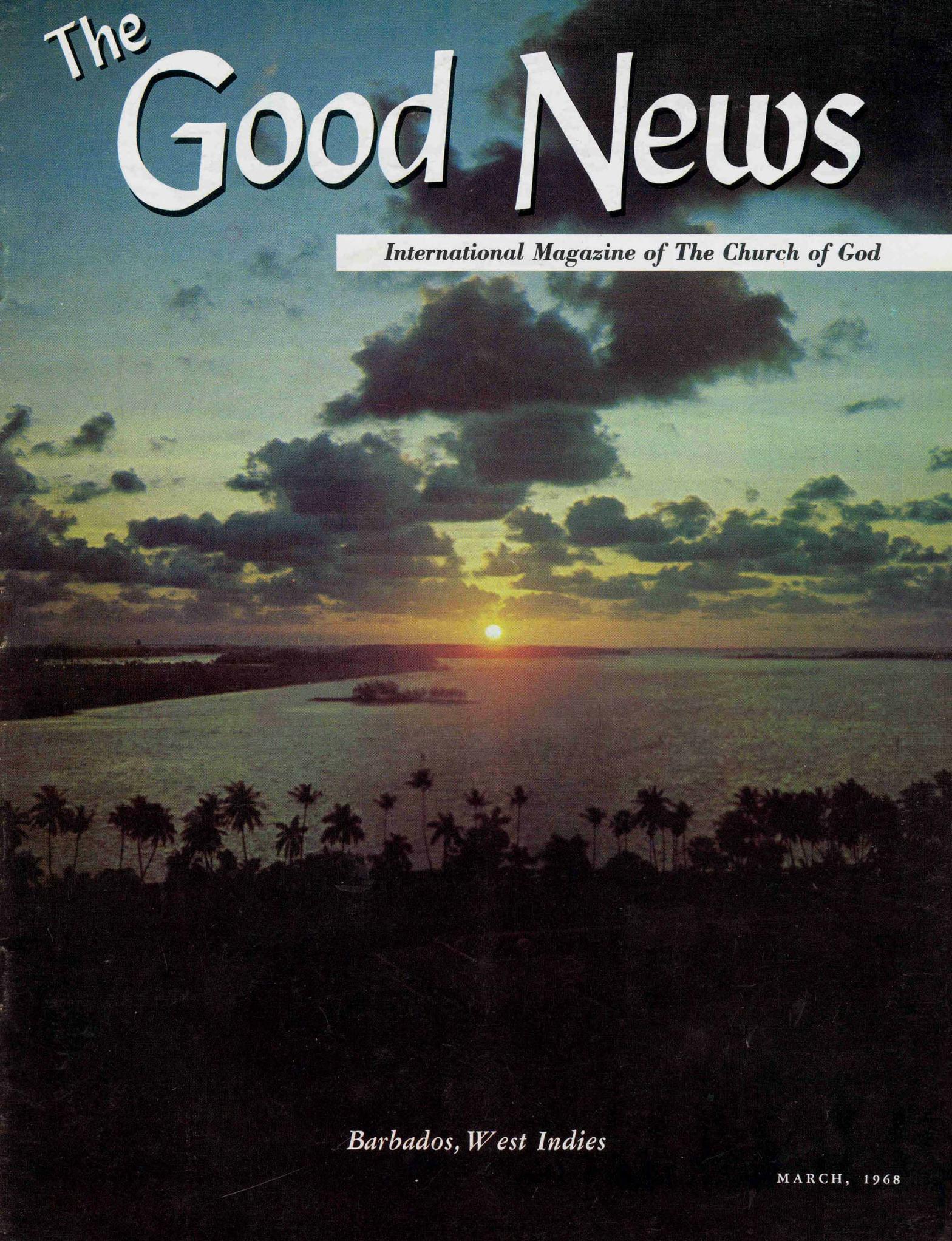


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More About Our Cover . . .

Barbados is the most eastern of the West Indies Islands. With its population of 243,000 it enjoys the distinction of having one of the highest literacy rates in the world — more than 99 percent. Our cover shows the sun setting, beginning the Sabbath and marking the founding of the first weekly Sabbath services for this tiny island. Read more about this momentous occasion in the article beginning on page 3.

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What our READERS SAY . . .

Caribbean Comment

"We have received your letter . . . which began 'Here is good news! At last we are able to raise up a local Church in Barbados, in the West Indies.' This is truly GOOD NEWS. Our prayers have been answered by the Almighty, and we are thrilled to share such a blessing. We appreciate all that has been done by you, Mr. Dibar Apartian, and all others concerned in bringing 'Our dream' to reality so soon. We all receive Mr. Bass as what he really is — 'God-sent,' and together

with the help and blessing of the Almighty God, we will make this Church into a living success."

Wesley A., Barbados, West Indies

Ambassador Oasis

"On October 28 my husband kindly escorted me on a little trip to Ambassador College in Pasadena to visit the grounds, see the buildings, the gardens, the general area, and especially observe the commendable conduct of your fine students. It is an oasis in a badly polluted world. The frightening crime in the streets of the Los Angeles area, the inefficiency and stupidity of the rapid transportation system, plus the dark dirty air in that whole basin made the trip quite an ordeal for us. And yet I am glad that we had this opportunity to see the school."

Loretta B.,

Brookfield, Wisconsin

• *We also have an Ambassador Oasis in England and in Texas!*

Blessings Follow Action

"Thirteen months ago, I was going to quit my job to keep the Sabbath. To my complete surprise, I was given a promotion I had never dreamed of. I didn't have to work on the Sabbath and I got a ten-percent raise. . . . By obeying God's laws and with God's help, we are getting our finances in order and know we will get out of debt. These are the best gifts we ever had as our prayers have been answered."

Mr. and Mrs. William E. W.,
Savannah, Georgia

CORRECTION

Last month two errors appeared in John's Monthly Obligations, I and II, on pages 16 and 17 of the article "Finances in Your Life!"

The corrections are explained here in bold face. The important thing to note is the change in Insurance. The second chart illustrates a change to *term* insurance, which pays the same in event of death, but with a premium of *half* the cost. Please correct the February GOOD NEWS with these figures. We are sorry for these errors.

Totals for Chart I: **\$612.68** \$2256.00
II. John's Revised Monthly Obligations

First tithe	58.34
Second tithe	58.34
Savings to reserve	30.00
House rent	90.00
Home expenses	140.00
Utilities (without telephone)	25.00
Car payment (sold car)	00.00
Bus fare	17.00
Furniture payment	28.00
Revolving charge account	25.00
Dentist bill	13.00
Insurance	5.00

Total	491.68
Monthly income	513.34
Monthly expenses	491.68

Operational savings 21.66

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Herbert W. Armstrong Personally Opens—

THE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD IN BARBADOS

Most unexpectedly—and as a surprise to all of us—Mr. Armstrong flew to Barbados to personally inaugurate the first English-speaking CHURCH OF GOD in the West Indies. Read in this article the firsthand report of this unprecedented event.

by Dibar Apartian

JUST HOW LONG does it take to plan a trip to Barbados—to procure the necessary papers and reservations as well as pack and make all the numerous, sundry arrangements?

Ordinarily—a few days at least.

But not so with Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong!

We were about to have lunch at the Faculty Dining Room, at the Student Center in Pasadena, when Mr. Armstrong asked me just when I planned to leave for Barbados to open God's first English-speaking Church in the BRITISH WEST INDIES.

"Tomorrow morning," I answered.

"Tomorrow morning!" he exclaimed with disappointment. "That's too bad! I would have liked to go with you if it weren't so soon." He thought for a moment, then added, unexpectedly: "But I am sure I can still make it—don't you think?"

Indeed, I did. He had in mind, of course, the leased Executive Jet which enabled him and Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong to visit all five Feast sites in the United States, last fall. "You can take your wife along if she wants to come," he added. "There is enough room for both of you on the plane. Would she like the idea?"

Would she? Even though she had but a few hours to prepare and to get over the shock, she wouldn't have missed the opportunity for anything.

Many times, in the past, I have had the privilege of being with him during various trips—short and long, both in

the United States and abroad. It is an experience I wish all of God's people could have at least once in their lifetime.

The Seven Laws of Success

Early next morning, we were on our way to the West Indies for a most memorable journey. Just imagine! Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong would open—in person—*God's Church in Barbados!* It almost seemed too good to be true! Before the Work of God entered the jet age, it would have been practically impossible for Mr. Armstrong to take time from his ever-increasing responsibilities to travel two days to open a Church for a handful of people. But today, the availability of the Executive Jet enables him to make such trips; he can travel and work at the same time. In fact, during this trip, he wrote three articles for *The PLAIN TRUTH*—mostly on the plane.

Actually, no one in Barbados expected him. Of course not, since his decision was made the very last minute.

To watch Mr. Armstrong in action is to practically witness his application of the very *seven laws* of success he has described in his booklet. He does not give up before a seemingly insurmountable obstacle as some of us are prone to do. It is most inspiring—and leaves you with a contagious feeling of drive.

While in Miami, we were told that our hotel reservations in Barbados—even though previously confirmed in Los Angeles, and despite the fact that a substantial deposit had been wired to



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Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong types one of the Plain Truth articles on return flight from Barbados trip.

guarantee our arrival—were *not* secure. At this time of the year, hotels in the West Indies are enjoying the height of their season and are mostly interested in tourists who stay for several weeks and not in transient travelers like us—even if this meant their going back on their word.

"*Honesty* and *integrity* are attributes that the carnal mind cannot really grasp," Mr. Armstrong said as we were sitting in his room, between urgent calls. "Business today is run on the principle of getting—not giving or serving. People do not hesitate to go back on



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International Airport at Miami a few minutes before taking off on the final leg of the trip to Barbados.

their words if this will help them make more money. The difference between God's way of doing things and man's way of acting is this: *God's way is based on giving*; man's is motivated by getting."

After a moment's thought, he opened his briefcase and pulled out a copy of his Autobiography. "Here is how you can succeed in business," he said, as his fingers thumbed through the pages of his book. Then he read aloud the story of the "Sick Store" which was cured . . . (If you haven't yet read this story — or if you happened to have forgotten it — you'd better get busy and read it as soon as you can; it is found on pages 258 to 261 in Mr. Armstrong's Autobiography.)

By the time we left Miami for Barbados — and after one last long-distance call with the hotel manager — Mr. Armstrong had *succeeded* in having our reservations solidly confirmed!

"Please, Sir, May I Have Your Autograph? . . ."

Hardly had we landed in Barbados when one of the immigration officers who checked our passports gazed at Mr. Armstrong with amazement.

"Are you *really* Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong?" he asked.

"Yes, I am," Mr. Armstrong answered.

"Welcome to Barbados, sir! Welcome indeed! It is a great honor and privilege to have you with us on our island."

He turned to his colleague and whispered something in his ear. Within minutes word had spread throughout the terminal. As eyes began to focus on Mr. Armstrong, the officer who still had Mr. Armstrong's passport in his hands asked courteously: "Please, sir, may I have your autograph?"

On the island of Barbados, there is hardly anyone who has not heard

The WORLD TOMORROW program or read *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. As I already mentioned in my article in *The GOOD NEWS*, last September, the island's unique *Rediffusion* system offers us literally a "captive" audience — seven days a week. Whether taxi drivers, hotel employees, or restaurant personnel — whether newspapermen or passers-by in the street — everyone is familiar with *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast.

Upon arriving at the hotel, even before we had time to open our suitcases, a newspaperman representing the *Barbados Daily News* knocked on Mr. Armstrong's door. He wanted a brief interview. From that time on, the phone kept ringing as people from all walks of life expressed the desire to talk to Mr. Armstrong or *just hear* his voice on the phone. Later, *The Advocate* — another newspaper on the island — requested in turn an appointment with Mr. Armstrong for a personal interview. But the most unusual — and

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INGRATITUDE — A DEADLY SIN

Are you guilty of being unthankful — unappreciative of your many blessings? You need to develop the habit of being grateful — for everything!

by Raymond F. McNair

NEVER BEFORE in the long history of mankind have human beings been blessed so bountifully. Never before have so many — especially in America, Britain and the Commonwealth — been able to enjoy so many physical blessings.

