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HITLER *May Be Alive!*

Here's new evidence that Hitler may be still alive! Here is Stalin's strategy for conquering all Europe—already launched in its first stages! Here are the startling FACTS taking place in Germany today, with the PROPHECY of where these terrible events are leading.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THE NEWS, today, should make you stand aghast! New evidence comes to light that HITLER IS STILL ALIVE!

The U.S. pressures thru a RE-ARMED GERMANY and a UNITED EUROPE to defend against the war from Russia that ISN'T COMING, while it neglects the REAL WAR, in Asia—and Korea is beginning to be called "the FORGOTTEN war."

Yet, in spending unprecedented BILLIONS of your dollars and mine—TAX dollars—preparing Germany and Europe for defense against the war that isn't going to come, stupid bungling America is spending its wealth and resources to produce the Frankenstein that IS going to TURN ON US in an OFFENSIVE war of invasion, and DESTROY OUR UNITED STATES!

Stalin's Strategy

And THAT'S the REAL news of today—AND TOMORROW!

THAT'S news that ought to STAGGER you!—THAT'S news that ought to rouse you out of your complacency and startle you INTO ACTION! And, THAT'S news that's TRUE!

Joe Stalin is following Lenin's advice. Lenin's advice was this: "The way to Paris is by way of CHINA and INDIA."

Lenin taught that the way to conquer Western Europe and Britain and America was NOT to send the Red army directly TOWARD Europe and England and America—but to send Red propaganda

and PUPPET armies of Chinese and other foreign COMMUNIST peoples on to conquer first the ORIENT. Lenin's strategy was to drive directly AWAY from Paris and London—in the OPPOSITE DIRECTION—to first gain control over the vast, unlimited sea of humanity in China, Indo-China, Burma, INDIA—and then, with all the resources of those fabulous lands being DEVELOPED under Russian supervision—with the UNLIMITED millions of inexhaustible MANPOWER of those nations under Communist command, to FINALLY drive west into Europe, and on to England, and America, when Russia would be too big and strong for us to resist. STALIN IS FOLLOWING THAT PLAN.

Stalin is NOT going to invade Europe or America NOW, for two main reasons.

First, he is already winning territory and vast populations, and bringing them under his rule, FASTER than any military force ever conquered in battle—and Stalin is doing it without losing a single Russian soldier! He is conquering, by the RUSSIAN style of conquest—propaganda and revolution—territory and peoples as rapidly as the Communists can assimilate, organize and control them. If Stalin went any faster, he would be unable to HOLD what he would gain, and he'd lose everything!

Second, Stalin's greatest DANGER is the RUSSIAN PEOPLE—his own people BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN. Only a small portion of them are real Commu-

nists. Stalin fears that if he started marching thru Europe his own people might rise up and turn against him. THERE MIGHT BE A revolution INSIDE RUSSIA!

What Will Happen in Korea?

So the WAR WILL CONTINUE IN ASIA. By one way or another Stalin will move on into Indo-China and Burma in south-east Asia. He is preparing to move into INDIA, and may be ready to take over India in three to five years. As long as STALIN thinks it is to his advantage to keep the war going in Korea there will be no truce. Whenever Stalin decides it is to HIS interests to have a truce, so the Communists can build up forces behind the line, then there will be a truce.

But the REAL WAR, Russian style, of course, will continue to rage OVER IN ASIA. While the American war PREPARATION, United States style, will continue to build up IN EUROPE for a war that won't be fought, and the United States will continue to bungle and muff the REAL war—and Russia will, in one way or another, continue until she has taken over Burma and Indo-China.

Gen. Ike's Job

The present trend in policy in Washington is to PRESSURE THRU the creation of a NEW ENEMY that is prophesied to DESTROY THE UNITED STATES!—THE UNITED STATES OF EUROPE—ac-

tually the RESURRECTED Fascist-Nazi 20th Century edition of THE ROMAN EMPIRE!

The United States is determined, now, to let NOTHING stand in the way of building up a re-armed, independent GERMANY. This will be the heart and CORE of the united EUROPE that will revive the ROMAN EMPIRE.

