

*The Good News of*  
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WORLD**

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**"Rejoice in your youth,  
young man!"**

# Personal from the Editor

**W**HAT IS THE GREATEST SIN that anyone could commit? The most terrible sin of all is probably the very *last* one that most people would name. In fact, most people might not consider it to be a sin at all!

I have known what this sin is for 42 years, but the GRAVITY of this supreme sin was given great emphasis as I was reading in I Chronicles 29, in the Fenton translation.

It was 3,000 years ago. David was King over Israel in Jerusalem. It was in the heart of David to build a Temple at Jerusalem for God, and God said to David that he did well in desiring to build the Temple. But, because David had been a man of war, and had killed many, he was not allowed to build it. God decreed it should be built by his son Solomon after David's death.

In response to David's request to the people that they contribute for the building of the Temple, they responded with enthusiasm and great liberality. "Then the people rejoiced," we read in I Chronicles 29:9, "for that they had offered WILLINGLY, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Eternal: and David the king also rejoiced WITH GREAT JOY!" They were stirred, *moved, inspired*, fired up with anticipation of this glorious HOUSE FOR GOD!

David also was *deeply moved*! He knew all they gave had come from the Great God! He was inspired to realize the GREATNESS, the MAJESTY, the SUPREME GLORY of the living God! He was moved to an inspired prayer, publicly expressing his gratitude and praise for the Great GOD.

So this is what I read, in the Fenton translation, beginning the next verse — the 10th:

"Blessed be YOU, the EVER-LIVING, —  
The GOD of Our Father Israel, —  
From Eternity to Eternity!  
With You LORD, is Greatness, and Power,  
And Beauty, and Splendour, and Glory!  
For all the Heavens and the Earth  
are Yours, LORD!  
The Government, and Exaltation,  
And Headship of all!"

The Fenton translation omits part of the next verse, so I continue from the Moffatt translation in modern English:

"Riches and honor come from Thee,  
who reignest over all; in Thy hand lie  
power and might, and in Thy hand  
it lies to make all great and strong.  
Hence, O our God, we ever thank Thee  
and praise Thy glorious name. Yet  
who am I, what is my people that we  
should be able to offer such free will  
offerings? All gifts come from Thee,  
and we only give Thee what is Thine."  
(I Chron. 29:10-14).

As I read David's inspired words I seemed to catch the vision of the GREATNESS, the POWER, the BEAUTY, the SPLENDOR and GLORY of the Great God — and of His Throne in Heaven! Did you ever stop to think of it? God is not the author of ugliness, unsightliness, darkness, cheapness, inferiority! God Himself dwells in brilliant SPLENDOR! From His throne in Heaven brilliant lightning flashes forth! It is resplendent in beauty, brilliance and GLORY!

Said the inspired David, "Riches and honor come from thee!" Not poverty — RICHES! God is the great GIVER of all GOOD THINGS! Poverty is not of God. Filth and squalor do not come from God, but from disobedience to His Laws! RICHES come from God, to those who UNDERSTAND and follow His WAYS! For those who learn how properly to use them!

ALL — absolutely ALL *good things*, wanted things, desirable things — come from GOD! God is one who GIVES — not one who TAKES! He SHARES, and has given us precious promises that, if we yield to Him and His ways, ALL THAT HE HAS we may SHARE! If we are Christ's we are His own HEIRS — to INHERIT what He HAS — to SHARE it with Him! Can your mind comprehend that?

God IS, and HAS, the ULTIMATE! The GLORY of God — His THRONE, ruling the universe — His POWER

— is the SUPREME of SUPERLATIVES MAGNIFIED!

Yet all His power and glory *we may share!* All this we may INHERIT.

Look at *this life* NOW! Every GOOD that is desired, wanted, craved, *comes from God!*

He *gives*, not only to the deserving and the righteous, but to the unjust and undeserving. "He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matt. 5:45).

Yet, of course, transgression of His laws (the CAUSE of desired results) brings penalties and cuts one off from the *extra blessings*.

Then, in the life to come, there is the PROMISE that we may inherit ALL THAT IS HIS — that we may SHARE with Him all that He has!

What is the GREATEST POSSIBLE SIN?

It is that which cuts one off from the GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD — the SUPREME ACQUIREMENT! It is that which separates one from the GIVER of all that is GOOD!

It is *not only* in this life that the GOOD THINGS come from God. The good things we may receive from Him here and now are only an *earnest* — a small portion of a down payment — of what He wants to give us later.

But what of the *desired* things we may have from God *here and now?*

As I look back on my 77 years up to now, I realize my own life illustrates the point. As a young man I was ambitious. Desire to succeed — to accomplish — to get to the top in life — was fired like a red-hot flame within me at age 16. It was a selfish goal. But I began to study deeply and intensively, apart from school studies.