But, also, *never before has this earth witnessed such widespread INGRATITUDE!*

Worldwide Ingratitude

This terrible worldwide affliction was prophesied nearly 2,000 years ago to be one of the outstanding sins of this present age!

Why should unthankfulness be so prevalent in this era of unprecedented wealth and prosperity?

And, most important of all, what can you do to make sure that you don't either become (or remain) a helpless victim of this all-too-prevalent sin of ingratitude? How can you prevent the octopus-like clutches of this worldwide sin from strangling much of *your* happiness?

Over 1,900 years ago, the apostle Paul foretold today's world conditions: "This know also, that *in the last days PERILOUS times shall come*. For men shall be lovers of their own selves . . . UNTHANKFUL, unholy" (II Tim. 3:1, 2).

Ingratitude would be one of the common sins of our age, according to this inspired Apostle!

How many of you are truly grateful to your very Creator for the many blessings which He has permitted you to enjoy? And how many are thankful even to our fellow human beings for

the many blessings, services and benefits which we receive from them?

Chronic Grumblers

Any national opinion poll (taken in the U.S., Britain and the Commonwealth) will reveal that there is precious little gratitude either *felt* or *expressed* in our lands today — whether toward God or toward our fellowman!

Are you one of these *chronic grumblers* — who is never content or satisfied with his blessings — whether it be your salary, the way your government is run, or with the countless other blessings which you are permitted to enjoy in a free country such as the U.S., Canada, Britain or Australia?

The plain truth is that we have become a nation of complainers, of grumblers, of bellyachers! We seem never to be content. Like Israel of old, we soon forget where our blessings really come from, and begin to find fault, to grumble and complain!

Consider a historical example of ingratitude.

God Almighty delivered the infant nation, Israel, from centuries of terrible Egyptian bondage. He miraculously saved them from the slaughter of Pharaoh's terrifying army. Also, He fed them with manna, and in the dry, barren desert, He sustained them with water out of the rock; but they still grumbled and complained continually (Num. 14 through 17). They weren't really thankful for the many blessings which He had so lavishly bestowed upon them.

Because of their unbelievable ingratitude, God finally gave them over

to destruction. They all (except Joshua and Caleb) perished in the barren wilderness of Sinai — without ever reaching the Promised Land — the land of milk and honey.

An Awful Prophecy

One of the most awful prophecies in the entire Bible reveals why God sometimes lets terrible calamities (even national invasion and captivity) come upon ungrateful nations. This horrifying prophecy (which applies to our Anglo-Saxon peoples) is found in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy. It was given nearly 4,000 years ago.

God promised countless *blessings* to those who would obey Him — to those who would really follow His ways (Deut. 28:1-14). But He also revealed that terrible *curses* would overtake that nation which turned its back on Him — which flagrantly broke His holy and righteous commandments (verses 15-68).

Why will these curses come upon our people — upon our own friends and relatives (unless they repent)? "*Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with JOYFULNESS, and with GLADNESS of heart, for the ABUNDANCE OF ALL THINGS. Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want [lack] of all things: and He shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until He have destroyed thee*" (Deut. 28:47, 48).

This terrifying prophecy is directed squarely at the peoples of America, Britain and the Anglo-Saxon members

of the Commonwealth — unless we repent of our present downward moral and spiritual plunge into total depravity." (If you don't know where our peoples are mentioned in the Bible, be sure to write for our free book, *The United States and The British Commonwealth in Prophecy*.)

Thanksgiving Day Debaucheries

You may ask: But how could this prophecy in Deuteronomy 28 refer to us? How could it apply to the peoples of the U. S. in particular? Don't we in the U. S. set aside a day each year in which we give God thanks for our blessings?

It is true that the United States observes a national holiday — called Thanksgiving Day. But it is equally true (as those who are honest will admit) that this national Thanksgiving Day has degenerated into an orgy of excesses — drunkenness and gluttony. And both of these are terrible sins in the sight of Almighty God.

Do we really think our Creator is pleased to see countless millions eat and drink (and dissipate) themselves into heart attacks, colds, fevers, excesses — yet all the while observing this Thanksgiving Day — *supposedly* in remembrance of the blessings God has lavished upon us? Do we really suppose God is pleased and impressed by such debaucheries?

When our Pilgrim forefathers had gathered their first bounteous crops of fruits, grains, vegetables and nuts, they really did feel a deep sense of gratitude toward their Maker. They came together to enjoy a feast at which they were careful to let the Almighty Blessor know how grateful they were for their overflowing blessings.

The way we observe this Thanksgiving Day has degenerated terribly!

Very few in Britain or America today are really grateful for the bounties they daily receive from the hand of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! We have grown fat, lazy, complacent, self-satisfied, SELF-INDULGENT and UNGRATEFUL!

Moses' Solemn Warning

Shortly before his death, the elderly Moses gave a solemn warning to the

people of Israel — and to their descendants, to our very people — *not to forget their God!*

He assured Israel of old (our very forefathers) that we (their descendants) would inherit "a good land" — a land possessing lots of water, natural resources and abundant crops (Deut. 8:6-9).

Then Moses was inspired to give this sobering warning: "When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt *bless* the Lord thy God for the good land which He hath given thee. BEWARE THAT THOU FORGET NOT THE LORD THY GOD, in *not* keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command thee this day: lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; and when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thine heart be lifted up, and thou FORGET the Lord thy God..."

If our people began to forget God (even proclaiming that "God is Dead") then terrible calamity was certain to overtake them. World Wars I and II were only a slight foretaste of the terrible things which God Almighty will let befall us — in World War III, with all of its nuclear terrors — unless we quickly reverse our downward plunge!

God Almighty continued His warning through His servant, Moses: "And thou [Israel] say in thine heart, *My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth*. But thou shalt *remember the Lord thy God*: for it is He that giveth thee *power to get wealth*, that He may establish His covenant which He swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day" (Deut. 8:17).

If Israel did forget her God, doom would be certain, warned the grey-haired Moses: "And it shall be, *if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God*, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that *ye shall surely PERISH*" (Deut. 8:19)!

Again, let us ask ourselves: Are we really thankful to Almighty God — on Thanksgiving Day, and on *every* day

— for the many blessings which we have received?

Don't Just "Say Grace"

Do we always give our Creator thanks for the food on our table — *before* we partake of it? How many of those who "say grace" are *really thankful*? How many merely repeat certain words, parrot fashion, while "saying grace"? God's Word reveals that we should *always pray from the heart* — not just repeat words like a phonograph record (Mat. 6:7).

Yes, how many (or how few!) are really grateful for the priceless gift of their very existence? Also, how many of us give God thanks for our eyesight, our hearing, our sense of taste, smell and feeling? How many of us are truly thankful for our ability to speak, and for the ability to use our various members — like our feet and legs for walking?

We should never take these many blessings for granted. Many have been struck down by a serious stroke (or by some other dreaded affliction) and have been made almost totally helpless. Often, *after* such a calamity, they really learn to appreciate the great blessings of sight, hearing, speech, muscular coordination.

Many who have had a serious stroke have *later* learned to be truly thankful to their Creator for the ability to regain use of their members and bodily functions. It is a shocking experience to find that one is *totally helpless* — can't even speak, turn his head, raise his little finger or move a muscle in his body.

Don't Take Blessings for Granted

All too many of us take our blessings too much for granted — until (in a moment) they are taken away from us.

Overnight, you could be struck down with some terrible disease or affliction which could sweep away most, if not all, of your hopes and dreams. In one moment — in a flash — your life could be snuffed out in an accident, or your loved ones could be taken from you. A financial crash or a

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What Kind of Man Was Jesus Christ?

What kind of man was Jesus — the God Who emptied Himself and came to this earth over 1900 years ago? What kind of God do you worship? Is He the weakling the world pictures? Here are the facts, the truth about the dynamic, living God. The one who came to this earth — a real MAN'S MAN!

by Paul S. Royer

WHAT kind of God was it that died for you? Was He a ninety-seven-pound weakling? Is He the Little Lord Jesus away in the manger? Was He short and squat — a bare five feet, three?

What about the paintings of Christ — the sickly effeminate ones — are they representative of the real Jesus Christ? How about Mary's little lamb? Does this nursery rhyme have any connection with Jesus Christ?

A Wrong Concept Image

For many of us a wrong concept of Christ began way back in kindergarten. The false concept, the wrong picture is partially the result of an "innocent" nursery rhyme, "Mary had a little lamb, his fleece was white as snow and everywhere that Mary went, that lamb was sure to go . . ." Why Mary's little lamb — why not Betty's or Johnny's little lamb?

That "harmless" nursery rhyme was inspired by "the god of this world" (II Cor. 4:4). It subconsciously conditioned our young, pliable minds to think in terms of a little weak lamb (Christ).

In the rhyme the lamb caricature depends on, looks to, leans on its protector "Mary." It's just another way of presenting an image picture of the Madonna and child. Mary's motherly, domineering image penetrates our subconscious mind without our realizing. *A sissified mama's boy, weak Christ is the result!*

As children, many of us were taught to kneel and pray a *memorized*

prayer to a make-believe, imaginative, nursery-rhyme god! "Now I lay me down to sleep . . . my soul to keep . . ."

The deception, the perversion does not stop in kindergarten. As adults, we are given a ninety-seven-pound weakling god. One that is so sickly and effeminate as to be stripped of all power! Jesus Christ may be a Negro, Oriental, Latin, or if you are an Anglo-Saxon, He's probably a blond, blue-eyed, white-skinned Christ. Whatever the nationality, He is always the tired, washed-out one — a disgrace to humanity!

What Is Jesus Christ Really Like?

What are the facts? Surely this is not the picture of the true God we are to worship! What is Jesus Christ really like? What kind of a man was this God when He walked this earth as flesh almost two thousand years ago?

We don't have to guess about the answers. The answers are sure, they are plain! They are found in the Bible!

The true Jesus Christ is all powerful, He *lives!* He is the Almighty, ever-powerful, omnipotent God who speaks with a voice so strong that mountains literally quake in His presence. His voice is as a sound of many waters, *thunderous waters of a GIANT, ROARING WATERFALL* (Rev. 1:15). God speaks to us today in great power! His voice is in the lightning, the thunder and tornadoes (Ps. 29:1-11). He shakes this earth in giant earthquakes, just as a child would shake a rag doll.

That God — the real Jesus Christ,

came to this earth A MAN'S MAN!! The Jesus Christ of your Bible was NO WEAKLING, NO MAMA'S BOY. He was ALL MAN!!!

Jesus Christ was born of His Father, the one who said, "Let *us* make man in our image . . ." (Gen. 1:26). A vibrant, Holy, merciful, compassionate, kind and loving Father gave His son the power of the universe, the power to tell the future before it happens (Isa. 41:22). The Father is an all-powerful, pulsating, omnipotent force of energy that is the absolute of masculinity; He bequeathed those same masculine characteristics to His Son.

Jesus Christ was perfect, the very image of His Father in Heaven. He grew up to be as strong as the land He created. As a child, He traveled by foot *all the way from Egypt to Palestine*, camping out under the stars—stars that He created in the beginning with His Father (John 1:1-3).

At night, on the trip from Egypt to Palestine, the boy, Jesus, scurried around hunting firewood to cook the evening meal. When Dad said, "Son, it is time for bed" — Jesus Christ rolled up in a sheepskin beside the campfire and slept the sleep of peace, the sleep of a youthful, energetic boy who was to grow to be the greatest man ever to walk this earth — a real he-man — MAN'S MAN!

The Carpenter's Son

The carpenter in Christ's time was no ordinary person. There were no power saws, no precut timber. All work

was accomplished by *muscle* and *brawn*, by men who were REAL MEN!

Joseph taught his son the trade of carpentry. In this trade, Jesus Christ developed a physique that would have made most athletes a little jealous. He grew tall, evenly muscled, tanned by the sun and wind — He was ALL MAN!

Joseph and his son arose very early in the morning while it was still dark. They prayed and studied. Then at the crack of dawn, they were off to the forest to fell the trees needed for building. Jesus Christ swung an axe day after day. His muscles rippled under His tunic as He labored in the great out-of-doors.

The timber, once felled, was worked by an adz until it became a beam. At evening, Christ hoisted the work of His hands to His shoulders and trudged the long walk home, often arriving after dark. Foundations were dug in the rocky hillside of Palestine. They picked and shoveled out the earth, removing great boulders from their obstructive position.