The idea of a west German army appeared to be DOOMED. France was afraid of Germany, and opposed an independent Germany, or a separate German army. But at the recent conferences at London, Paris and Lisbon, the U.S. brought PRESSURE. Secy. Acheson came back in his smug inflated EGO, like a conquering HERO, representing that he had accomplished a wonderful thing. He HAD! He accomplished AMERICA'S UNDOING! It will take this nation just a few more years to WAKE UP and REALIZE THAT FACT!

Yes, American officials got TIRED of the quarreling among European nations. U.S. pressure was exerted to FORCE Europe to UNITE—to start the GERMANS on the way RE-ARMING with their OWN GERMAN ARMY.

Meanwhile, when Asia falls completely to the Communists, as it will—the U.S. and Europe will then be REALLY up against it! Russia will have conquered, and sit governing, MORE THAN HALF THE POPULATION OF THE WORLD! The Soviet army will then be MUCH BIGGER. And the MOST SIGNIFICANT effect of this will be the FEAR it will throw into Europe—a fear that will COMPLETE the uniting of the prophesied TEN European dictatorships into the one huge, re-united, resurrected ROMAN EMPIRE!

Germany Is Re-arming

The GERMANS ARE NOW RE-ARMING! A NEW GERMANY is rising on the ruins of World War II. America's MAIN ENEMY will soon be ON HER FEET again. The German economy right now is stronger than those of either Britain or France.

Industrial production in Germany is BOOMING. The Germans are working HARD—a 48 hr. week. There are almost no strikes. They've lost none of their skill in organizing and producing. Their national debt was wiped out by the war—so TAXES ARE LOW. In the Ruhr the Germans possess the world's most massive industrial potential outside the U.S.A. German industrial production has more than TRIPLED in three years. It is now 41% above PREWAR level!

New Evidence of HITLER'S Escape

Yes, the stage is all SET! All they need, now, is the appearance of another insane, inspired LEADER! Rumors per-

sist that ADOLPH HITLER IS STILL ALIVE.

There have been evidences that the German NAVY planned his get-away in two specially constructed submarines. WHY was it that a NAVY admiral, Doenitz, handled all the surrender details with the allies, instead of an ARMY GENERAL? The general idea is that the Nazi NAVY handled everything.

Now, NEW FACTS, or purported facts, leak out. It's reported now that in 1940 the Nazis started to amass tractors, planes, sledges, gliders, and all sorts of machinery and materials IN THE SOUTH POLAR REGIONS—that for the next 4 years Nazi technicians built, on an almost unknown CONTINENT, Antarctica, the Fuehrer's SHANGRI LA—a new Berchtesgaden.

The report says they scooped out an entire mountain, built a new refuge completely camouflaged—a magic mountain hide-a-way. This recently discovered continent is larger than Europe—5,600 miles from Africa, 1,900 miles from the southern tip of South America, 4,800 miles from Australia. It is NOT a mere ice-covered surface, but a real continent, with plains, valleys, mountain peaks up to 15,000 feet. The temperature in the interior is around zero in the summer, and never drops below 20 or 30 below in the winter.

In other words, it is not as cold as in parts of North Dakota or Canada.

Hitler's Hide-out in Antarctica

There are purported to be many evidences that Hitler and his party went there—that Nazi engineers, working in it for years prior to war's end, had built a number of shelters completely protected from the cold—so designed that inside Hitler's staff could grow their own fruits and vegetables in artificially heated beds of black soil imported from Germany—raise their own poultry and cattle—that the Nazi Navy had stored there unlimited supplies—oil, clothing, canned foods, planes, tractors, even a radio station—EVERYTHING to provide comfortable living for a dozen years or more.

Now please understand! I DO NOT SAY HITLER IS ALIVE. I don't know. These are PURPORTED facts, not proved facts.

But this I DO know. SOMEWHERE there lives, and breathes and walks, TODAY, the very man who is to rise up as the LEADER of this UNITED STATES OF EUROPE. The IDENTITY of the individual is not revealed, but it is definitely prophesied that such a man is living, and PLANNING, under cover, AT THIS VERY MOMENT.

It is my personal opinion that the PROBABILITY is that Hitler is dead. But it is POSSIBLE he is alive—and the rumors persist.

The "BEAST" and "False PROPHET"

And I say that IF he is alive, there will also rise up a religious leader in Europe who will PRETEND to have RESURRECTED HITLER FROM THE DEAD, at the time he makes his dramatic re-appearance in Europe. That religious leader will become the FALSE PROPHET. And the political leader, Hitler or some other, will become the "BEAST" of the prophecies of the Book of Revelation.