Later, after a self-analysis stimulated by a book titled "Choosing a Vocation," I chose the advertising profession. I studied hard. I drove myself with energy. I applied my mind to *thinking* about what I was doing *while* I was doing it — something most neglect to do. Thus I gained by experience as well as from books.

I became successful, probably the most successful *young* advertising man in Chicago, between ages 23 and 30. At 28 I was making, in my own publishers' representative business, the equivalent of \$28,000 to \$30,000 per year measured by today's dollar-value. My business brought me into constant contact with leading multi-millionaire executives of the largest industrial and business corporations in the middle west, and with

Board Chairmen, Presidents and executive Vice Presidents of the nation's largest banks.

My ambition — my goal in life — was to achieve STATUS — to be looked upon as *important*. By the time I was 45 or 50, I expected to be regarded *by these successful men* as their superior. I was full of vanity and self-confidence. I was completely *self-centered*, I was cocky and conceited, yet I was also sincere, honest, and I had my own well-meaning ideals. But even that was self-centeredness.

All this time I was receiving the GOOD God showers on both the sinners and righteous. I was receiving from God the breath that gave me life — the blessings of the sun and the rain in the form of food to sustain life, and clothing and shelter. But I was NOT enjoying real inner peace. I was not free from fear and worry. I had not learned what real HAPPINESS is. I was cutting myself off from the Great God who lavishes on those enjoying contact with Him all the EXTRA blessings!

And all this time I was, without realizing it, committing this CAPITAL sin!

God was calling me to a special mission but my swelled-up ego prevented me from seeing it then. So — for my own good — God took away my business. Three successive businesses! Through forces and conditions entirely beyond my control. He brought me down to POVERTY spelled in capital letters! Then by providential circumstances He angered me into a study of His Instruction Book, the Bible.

I fought against His truth. I delved into evolution to see if I could prove the non-existence of God. This study proved, instead, the falsity of that theory and the existence and the reality of God. Further research *proved* the infallible inspiration of the Bible — in its original writings.

When God began to reveal Himself to me — when I caught a glimpse of His Almighty Power and Glory — of His Truth — of His living REALITY, (even as King David saw it in the prayer I have quoted,) I began to see myself for what I really was — an egotistical, swelled-up piece of worthless HUMAN VANITY!

The life ambition I had cherished, striven for, expended all my energy on, was only another god before the true God!

What is the *greatest* possible sin? I repeat. It is that which cuts one off from the *greatest possible* GOOD

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# WHY GOD IS NOT REAL to Most People

*Millions say they believe in God — but WHY does He seem so FAR OFF to them? Millions have heard ABOUT God, but do not KNOW God. This article tells you HOW you CAN!*

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**A**RE YOU LIKE the person who said to me, "O I believe in God all right, but it seems like He is *so far off* — so UNREAL!"

WHY do most people feel that way? WHY should God seem UNREAL — like an almost invisible filmy wisp — or a phantom — or something shapeless and ethereal?

## Born Without Knowledge

The instant you were born you knew nothing about God. You knew *nothing* — *period!* You were born with a mind capable of receiving, but as yet unfilled with knowledge.

Whatever you may know — or *think* you know — about God, has come into your mind since birth.

How did knowledge *begin* coming into your mind? There are only five channels through which knowledge may come, naturally, into the human mind — the channels of sight, sound, taste, smell, feel.

But also there are three dimensions of knowledge or consciousness: the *around*, the *within*, and the ABOVE. Yet the natural mind of a mortal human comprehends only the first two. Babies grow into childhood with awareness of only the *around* and the *within*.

But as a child, through the sense of hearing, you probably were *told* something about God. But understandable knowledge of God comes from the third dimension — the ABOVE. And the ABOVE is spiritual. God is a Spirit. Spiritual things cannot be *seen*, nor heard, nor felt, nor tasted, nor smelt. Understanding of spiritual things simply cannot enter the human mind through the five sensual channels.

Therefore it is probable that the

adults trying to tell you about God did not have true perception and understanding. And it is natural that whatever knowledge about God entered your mind — through the ear, or the eye — was vague, misty, UNREAL. You couldn't SEE God. Spirit is invisible to human eyes (except, as has happened, by some miraculous "materializing" or means of manifestation).

You couldn't *hear* God. You had no actual conscious *contact* with Him. You probably formed some *imaginary* picture in your mind of what you *supposed* He must be like — based on what might have been told you, or what you may have read. But you didn't SEE or HEAR Him — you read or heard only something ABOUT Him! And the picture was unclear, clouded, out of focus, ethereal.

Is it any wonder He did not seem REAL — that He seemed so far off?

