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SATAN HASN'T GIVEN UP ON MAKE - UP

by Herbert W. Armstrong

In November, 1981--a year and a half ago--I wrote an article with the heading: "How Subtly Satan Used MAKE-UP to Start the Church Off the Track." Ministers preached on it from pulpits over the world. Most women in the Church did "come out from among them" of the world, and cease painting colored dirt on their faces.

But not all. Some youths at summer camps have told us their mothers wear cosmetics during the week, when seen by the world, but take it off on Sabbaths when they attend Church services.

In this article I intend to make it PLAIN once for all!

Brethren, WHAT IS the Church? WHY is it? Do we not understand that we are the "Called-out Ones"? This world is NOT God's world. It is SATAN'S world started by the first man, Adam. But the one true Church is the embryo of GOD'S world, started by the second Adam, Jesus Christ.

Jesus did not come to reform, change, or convert Satan's world. He said "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44). He said to those of us God has called, "Come out from among them [of the world], and be ye separate" (II Cor. 6:17).

This world started in SIN. Sin is the transgression of the law, and the law is God's spiritual Law. It is summed up in the one word, "LOVE." It is expanded into the great commandment, Love to GOD, and love to neighbor. That in turn was expanded into the Ten Commandments--the first four expressing the principle of love toward God, the last six the principle of love toward neighbor.

Jesus magnified the law--expanded it further, in principle. Under the Old Testament, a man had not committed adultery until the actual literal act. But in the New, Jesus said a man who even lusted after a woman had committed adultery in his heart!

In II Corinthians 3:6, it is written that we must obey the law according to the SPIRIT--that is, the principle or intent of the law--not according to the specific letter.

Today, I'm afraid, some look at SIN through Old Testament eyes. Unless there is a literal, specific, "Thus saith the Lord, Thou shalt NOT," then they say, "Isn't it OK?" If you look at it that way, you really mean that you want to do Satan's way, and follow the world--that you only want to follow God's way so far as you are compelled.

WHY does God's true Church regard smoking tobacco as a SIN? No specific scripture says "Thou shalt not smoke." When I was converted and baptized, and first received God's Holy Spirit, I asked myself, "Is smoking wrong?" The Bible says nothing about it. But I knew the law of God is the PRINCIPLE of LOVE. I asked myself, "WHY do I smoke?" Does it express love to God? Definitely it is not "a sweetsmelling savour" in His nostrils. Did smoking express love toward neighbor? Perhaps someone might enjoy breathing it secondhanded, but many would find it objectionable and obnoxious. And I knew it was harmful to my health in my lungs, even though no one knew as yet it caused lung cancer. Therefore it violated God's law of LOVE toward God and toward man. Therefore it is SIN! I stopped what little smoking I had been doing.

That same PRINCIPLE applies to make-up. WHY do women do it?

When I applied this principle of God's law to myself in 1927 few women indeed smoked--except harlots. Today cosmetics and make-up apply to women rather than men--but the PRINCIPLE is the same.

Do women "change" (make up) their faces to please God? On the contrary God's Word shows it is DISpleasing to Him! Does make-up show LOVE toward other people? Or do they paint it on to be like the world--to be one with the world? They do it because of VANITY, the root of all sin. They do it to AVOID appearing to have "come out of the world, and being separate." They do it to avoid criticism by the world.

How did SIN start?

The cherub Lucifer was set by God on the throne of the earth. He is still there. He was perfect in his ways until iniquity was found in him (Ezek. 28:15). WHY did sin start in him? God said of him, "Thine heart was lifted up BECAUSE OF THY BEAUTY, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness" (verse 17). How many women professing to be God's women in His Church are corrupting their wisdom by allowing vanity, the root of sin, to lead them into perverted REASONING to try to justify SIN?

How did SIN start among the human race? It was when the first woman strayed away from her husband's subjection and listened to Satan that she "saw that the [forbidden] tree was...pleasant to the eyes" (Gen. 3:6), that she led her husband and all humanity into SIN! Did mother Eve put on make-up? I think she would have, if she had possessed a mirror. IF THERE WERE NO LOOKING GLASSES NO WOMEN WOULD PUT ON MAKE-UP!

GOD designed and formed mother Eve's face, and I for one believe it was BEAUTIFUL without make-up--and so would be women's faces today if they would quit trying to CHANGE the way God designed them!

This alone ought to be all any truly converted woman, led by the Holy Spirit, should need to show her she is SINNING when she changes her face with changed eyebrows and cosmetics. And you women who have been trying to deceive the Church by taking it off for Church services while you wear it weekdays before the world of Satan, are only adding to your sin!