THEY ARE TO ATTACK THE UNITED STATES, and, unless we WAKE UP, realize our plight, REPENT of our sins nationally and individually, and RETURN TO OUR GOD and His right LAWS and HIS GOVERNMENT, then I say to you by AUTHORITY of Jesus Christ, that THIS POWER NOW RISING SHALL DESTROY OUR OWN BELOVED UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

How You Can Escape

My friends, IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK!

The news of the world is SHOCKING, FRIGHTENING, if we understand it.

But no newscaster or news analyst CAN understand it unless HE UNDERSTANDS THE PURPOSE BEING WORKED OUT HERE BELOW—the PLAN of Almighty God—unless he really UNDERSTANDS the Bible PROPHECIES—and almost no one does! Yes, TODAY'S NEWS OUGHT TO SOBER one. It ought to make one ask—WHAT'S AHEAD—and just WHAT'S THE WAY OF SALVATION?

In recent broadcasts I've been explaining some of the plain WHYS and WHEREFORES of this thing called salvation.

But first, before one can understand HOW to be saved, he must understand WHAT SALVATION IS!

What Salvation IS

I've been showing you that man is MORTAL, not immortal. The Bible teaches nothing about an immortal soul. The Bible teaches nothing about conscious life continuing after death—EXCEPT BY, AND AT THE TIME OF, THE RESURRECTION. The Bible says the soul that sins, IT SHALL DIE, not live forever! The Bible says the wages—penalty—of sin is DEATH—NOT eternal life in hell fire. Jesus said a man could destroy the SOUL in Gehenna FIRE, as well as the body.

The Bible teaches that ETERNAL LIFE is not something inherent from birth, but is received thru Christ as a GIFT from God. Immortality is not inherent, but something JESUS brought to light THRU THE GOSPEL—something we can put on only AT THE RESURRECTION DAY. God formed man—not man's BODY or his garment, but MAN, of the dust of the

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The PLAIN TRUTH About Divorce and Remarriage

THE ALARMING rise in the divorce rate is not merely America's growing "Tragedy"—it is America's growing SIN—a sin which America could prevent, and for which she will PAY!

Every Fourth Home Affected!

In telling you the PLAIN TRUTH on this vital subject, it is realized this truth strikes home to every fourth reader in our large national circulation!

It's realized, too, that some will become offended at the TRUTH. It is not our purpose, however, to offend people, but rather to please God and to carry out His solemn commission to us: "CRY ALOUD, AND SPARE NOT! LIFT UP THY VOICE LIKE A TRUMPET AND SHOW MY PEOPLE THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS, AND THE HOUSE OF JACOB THEIR SINS!" (Isa. 58:1).

That we must do, no matter whom it offends—and even though *this* sin reaches into, perhaps, every fourth home where this magazine will be read! This is an appalling national sin that reaches, also, to high Heaven and threatens to destroy this great nation and bring upon it the wrath of God!

But, if this sin exists in every fourth home where this magazine is read, THAT IS THE MOST IMPELLING REASON FOR SENDING INTO THOSE HOMES GOD'S TRUTH!

And moreover, hundreds of our radio listeners and PLAIN TRUTH readers have requested, and even demanded an article on this burning question.

Where GOD Places the Blame!

Do you know where GOD places the blame for this colossal national sin? The Eternal places it squarely on the PREACHERS who have neglected telling the nation GOD'S TRUTH!

Listen to God's stinging indictment of the self-professing ministers!

"My people hath been lost sheep: *their shepherds* (preachers) *have caused them to go astray.*" (Jer. 50:6).

In this article we propose to give you the plain WORD OF GOD, straight from the shoulder, hoping and praying you will not become angry at the truth. Those who do take offense will be of-

AMERICA leads the world in divorces. Divorce has become the nation's number one social and legal problem. The chances now are almost one in three that *your own marriage* will end in divorce!

What are the real "Bible grounds" for divorce and remarriage? What's the true *significance* of this alarming trend?

Here's a courageous, straight-from-the-shoulder article DARING TO TELL YOU THE PLAIN TRUTH—an article that will directly affect nearly every fourth reader!

fended at GOD, and HIS WORD, because these laws are not ours, but GOD'S!