There are millions of professing Christians and Jews who *say* that they believe in God. Many profess to know more or less about Him. But knowing *about* Him is a far cry from knowing HIM!

## The INVISIBLE "First Cause"

The very presence of the *around* seems to the normal mind to demand a "First Cause" to have produced it. Yet — MYSTERY OF MYSTERIES! The "*first Cause*" is not seen, heard, smelt, tasted or felt. So many ideas, concepts and conjectures have been brought forth out of human imagination as to the nature of that "*First Cause*."

Yet the true God *does* reveal Himself, to those who are willing to comprehend and to obey. And He says these people, conscious of the *around*, who formulate their own ideas as to the "*First Cause*"

are without excuse for denying the true God and putting in His place some fanciful conjecture of their own making through distorted human reasoning.

"Because that which *may be* KNOWN OF GOD is manifest in them; For God hath shown it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal Power and Godhead; so that they are *without excuse*" (Rom. 1:19-20). Or, as the Moffatt translation makes plain: "... His invisible nature, His everlasting power and divine being, have been made quite perceptible in what He has made." That is, the material things He has created and made reflect plainly the nature, power, and divine being of the invisible MAKER.

The verse preceding the above says the world's leaders have known the truth, but have *held it back from the people* — prevented them from receiving a clear understanding. "But God's anger is revealed from heaven against all the impiety and wickedness of those who hinder [hold back] the Truth by their wickedness" (Rom. 1:18, Moffatt).

So what is usually told to a growing child *about* God usually is a very distorted picture, indeed!

Still, hearing *about* a person is not really *knowing the person!*

## One Man's Experience

There was super-righteous Job, the greatest man in all the East. God even challenged Satan, the accuser of God's people, to find a single sinful or unrighteous flaw in his character. Even though allowed to put Job through the most painful and severe trials, Satan

could find nothing against him. Of course there *was* something very unrighteous about Job. All have sinned — including Job. His great sin was his very SELF-righteousness. Satan could not recognize SELF-righteousness as a sin.

But after God whittled Job down to size, humbled him, made him see his own insignificance and vanity — his nothingness compared to the great God, Job said, "I have *heard of thee* by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye *seeth thee*. Wherefore I *ABHOR MY-SELF*, and repent in dust and ashes!" (Job 42:5-6.)

Getting to *KNOW* God is quite different from *HEARING* about Him.

So, what does the average person know about God? They started out, from youngest childhood, knowing whatever they had *heard* or been told, by parents or others. And since those leaders who once *did know* God (Rom. 1:21) *held back* the Truth, and, becoming fools (verse 22), gave a distorted and untrue teaching, most of what has been told growing children in our time has been a perversion of the Truth.

Perhaps some children were told *NOTHING* about God at all as they were growing from babyhood toward adolescence and into early adulthood. But most probably they have been *told* more or less *about* God before they actually *read* anything about Him *IN THE BIBLE*. Also they very probably had read what others had written about Him before reading anything in the Bible for themselves.

So what did they know? They knew only what had been told or communicated to them by those *AROUND* them. They knew only what they had received from *other people* who did not themselves *KNOW* God. Those from whom they learned knew only what they, in turn, had gathered from still *other* misinformed and deceived *people*. Not from the *ABOVE* — but from the *AROUND*! Not from God Himself, but from the *AROUND*. And your Bible says the *other people* constitute a deceived world!

And when such a person, approaching or reaching early adulthood, does read the Bible, his concept of God has been

so firmly implanted in his mind *by other people*, he continues picturing God in the same way.

He probably is just as I was for many, many years: I did read the Bible at times — but I then said: "I just can't understand the Bible."

*Well, NO WONDER*, then, that most people who profess to "believe in God" say God seems unreal to them!

They are like Job. Job's source of knowledge, before his personal confrontation with God, had been from the *around* — he had heard *about* God by the hearing of the ear, *from other people*. God never seemed real to him until he gained *PERSONAL CONTACT* — until he got to really *KNOW GOD*!

There is a way in which *YOU* can establish *actual direct personal contact* with God — if you have not done so already. Then He will become *REAL*!

Let me give you an illustration. Let's say you have heard *about* Raymond F. McNair. He is Regional Editor of *The PLAIN TRUTH* for Britain and Deputy Chancellor of Ambassador College at the English campus. You may have read one or two of his articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. But let us suppose you have never seen his picture — you have never seen him in person, you have never talked with him. Suppose someone has told you a few things *about* him, twisting the facts, and giving you untrue information.

You may know a few things *about* him — and some of those distorted — but you surely could not say that you know *him*. If you have not even seen his picture you don't know what he looks like. Many people, having heard me on the radio, said on seeing me in person, "Why you don't look a bit like I pictured you in my mind."