The Church is not going to police you. But YOU ARE BEING JUDGED, N O W ! The women of the world are not being judged as yet. Judgment has begun with the house of God, the Church. We in the Church are deciding OUR

ETERNITY NOW. We are the FIRSTFRUITS. We are the embryo of the KINGDOM OF GOD! We are to be DIFFERENT from the world! It is GOD through Christ who is judging us right now, once for all eternity!

Before examining specific texts on the subject of make-up, let me summarize the PRINCIPLE involved--not only on make-up but on any or all subjects of what is right and what is wrong.

God's law defines the WAY of human conduct--first of all, in relation to God, and secondly to human neighbor. LAW simply means the rules of conduct. The RULES of a basketball, baseball or football game might be called the LAWS of those games--the rules that regulate performance.

God's LAW is stated in the one word, LOVE. The word LOVE is a PRINCIPLE, and in principle it is opposite to the word LUST. It is LOVE toward others. First of all, LOVE toward GOD, in love, worship, and obedience. Secondly it is love toward other humans. It cannot be vanity, because vanity is toward self and puts SELF before God. Love toward and worship of God in itself is the PRINCIPLE of humility, not self-glory or vanity or coveting. It is love toward neighbor in the spirit of outgoing CONCERN for neighbor's welfare and good--of cooperation, serving, helping, sharing. It also may be love toward self in the sense or principle of concern for the physical and mental and spiritual welfare of the body and mind, which is the temple of God's Holy Spirit.

YOU CAN APPLY THAT PRINCIPLE TO ANY QUESTION OF HUMAN CONDUCT. It is the real answer to the SIN question.

As I write, and THINK on this subject, I am convinced that few understand--even in God's true Church--the TRUTH on this SIN question.

A great deal of Protestantism has rubbed off on our people in God's Church. Neither the Catholics nor Protestants teach God's Commandments. Rather, they teach that the law was abolished. If there is no law, then there is no sin, "for where no law is, there is no transgression" (Rom. 4:15), and "sin is not imputed when there is no law" (Rom. 5:13) and "sin IS the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). But the law of God is SPIRITUAL (Rom. 7:14).

God looks on the heart. But "the heart" as used in the Biblical sense, refers to the attitude, the intent or purpose. Sin results from a wrong attitude, intent, desire, which is an attitude of mind. Yet sin is also an act. It is the act of yielding to an attitude, desire or purpose contrary to LOVE toward God or toward humans. Vanity violates "love toward and worship of GOD." It is desire or intent, or attitude of SELF glorification. SELF wants to glorify itself, not God. VANITY is the root of SIN.

Brethren, this month I shall enter the 92nd year of my life in this age. I have to realize that I am only a heartbeat away from the end of this life. For your sake, and the Work's sake, I hope God will allow me continued heartbeats. But I have to look at the state of God's Church realistically. I think I see these things more soberly than formerly--perhaps more soberly than many of you.

Ask yourselves, "Do I really hunger and thirst after God's righteousness?" or after being like the world, whose god is Satan?

How many are like the woman who had been baptized only a few months and came to me, saying, "I've just inherited some money. Tell me, how much of it do I have to tithe to God? I don't want to tithe any more than I have to, but I want to get into God's Kingdom."

Do YOU hunger and thirst after God's righteousness, or after the ways of this world? Are you concerned with what GOD thinks of you, or what the world thinks--WHICH?

And, after all, a woman who is not a Church member said to me a few years ago, in England: "Mrs. Hunting is not pretty, Mr. Armstrong--SHE'S BEAUTIFUL!" Mrs. Hunting didn't wear make-up. The one who spoke did! She saw the inward beauty of the HEART in Mrs. Hunting. Through Paul, God asks, "Do ye look on things after the outward appearance?" (II Cor. 10:7.) God shows that real beauty is inward, of the heart--that is a right and godly spirit or attitude of mind.

God warns us all: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves" (II Cor. 13:5).

The Specific Texts

A few years ago, liberals who no longer are in God's Church attacked certain specific scriptures mentioned in our booklet on make-up, published in 1964. They attempted to show by their reasoning that these texts at least allowed the use of make-up.

The attitude was, "We want to be like the world and if there is no specific 'Thou shalt not,' isn't it OK?"

Following is a brief comment on each of these passages.

Isaiah 3:16:

King James Version "Moreover the Lord saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet."

Moffatt Translation "The Eternal also said: Since they are so haughty, the daughters of Sion, holding their heads high as they walk, and ogling with their eyes, walking with their mincing steps, their anklets jingling."

Revised Standard Version "The Lord said: Because the daughters of Zion are haughty and walk with outstretched necks, glancing wantonly with their eyes, mincing along as they go, tinkling with their feet."

New International Version "The Lord says, 'The women of Zion are haughty, walking along with outstretched necks, flirting with their eyes, tripping along with mincing steps, with ornaments jingling on their ankles.'"