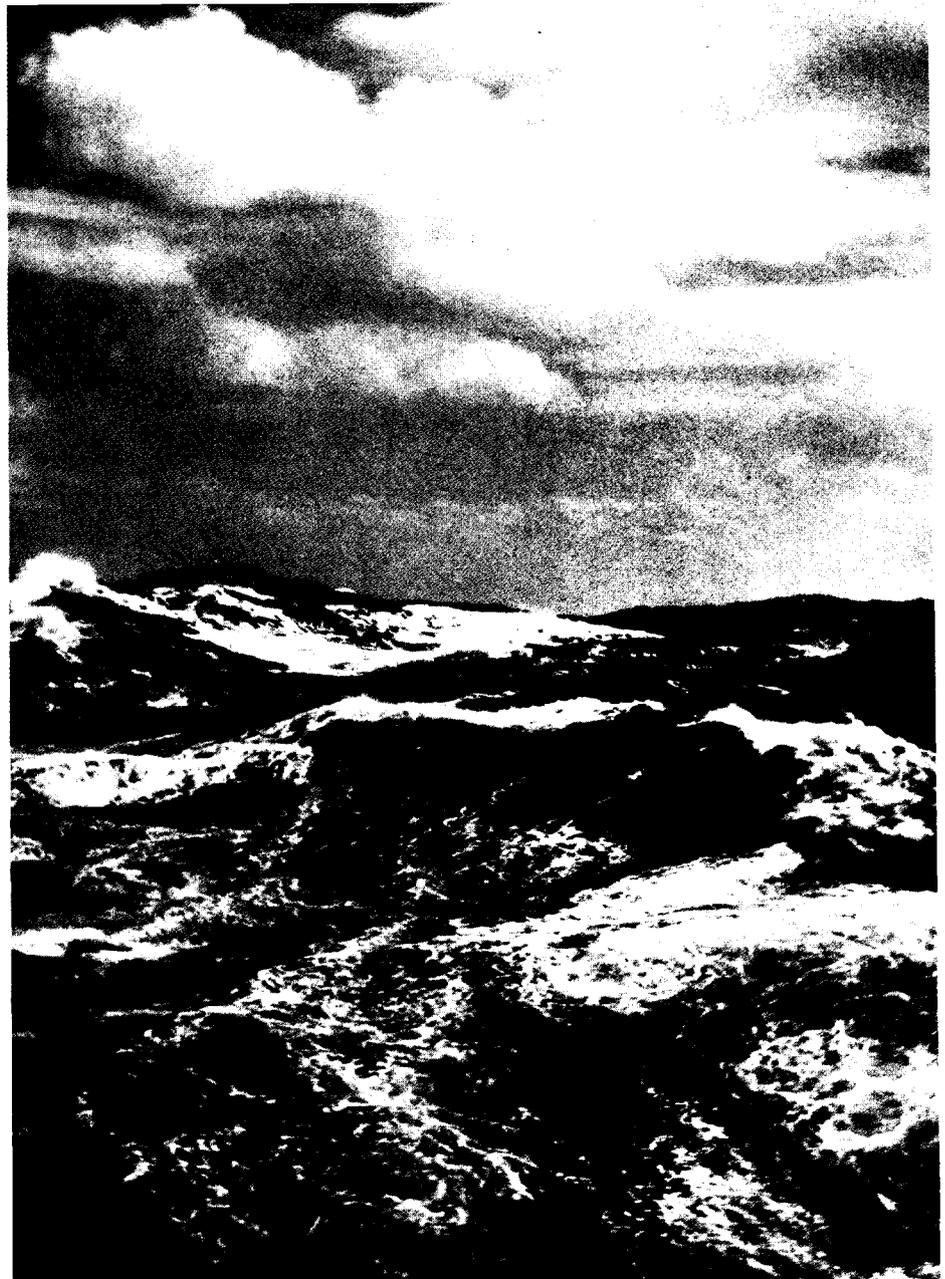
There were no trucks carrying pre-mixed concrete to roll up and pour the foundation. That was the work of a stonemason, the carpenter Joseph and his son. Boards too had to be sawed from the rough beams. From forest to foundation, from rock quarry to roof, the house became a reality. ALL HANDMADE by MEN who were MEN!

A Leader of Men

The real Jesus Christ that lives was a LEADER of REAL MEN! Men like Peter, John and James, the fishermen. They were rugged and tough! They gave their lives for the man who led them. "Sons of thunder" they were called (Mark 3:17). They followed Christ because He was a MAN'S MAN!

They had not as yet proven that Christ was the Messiah, the promised one. The deep knowledge of Christ, the Savior came later — after Christ, the man, died (Luke 24:18-35).

Women too, worshipped Jesus Christ because He was a leader — a man of great strength! Women of the 30 A.D.'s were not partial to weaklings, or sissies. The worship, the admiration they had for Christ was *genuine admiration* — not pity!



H. Armstrong Roberts Photo

The Sea of Galilee is large enough to create large waves in a storm.

He was all man, hard muscles and brawn, a man perfect with nerves of steel.

The Great Storm

One evening, after a long, hard, tiresome day, Jesus turned to Peter and the other disciples and said, "Let's go over to the other side of the sea where we can find a little peace and quiet away from the crowd." The idea was as a command. It appealed to the rugged adventurous men at his side.

Immediately they boarded a good-sized boat anchored nearby intending to leave the crowd behind.

The pressing crowd had other ideas. They had no intentions of losing sight of this outstanding, dynamic leader, who told them of the *good news* of

a future Kingdom under God. Quite a number rushed to board other small boats intending to follow Him to the other side.

Casting off, they went only a short distance before the sky began to darken. Thunder and lightning flashed and roared through the sky. The crowds became fearful. The small boats turned back. The wind lifted. Peter, James, John and the other men, glanced nervously overhead at the ominous, threatening sky as they hurriedly battened down the boat.

The storm continued to build. Great waves churned, threatening to capsize them. The storm had all the power of a typhoon. Waves soon spilled over,

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World-Famous Scholars!

Critics today claim the Bible is a collection of myths and fantasies written by ignorant shepherds and dirt farmers. Yet history proves these Biblical writers to be the greatest scholars of all time. What is this proof? Why has it been suppressed? Read this eye-opening article and find out!

by L. E. Torrance

MODERN theologians are teaching millions to believe the Old Testament writers were primitive storytellers who copied down the myths and legends of their days.

The leading theologian of New York City is teaching, "We know that every idea in the Bible started from *primitive* and *childlike* origins..." (Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, *The Modern Use of the Bible*, p. 11).

He is not alone. Very recently the president of the Society of Biblical Literature called the Bible account in the first eleven chapters of Genesis, "primal history."

This theologian went on to cast suspicion on the inspiration of the Bible by calling the Genesis account of the tower of Babel (Gen. 11:1-9) "The beautiful little legend" (Frederick V. Winnett, "Re-examining the Foundations," *Journal of Biblical Literature*, Vol. LXXIV, March 1965, pp. 1-2).

Did the authors of the Old Testament merely copy down the "primitive and childlike" legends of their day as Bible writers claim?

Or were the Old Testament writers capable scholars?

What Is the Truth?

You can know the truth! Let the proof of history cast aside all doubt, all modernism, all evolutionary theory, all confusion.

There is irrefragable proof the writers of the Old Testament were highly educated scholars and scientists. In spite of what evolutionary-tainted theologians claim, they were the most capable men of their day.

For proof, let's begin with the man who lived so long ago the theory of evolution demands that he be a primitive storyteller. But was he?

This man wrote the oldest book of the Bible two hundred years before the time of Moses. His name was Job. Ancient as he was, authentic history proves he was the outstanding scholar and scientist of his time — perhaps of all time.

Authentic history and the Bible prove the author of the oldest book of the Bible was a top-flight statesman and scholar, and was the most famous architect and construction engineer of all time. Yes, history proves he was *greater* than engineers living today. And believe it or not, he was also a king.

What the Bible Says About Job

The written, authentic, reliable, strictly accurate Word of God states about Job, "There is none like him in the earth." The Scripture which cannot be broken (John 10:35) reveals, "... this man was the greatest of all men of the east" (Job 1:3, 8).

Yes, Job could honestly have said, as one famous boxer of today did, "I am the greatest." Your Bible says he was.

Even so, as great as he was, Job needed to learn a lesson. In the first 31 chapters of the book of Job, Job tells us why God punished him by taking away all his wealth and all his children. Job confessed he had thought he became the great man he was through his own efforts. Job had failed to perceive he was great because God had made him great. Job admitted he was self-righteous.

Job was the outstanding man of his day, nevertheless. He not only admitted his mistake — he repented. In the last 11 chapters of Job he tells how he came to acknowledge God's greatness. When he did this, God blessed him again with great wealth and many sons and daughters.

Not only does the Bible say Job was "the greatest," but ancient historians also recorded how great Job really was.

Why did ancient Manetho write about Job? The answer is as astonishing as it is simple! The author of the book of Job was a world-famous king. When God dealt with him, the whole world knew about it.

Modern historians hate to admit it, but both the Palermo Stone and the Turin Canon make clear that the Job of your Bible ruled Egypt from 1726 to 1703 B.C., over two hundred years before Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt in 1487 B.C.

History Proves Job to Be An Engineer

Even more surprising, a careful study of ancient history reveals that the Job of your Bible was a world-famous construction engineer. He was known throughout the ancient world as the builder of the Great Pyramid.

For startling, carefully documented proof, send for the *free* article, "Who Built the GREAT PYRAMID?"

Few people realize what a highly skilled construction engineer the Job of your Bible, the builder of the Great Pyramid, really was.

According to the *Encyclopaedia Bri-*

tannica, the Great Pyramid of Egypt is a masterpiece of *technical skill* and *engineering ability*. The *Britannica* says, "The geometrical precision of its layout and the accuracy of the stonecutting are truly amazing . . ." (*Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Vol. 18, Art. "Pyramid," p. 793).

Leonard Cottrell in his recent book, *The Mountains of Pharaoh*, wrote, "The Great Pyramid is so incredibly precise that compass errors can be checked against it."

To this very day the Great Pyramid remains a witness to Job's great engineering skill. Job, the author of a book in your Bible, was not a primitive savage.

Scientific-Minded Job Recorded Facts

Contrary to what modern-day hypocritical theologians would have you believe, Job was scientific minded. When he wrote the book of the Bible which bears his name, he rejected the myth and superstition which were common in his day.

Ancient historians tell us the common people in Egypt during the time Job lived believed the earth was supported by five great pillars, one under each corner and one in the middle.

You can read the book of Job from one end to the other, and you will never find a trace of any myth. Job was a scientific-minded man whom God inspired to write scientific truth.

The book of Job was written to teach us a great spiritual lesson. It was not meant to be a scientific textbook. Yet when Job mentions scientific facts, they are always accurate.

Two hundred sixteen years after the time of Job, God used Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. He too was a capable, well-educated, highly trained, world-famous leader.

Moses Was a Great Man

By the time Moses was born, the Israelites had been slaves of the Egyptians for many years.

But even in slavery, these Israelites multiplied very rapidly. The Egyptians became fearful lest the Israelites soon outnumber and conquer them.

To keep the exploding Israelitish population down, the Egyptians tried to kill every male Israelite baby (Ex. 1:15-16). But the mother of Moses was not willing to see her baby boy killed, so she hid her baby in the Nile River (Ex. 2:3) in a waterproof basket. Your Bible tells us how Pharaoh's daughter found him and adopted him as her son (Ex. 2:10).

Pharaoh's daughter had Moses educated in the very best schools of all Egypt. Your Bible says, "And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds" (Acts 7:22).

He was an educated man! Even secular history proves it.

During the days Moses lived in Pharaoh's palace, Egypt was invaded by Ethiopians from the south. (Irenaeus, ap. edit. Grab. p. 472.)

Josephus says, "So Moses at the persuasion . . . of the king himself, cheerfully undertook the business . . ." whereby, "He gave a wonderful demonstration of his sagacity" and "conquered them" (Flavius Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, Book II, chap. X, sec. 2).

Yes, General Moses defeated the invading Ethiopians.

Thus both secular history and the Bible prove that Moses was a capable leader!