In the same way, if you should come into personal contact with Mr. McNair, you'd probably be surprised to see that he wouldn't look at all like you pictured him. But, if you were suddenly thrown in his company almost constantly, seeing him virtually every day, talking with him, seeing him in his office and in his home, *you'd get to know him*! I know him well. I have known him ever since he came to the front door of my home

in Pasadena nearly 21 years ago. Three days later he entered Ambassador College as a student. In four years he graduated. He continued his studies, doing graduate work, earning his Master's degree. I see him fairly often. I visit him in his home. I know his wife and children very well. His elder daughter, when she was about three years old, said she had adopted me. She's a lot bigger now — and she says I'm still "adopted." I spend a good deal of time talking with Mr. McNair — about college problems — about student and man-power problems — about personal interests. I have gotten to *know him*!

But, if you have not even seen his picture, you *don't* know him!

You haven't seen God's picture either. But He gives you a certain description of what He looks like, in the Bible. Yet not as to His exact features.

### The Person of God Revealed

I can tell you that *I* know God — and that I also know the living Jesus Christ — for I represent Him as His servant. I read about Him — not as other people *MIS-describe* Him — but as He describes Himself in His *BIBLE*!

But, I said a while ago that more than 42 years ago I "just couldn't understand the Bible." *NO ONE CAN, really*, until they have gained contact with God (the Father) through Jesus Christ, and have received His Holy Spirit, begetting them as His begotten children. That requires the same kind of *REPENTANCE* Job was put through — a genuine abhorring of the self, an unconditional *SURRENDER* to *OBEY* Him and His Law, and a real faith in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. When I was brought to that kind of repentance toward God and faith toward Jesus Christ, in early 1927, and was baptized, He gave me the most precious *GIFT* in all the universe — His Holy Spirit.

His Spirit *opened my mind to SPIRITUAL COMPREHENSION*. I could *UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE* — a bit at a time, of course. In it, the living Christ began talking to me. I began to talk to Him — often, daily, in a sense constantly, in spirit. When I studied the

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Bible, it was like listening to the most wonderful Friend I had ever known! It was WONDERFUL! It was INTERESTING — INSPIRING — REVEALING! So I studied the Bible often *on my knees*.

You see, as I *read* the Bible, God was talking to *me*. But as I prayed, I was talking to *HIM*! And by studying His Word *on my knees*, I was able to carry on a two-way conversation with Him — mixing prayer with listening to Him through reading His words. It was invigorating, rejuvenating beyond words to describe. He was TEACHING ME. I was gaining new KNOWLEDGE — spiritual knowledge — knowledge to LIVE BY — knowledge to put into action — instruction to be *acted on* — commands to OBEY by *doing*!

As He told me about Himself — as He talked to me, instructed me — and as I talked to Him — *I got to know Him*! He BECAME REAL!

He was no longer WAY OFF! He was very NEAR — in Spirit, in the very same room. I have never seen God or Jesus Christ PHYSICALLY — with my physical eye — but I see them often, spiritually in my mind. Not precise definite features, of course — but I “see” in my “mind’s eye” eyes flashing out like a flame of fire — His face shining as brightly as the sun in full strength—His head and hair white as the cleanest, whitest snow. And all around where He is sitting is gleaming, glistening beautiful SPLENDOR and brightness, with lightning flashing forth. Perhaps I don’t “see” this as distinctly as I expect to after I enter His Kingdom as an inheritor, BORN of His Spirit in SPIRIT COMPOSITION — no longer a mortal human composed of flesh and blood.

It is, of course, as the Apostle Paul was inspired to say: we see at best, now, as through a darkened glass, but then, in the resurrection, in His Kingdom, face to face. (I Cor. 13:12).

WHY is God “so far off — so unreal”? It is because people are so *far off* from HIM — so *close to* the physical,

material things and interests of this evil world! Because their minds are on physical pursuits all the time. Because *they have no time for God*!

You get to KNOW those you are *close to* — in *constant contact with* — in conversation with!

But, with most, *their sins* have CUT THEM OFF from contact with God.

Is it, then, impossible for them to GAIN CONTACT?

Not at all! But *IT IS NOT EASY! WHY?*

Because you have to REPENT — and that is NOT EASY. To just say the words “I abhor myself,” does not mean you really *do*. To really CONFESS that you have been WRONG — that you are NOT GOOD — that there is nothing good IN YOU — that you not only have DONE wrong and sinned but that you ARE wrong and sinful — that is not easy. The SELF has to DIE — and your human nature will fight that *to the death*. To make an UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER to God and HIS LAW — His authority over you — His commandments — His teaching — His WAY of living that is so UTTERLY CONTRARY to the way your friends and associates are living — that is NOT EASY.