Two different commentaries, Adam Clarke, and the Critical and Experimental Commentary, say the Hebrew original indicates "setting off the eyes with paint" as quoted from the latter. Some former liberal ministers, in an effort to allow cosmetics, disagreed with the commentaries. However, be-

havior does accompany use of make-up and eye make-up does draw attention to the eyes. And all translations show this passage to be using the eyes wantonly, oglingly, or flirting with the eyes. Wanton means unchaste, lewd, licentious, immoral (see dictionary). The passage in Isaiah definitely shows a modern use of the eyes in such a manner, not in the "meek and quiet spirit" of New Testament teaching. It shows the spirit, or attitude which transgresses the principle of God's spiritual Law.

Therefore God's Church must rule that, even as cigarette smoking is sin, so is use of cosmetics.

Women have written me about "good grooming." The Church surely teaches good grooming, but that does not mean following the world's life style. Good grooming does not require changing the appearance of the face from the way God designed it. It would include proper arranging of the hair, and clothing, but not painting faces.

Next passage, Ezekiel 23:40: "And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments."

The liberals tried to say that bathing and certain ornaments of dress are all OK, therefore they claimed the painting was OK. True, whether a woman was going to receive even Jesus Christ in His lifetime, or, on the other hand a paramour, she would bathe and even possibly wear some jewelry, but she would not paint her face. In this passage God is speaking of ancient Israel as His adulterous wife, preparing for false licentious lovers. She is here pictured in the role of a harlot attracting men as a harlot. Even though a virtuous woman would bathe herself and wear jewelry, this is picturing a harlot woman luring a licentious lover.

Jeremiah 4:30: Again speaking of adulterous Israel: "And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting," etc. Nowhere does the Bible show face painting except on a harlot or evil woman, even though it does show gold and jewelry on virtuous women.

II Kings 9:30: "And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window." Here, again, Jezebel was one of the evil women of the Bible, and she was acting in the spirit of a harlot to attract a man. Such scriptures certainly do NOT say virtuous women of God ought to follow harlots and paint their faces.

Job 42:14: Job named one of his daughters "Keren-happuch" (Revised Standard Translation). The King James has it the same. But liberals on the temporary "doctrinal committee" tried to translate that Hebrew word into the English "eye make-up." They were in error.

The same Hebrew word "happuch" is used in Isaiah 54:11 in the sentence "I will build you with stones of turquoise..." (New International Version). A footnote on this Hebrew word says: "The meaning of the Hebrew for this word [turquoise] is uncertain." Also the Hebrew word appears in I Chronicles 29:2: "turquoise, stones of various colors"--speaking of mate-

rials for building Solomon's Temple. The Revised Standard Version has it (Isa. 54:11) "set your stones in antimony." "Antimony, colored stones" in I Chronicles 29:2.

The King James has it, for Isaiah 54:11: "I will lay thy stones with fair colours," and in I Chronicles 29:2, "glistening stones, and of divers colours."

The Hebrew word used in Job cannot be translated "eye-paint," as liberals tried to do to justify the use of make-up.

There is NO scripture which in any manner shows make-up or face-changing--whether by paint or plucking and changing eyebrows--to be approved or such example by a virtuous woman. Every reference is connected with evil women and with evil purpose.

After all, SIN is not the thing but the ATTITUDE and the USE of the thing in response to a wrong attitude.

SIN is violation of God's spiritual LAW. And that violation always is an ATTITUDE and intention contrary to LOVE toward God and neighbor, and/or the acting upon such attitude or intention.

We live in a world swayed and influenced completely by Satan, the god of this world. The world has its "life styles." They are basically contrary to God's WAY of life--which is LOVE toward God and toward neighbor, and toward self only in the sense of preserving health of mind and body as the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Some women have mistakenly used the term "good grooming" to include and to justify painting colored dirt on the face and plucking eyebrows and painting in false ones. That is no part of "good grooming."

Let me explain "good grooming" from GOD'S point of view. In my book "The Missing Dimension in Sex," on page 30, is an example of God's "good grooming."

Notice the expression, "The ETERNAL God...clothed them." The Hebrew word God inspired Moses to write here, for "clothed," is labash. It does not mean to cover shameful--to hide nakedness--or any such meaning.

The Hebrew word meaning to conceal nakedness is kasah. But the word Moses was inspired to write, labash, means, rather, the donning of apparel, raiment. It refers rather to outer garments than underclothing. It implies the idea of adorning, or decorating, or displaying, rather than concealing or covering over, or hiding.

This adorning by God did not cover the face. Good grooming is a term that does not refer to face-changing, but to a clean face, modestly but well-arranged hair, and proper attire, or clothing. Webster's Dictionary defines "groom" as "to make neat or attractive. An impeccably groomed woman." This, of course, is from the world's concept of grooming. However, "to make neat" might apply to hair or clothing, but not to the face. And God's teaching on grooming is modesty and meekness, not worldly show or vanity.