But Moses was not only a great general, he was also the *greatest historian* and *writer* of the ancient world.

But what kind of a writer was he? Did he write down unscientific legends about Creation? Did he record myth as German rationalists claim?

Did he "gather up the primitive traditions of the people," as Dr. James Moffatt claims in the introduction to his famous English translation of the Bible?

Or did this highly educated, capable man record historical and scientific truth? Let's examine the facts!

Moses Recorded Facts

Moses was educated by pagan Egyptian priests, in pagan Egyptian schools. The pagan priests claimed the first man sprang from certain white worms found in the slime of the Nile after each

annual overflowing of its bank. They taught that the earth hatched from a winged egg.

But did Moses blindly swallow the primitive and childlike myths he was taught by pagan priests? Did he record such mythological tales in the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy?

No! Moses was one of the rare individuals who could think for himself.

Because Moses had seen proof there was a God, Moses deliberately excluded every single Egyptian myth from the first five books of the Bible. (Read the first five books of the Bible and see the proof for yourself.)

Moses wrote, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1).

But Moses' educational background did have an influence on what he wrote. He hated with a fury the false evolutionary theory he had been taught. He knew it to be a lie. What is the proof? Moses painstakingly excluded all evolutionary myth from what he wrote. With God's help he set out to disprove the Egyptian theory.

Ten different times he carefully stated in the very first chapter of Genesis that all life will reproduce after its kind, that dogs will always be dogs and cows will always be cows. Your Creator was not theorizing. He knew that He **KNEW** the **FACTS**. He did the creating.

God inspired Moses to disprove the Egyptian theory of evolution by recording the facts of Creation. God wanted us to know it wasn't a worm who created us, but our Creator God.

God also knew modern-day man's faulty scholarship could not be trusted. He knew modern God-hating scholars would attempt to reject Him as Creator God by teaching false theories about evolution. That is why in the very first chapter of Genesis, God inspired Moses to warn you again and again against believing in evolution.

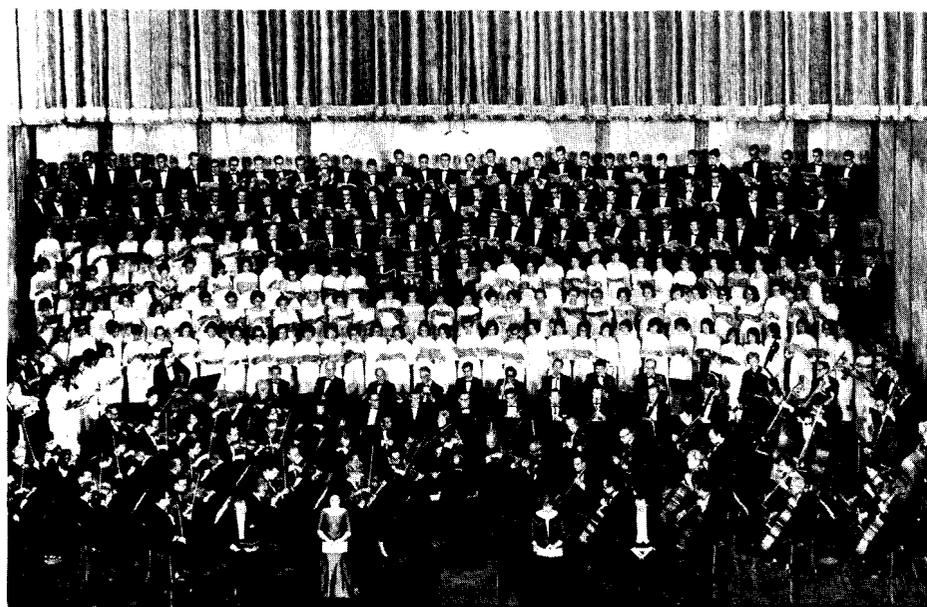
God used Moses to teach us the truth about Creation, because He knew this highly educated man could be trusted to record the true facts.

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AMBASSADOR COLLEGE . . . CALIFORNIA, ENGLAND, TEXAS

Ambassador College Presents Oratorios



Elijah Oratorio — at the Pasadena Civic

Combined Chorales Perform at Civic

Over seven thousand enthusiastic people heard the combined chorales of Ambassador College, four professional English soloists, and members of four British choral societies perform the *Elijah* and *Messiah* Oratorios at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

The performances were directed by Dr. Kenneth Abbott, the director of the Music Department on the English Campus. Dr. Abbott studied music at the Royal College of Music 1936-40. He received his doctorate from London University in 1958. He is presently the examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music. He has been the director of Music at the English Campus since the College began in 1961.

World-Famous Soloists

Among the soloists featured in the performance was the world famous soprano, Miss Sheila Armstrong. Miss Armstrong studied at the Royal Academy of Music under a scholarship and won the much coveted "Kathleen Ferrier" memorial prize for outstanding young singers.

Singing the contralto solos was the celebrated Maureen Lahane. "Accurate, gloriously toned, highly personable performances" is an accurate press description of the singing of this outstanding contralto.

Robert Tear, star of opera, radio and television, sang the tenor solos. He is in demand at home and abroad. He

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Six Graduate School Degrees Conferred

Graduate School Alumni Grows More Useful Textbooks Produced

Wednesday, January 17, 1968, commencement exercises were held for six graduates of Ambassador, who had completed the necessary requirements for higher degrees.

The Commencement address was given by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. He spoke on the problems extant in the world today and the differences between education in the world and education at Ambassador.

The candidates for degrees were presented to Mr. Armstrong by the Dean of Instruction, Dr. Hoch.

The degrees conferred included four

Master of Arts Degrees — Mr. Leslie McCullough, Mr. Gene H. Hogberg, Mr. Paul Kroll and Mr. Kyriacos Stavriniades. A Master of Arts in Theology Degree was conferred on Mr. Ronald Dart. And one Doctor of Education Degree was awarded to Mr. Lynn Torrance.

These six men have now been added to the ever growing list of Ambassador's Graduate School Alumni.

Graduate School Accomplishments

Many useful textbooks have been
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Editorial

Noted Professional Musician Says **"THANK YOU AMBASSADORS!"**

Gentlemen:

On the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 10th, it was my privilege and pleasure to attend a performance of "Elijah" at Pasadena's Civic Auditorium. My wife and myself were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Ferdig, to whom we feel a debt of genuine gratitude for an unforgettable evening.

Please bear with me in what may appear as an imposition on your patience. I feel however, that our experience on this particular evening demands more than a brief few words of appreciation.

The performance? Impressive, magnificent, thrilling, and most outstanding. Better than anything we have had the pleasure of attending since coming to California fifteen years ago. This, however, is not the motivation that impels my writing a long letter to your staff.

You see, — having lived seventy-two years of an extremely diversified existence, I have learned to observe keenly, all aspects of America's progress, fashions, customs, fads, and weaknesses. The latter multiplying unbelievably in recent years. To me it is unthinkable that our youth, and many of our adults have adopted customs, habits, and moral lapses that make us appear to be reverting to Barbarism. Both my wife and myself had long since resigned ourselves to accepting this as a National trend, to which there seemed no exceptions, and no solution. You have, by the very essence of your policies at Ambassador College, in some manner, managed to parade before our very eyes, the loved United States that we have seen disintegrating.

When we entered the lobby of the Auditorium, we were quite an early couple. We watched the people coming in, and could not believe our eyes. NO WAR PAINT on overdone faces of the young women. NO WILD HAIRDOS. NO LOUD BEHAVIOR by the children. NO LONG HAIR and TIGHT PANTS on the young men. ONLY FINE *clean* CHARACTER passed in review, and congregated in pleasant groups, talking quietly, yet animatedly, with warmth and friendship so apparent it brought tears to my eyes. This was MY U. S. A. as I had known it FIFTY YEARS ago. Our heartfelt thanks to Ambassador College for giving back to us a segment of people we had thought lost. The American people as they *really are*.

Respectfully Yours,
Jay Dennis.

This letter was written by Mr. Jay Dennis, who has been a professional musician all his life. Knowing something about his background makes this letter all the more interesting and complimentary.

For many years, he was a top writer and arranger of Broadway musicals and operettas. He was at the same time the baritone soloist for one of the largest church choirs in Washington, D. C. Mr. Dennis was a writer for CBS, New York, and for a period of about six years was the sole writer and arranger of all music used by CBS in their New York shows — often working from 16 to 18 hours a day. Later he had the opportunity to direct both the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra and its 200-voice choir. Currently, at age 72, he is still working — writing music, for an agency in Hollywood.



"Mr. Armstrong, These Men Have Comp

Graduate School

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produced by Ambassador's Graduate School. The most important of these being *God Speaks Out on The New Morality*, which is used as a textbook for the principles of living course here at College.

The child rearing booklet, written by Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong, is used in the family relations class. Dr. Hoeh's *Compendium* is used by the world history class and Mr. Apartian's French textbook is used in the introductory French class.

Among the recent textbooks are Mr. Kroll's on journalism, Dr. Torrance's English handbook and Mr. Stavrinides' Greek manual.

Another very helpful book has been produced by Mr. Gene H. Hogberg. For his master's project he compiled a book of facts and statistics. This book is used by Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong in making radio and television broadcasts.

Next year will see the fruit of those who are presently laboring to obtain their master and doctor degrees.

Inflation: A dollar saved is 50 cents earned.

NOTED ECONOMIST S. J. RUNDT SPEAKS IN SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. Rundt, head of S. J. Rundt Associates, New York consultants on International Business, was special guest speaker before the Ambassador College Faculty and students on January 10, 1968.

Speaking on the subject of where our dollar is headed and the gold problem, Mr. Rundt explained that if individuals in their private lives handled their finances the same way the United States Government does — spending far more money than they have or have earned — they would be quickly thrown into jail.

In answer to those who propose going off the gold standard, Mr. Rundt had a simple answer — just try to convince everyone in the world, from prince to peasant, that gold is worthless and that you can substitute a pickled-strawberry standard in its place. It won't work!

After World War II the United States was quick to point out to the Europeans that they must keep a balanced budget; Mr. Rundt affirmed for the most part they have balanced budgets. Now the United States is doing the opposite, travelling in the direction whence Europe came.

It was inconceivable to Mr. Rundt

that the richest nation in the world could be making such a financial mess of itself.

What were his predictions for a future? Here is just one. "I should think that the dollar will not survive more than 2 or 2½ years."

In the eyes of Mr. Rundt the present financial position of the United States is shaky — very shaky. If only the government officials had ears to hear!

"Unpopular" in High Places

What the government *has* heard from Mr. Rundt via his 630 speeches and his thoroughly factual weekly Intelligence Report (which goes to every large bank and business in the nation) it decidedly does not like. Mr. Rundt has frequently been pressured by the Federal Government to "tone down" his reports. Especially grating to government ears has been his continuous exposure of federal figure-fudging and the multitude of gimmicks now resorted to in high places in order to cloud the true state of the nation's economy.

Only the day before Mr. Rundt arrived on campus he received another telephone call from a Treasury official in Washington, "urging" him to tread lightly.



Completed Their Requirements . . ."

CHORALE

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brings to all of his performances the rare quality of artistry and superb sense of musicianship.

John Dethick, famous for his dramatic sense of interpretation, sang the part of Elijah. He sings a great deal in the northern part of England.

Choral Societies and Orchestra

In association with the three Ambassador Chorales was a group of thirty picked singers representing four British Choral Societies. The group has sung with the Ambassador Chorale (England) in their annual performances.

This huge assemblage of voices was supported by a professional orchestra. Seventy of the best musicians from professional orchestras all over the Southern California area were selected by the College to play at the performances.

These three performances were the end result of a year of hard work and preparation. The performances were presented as Ambassador College's cultural contribution to the community. They also served to promote good public relations — see the accompanying editorial!



Mr. Rundt Far Right — Speaks With Ministers After Assembly

Keep God's Sabbath HOLY!

Are you sometimes GLAD when the Sabbath is over? Does time hang heavy on the Sabbath? Do you "force" yourself to be in a good attitude about the Sabbath? Read this article and find out how to avoid these troublesome pitfalls!

by Bill McDowell

DO YOU keep God's Sabbath *holy*? Do you find the Sabbath a real delight and joy? Or is it a day of "bondage" or question to you?