SELF within you will shout out: “But what would my friends — all my associates — those I have been close to — what would THEY think?” You’ll have to be willing to GIVE THEM UP — for they probably will throw you over — IF you surrender to God, let Him turn your life right-side-up, live a totally *changed* life according to His teaching!

Are you too big a coward to do it? You have to be WILLING to GIVE UP — everything! — for HIM. Do you want HIM that much? Do you want the happiness of a REAL Christian LIFE that much? Do you want ETERNAL LIFE in His Kingdom that much? Few do!

That’s why God is not REAL to most.

Of course they are not really HAPPY. But they are unwilling to live THE WAY

that *causes* happiness. They would rather keep on TRYING to gain it some other way. They NEVER WILL, however. All humanity has been trying that for 6,000 years! NONE ever yet succeeded. Do you think YOU can? You CAN’T!

God CAN be real to you — but are you willing?

There are the THREE DIMENSIONS. Most people have consciousness of only the first TWO! They seek pleasures, happiness, in the AROUND — things, people — this world! There are some temporary thrills, delights, pleasures. Sure! But they NEVER LAST! And you pay too big a price for them. They’re a bad bargain.

You may look to the within — but it’s like looking down into a well that’s gone DRY. There’s nothing there to quench that inner thirst.

You CAN contact the ABOVE! IF you’re willing to pay the PRICE — that is. It isn’t easy. But it’s the ONLY dimension that SATISFIES — that fills that inner void — that feeds that gnawing soul HUNGER — that expands your horizons — that opens your MIND to the glories of SPIRITUAL COMPREHENSION — of understanding SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE — of really UNDERSTANDING the Bible, in a way that produces happiness brimful and running over!

It’s WORTH the price YOU pay a million times over. Jesus Christ paid the REAL price — the BIG price. The price you pay, in GIVING UP in surrender to Him, is as nothing by comparison.

It’s the GREATEST BARGAIN in the world — but the world does not offer it, or ANY bargain. GOD DOES!

There are TWO directions you can go in life. Most people go the direction of SELF — vanity! It’s the way of self-centeredness. Everything is coming INWARD. Toward SELF. Getting! Taking! Acquiring! And you keep shrinking smaller and smaller.

The other direction is the way of God’s LOVE. Love fulfills His Law. LOVE is *outgoing concern*! It is, first of all, GOD-centeredness. It is LOVE to God, in worship, adoration, faith, obedience. It is, second, LOVE to fellowman — loving others AS yourself. That’s a lot of love. That is the WAY of the

ABOVE. That way constantly EXPANDS your horizons. That way you GROW — and GROW — and GROW! You DEVELOP! You develop GOD'S CHARACTER! You GROW in love — in happiness — in abundant well-being! LIFE becomes abundant and JOYFUL!

Willing to pay the price? It's not giving up so much MONEY — it's giving up things you've had your heart set on that

are BAD for you. It's coming to a new sense of VALUES — values that MAKE SENSE!

I know! I *have* known 42 years. Life has had its problems, persecutions, disappointments — but it's been RICH, FULL, REWARDING, ABUNDANT!

Everyone CAN have it — if they want it deeply enough.

Even YOU! God BECOMES REAL!

## What Is Real Repentance?

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repented, will LIVE as Christ lived! He will keep the LAWS of God, being obedient to God in every way, and becoming a recipient of the great HAPPINESS and tremendous BLESSINGS that come with that obedience!

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, *leaving us an example*, that ye should *follow his steps*" (I Peter 2:21).

CHECK UP on yourself!

Study these scriptures in your own Bible. Many of you THINK you are already "saved" and that you are already good Christians! But "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:12).

Remember, to "examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is IN you, except ye be reprobates?" (II Cor. 13:5).

Serve Christ — OBEY Christ — LIVE as Christ lived, FOLLOW Christ, IMITATE CHRIST!

THAT IS WHAT IT MEANS to give yourself to Him!

### Self-Sacrifice

All the practical side of religion is summed up in the exhortation of Paul, that we present our bodies a living sacrifice to God. Anciently, a man brought a lamb and presented it to God, laid it on the altar to be consumed by God's fire. In like manner we are to present our bodies. The first thing is not to be a worker, a preacher, a saver of souls; the very first thing in a Christian life is to present one's self to God, to lay one's self on the altar. We need to understand this. It is easier

to talk and work for Christ than to give ourselves to Him. It is easier to offer God a few activities than to surrender our lives to Him.

But the heart must be first, else even the largest gifts and services are not acceptable.

"'Tis not thy work the Master needs, but thee,

The obedient spirit, the believing heart."

"A living sacrifice." A sacrifice is something really *given* to God, to be His altogether and forever. We cannot take it back. One could not lay a lamb on God's altar, and a minute or two afterward run up and take it off. We cannot be God's today, and our own tomorrow. If we become His at all, in a sacrifice which He accepts, we are His always.