The human face expresses human character and attitude. God intended it to be beautiful, but a beauty that comes from within, especially the eyes. God made the human face so designed that, if the inner attitude is godly, it will be beautiful. Of David, a man after God's own heart, He says he was "of a fair countenance." Of Abigail, "she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance." There was no make-up. The Bible speaks of other virtuous women with beautiful faces, but no make-up. It speaks of harlots and evil women using make-up for evil and seductive motives.

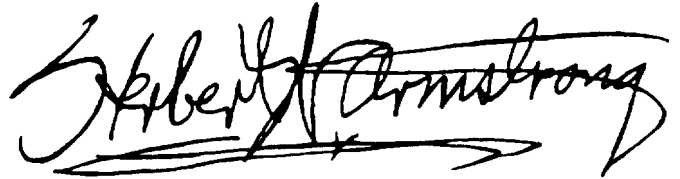
God has called those in His Church OUT of the world, out of its life styles, into GOD'S WAYS to please HIM, not to please or be like the world.

Each must look down deeply into his or her heart--the inner attitude, desire and motive. Do we hunger and thirst for GOD'S righteousness, or to follow the world's life styles?

IF we are in truth a member of God's Church, we have come out from among those of the world, hungering and thirsting for GOD'S WAY OF LIFE.

God's Church can come to no other decision than that changing the face God designed and gave and following the world in make-up is SIN, and will certainly lead to DEATH in the LAKE OF FIRE!

I am personally grateful to God that all but a very few of those we regard as members have "come out from among" the artificial ways of this world. I thank God for you!



FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

International News

New Zealand Report Because of concern over a declining trend in income over recent months, Regional Director Peter Nathan called for the brethren to fast in early May. God answered our prayers in a thrilling way!

Income for the month was the second highest total recorded by God's Work in this part of the world--a spectacular increase of 44.1% over income for May a year ago! This lifts the year-to-date increase to 17% over the same period in 1982.

Another very pleasing result was that our number of co-workers jumped by 42 during May--the first substantial increase for many months. New visit requests kept coming in strongly, and new visits for the year to date are now up by exactly 50% over last year.

Mail was up dramatically too, with 8,767 pieces received during May--an increase of 81.6% over May of last year. Donation mail for the month was up

by 35%. Year-to-date mail is currently running at 9.4% below last year's figure.

June's READER'S DIGEST advertisement and a new semiannual letter promise to keep bringing the incoming mail figures up. Final responses to Mr. Armstrong's last semiannual are still trickling in. A total of 8,400 have now been received--a return of 20.6%.

Comments From Monthly Church Reports

From Asia and Australia

SOUTH INDIA--MOHAN JAYASEKERA: The radio programme is being heard very clearly throughout South India. Recent Indian government figures indicate that while only 17% of the population is reached by TV, radio reaches 83%. The brethren are very impressed by the powerful content of the programme for God seems to be calling people as a result of this, coupled with the powerful PT content. I have visited 37 new people in the last three months, and of this group six are very good PMs.

SRI LANKA--MOHAN JAYASEKERA: There is real excitement among the brethren regarding news that Mr. Armstrong's telecast will be shown in the Mideast. They feel a greater sense of urgency, as world events move on, to study their Bibles and pray more. This is very evident while visiting with members.

WODONGA, NSW--BRUCE DEAN: Since I gave a sermonette on the importance of doing the BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE, many people have begun to study the Bible with the Course again, beginning all over again with Lesson 1. Members in both Temora and Wodonga have commented on how much they are enjoying their study again, and also how profitable it is.

PERTH, WA--ROBERT REGAZZOLI: The two PLAIN TRUTH Bible Lectures at the beginning of the month were very successful. Results overall were very good. Most new people show a lack of depth, so the emphasis on the BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE should be of help to those being called.

GYMPIE/MARYBOROUGH, QLD--TERRENCE VILLIERS: Newsstands are generally slow in this area, so we are actively seeking improved locations. The Church has been genuinely uplifted by the Public Bible Lecture, as well as having a family of three (both parents totally deaf) beginning to attend regularly at Maryborough this month--the first "new blood" for nearly two years.

CANBERRA, ACT--RODNEY KING: The Canberra congregation is experiencing an increase in attendance. By Feast time, if everyone in the Canberra area attended services on any given Sabbath, there would be 100 in attendance. This compares with 55 when we first came here.

ADELAIDE, SA--KERRY GUBB: Quite a lot of new people have had deep prior religious backgrounds. They go a small distance with us, then back off for some months, then make contact again when

their lives start to suffer from rejecting new truth. We have several in this category. No problems at present.