How often have you wondered if you have broken the Sabbath by a particular act or thought? How many times have you felt condemned about the Sabbath?

Should you attend a funeral, a wedding, a movie on the Sabbath? How do you take care of unconverted relatives who drop in unexpectedly on the Sabbath? Is it okay to have a family outing on the Sabbath? How many dishes should you wash? This is just a sampling of some of the many questions asked regularly about the Sabbath.

Since God's Sabbath is *special* HOLY time set aside by God, you need to understand it, know its purpose and meaning to you as a true Christian. Too often, the tendency is to the two extremes — either treating the Sabbath too lightly as the world does, or becoming completely Pharisaical — afraid to move on the Sabbath.

Petty Arguments

Because of the many supposed complications in keeping the Sabbath, men have excused themselves from keeping it — saying it is too difficult. Of course, these are only their puny excuses to keep from obeying God, but many of the questions which come up are derived from these petty arguments. You need to understand them. Once they are cleared up completely in your mind, you will be ready to understand how to keep the Sabbath *as God intended!*

Fire on the Sabbath

They say you cannot build a fire on the Sabbath according to Exodus 35:2.

Then what about people who live in cold climates? Won't they freeze to death? If this is true, then God made the Sabbath too harsh, and it should not be kept — according to the rebellious, carnal mind!

Notice Exodus 35:2 with the context around it. Verse three says, "Ye shall *kindle no fire* throughout your habitations on the Sabbath day." From the original Hebrew, this word, "kindle," means a *consuming* flame, a flame that would *devour* — that is, a great, roaring fire! The question is why would you need such a fire on the Sabbath? Read the rest of Chapter 35 and you will see. They were building the tabernacle and needed a fire large enough to work metal!

Haven't you ever looked out on the Sabbath day and noticed some trimming you would like to get done on your lawn, or have a job you would like to get finished — and catch yourself wanting to get it done in spite of the Sabbath? This is exactly what the Israelites were doing. They were so zealous for the tabernacle that Moses even had to tell them to stop bringing materials. God knew that if He did not stop them, they would work right through the Sabbath on the Tabernacle.

This was not a cooking or household heating fire! It was an industrial fire. The same principle holds true today. There should be no industrial fires kindled on the Sabbath. On the other hand, fires of the proper type were commanded by God to be kept burning! Notice Leviticus 6:13: "The fire shall be burning upon the altar; *it shall never go out.*" Hence a *sacrificial* fire (from which the Israelites *cooked* their meat and grain) remained burning on the Sabbath! God was not even

discussing a cooking, sacrificial or personal heating fire — but a fire which is used for work that should be done only on one of the other six days provided for that purpose.

Sabbath Day's Journey

The Sabbath day's journey question seems to stipulate that a true believer should travel no more than the distance from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem (Acts 1:12) about 2,000 cubits or approximately seven-eighths of a mile. Almost all the brethren who attend church around the world travel many times that distance each Sabbath! Does this mean almost all our people are breaking the Sabbath each week by attending church?

If you will check carefully, you will find that this reference is the *only* place in the entire Bible a "Sabbath day's journey" is mentioned. This was a common expression of the Jews at that time, but was never employed by Christ and his disciples. It was derived as a custom by the legalistic Jews from Exodus 16:29: "... let no man go out of his place on the seventh day."

The explanation of this is found in *Pelouber's Bible Dictionary*, page 573, under "Sabbath day's journey": Acts 1:12. The law as regards travel on the Sabbath is found in Ex. 16:29. As some departure from a man's own place was unavoidable, it was thought necessary to determine the allowable amount, which was fixed at 2,000 cubits or about 1,000 yards, from the wall of the city. The permitted distance seems to have been grounded on the space to be kept between the ark and the people, Joshua 3:4, in the wilderness, which tradition said was

that between the ark and the tents. We find the same distance given as the circumference outside the walls of the Levitical cities to be counted as their suburbs. Num. 35:5. The *terminus a quo* was thus not a man's own house, but the wall of the city where he dwelt.

Notice it is not a law of God, but simply a *tradition* of the Jews! Since God required attendance at Sabbath services, they had to leave their homes or tents and travel to the tent of meeting. It just happened that the distance from the fringe tents to the center of the encampment where the tent of meeting was, measured about 2,000 cubits. Rather than strive to understand and obey the principle of the Sabbath, they punctiliously set about *on their own* to draw up definite physical limits for Sabbath observance.

God has never set on his people a "Sabbath day's journey"!

Ox in the Ditch

Christ said, "Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the Sabbath day?" (Luke 14:5.) From this, many have argued that their job was an ox in the ditch because it requires them to work, or they work at a job which has "regular emergencies" requiring work on the Sabbath.

They reason that God surely would not want the men to lose their jobs which provides for their families and also enables them to continue to give offerings to God's Work. Some have gone so far as to work on the Sabbath, then give that whole day's pay as an offering, to avoid losing their jobs. But these persons have not known that God says, "Hath the Eternal as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Eternal? Behold, to *obey is better than sacrifice . . .*" (1 Sam. 15:22).

God is not interested in sacrifices or offerings at the expense of disobedience to His laws!

But what about the ox or ass in the ditch? How often should you expect it to happen, and what does it really mean and how does it apply

today to people who don't own oxen and asses?

First, you need to understand literally what an "ox in the ditch" means. Since the ox and the ass are rather surefooted creatures, the odds against them regularly being stuck in a ditch are quite high. When you add the fact that the Sabbath is only one day out of a total of seven, the odds go even higher. Normally, in order to have an ox in the ditch, you have to have the following factors: It must be Sabbath, you must have some kind of severely inclement weather (snowstorm, rainstorm, etc.), and you need a clumsy ox!

Rest assured that if the ox is in the ditch on the Sabbath, Christ makes it very clear you should pull it out. But an ox in the ditch *on the Sabbath* is a very RARE occurrence—that is, a GENUINE emergency. Normally, a farmer can go through a whole lifetime and be able to count on one hand the number of oxen (cattle) or asses he has pulled out of a bog or ditch—and the odds are seven to one against it being on the Sabbath.

The principle of the ox in the ditch obviously includes such genuine emergencies as personal injuries, burning houses, power failures, accidents and other occurrences which would entail injury, loss of life or personal property.

The principle does *not* include, however, the person who "pushes his own ox into the ditch" by acquiring or keeping a job where he knows he will be required to work on the Sabbath each week, or by "putting off" work which should have been done during the week. Nor does it include harvesting or plowing on the Sabbath—even if there has been bad weather or machinery breakdowns during the week. God says, "Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing [better translated, "plowing"—see *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* #2758] time and in harvest thou shalt rest" (Exodus 34:21).

Jewish Ritualism — Pagan Permissiveness

By their strict adherence to certain physical limitations they (not God)

placed on the law, the Jews consistently broke the *spirit* of the law. One story is told of how the Pharisees, to prohibit a profit from milking on the Sabbath, decreed that the cows should be milked on a rock so the milk would not be gathered in a bucket and sold. This apparently worked fine until one enterprising person began milking his cow on a rock—which had been placed in the bottom of a bucket!

Christ scorched them with the truth, "For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers" (Mat. 23:4). They were totally carnal and could not see nor understand the *principles* behind the law.

On the other hand, the pagans have rejected completely God's laws, thinking they could make up for it with self-flagellation, pilgrimages, enforced fasts, assuming that is what God wants. They have completely forgotten what God is like.

Our so-called "Judeo-Christian" society has inherited a strange mixture of this ill-conceived "marriage." This is what the people of God must come out of! We have grown up being too lax in some things—thinking we had to be punished for nonsensical things—and too strict and legalistic in others. We must come out of this and strive to learn the right balance of living and keeping the Sabbath from GOD!

From the Beginning

God ordered the Israelites at Mount Sinai to REMEMBER the Sabbath day to *keep it holy!* (Ex. 20:8.) They were to remember how the Sabbath began and what it was all about from the beginning. Genesis 2 describes the Sabbath as the day God *hallowed* by RESTING. He *rested* the seventh day after working six—thereby setting the perfect example.

It was done *for* man—for his well-being and benefit. It is not nearly as complicated as some think! "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath," states Christ (Mark 2:27). It was created *after* man for his good and physical and spiritual

health — not *before* man with a long list of stringent requirements and harsh bondage!

FIRST a Day of Rest and a SIGN!

It is a day of rest for God *and* man! God set us a positive example by taking extra pains to set aside this *special* space of time — HOLY to Him — as *His* time, belonging to Him. It was so important to Him that He set it up as a *special* SIGN to man, to be observed throughout his generations.

Notice Exodus 31:12-17: "... Verily MY Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a SIGN between Me and you *throughout* your generations. . . . Ye shall keep the Sabbath . . . for it is HOLY unto you . . . It is a SIGN between Me and the children of Israel FOREVER: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed."

A SIGN is an *identifying mark*, or brand. God's people were to have been IDENTIFIED throughout their generations by the *keeping* of God's Sabbath. A mark or brand shows *ownership*. God "bought" the children of Israel out of the bondage of abject slavery to the Egyptians. His TOKEN of ownership became the Sabbath Day! "Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a *perpetual COVENANT*" (Ex. 31:16).

Why would His people be different, strange and even "peculiar"? Because of this covenant! "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, *and keep My COVENANT*, then ye shall be a *peculiar treasure* unto Me ABOVE all people: for all the earth is Mine," says God! (Ex. 19:5.) He continues, "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people *unto Himself*, ABOVE all the nations that are upon the earth" (Deut. 14:2).

In an evil world fraught with wretchedness, misunderstanding, and separation from God the Almighty Creator, only His people, Israel, would have His *sign*, His identifying mark or brand of the Sabbath day. The world lost sight of the Creation and the True

God because they did not have His SIGN of Creation, the Sabbath!

God worked six days creating physical masterpieces on earth, and RESTED the seventh, creating the *spiritual* masterpiece — the everlasting *sign* and symbol of CREATION with Him as Master of creation! When rebellious man lost sight of that sign of creation, he lost sight of *God!*

When Israel later lost sight of the Sabbath, they too lost sight of God with disastrous results! Notice Jer. 17:27, "But if ye will not hearken unto Me to HALLOW the Sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched!" The result was the sacking and destruction of Jerusalem by the Chaldeans (See Jer. 52:12-30). God's people *lost* His protection!

Type of the Millennium

God's people today STILL are to have this *sign* and *covenant* with their Creator! "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (Heb. 4:9). The original Greek word for "rest" here is "Sabbatismos" which means a *literal* Sabbath observance! It denotes a literal cessation from labor as a type of the far more important meaning of the Sabbath.

But notice Heb. 4:3: "... As I have sworn in My wrath, if they shall enter into My REST [Gr. "Katapausin"]" — and again, "And God did REST ["Katapausin"] the seventh day from all His works" (verse 4). In addition to a Sabbath observance, "Katapausin" literally means "the act of giving rest; a state of *settled* or *final rest*" (*The Analytical Greek Lexicon* by Bagster). It can also mean a place of rest, place of abode, dwelling, habitation.

"For if Jesus [Joshua] had given them *rest* [i.e., final rest or habitation], then would he *not* afterward have spoken of ANOTHER DAY?" This is the millennial rest, a time of *final* settling down, cessation from the 6,000-year struggle of man in a sin-sick world. "For he that is entered into His [God's] rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from

His" (verse 10). A day with God is as a thousand years (II Pet. 3:8), and this represents that *final* SEVENTH-thousand-year rule of PEACE and REST under Jesus Christ!

The Personal Application

Theologians have for years argued the technical "meanings" of the Sabbath, but how does it apply to you, personally? How does it affect *your weekly* life? You cannot understand the ultimate meaning of the Sabbath without first knowing and applying the Sabbath properly in your *own life!*

It is a time of *relief* and relaxation from your regular daily work and cares. God did not intend man to slave his life away seven days a week. He made man to need a day of rest and recuperation from a vigorous, work-filled week. You, as a member of God's Church, need to realize this and *take advantage of it!*

Set the Sabbath aside as the very special day it is and ENJOY it. Rest up and recuperate. "Recharge your batteries!" Plan to *sleep in* and not feel guilty about it. Don't become a Sabbath sluggard, but get a *little extra, special rest*. Far from a day of *bondage*, it is a day of *freedom* — *freedom* from daily cares and problems; *freedom* from the stress and frustration you have already endured for six long days.