### Baptizing Counsel

If YOU are one who really feels you *have* come to know what real repentance is — and *you want to repent*, you really WANT TO OBEY GOD — then here is GOOD NEWS!

One way we are prepared to serve YOU that many of you may not realize is this: As a part of the ADULT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, we now have TRAINED MEN — graduates of AMBASSADOR COLLEGE — available in all parts of the United States, ready to counsel with you PERSONALLY — to answer questions — to help you with any spiritual problems — even to baptize any who are ready for it.

I think that because we say in literature — and you hear on radio — "there

is no follow-up — no one will call on you" — many may have MISUNDERSTOOD. What we mean to say to the public is that there will be no follow-up trying to sell them something — we have NOTHING TO SELL. And that giving us their name and address for requested literature, or a subscription (free — already paid) to *The PLAIN TRUTH* does not mean someone will come knocking uninvited on their door.

We WON'T send anyone to see you, UNWANTED. Not unless you REQUEST IT! BUT, if you would like one of our trained men, graduates of AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, to call and counsel with you about any problems, answer any questions — even explain anything in the Bible, there is such a man NEAR YOU! So PLEASE feel free to invite such a visit. That's what they are there for. And of course you know they have nothing to sell. They won't ask you for money. They won't plead with you — or even urge you to "be converted" or baptized, nor to join anything. Of course, if you WANT and request help in finding God and letting Christ REALLY come into your heart and life, they are fully qualified to HELP. But they will not try to shove anything on you. They are qualified to EXPLAIN the Bible if you ask but never will they argue. Actually most of them are consecrated and ordained ministers. They, and we here at Headquarters of this great Work want only to HELP — to SERVE. We count it a PRIVILEGE to do so.

But remember — if you're *not sure*, then read this article again.

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has completely rewritten the article, "What Do You Mean . . . 'Rewarded According to Works'?" This article will appear next month under the title, "WHAT'LL You Be DOING in the NEXT LIFE?"

Also because of lack of space the conclusion to last month's article, "Twelve Rules for Bible Study" will appear next month.

enjoyed properly, with ultimate sorrow, pain, suffering, DEATH!

Perhaps when the designers turn their minds to clothe or unclothe the generation they serve, they choose to ignore Deuteronomy 22:5 "The woman shall NOT wear that which pertaineth unto a man, NEITHER shall a man put on a woman's garment: FOR ALL THAT DO SO ARE ABOMINATION UNTO THE LORD THY GOD!" And sad to say, I'm sure that today's careless and restless youth, wanting to be popular, not recognizing the vortex, the maelstrom of evil that they were born into, couldn't care less for the words of God written in I Corinthians 11:14 — "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, *it is a shame unto him?*"!

Perhaps some few who *do* recognize that the God of the Bible condemns this society's accepted transvestism, this abject immorality, this perverted use of sex, at the same time do not *fear* that God and recognize that He lives and that it is in His power to grant life or to remove life. So they are not moved by His statement in I Corinthians 6:9-10, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD? BE NOT DECEIVED: NEITHER FORNICATORS, NOR IDOLATERS, NOR ADULTERERS, NOR EFFEMINATE, NOR ABUSERS OF THEMSELVES WITH MANKIND . . . shall inherit the Kingdom of God."

### Tomorrow's World Near!

*Take heart!* The loving Creator who made mankind in the first place has not forgotten His purpose! The purpose of inviting mankind into His glorious kingdom to share eternal life in all power and splendor and glory forever. In fact the very sad circumstances we find around ourselves shout to us, in all of their evil, an *encouraging* note — just as it is darkest before the dawn, so it is that this all-pervasive evil of today's society is itself an event prophesied to be gripping mankind just at the time of the *intervention of God Almighty*, and the setting up of His great kingdom in the WORLD TOMORROW here on this earth.

"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. EVEN THUS SHALL IT BE IN THE DAY WHEN THE SON OF MAN IS REVEALED!" (Luke 17:28-30.)

God's warning to *you* and to me *right now, TODAY* is: "*Come OUT of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her PLAGUES.*" (Rev. 18:4.)

What can *you* do? You *can* fight the good fight! You *can* battle Satan the Devil in his clever attack on you, on your family, on the life that God has

given to you, on the *purpose* of that life!

God will give you *His strength*, not only to *fight* the battle, but to *WIN IT*!

*Don't* be deceived by the passing fads of today. *Don't* be deceived into thinking there is no God who will bring a just recompense for all of these evil ways. *Don't* be deceived into thinking that it is not all that bad and that "everybody can't be wrong"! EVERYBODY was wrong in the days of Noah! And remember God's warning is that today will *duplicate that attitude*!