EMERALD/CLERMONT, QLD--BRIAN ORCHARD: Spirits are high even though there has been much rain and flooding in the area. Some made it in for Pentecost services and were glad for the fellowship. Everything seems to be fine as far as attitudes and enthusiasm are concerned.

GIPPSLAND, VIC--PETER WHITTING: The highlight for this month has been the Feast of Pentecost--it was a very profitable Feast for all, with a very good offering. Although in many respects the Gippsland brethren are stable and loyal, the one problem area is the maintenance of happy marriages. It is a recurring problem that will have to be specifically addressed in the coming months.

NEWCASTLE, NSW--GARY HARVEY: This month we continued with a busy round of visiting--kept busy with new PMS (great explosion of them; now have 12, most of whom are active). The news of TV starting soon in Newcastle has really lifted up everyone's spirits here. Problems seem to be fewer.

--Joe Tkach, Ministerial Services

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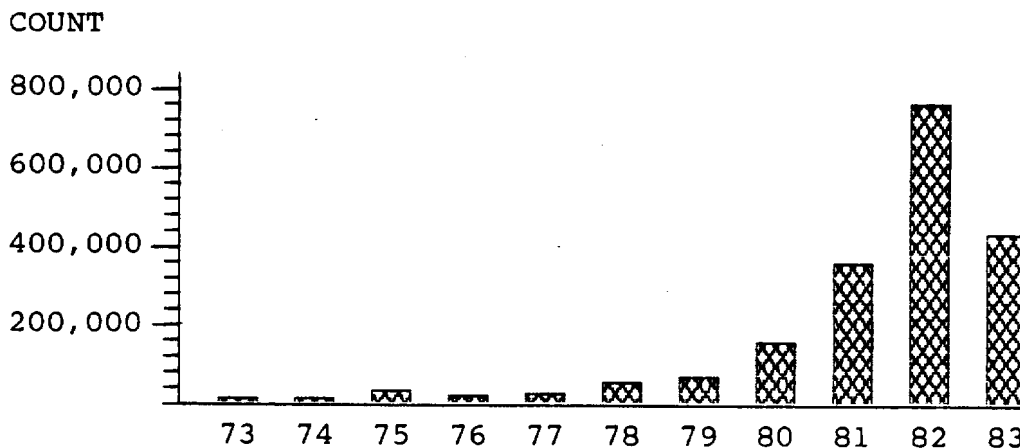
PLAIN TRUTH Reaching Relatively New Audience

A recent study of The PLAIN TRUTH subscription list showed that most subscribers in the United States have been on file for only one to three years. This means that the magazine is fairly new to the majority of its readers. The following bar chart gives the number of current subscribers according to the year they were added to the files.

CURRENT U.S. PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIBERS ON FILE

SHOWING YEAR ADDED TO SUBSCRIPTION LIST: 1973-1983

First Five Months of 1983 Only



Nearly 90 percent of the present 2,045,236 U.S. subscribers have been put on the list since 1978. The main reason for this outstanding growth has been the expansion of PLAIN TRUTH programs under Mr. Armstrong's direction and vigorous leadership. The total number of people who have subscribed at one time or another since 1934 is approximately ten million.

Bible CC Enrollments Continue to Soar

The number of new AMBASSADOR COLLEGE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE enrollments in the U.S. this year stands at a 120 percent increase over the same period last year. In the first six months, over 100,000 new students have been added. This figure is more than for any other previous January-June period. In fact, only in 1973 and 1982 did the number of new students exceed 100,000 for the entire year!

"ISAL"--Improved Mailing Service to International Areas

International Surface Air Lift (ISAL) is a service of the U.S. Postal Service which allows mailers of printed matter to air freight bulk quantities of individually addressed mail to various countries that have agreed to this delivery method. This service is not only cheaper and much faster than surface mail, but also provides direct delivery to individuals on the mailing list.

"ISAL," which was introduced about two years ago, is presently used to mail the French and Spanish language International GOOD NEWS and other literature. The Sacred Calendar, for example, was sent earlier this year to the United Kingdom and Europe via ISAL, costing only \$0.40 (US) per piece and arriving at all private addresses in two to three weeks. Surface mail would have taken four to six weeks and cost \$0.54 (US).

Currently ISAL shipments must first be trucked to an expeditor in New York. This adds to the cost and can take up to two weeks. However, the U.S. Postal Service now plans to add Los Angeles as a new entry point for ISAL mail this fall. This will mean even speedier service (7-10 days from Los Angeles to the United Kingdom or Australia) and thousands of dollars in savings for many items which are mailed to international areas from the Work's Headquarters in Pasadena.