Notice God's positive instruction on the Sabbath: "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a *delight*, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour Him, NOT doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: THEN shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord" (Isa. 58:13-14). Here are *three* important facets to keeping the Sabbath. Let's analyze them:

1. YOUR *ways*. This means course of life, mode of action — that is, your employment, enterprises, finances, the more serious *business* of making a livelihood. You should not involve yourself in DOING what you *normally* do *during* the week — those things by which you *feed*, clothe and care for yourself *physically*. This includes working at your job or business, working

around the house, sewing, cleaning, washing the car — all the things that pertain to *your* physical maintenance during the normal course of the week.

This is the day to be about God's *ways!* You *rest* from doing your ways. Devote this time to God's *business* of eternal life. The Sabbath gives you extra time to study and meditate about God's course of eternal life, His principles and mode of action. You will need all the knowledge about God's business you can acquire if you hope to be an active and living part of it one day!

2. *YOUR pleasure.* Your desire, delight, that which you take extra pleasure in doing — hunting, fishing, golfing, swimming, cards, movies, boating — those things which take up the majority of your "leisure" time. This would also include the many time-consuming hobbies such as the "ham" radio operator, woodworking shop, stamp collecting, etc. Of course, it would be impossible to list all the hobbies and activities available, but you know what yours is. Whatever *your* pleasure, or leisure-time activity is, you should not engage in it on the Sabbath.

You should engage in *God's* pleasure on the Sabbath. What *is* God's pleasure? It is His *creation* — planning, working and building for the future of eternity! "... for thou hast created all things, and for *THY pleasure* they are and were created" (Rev. 4:11). Just as you have or may have had an *absorbing* interest in your hobby or leisure-time interest and all of its interesting facets and details, God has an absolutely absorbing interest in His creation and all its myriad facets! He gives us the Sabbath to *learn* to have an interest and *pleasure* in His creation. His pleasure — the *true* and lasting pleasure — is to *become* our pleasure!

3. *YOUR words.* This is the *spiritual* application of the first two principles. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." We talk about what we are thinking. Our words show what is going on in our minds and hearts. This is obviously the most difficult of all! We may cease *our* ways and *our* pleasures, but it is much more difficult to cease *thinking* or *talking* about them!

Really, it is no problem just to *rest*

and do no physical exertion on the Sabbath. Some people regularly do this *seven* days a week! You must serve God with your *mind.* Those who can't or don't control their minds call the Sabbath bondage, because they can't wait 'til sunset to be about *their* ways and pleasures which they have been thinking about all day anyway!

Once you are able to get your mind and thoughts on God's pleasure and God's ways on the Sabbath, you will find out what real delight and joy in the Sabbath is! "Then shalt thou *delight* thyself *in the Lord*" (Isa. 58:14).

How do you accomplish this? Devote your Sabbath time to *extra* Bible study, *extra* prayer and especially *extra* meditation! This is your one time in the week when you don't have to worry about getting to the job, making payments, working out schedules, cleaning house and all the other things you find that takes away from your study, prayer and meditation during the week. This is *free* time — free from all your daily cares and worries — free to be completely absorbed in God and His word.

However, there is one more basic element necessary to make all this possible — that is *preparation.*

Preparation for the Sabbath

Many do not or cannot properly observe the Sabbath because they have not understood when or how to prepare for it. On the Sixth Day of the week — Friday to us — God said, "Tomorrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the Lord: *bake that which ye will bake today, and seethe (boil) that ye will seethe;* and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning." (Ex. 16:23).

The preparation day is the time to get everything ready for the Sabbath so you won't even be tempted to do it on the Sabbath. Specifically mentioned are baking and boiling — or, the heavier cooking and household duties. The principle here includes everything which *can be done* before the Sabbath begins such as cooking a roast, baking a cake or pie, cleaning house, getting chores done, etc.

Obviously, there are some things which cannot be done before the appointed time on the Sabbath. Common sense will tell you which would be easier, to fry an egg on Friday, store it in the deep freeze, thaw it out the next morning and eat it, or to simply wait until Sabbath morning to cook and eat. But the items which will keep for a period of time such as roasts, bread, etc. should be prepared ahead of time.

Keep a Checklist

Many find themselves run "ragged" on Friday trying to frantically get everything done only to collapse in a heap Friday night to discover something they *forgot* to get done! This can all easily be avoided if each member of the family will make a checklist of everything he must get done to prepare for the Sabbath. Then, each week, all he has to do is run down the list in a rapid, organized manner to get everything done.

But remember, the preparation day is only *one* day. Don't make the mistake of leaving everything — house-cleaning, baking, cooking, grocery shopping, car washing, etc. — until that day! Do this and you will find the Sabbath a day of total collapse rather than a peaceful day of rest and relaxation with enough energy to communicate with God! It is to be a day to prepare for the Sabbath, not a day to catch up on what you should have been doing all week.

Plan to have everything in readiness to truly *greet* God's Sabbath — making sure there are no other things pressing on your mind or schedule. Only when you have everything done and out of the way can you really become absorbed in the Sabbath as you should. Plan it this way and you will be amazed at how much more you *delight* in the Sabbath. You don't have to go to work, nor worry about the endless trivia which clutters up every normal week. This is the day to *completely* put all that away from you!

A good checklist will help you accomplish this. Just sit down and think it over carefully. Then prepare a list you can use every Friday, and you will be amazed at how much

easier and more simple your preparation becomes.

What About the Many Questions?

The main reason God has never "listed" in the Bible any "do's and don'ts" for the Sabbath is that He wants us, as individuals, to learn to *think*, be personally *responsible* and use the PRINCIPLES He has given us. It is too easy to lose sight of the goal when you have a myriad of legalistic lines drawn up for you. But once you know and can apply the *principles*, you will be able to almost automatically answer your *own* questions.

Just remember some very basic ques-

tions to ask yourself: "Is this in God's service? Is this a genuine emergency, or can I put it off till tomorrow? Should I have already done this as a part of preparation? Have I prayed about this and thoroughly gone over the principles in my mind?" If you find there is some question which still bothers you after thoroughly studying it out, you should seek advice from one who should know more about the principles of Sabbath-keeping — your local minister.

Apply these principles and you will soon find that God's Sabbath is one of His greatest gifts to mankind — a gift for rest, peace, knowledge and *true delight!*

Jew was the most outstanding scholar in Babylon. He said he found Daniel and his three friends "ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in ALL his realm" (Dan. 1:20).

Daniel was among the captives of Judah in Babylon. He was educated by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon (Dan. 1:3-6).

Daniel Rejected Myth

The Chaldean priesthood of Daniel's day taught their own version of evolution. They taught that a great battle occurred between the chaos monster, Tiamat, and the great god Marduke. In this battle, Marduke slew Tiamat. He then rolled up Tiamat's carcass and stepped on it — squashing it flat.

Then according to the Chaldeans, Marduke began spitting. Wherever he spat, a man sprang into being, full grown and erect. This was the Chaldean "intellectual's" theory of evolution.

According to this version of evolution, these spit-created men in turn began spitting. Wherever these men spat, women suddenly emerged from the sod. These ancient evolutionists then theorized that when there were women enough for all men, these women also began spitting! Wherever these spit-created women spat, animals sprang into being. (See any complete history of Chaldean and Babylonian mythology.)

Absurd? Ridiculous? Yes, but this was the ancient pagan Babylonian theory of evolution. At least they had the good sense to realize life must come from life.

Did Daniel swallow this evolutionary theory? No! Read the book of Daniel.

God's Educated Prophets

Remember there were atheists in the days of the prophets, just as there are today.

Abraham, Job, Moses, Daniel and all other prophets of God were great men in God's eyes because they were honest scholars. They "checked up" and proved whether or not there was a God.

They then decided that having checked and proved there was a God, they would obey this God.

God made these prophets great be-

World-Famous Scholars!

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Moses, being a capable honest scholar, recorded the truth even though it was contrary to what the world of his day believed.

Modern Fable Also Disproved

God inspired Moses to disprove in advance the modern-day evolutionary myth about long geologic ages.

God inspired Moses to reveal that each day of Creation was EXACTLY 24 hours long.

Moses said, "The evening and the morning were the first day" (Gen. 1:5). Then he repeated, "And the evening and the morning were the second day" (Gen. 1:8). To impress this great truth upon your mind, Moses repeated the third time, "And the evening and the morning were the third day" (Gen. 1:13).

Merely repeating three times the fact that each day of Creation was 24 hours long was not enough. At God's command, Moses wrote, "And the evening and the morning were the fourth day" (Gen. 1:19).

God did not want to leave any room for doubt. He inspired Moses to repeat, "And the evening and the morning were the fifth day" (Gen. 1:23), "and the evening and the morning were the sixth day" (Gen.

1:31). God wanted you to know each day of Creation was a single 24-hour day.

A famous American minister in New York wrote, "We know that every idea in the Bible started from *primitive* and *childlike* origins" (Harry Emerson Fosdick, *The Modern Use of the Bible*, pp. 11, 24).

But what is the truth?

Did Moses record the simple, primitive traditions he had been taught? No!

Moses painstakingly excluded all myth and error from what he recorded in the first five books of the Bible.

Daniel Also a Well-Educated Man

Like Abraham, like Job, like Moses, this Daniel of the Bible *rejected* all pagan myth and all pagan superstition — all simple primitive pagan tradition.

Your Bible tells us that Daniel was "well favoured, and skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and . . . had ability . . . to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans" (Dan. 1:4).

Daniel was a very well-educated man. Nebuchadnezzar admitted this alien

cause they had already proved they would obey His will.

This is why we tell you "Don't believe us. Look in the Bible and check for yourself."

God blessed them for their faithfulness. He made many of them wealthy, as well as famous.

God will bless you if you faithfully check up and find out what the truth really is and then follow and obey it.

At the second coming of Christ, when God sets up His government and rule on earth, these faithful prophets will receive their reward, eternal life, and positions of rule and power.

If you, like the prophets of old, are faithful, Christ will make you "kings and priests" in His Kingdom (Rev. 5:10).

The choice is yours to make. Do you want to be like the prophets of old and trust God to give you His greatness, His wealth, His Kingdom, His gift of Eternal life?

Or do you want to be like the world even if it does mean sharing its suffering, its misery, its wretchedness — eternal death?

Which choice does God want you to make?

God commands you to choose life (Deut. 30:19).

were merchants selling cattle, sheep and doves for sacrifices. The place was in an uproar, confusion, shouting men dickering for a better price in the very Temple of God!

Angered, He carefully fashioned a scourge of small cords. The next day He strode into the temple brushing aside those who were milling around. Grasping the first table He came to, He flipped it into the air. Money flew everywhere! The money changers were stunned.

Taking the scourge, He whipped it through the air, it snapped with a crack of a pistol. Animals scattered! Men fell over one another as they retreated to the nearest exit. A thundering voice called out after them, "Get these things out of here! You who make my Father's House a house of merchandise."

Every last one MEEKLY obeyed!

Imagine the headlines in the Jerusalem news the next day — that is if there had been a newspaper. Bold-faced headlines would have read, "Man from Nazareth turns temple upside down! — throws out money changers — drives out beasts — men shrink in fear!!"

There were no streetcars, no trains, no horses or carriages in 30 A.D. Jesus Christ walked from village to village. The highways were dirt and gravel. They were treacherous. Thieves abounded. Only a real man *dared* travel the dusty roads between Jerusalem and Jericho.

Remember the man who fell among thieves on the road to Jericho? They stripped him of his clothing, beat him senseless and left him for dead (Luke 10:30).

What Did it Take to Die?

Jesus Christ died on a stake for YOU! What did it take to die? What kind of day was it that Christ spent — His last day before His crucifixion? It began Tuesday morning, April 24, 31 A.D., very early in the morning. It ended in the most brutal murder ever suffered by a human being — AGONIZING HOURS OF SUFFERING climaxed by a SLOW, TORTUROUS DEATH on a BLOODED STAKE!

Next month read what it took for Jesus Christ to bleed out His life for you. Learn how precious is the Passover.

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What Kind of Man Was Jesus Christ?

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filling the boat with water until it was ready to sink.