Most of the facts this article has brought out are rather negative. The positive knowledge of God about this subject that man has rejected is given in Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's book, *God Speaks Out On The New Morality*.

Many of you readers of TOMORROW'S WORLD already have a copy of this in your library and have already benefitted from it. Many use it as a handbook in their family lives. For those of you who have not yet requested this book please do so — it's free, of course, as all of our literature is, and it is *desperately needed* in this decadent age in which we live. Don't delay, write for your personal copy of this vital book on this vital subject — write *TODAY*! It will help you understand the plain truth of God which will free you from this bondage of moral decay in which *today's* world is gripped. It will give you a foretaste of TOMORROW'S WORLD!

## Personal from the Editor

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— the *supreme acquirement* — it is that which separates one from the GIVER of that supreme GOOD! It is to have *another god* before the REAL God!

No one can gain contact with God until his idol — his false god — is DESTROYED! And the true God had now shattered to bits my false god! I was humbled and brought low. Low enough to be willing to give my life over to GOD — and I did!

Material possessions alone do not bring happiness. Real happiness is primarily a spiritual, not material

entity. I gave up all concern relative to status — to what "big men" thought of me. It was unconditional surrender to God.

It was necessary to remove entirely the setting of my heart on material things — letting them, or vanity, be the god at whose shrine I worshipped. To this end, God put me through 28 years of economic poverty. Stripped of good financial income, I learned what HAPPINESS really is. I was now poor in material goods — rich in having received God's Holy Spirit! I experienced JOY — happiness brim-full and running over! I learned to love and ENJOY digging out new truths from the Bible with others of the world's poor.

Meantime, yielding myself to GOD'S WORK, I was being prospered. Not financially — not in personal finances. That didn't seem to matter. But THE WORK

was continuously prospered. Its growth averaged close to 30% each year.

Even today, I own nothing — save such personal things as clothing. I own no home, no automobile. But I am privileged to live in a College-owned home on each of our three campuses. These fantastically beautiful campuses are my lawns and gardens which I am privileged to enjoy — along with hundreds of students and faculty people. And there is a car at each campus put at my disposal, with a driver for each, since I now am able to see only through one eye too dimly for safe driving. And further, since the operations of the Work of God grew to such worldwide power and scope, necessitating much travel to all parts of the world, there is a private corporation jet plane and crew always at my disposal. After 28 years of material poverty and spiritual wealth I had learned NOT to set my heart on physical things. Now God allows me to use them.

Now I look back on a life that has been used in helping many thousands to see and follow THE WAY of peace, happiness, and abundant well-being. Actually, I didn't do any of it — GOD DID! — but I was privileged to be used as an instrument in His hands. I live on college campuses not only beautiful in physical environment, but filled with happy, smiling, wholesome, radiating and vigorous young men and women utterly unlike those on the average university campus.

And yet, when I say that I am the most blest man on earth, many of them and of the many executives in this Work around me, will smilingly assure me that each of *them* is the most blest! I rather like that kind of disagreement!

God blest me with the loveliest, finest wife in the world — for fifty years — a full half century. And when she died, more than two years ago, I did not have to grieve *as others* who have no hope. Rather, I look back on those 50 happy years — and forward to a soon-coming resurrection when we'll be together again.

Yes, when I tell you all the GOOD THINGS come from God, I am speaking from EXPERIENCE!

Recently, my son Garner Ted was speaking about the protests, the rebellion, the violence on hundreds of college and university campuses all over the world. They are Communist inspired. But Communist rabble-rousers could not stir up all this mass discontent unless something was really WRONG with modern education. But at our own Ambassador College campuses there is no discontent, no rebellion, no marches on the Chancellor's residence, no protest, no violence.

Where there is inflamed discontent it is aroused because of the absence of something — students themselves do not realize *what* — but something that would SATISFY! My son said what they really are crying out for, without knowing it, is what our students *do have* on the Ambassador campuses.

It is *two things*:

1) The Missing Dimension in Education. Ambassador students have learned what are the TRUE VALUES, and stopped pursuing the false! They have learned the meaning and real PURPOSE of life — and THE WAY to achieve it. And they are on THAT WAY, the true way of life!

2) They have — most of them (and the others not far from receiving) — that which assures achievement of life's real goal — that which alone really *satisfies*, God's Holy Spirit within, guiding and leading them.

And THAT is the real essence of what discontented student rebels hunger for. The missing true knowledge, and God's Spirit dwelling within, opening the mind to God's TRUTH, showing them THE WAY, filling them with God's LOVE, and with peace and joy! It is the only ingredient that can fill that void of emptiness — that can really SATISFY.