Youths Show Interest in God's Truth

A number of letters to Mr. Armstrong come from teen-agers. Many avidly read the Work's literature and comment how it has motivated them to follow the right way of life. They are especially thankful to Mr. Armstrong for his interest in the youth and for the many programs he has initiated for them. Following are some of the letters we have received:

I am writing to say I am deeply impressed with the work that the Worldwide Church of God is doing. Although I am only 14 years old, I am a subscriber to The PLAIN TRUTH, The GOOD NEWS, and THE AMBASSADOR COLLEGE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE. I have also received a great number of booklets from you. Through these I have gained much understanding about this turbulent world we live in.

At first I felt I was too young to be thinking about religion becoming a major force in my life. But now I think I am at the perfect age. Before I heard about the Worldwide Church of God,

the future seemed hopeless. Now it is promising. With the help of the Worldwide Church of God, I know more about God and this world than most people my age. So keep up the good work and may God keep you forever. I will recommend the Worldwide Church of God to others.

L.A. (Indianapolis, IN)

I would like to congratulate you on the wonderful job you are doing in preaching the wonderful world of tomorrow. I am amazed to find out what God has planned for those who turn to him and those who turn their backs on him.

To be honest with you, I never used to listen to you or read the Bible, though I used to say my prayers. I knew that there was more than just saying a prayer, and after I listened to you, I found out what I was leaving out. I found out the truth and I am glad of it. I am also looking forward to the second coming of Christ.

I had assignments in school on religion and used your books to help me write on my topics. I have gotten good marks thanks to you.

W.L. (Bonavista Bay, Newfoundland)

I am writing to thank you for everything that you've done for the youth in the Church. I am 15 years old and over the last five to six years I have noticed an increased interest in living God's way among the youth in God's Church. Since you have encouraged more interest in the youth in God's Church, I have noticed that we have become closer to each other, and have also become more considerate towards the older members of the Church.

M.M. (Devonport, Australia)

My brother and I are sending you the tithe of the money we earned. We are saving for two bikes. We needed just a little more money, but we chose to put God first. There is so little time left, we want to have an active part in this last end-time message. I am almost 14 and my brother is going on 13.

P.W. (Akron, OH)

I wanted to say "thanks"--your PLAIN TRUTH has changed my ideas towards everything and made me understand the real meaning of life. Being a teen-ager today is painful and difficult, and there are a lot of choices to make. But with faith the Lord is leading me to the right decisions.

A.D. (Radford, VA)

I have typed this letter to tell you how much I have enjoyed your magazine. I am only 14 and think it is a very interesting magazine. My family was amazed at how much I have started to read since I started receiving it. The PLAIN TRUTH has taught me some things and helped to keep me up to date on the happenings in the world. I hope The PLAIN TRUTH has much success and more subscribers.

C.B. (Detroit, MI)

I would just like you to know that as an American youth, I greatly appreciate your literature and the help, guidance and comfort you give in all the work that you do. What is amazing to me is that you work so hard, so long and what for? What reward is there in it all for you? Surely it's not money. You ask for nothing!

You and your many associates offer all these things to everybody and ask for nothing in return. It's unreal!... Fortunately, I've been raised by fine Christian parents and have the background to appreciate the many hours of dedication you give to those of us who are seeking truth. Thank you for the road sign to the right path!

S.J. (Shawnee, OK)

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

ON THE WORLD SCENE

THE VATICAN "CUTS A DEAL" WITH GENERAL JARUZELSKI As the dust settles in Poland, the most concrete short-term result of Pope John Paul II's dramatic trip, it turns out, is an enhanced position for the Roman Catholic Church in that troubled land. The two meetings between the pope and Polish Premier General Wojciech Jaruzelski and, more importantly, high-level Vatican-Warsaw negotiations undertaken weeks, in some cases months, before the pope's trip ensured this outcome. The Solidarity labor union movement, though praised by the pope, has been left to wither on the vine. Its charismatic leader, Lech Walesa, is in limbo. The church, which had been eclipsed as the moral force in Poland by the meteoric rise of Solidarity is once more back in the saddle--"the only alternative centre of authority to a dictatorial regime," reported the June 25, 1983 lead editorial in THE ECONOMIST of Britain.

In his column in the June 27 NEW YORK TIMES, William Safire took a rather dim view of the "deal" which the pope apparently cut with Poland's Communist rulers.

Pope John Paul II has surprised and disappointed Lech Walesa, arrogated to himself the spirit of Polish nationalism, and apparently cut a deal with General Jaruzelski to guarantee the Vatican's opposition to any uprising in return for an end to martial law.

"Double-cross" is the verb not used in that startling series of conclusions, because of its potent double meaning and the ominous silence about what went on in the meetings of the hectic last day of the pope's visit to his homeland. All we are permitted to see is a worried union leader, a suddenly triumphant quisling [Jaruzelski], and a Curia-divided Vatican that cannot decide what public impression to transmit....