Frightened half out of their wits, the experienced fishermen, Peter, James and John labored furiously with the other disciples to keep the boat afloat. It was hopeless! They were sinking! Where was Jesus Christ? James answered, "He's asleep, He found a few boat cushions and curled up to sleep in the back of the boat."

Disturbed, angered, and frightened, Peter rushed back followed by the other disciples to find Christ. Sure enough, there He lay, protected from the storm, sound asleep! Peter shouted to be heard above the thunderous roar of the wind and waves. "Master, don't you care if we all drown, this ship is about to sink and you aren't even concerned enough to help save the boat."

Jesus Christ opened His eyes, looked up at the wet, distraught, disheveled fishermen. What a sight they were. He couldn't help but smile. Shedding the oilskin covering, He stood up and commanded the sea, "Be quiet you wind, waves be still."

Instantly the sea was transformed from a raging, turbulent, fierce storm into a mill pond. The moon and the stars broke through the fast dissipating dark clouds and He said, "Why are you

so fearful? Why is it that you have no confidence, no faith in me?" (Mark 4:35-40 — Phillips, RSV, Moffatt.)

A Hearty Masculine Man

The Jesus Christ of your Bible ate big, thick, juicy steaks. He enjoyed good wine, masculine friends like Peter, James and John. He and His disciples were hard-driving, dedicated men with a purpose, a goal in life. There were both serious moments and times of laughter around the campfire at night. A real he-man's fellowship existed between these virile, robust men of great strength.

Jesus Christ was a man of character, of stamina, of great determination. He fasted as few men are capable of fasting. Forty days and forty nights without food or water. THAT'S MORE THAN A FULL MONTH!

There was a reason. Deep within burned a singleness of purpose — your salvation and mine BY DEATH!!

A Thundering, Dynamic Personality

Near Passover time, Jesus walked over to Jerusalem. He passed by the Temple. What He saw stopped Him short in His tracks. He couldn't believe His eyes! There in His Father's Temple

Ingratitude — A Deadly Sin

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terrible calamity (such as a nuclear war) could instantly turn a normal, pleasant existence into a nightmare.

In the twinkling of an eye your heart could stop and all that you think is yours could be taken from you and given to someone else. *Rigor mortis* is no respecter of persons! "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith *content*" (I Tim. 6:7, 8).

Material things of themselves do not bring us happiness. "But *godliness with contentment is great gain*" (I Tim. 6:6).

Christ warned: "Take heed and *beware of covetousness*: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15).

Do you really treasure your health?

We are living in a very degenerate age — in the last de-generation of man's 6,000 years of *misrule*.

Granted, very, very few have perfect health. Almost everyone has some infirmities; but do you at least thank God for the measure of health which He has mercifully granted you?

A few years ago a very well-known multimillionaire in the U. S. reportedly offered a million dollars to anyone who would help him find the answer to his terrible health problem — gnawing ulcers. He would gladly have given one million dollars for a new stomach.

Here was a very wealthy man who could hardly eat anything. He could not enjoy a normal meal — a good steak, or other solid foods — like the average person.

Nearly three millenniums ago, wise old King Solomon wrote of such a man: "There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men: A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this is vanity, and it is an evil disease" (Eccl. 6:1, 2).

Yes, we all need to realize that God

is the One who holds in His hand the power of health, of life, of peace — of everything good!

Thank God — Even for Trials

During the terrible depression days, following World War I, food was often very scarce in some parts of the world — even in the U. S. A certain poor man's money had dwindled to only twenty-five cents. He had eaten very little for several days. Finally, he decided to have one last splurge — spending his twenty-five-cent piece on a nice restaurant meal. On his way to the restaurant he had to cross over a river. As he trudged over the bridge, looking from time to time at the coin in his hand, he stumbled and fell. The shiny coin fell from his hand and rolled quickly between two of the planks in the bridge — and plummeted into the deep river far below!

Now this greatly disappointed man could have got up and used some profanity. He could have become bitter — but he didn't! He slowly got to his feet exclaiming: "Well, I thank you, Lord, that I still have my appetite."

People are often tempted to complain of their lot in life. They should never give in to such a temptation.

I once heard of a woman who became paralyzed from her neck down. She could only move her head. This could have made her turn sour. She could have become bitter and cynical, but she didn't! Rather, she was very thankful that she still had her mental faculties, and was also very grateful to God that she could still speak. By using her head, she was able to build up a very good real estate business — selling property. She did this by taking a pencil between her teeth and dialing phone numbers. She became a very successful and happy person — because she had learned to count her blessings and make the most of what many would have thought to have been a hopeless situation!

Why can't we learn to count our blessings and to thank our Creator for

everything — yes even for the trials and tests, which many times turn out to be blessings in disguise? God often permits trials and calamities to befall us to teach us certain lessons — to help us learn some of the true values of life (II Cor. 12:7-10). Knowing this, we should sincerely thank a merciful Creator — even for our sore trials (James 1:2-4).

And what a pity that people don't really understand this today. Very few (even among professing Christians) seem to really grasp the greatness of the God whom they profess to know and serve: "For He maketh sore, and bindeth up: He woundeth, and His hands make whole" (Job 5:18).

One-in-Ten Thankful

Today's worldwide ingratitude is aptly illustrated in the incident where Christ healed *ten* lepers (Luke 17:12-14).

"And *one* of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God. And fell down on his face at His feet, *giving Him THANKS*: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not *ten* cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger" (Luke 17:15-18).

This type of experience is oft repeated even in our time. There is probably not one in ten who will so much as turn back and give God thanks.

You need to realize that one of the worst possible sins you can commit is the terrible sin of ingratitude. All too many have built up an inveterate habit of continually complaining about everything — instead of being thankful.

Whether you realize it or not — you have many, many things to be thankful for. "I once complained because I had *no shoes*, until I met a man who had *no feet*!"

The Almighty Blessor

You need to realize that your very Creator is the One from whom all blessings flow!

When God appeared unto Abraham, intending to bless him and his seed, He revealed to him one of His many names — *El Shaddai*. "The Lord ap-

peared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God [Heb. *El Shaddai*]” (Gen. 17:1). *El Shaddai* means “The Almighty Blessor.”

The apostle James was inspired to write: “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights...” (James 1:17).

David reveals throughout the book of Psalms the mercy, goodness and the boundless blessings of God — blessings which He bestows upon all mankind.

The entire 103rd Psalm expresses very eloquently David’s thanks and praise for the many blessings he had received from God.

“Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s” (Ps. 103:1-5).

How to Glorify God

Our Maker likes to see us overflowing with gratitude — just like we rejoice to see anyone whom we have helped show appreciation. “Whoso offers praise glorifies me,” declares Almighty God (Ps. 50:23).

The prophets, patriarchs, Apostles and Jesus Christ were men who were thankful for their blessings. Christ’s Apostles rejoiced and praised God — thanking Him that they were even accounted worthy to suffer shame for the sake of the very name of Jesus Christ (Acts 5:41).

Let us always remember that our God is “the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort” (II Cor. 1:3).

He loves us and has designed His whole creation for the benefit of man. “And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good” (Gen. 1:31).

God inspired His servant, John, to write: “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health...” (III John 2).

Yes, God wants us to prosper and be in health, but He does not want us

to ever set our hearts on riches or trust in them (I Tim. 6:9-11). We are, however, commanded to trust “in the living God, who giveth us RICHLY all things to enjoy” (I Tim. 6:17).

Why can’t people realize that it is the Creator God who gives us every blessing? He made the wonderful things to eat, to drink and the many other things for the service and pleasure of man. What a loving God we have!

But God detests ingratitude!

Esau didn’t really appreciate the blessings which were to have been his. Rather, he despised them (Gen. 25:29-34). So God let his blessings go to his younger brother, Jacob, who did appreciate them — who was very thankful to receive these blessings for himself and his children.

King Saul, the first king of Israel, didn’t really appreciate the great office into which God Almighty had placed him. He wasn’t thankful to God for this kingship over Israel, and he wouldn’t obey Him (I Sam. 15:22, 23); therefore God removed him from that office and installed David, a shepherd boy, who was filled with supreme gratitude for the blessings God bestowed upon him.

If we don’t learn to appreciate our blessings, God will take them from us — and give them to someone else!

“The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving”

God does not require us to offer animal sacrifices as of old (Jer. 7:22, 23); but He is well pleased when we “offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name” (Heb. 13:15). We are commanded to offer “the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing” (Ps. 107:22).

One reason why many find prayer so difficult is that they have never learned to mix praise and THANKSGIVING with their prayers! “But in everything by prayer and supplication with THANKSGIVING let your requests be made known unto God” (Phil. 4:6) — “giving thanks always for all things” (Eph. 5:20).

Be Thankful for Everything

What should we be thankful for?

For food, clothing, shelter; for the blessings of living in a free land; for rapid transportation and communication.

We should be thankful also for the beauty which we see everywhere around us; for the gift of life itself, and for continued health and strength with which we can exercise our mental and physical faculties so as to accomplish many things; for the Bible by which we can know His will; for God’s love, mercy and protection from harm; for the sacrifice of Christ — making possible the forgiveness of our sins, and for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and for the assurance of eternal life in the endless Kingdom of God! We should, in fact, be thankful for everything!

Truly, these are only a few of the many blessings which we have received from a loving, all-wise, ever-merciful Creator who wants us to have an abundant life (John 10:10).

We should also be very thankful for *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine and *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast. If we don’t appreciate receiving God’s precious Word through these media, then the time will come when we will no longer have these blessings.

“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but [a famine] of hearing the words of the Lord” (Amos 8:11).

Yes, God’s Word solemnly declares that, in the dark days immediately ahead of us, the public preaching of God’s Word will be cut off! The true Gospel will not have free course to go out unhindered as today. Appreciate this blessing while you have it — before it is too late!

God will take away our blessings if we don’t really appreciate them and give Him thanks — if we don’t learn to serve Him joyfully for all the great abundance of the many blessings which He has so lavishly bestowed upon us (Deut. 28:47, 48).

Don’t be guilty of committing the terrible sin of ingratitude! (II Tim. 3:2). Learn to be thankful to God and to your fellowman for everything!

New Church in Barbados

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truly amazing — fact was that all these newspapermen were listeners to *The WORLD TOMORROW* and subscribers to *The PLAIN TRUTH*. One of them was even studying the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course; he was on Lesson 20. They knew and understood enough of the Truth to quote Mr. Armstrong without perverting or twisting his statements.

This unique experience made Mr. Armstrong remark that these men must not have gone to "Reporters' School" because they got the facts straight. He related this in his Editorial, in the February issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

When the representative from the *Barbados Daily News* was about to leave, he requested a personal favor of Mr. Armstrong. Just like the immigration officer, he asked politely: "Please, sir, may I have your autograph?"

His request was also granted.

"My Wish for All Barbadians . . ."

Here are a few excerpts from the front-page coverage in the *Barbados Daily News*, entitled "ARMSTRONG — *The WORLD TOMORROW* — IN BARBADOS":

"*The WORLD TOMORROW*, that popular radio program, will be enhanced today by the presence of the founder, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong . . . In an exclusive interview [when asked of his wish for all Barbadians] Mr. Armstrong gave the following message to Barbados:

"My wish for all Barbadians is that they will find the cause of peace, happiness, prosperity and long life, so that it will be for all eternity. This they can have as a gift if they seek it. For where one finds a wrong condition there is a cause; similarly, a good condition is indicative of a cause. Finding a way of life which brings us all the good things is assured if we accept Christ. I am happy in this way and I wish similar happiness for all the people of Barbados' . . ."

None of the islanders could have missed reading this front-page message

given by Mr. Armstrong to the people of Barbados.

Men Don't Know How to Govern

In turn, *The Advocate* reported under the heading "MEN DO NOT KNOW HOW TO GOVERN":

"Chancellor of Ambassador College in Pasadena, the world-famous broadcaster on *The WORLD TOMORROW* program, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, said in Barbados yesterday that 'as long as men try to govern themselves there will never be peace in the world but rather increased wars, human suffering and more violence' . . .

"Mr. Armstrong, an ordained minister since 1931, added: 'Men are trying to govern themselves and they simply do not know how to do it. Governments do not know the way to peace . . . What we are proclaiming is the good news of *The WORLD TOMORROW*. If we are to have a happy world, there will have to be a cause that would produce a happy world . . . The only solution to the world's ills is to have one world government that would enforce the laws that the Creator set in motion to produce peace, happiness and universal well-being . . ."

