to provide some to become God's own Children, born as GOD BEINGS just like God Himself, GOD RAISED UP HIS CHURCH!

Now remember, all people had been CUT OFF from contact with God by Adam's decision — because he decided for his FAMILY, and his family became the WHOLE WORLD! But God

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Mr. Armstrong is pictured here at age 3½ with his sister Mabel, who was then 1½.

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made one reservation in that! God reserved for Himself the special calling and choosing of a very few people — just one here and there — a very FEW out of the four billion people now living on earth — to be BEGOTTEN by His Holy Spirit as HIS CHILDREN, to be BORN as full GOD BEINGS by a resurrection at the time when Christ comes back to earth TO RULE — to have Satan removed from that throne, and for CHRIST to sit on that throne, RULING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD over all nations!

God planned that the CHURCH OF GOD would then become (by a spiritual rebirth into full GOD BEINGS) the FAMILY OF GOD. And since all of these newly born GOD BEINGS will be God's own Children, they will become the KINGDOM OF GOD!

Now you young people in God's Church are the children of people GOD HAS CALLED AND CHOSEN, to receive His Spirit and become begotten as children of GOD.

All other children — unless God does call one of them here and there — are CUT OFF from God *now*. They will be called later — even in another life — but for now they are cut off from God. But YOU children of parents — if even one of your parents is in God's Church — are NOT CUT OFF!

That does *not* mean God has already called you. But it does mean you are not CUT OFF from God — the way is open for YOU to seek God, to learn of HIS WAY — to RECEIVE HIS INSTRUCTION — and if you do, God very possibly will call you to become also ONE OF HIS CHILDREN as well as one of the children of people in His Church!

It does place an additional responsibility on you. For Christ will come again in YOUR LIFETIME, very soon now — and He will need to call those like you who learn of HIS WAYS to be LEADERS in the NEW WORLD TOMORROW, ruled by the KINGDOM OF GOD. That is the FIRST message I wanted to get to you young people in this first edition of the new youth magazine, *Youth 81*. □

What Is It?

ANSWER — It's Mimas, one of Saturn's moons, taken by NASA's Voyager 1 spacecraft last November.

GOOD FRIENDS

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al ambition nor selfish motivation came between them.

David summed up the quality of their friendship while eulogizing Jonathan's death: "My heart is sore for you, O Jonathan, my brother! You were my dear delight, your love for me was a wonder, far beyond a woman's love" (II Sam. 1:26, Moffatt).

David's words are hard to under-

stand today. Ours is an age of "quickie" marriages and divorces. We have a highly mobile society that discourages the forming of deep and lasting friendships. Personal honor and convictions are rarely even discussed, much less esteemed and revered.

A model of this kind of friendship can be forged only through love for the welfare of the other person — a selfless attitude that seeks only good and happiness in your friend's life. Can you seek, and just as important, can you *be* that type of friend? □

BY THE WAY...

By Dexter Faulkner

How many times have you heard your parents or grandparents say, "By the way... before you go out, pick up your clothes and clean up your room" or "By the way... take out the garbage before you go to school, and don't be late for dinner!"

All of us have heard this statement from time to time. I know, because I say it to my sons all the time.

Many times we listen, especially when there is a reward in it for us, like going to a movie or a special school outing. Sometimes we choose to forget — we close our ears if it is a thing we don't like to do. But when we forget that's when we are heading for trouble.

Listening is so important in our everyday life. As someone once put it, "A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something."

Right along with listening goes forgetting. If we get into the habit of forgetting we are bound to have to pay a penalty.

A young friend of mine, 14 years old, was assigned an essay to write because she forgot something she was told to do. I think she says it all when it comes to listening and forgetting.

Why do I forget things?

She told me to put the chicken on to cook after I got home from

school. I forgot to do it and got punished.

I guess one of the main reasons I forgot was because I didn't do it right then. But even if I wanted to I couldn't have done it right then because she said, "After school!" When I got home from school the next day I didn't even go in the kitchen, and I did other things. My mind wasn't thinking chicken; it was still thinking school.

When you forget, you can get punished or if you're lucky they let it slide. This time I got it. When your mother tells you you forgot, you feel real stupid, like you just tripped over your feet while walking down the street.

One way to remember *not* to forget is to write yourself a note. This should almost always work.

I think I'm going to put a note on my radio every day so I don't forget, because I hate writing essays.

The end.

P.S. Sorry I forgot about the chicken!!

By the way — this column is for you. Send me your ideas, essays, questions, jokes, whatever. I'll try to work them into the column over the months.

Remember — to be successful at not forgetting one must act fast, while the thought is fresh. □