Mr. Walesa, the union leader who has personified the martyrdom of Polish freedom...was made to wait in publicized ignominy, and when the meeting finally took place, the photograph was suppressed by the Vatican. Later, the union leader canceled a planned press conference and said only that he had "some hard thinking to do about my talk with the pope."

In contrast, the film of the hastily-arranged second meeting between pontiff and puppet leader showed smiles and handshakes.

The pope understands how public appearances can be used, and calibrates his facial expressions at such events. Here the sign was unmistakable: Church and state have reached some secret agreement, and the political blessing so avidly sought by Moscow's chosen Polish leader was given, to be played and re-played on state television.

Soon after that, the newspaper published by the Vatican, L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO, in a front-page editorial announced that Mr. Walesa had "lost his battle.... Sometimes the sacrifice of uncomfortable people is necessary so a higher good can be born for the community."

The writer of the editorial, a veteran deputy editor, had committed the cardinal sin of going beyond the official line and blurt-ing out the truth; he...was fired the next day.... Mr. Walesa is one of those "uncomfortable people" whose courage can distress great institutions.... For the church,...Lech Walesa is not totally controllable and seems to have become an embarrassment. Archbishops and editors will accept disciplines; labor leaders may not, which may be why the pope seeks to make himself the exclusive symbol of Polish freedom.... It may [also] relieve those in the Vatican who fear that a rise of Solidarity would trigger a crackdown on the church as well as a Soviet invasion of Poland.

What kind of deal was reached between the Vatican and Poland's Communist authorities? It is now known that the two sides had already agreed before Pope John Paul II's homecoming to establish a church-run foundation to channel millions of Western dollars into loans and grants to boost the depressed Polish economy, especially agriculture. The agreement appeared to be part of a larger deal struck by the church in which informed sources in the Vatican said the church agreed to urge former Solidarity union leader Lech Walesa to step aside in return for a pledge to lift martial law and enact reforms. Another agreement which arose from the pope's trip, Vatican sources said on June 27, was that the church would work with the government to create a new trade union founded on the lines of Solidarity but most probably with a different name and led by someone other than Walesa.

The June 29 LOS ANGELES TIMES reported on the unique financial aspects of the deal as follows:

WARSAW--In the most concrete result of Pope John Paul II's visit to Poland to emerge so far, the country's Communist rulers have agreed in principle on an unprecedented church-controlled foundation to channel a minimum of \$2 billion worth of Western equipment and supplies to Polish farmers, well-informed sources here and in Rome said Tuesday....

Polish Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski reiterated the government's agreement during a meeting with the pope on June 17, the sources added. The existence of such a foundation, controlled by an agency outside of the government, is believed to be a first in any Soviet Bloc country.

...Church, government and diplomatic sources all confirmed the general outline of the agreement in principle between the govern-

ment and the church for creation of a "fund for agriculture" to aid Poland's independent farmers. The foundation, to be established here, would use money raised by churches in Western Europe, the United States and Canada to buy machinery, seed, and other means of agricultural production either unavailable or in short supply in Poland....

Jaruzelski agreed in principle to the plan during a meeting June 6 with Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the Roman Catholic primate of Poland....[Government] officials reportedly [at first] objected to such a large amount of money being funneled through a Polish institution not under their direct control. It is understood that the government will be represented in the proposed agricultural foundation, but that it will be in the minority.

In an opinion piece written for the June 29 LOS ANGELES TIMES, Bohdan R. Bociurkiw, a political science professor in Canada, observed who the real winner was in this round of the church-state struggle in Poland:

The main beneficiary of the visit is likely to be the Roman Catholic Church of Poland. It persuaded the government to accept the risks that would be associated with a second visit by the pope, and demonstrated its capacity to mobilize and manage huge masses of people while minimizing the opportunities for violent confrontations with the police and the military....

The pope, on the strength of his immense authority and popularity, has prepared the ground for a major compromise between the church and the state. This would involve the lifting of martial law and the granting of some concessions to the arrested and hunted leaders of Solidarity. These steps would be offered in return for greater church involvement in the resolution of the state's political, economic and diplomatic problems.

The loser in this historical compromise may very well be Solidarity. It could possibly be replaced by church-controlled Catholic trade unions that would co-exist with the unpopular state-controlled unions.... Lech Walesa may need to be replaced with another moderate, but more decisive leader who is less closely associated with the 1980-81 triumphs that were enjoyed by Solidarity.

In its lead article, THE ECONOMIST (June 25) discussed the impact of the pope's "religious" message in Poland.