Curiously enough, not only did these newspapermen report faithfully Mr. Armstrong's words, but they even seemed to be in total agreement with them!

The Beginning of a New Church

The very first services of God's new Church, in Barbados, were held in two adjacent classrooms of the local *Washington High School*.

This too was an unforgettable experience.

That Sabbath morning, February 3, 1968, prior to services, Mr. Bass and I went to check the premises. (Mr. Bass, as you probably know, has been appointed to pastor this new Church.) Our inspection left us rather apprehensive because the two classrooms were old, dilapidated, and rather dirty — practically unfit for any assembly to be held there. But we saw in the hall some

of God's people busily scrubbing the floor and dusting the chairs.

"Don't worry," said one of the workers, "everything will be ready on time. This place will look quite different by the time we get through cleaning and straightening up things!"

I didn't know then that some of these people had been up since dawn to begin their scrubbing and clean-up work. Having heard that we needed a podium, they had improvised — that very morning — some sort of a podium made of fruit crates (yet strong enough for holding necessary books, and even strong enough to lean on if one so desired) which they covered with an attractive cloth.

Soon, a young woman began arranging flowers which she placed on a table covered with a white lace tablecloth. Yes, things were shaping up all right — and by the time the Church began, the premises had been transformed into a perfectly acceptable assembly hall.

"At the most, we may expect 75 persons," I had told Mr. Armstrong before he left the hotel for the services.

But I was wrong.

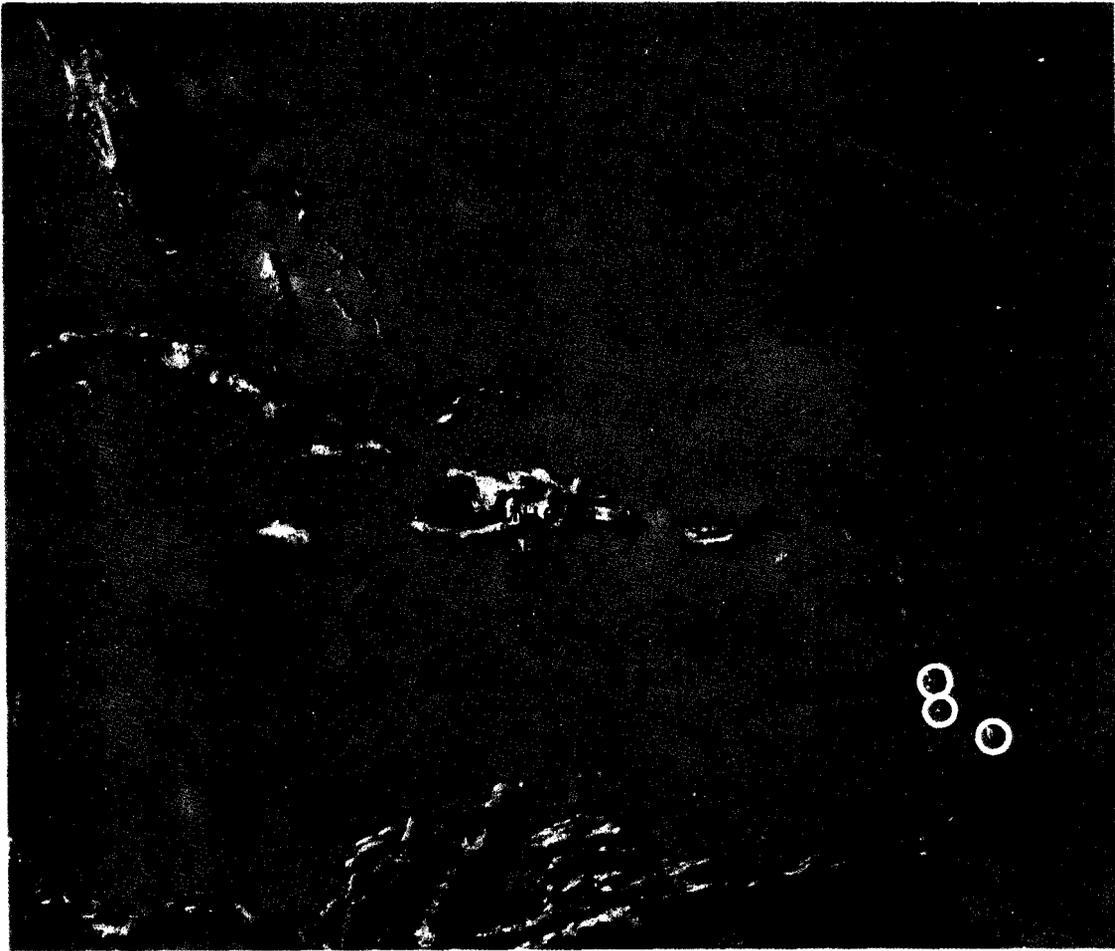
Would you believe that there were exactly 111 persons waiting for Mr. Armstrong to preach? Yes, 111 — just like our P. O. Box numbers in Pasadena and Bricket Wood. *Coincidence?* Perhaps. But in God's Church such coincidences seem to happen rather often!

"You Have Got to Work!"

Mr. Armstrong delivered his sermon with as much power and drive as though he were speaking to a large audience of thousands of people. He said, in essence:

"Today is a day that will go down in history and people will be reading about this two or three hundred years from now . . . We are in a schoolroom here — literally speaking — and I am here to teach. The world doesn't pay attention now to what we are doing on this day. People are interested in the decisions made in Washington and Moscow which will not bring peace to the world . . .

"God is not a respecter of persons. Every nation that fears Him is accepted of Him." After this, Mr. Armstrong went on describing the beginning years of God's Work — how it grew like a



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mustard seed, how it now covers the whole world. "We are all babes in Christ," he added, "but the question is: *'How many of us will grow up from being babes in Christ to be able to be born into God's Family!?'*"

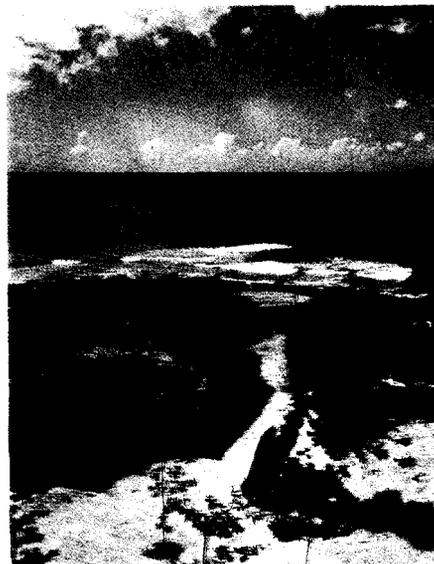
Mr. Armstrong explained what God's laws are and the reason they were given to mankind. "They will cause happiness, well-being and an abundant life," he said. "But when you break these laws, you experience poverty, sickness and death. The world is full of unhappiness because it breaks God's laws . . .

"Most of you here are black. I am white — or 'pale-faced' as the American Indians called us. But when we are born of God, we will be like God. Our faces will shine like the sun in full strength . . .

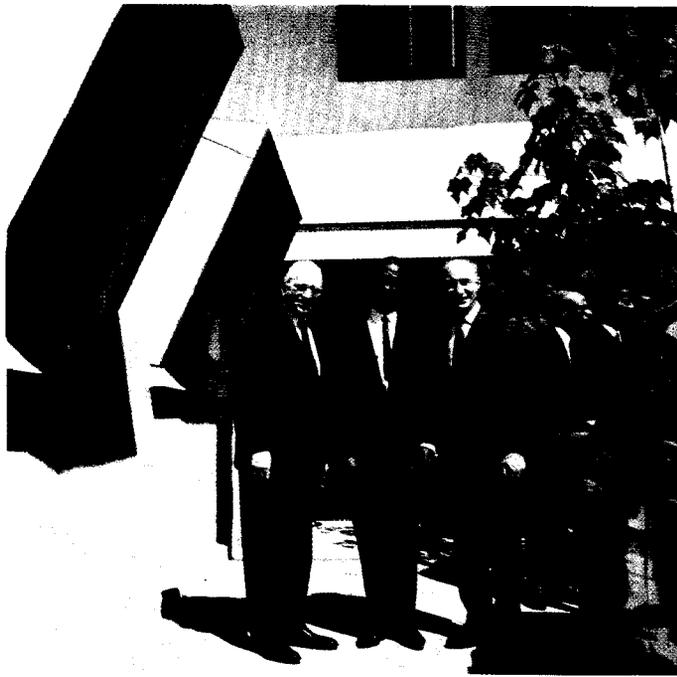
"You people have started on a way that will give you every happiness — but YOU HAVE GOT TO WORK — and grow spiritually. If you try to make others happy, you yourself will be happy. Be honest and trustworthy. God



Above: Map locates Barbados, Martinique, Santa Lucia and other islands of the Windward chain. Left: Bible Study was held the following day after Sabbath services. Mr. Bass is shown answering questions.



Our hotel was near enough to the beach to provide a very restful Sabbath Day's walk.



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Above left: Before Martinique Bible Study Mr. Jubert poses happily with Messrs. Armstrong and Apartian in front of his home. Above right: Mrs. Jubert prepares savory meal in her rustic island kitchen.

has all the power, but He will only give us His power when we learn how to use it. You have got to learn *to share* what you have with others. You have got to learn *to help, to serve, to be patient, to be wise...*

"It is not easy—but it can be achieved if you work hard. That's why, *you have GOT TO WORK...*"

The Church of God in Martinique Welcomes Mr. Armstrong

This article on the West Indies would not be complete without a few words about our *French-speaking* brethren in Martinique. For many years now, they had hoped to meet Mr. Armstrong—even though they realized that they may never have this chance until we are all together "in the wilderness."

Nevertheless, the opening of the new Church in Barbados made the dream of our French-speaking brethren come true. Our jet flew from Barbados to Martinique in less than an hour. They welcomed Mr. Armstrong with tears of joy; they didn't know how to express their feelings. "We still can't believe it—we just can't believe it!" they kept repeating to me. "What a tremendous blessing this is!"

Our overnight stopover in Martinique enabled Mr. Armstrong to conduct a most interesting—and certainly unique in its kind—BIBLE STUDY. It was unique in the sense that he conducted

it without speaking a single word of French!

This is how we worked it out. The questions came to me written in French. I read them aloud just as they were, and then translated them into English for Mr. Armstrong. He gave the answers in English which I translated, in turn, for our French-speaking brethren. We all enjoyed our parts very much—and everyone understood each other perfectly well!

"The questions these people asked of us were certainly indicative of their good understanding of the Bible," Mr. Armstrong told me after the meeting. "It is not too often that we have such interesting Bible Studies at home."

What rewarding words for a group of people who—a few years ago—had never heard the Truth nor met a true minister of God. But today, as a result of their steady spiritual growth, they were able to ask questions that were outstanding!

How About You?

Every time I return from a tour in the West Indies, I feel greatly encouraged by the fruits Christ's Gospel is bringing forth in these tropical islands. It is an experience that makes you want to work harder and do more. This is the same feeling Messrs. McCullough, Neff and Kelly had during their previous trips; and now, it is a similar thought that Mr. Armstrong himself

expressed upon leaving the islands.

Over there, in the West Indies, is a whole new world—unknown to most of our brethren in the U.S.A., and often neglected in our prayers. It is a world of poverty yet wealth, squalor yet happiness, ignorance yet *increasing knowledge* of God's TRUTH.

Over there, in the West Indies, are indeed people whom God has called—and *is calling*—in this age, to be the leaders of *The WORLD TOMORROW* to people of their same race. But much remains yet to be done by all of us in God's Church—much work needs to be achieved before the happy *World Tomorrow* can come. People there, in the West Indies, as well as everywhere else in the world, need our fervent prayers and every help we can give them by our own spiritual growth.

Remember Mr. Armstrong's final words to the new Church in Barbados: "You have got to learn *to share* what you have with others. You have got to learn *to help, to serve, to be patient, to be wise...* It is not easy—but it can be achieved if you work hard. That's why, *you have GOT TO WORK...*"

Will you?