That is God's GREATEST of ALL GIFTS. It is the gift of God Himself coming into our lives. It is the presence, conditionally, of ETERNAL LIFE. It is the "living waters" that quench inner thirst — the spiritual food that feeds inner soul hunger! It is Love, Faith, Power! It is what makes life WORTH LIVING, NOW! It is what makes life here and now full and rich and abundant. It is the SOURCE and BASIS of HAPPINESS!

But it is MORE!

I said God wants to share with us *everything He has*!

That includes His ETERNAL LIFE, His POWER and GLORY!

After enjoying the fullness of abundance in *this* life, there is the life for ETERNITY with God. In this present life we are HEIRS — IF His Spirit dwells within — IF we follow, and are led by His Spirit. But following *this* life we shall become INHERITORS! Inheritors of ALL THAT GOD HAS!

Notice! "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you . . . But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you . . . For as many as are

led by the Spirit of God, they are the SONS OF GOD. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of SONSHIP, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then HEIRS; HEIRS OF GOD, AND JOINT-HEIRS WITH CHRIST . . . For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He [Christ] might be the FIRSTBORN among many brethren" (Rom. 8:9, 11, 14-17, 29).

Study that! UNDERSTAND it!

If we are Christ's — IF His Spirit dwells in us — IF we are following where His Spirit leads — we are *now* His children, but *now* only HEIRS. Not yet inheritors. But Jesus Christ then becomes our elder brother. He is the firstBORN of many brethren. We are His brethren and co-heirs. He has now been BORN of God — and He *IS* God! Notice it!

In Romans, the first chapter, "Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh [that is, *as a human* Jesus was a son and descendant of David; BUT]; And declared to be *the Son of God* with power, according to the Spirit of Holiness, *by the resurrection from the dead*" (Rom. 1:3-4).

Notice how plain! Jesus Christ, who was BORN of the human virgin Mary in the human material flesh, was a descendant of David. BUT, He was declared to be the Son of GOD "by the resurrection from the dead."

As such — a Son of GOD WITH POWER, ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT OF HOLINESS — that is, of divine SPIRIT, He was the firstBORN of many brethren. Not the first to be BORN of material human flesh. The first to be BORN of divine HOLY SPIRIT, with POWER.

By a resurrection from the dead, He became the Spirit-composed divine Son of God, the first so BORN of MANY BRETHREN!

He was born once, in the physical human flesh, of the virgin Mary. But *not* the first to be born human. He was later BORN AGAIN — the *first* so born of many brethren — by the resurrection, of divine Spirit composition, as the divine Son of God. So by this *second* birth to divine Spirit — by the resurrection — He was BORN AGAIN — born a second time even as we may be. Born once of physical human flesh. Born a second time composed of divine Spirit.

Not that Jesus ever sinned. He didn't. Not that

He *needed* redemption or salvation, in the sense that we do — He didn't! But Jesus had possessed and shared the divine GLORY of God through eternity, UNTIL He divested Himself of that Power and Glory to be divinely begotten in His human mother Mary. See John 17:5, 1:1, 14. He gave up ALL that He shared with God the Father, in order to save the human race.

But after His resurrection, again He shared EVERYTHING — the universe — with the Father. Notice what He has now:

Jesus Christ is now "a Son whom He [the Father] has appointed heir of the UNIVERSE, as it was by Him [Christ] that He [God the Father] created the world. He [Christ], reflecting God's bright glory and stamped with God's own CHARACTER, *sustains* the UNIVERSE with His word of POWER." (Heb. 1:2-3, Moffatt.)

He now controls every force, power and energy in the universe. He SUSTAINS the entire universe. He ADMINISTERS the Government of God over the ENTIRE CREATION!

And with all this God promises we, too, are now heirs — IF we are Christ's — IF His Spirit dwells in us — IF we follow and are led BY *His Spirit*!

Jesus Christ has now INHERITED ALL His Father has — all He shared with the Father before His human birth — and has been set to administer God's Universe Government! We are joint-heirs. He is the pioneer who has gone on before, inheriting what WE, if we are His, *shall also inherit and share*! (Heb. 2:6-11).

WHAT a heritage! WHAT a supreme potential! And all God's GIFT — the GIVER of ALL that is good!

What, then, is the GREATEST, most terrible sin anyone could commit? It is that which cuts one off from all GOOD — all blessings NOW, and the SUPREME — the ULTIMATE, for all eternity in the life to come! It is to have another god before Him. It could be money. It could be excessive TV viewing of the wrong kind of programs. It could be clothes, pleasures, one's selfish ambitions (that was my false god in early life). Many things could be another god before Him. Nearly everyone does have one or more other gods before Him. DO YOU?

Better face that question now, before it is too late!

Do YOU have some physical material idol?

How completely do YOU want ALL THE GOOD THINGS? Enough to give up whatever stands between you and the great GIVER?