The pope did not call on the Poles to revolt. He knows that, 18 months after the suppression of Solidarity, they are still stunned by dismay: the next round of the Polish struggle may be some time in the future. And revolt is not the business of men of God. But he did call on the Poles to resist, in terms which make it likely that the next round of that struggle will come sooner than it would otherwise have done. In sermon after sermon, he hammered home the argument that the structure of politics in Poland has to be changed....

Until the Polish government talks to the Polish people, as it promised to do in the 1980 compact with Solidarity which was

broken by martial law in 1981, "it is like a state of war" (Warsaw, June 17th). The Poles have an inherent right to free trade unions which the state must respect (Katowice, June 20th).... A state is not fully sovereign unless it "serves the common good" (June 19th). "Polish culture is, above all, that of Western Europe" (Poznan, June 20th), and "the arrogant use of power" has to be denounced (Cracow, June 22nd).

The Vatican press officer who said that all this was about religion and morals, not politics, made the pope seem like a Wimbledon champion who arrives on court explaining that he is there to exercise his muscles, not play tennis.... The church in Poland has long thought of itself as the voice of the nation, the only alternative centre of authority to a dictatorial regime. That role, which it played with much success for three decades from the Communist seizure of power through to the end of the 1970s, was challenged by the birth of Solidarity--a rival voice of the nation--in 1980.... The pope recognizes that an even more important issue than the church's role is at stake. That issue is the future of Poland and, perhaps, of some of the other Soviet-controlled countries of Eastern Europe....

If he has advanced the next test of wills, he has also increased the Soviet Union's problem in Eastern Europe. A measure of pluralism in Poland [meaning shared authority, in this case between state and church] would ripple over into other parts of the region. If to American minds El Salvador starts a train of thought that leads to Mexico, Poland points to an even bigger barrel of gunpowder for the Russians.

Hella Pick, who covered the pope's trip on-the-spot for the British newspaper THE GUARDIAN, took special note in the paper's June 24 edition, of the political shrewdness of John Paul II:

The visit has shown that a large part of the Polish nation regards the pope as its natural moral leader. Also, despite the Vatican's protestations, it is evident that the pope expects the Church to play a major political role--in sharp contrast to the views he has expressed about political activism amongst priests in Latin America.

The pope...demonstrated--to the sorrow and anger of Poland's rulers and the Kremlin's for the second time in four years--that he commands the trust and confidence of the Polish nation in a way that no other living Pole can even remotely approach.... Certainly, it [the papal trip] was not an overt anti-Communist crusade. The pope is far too subtle.... Couched in Christian ethics, laced with quotations from the Scriptures, and with many examples of Polish valour against its oppressors throughout history, the pope scored many direct political points....

One man who followed the pope's progress around the country summed up the feelings of multitudes: "The pope has raised spirits and people now know that a man of his moral authority is with us. This will give us new strength. Of course nobody is so naive as to think that anything will change overnight. But even though he has gone, the pope's words will remain with us. Never

forget that the church in Poland has always expressed the true spirit of this nation."

Journalist Pick, in her June 20 column in THE GUARDIAN observed who is the "King" and the "Queen" of Poland.

The icon of the Black Madonna at Jasna Gora is worshipped by Polish Catholics--which is to say almost the whole nation sees her as a unique symbol of the victory of good over evil, as the Mother of Love and the defender of freedom. She is regarded as Poland's perpetual Queen. It is fair to say that the pope now comes close to being seen by his countrymen as the nation's temporary king....

General Jaruzelski who is now the ruler of "People's Poland" can have no doubt who--the pope--and what--Roman Catholicism of a most fundamentalist nature--are the true power centres in this country. If he is uncomfortable as he watches the pope's progress, Mr. Andropov in the Kremlin must feel even more frustrated.

The Kremlin is caught in a dilemma. The pope didn't preach revolution, exactly. He urged instead a dialogue between the government and the people (whose moral leader is the church). Now the pope "offers" to help Poland out of its financial straits. Certainly a financially-strapped Soviet Union can't do this. So how can Mr. Andropov react negatively to such peaceable overtures?

The pope thus seems to be pursuing both short-term and long-term goals. Regarding the former, it is to elevate the state of the church to that of co-rulership in Poland, to fully participate in the political and economic spheres of the country to help relieve the dispirited people's fortunes.

In the long term, such increased authority for the church just might result in prying Poland (and other Eastern European countries) out of the Soviet sphere altogether. This, of course, would also necessitate "cutting a deal"--a much bigger one--not with the Polish government, but with the Soviets.

In order to give its approval, Moscow would demand the neutralization of Western Europe, forcing it to cut ties to the United States. Under such an arrangement West Germany would be able to finally reunite with East Germany since the latter would be geographically cut off from Moscow any way if Poland were set free. And a reunited Germany would be, hands down, the political dynamo of a new Europe.

Truly awesome forces have been set in motion by the pope's second visit to Poland.

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