God's Laws Protect the HOME

Did you ever realize that God's laws are designed primarily to do two things—(1) keep people in a close and right relationship with GOD and NEIGHBOR, and (2) protect the FAMILY—the HOME?

God made the husband the head of the wife, and the parents the head over their children. The fifth command protects this relationship: "Honor thy father and thy mother." And, again:

"Thou shalt not commit ADULTERY!"

That command was given to PROTECT THE HOME! To prevent broken homes, juvenile delinquents, untrained children!

Marriage by God's Authority Only

Now notice the first, original, fundamental, basic rule of all in the husband-and-wife—the family—relationship.

When God first created man upon the earth HE ordained the marriage union. Marriage was not instituted by authority of a man-made court, or the laws of a legislature or a congress.

Notice: "And the Eternal GOD said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make an help meet for him." (Gen. 2:18).

And Jesus said: ". . . from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and

cleave to his wife, and they twain shall be ONE FLESH. What therefore GOD hath joined together, let not man put asunder. . . . And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, *committeth adultery* against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, *she committeth adultery.*" (Mark 10:6-9, 11-12).

There is the FOUNDATION of the marriage union!

There is the BASIS of family life! There is the DIVINE LAW upon which the fate of the nation rests!

Did you notice what that basis is?

Almighty GOD, not a human legislative body, created the human race—made us male and female.

It is GOD, not a congress or legislature, who ORDAINED, created, established the marriage institution.

GOD, not a human minister, justice of the peace or other officer, joins husband and wife in marriage as ONE FLESH.

It started with the creation of the first man and the first woman—it is an institution for ALL PEOPLE, ALL RACES, and for ALL TIME. It is a FLESHLY union, not a spiritual one.

And GOD denies man any authority whatsoever to DIVORCE what HE has joined for life. What GOD has joined together for this natural life, He commands, "let not man put asunder." All who are a party to this "putting asunder" by divorce, whether legislators who pass laws, judges who grant divorces, men and women who apply for and receive them, or ministers who marry them to another, ALL are guilty of disobeying the express command: "LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER."

Any man who divorces his wife and marries another commits ADULTERY; any woman who leaves her husband and marries another *commits adultery!* And ADULTERY IS SIN, and the penalty is DEATH—the second death from which there is no resurrection—ETERNAL punishment! And *that* will be decreed in the COURT OF HEAVEN, human courts to the contrary notwithstanding!

Human Courts Without Authority

If you can just get this one point

fully understood, and straightened in your mind, the whole question of divorce and remarriage will be clear.

It is GOD, not man, who *joins* husband and wife together!

We call marriage "HOLY matrimony," or "HOLY wedlock." Why? What makes it HOLY? Only the fact that it is a DIVINE institution, ordained of GOD—that it is GOD who joins the man and woman as ONE FLESH.

The minister doesn't "tie the knot." The minister, justice of the peace or other officer authorized by men, merely conducts the ceremony. It is ALMIGHTY GOD who "ties the knot." It is GOD who binds them as one flesh FOR LIFE.

It pertains to "saved" and "unsaved" alike—to all races, creeds, and colors. It is not an ordinance of the CHURCH—the marriage institution started with CREATION, long before there was any church. It is for MALE and FEMALE, regardless of the church. They become ONE FLESH, not one spirit. From Creation to now, every man and woman who have taken each other as man and wife have been JOINED TOGETHER as ONE FLESH by the Eternal GOD for the remainder of their natural lives!

One thing, and one only, can break that marriage union—death!

Understand that BASIC FOUNDATION of the marriage institution, and everything else becomes clear. Marriage is not of human institution; it is not a political, a civil, a legal, or even a church institution—it was originated with Adam and Eve from Creation; it was instituted by GOD, and not man; its authority is solely that of GOD, not man!

Therefore MAN-MADE LAWS CONTRARY TO THOSE OF GOD HAVE NO AUTHORITY OVER MARRIAGE! Its only binding laws are those of GOD. And GOD HAS NEVER GIVEN ANY AUTHORITY WHATSOEVER FOR ANY BODY OF MEN, CIVIL, ECCLESIASTICAL OR OTHERWISE, TO LEGISLATE ON MARRIAGE CONTRARY TO HIS MARRIAGE LAWS!

Since our human governments have legislated laws concerning marriage, and since we are to be SUBJECT to the government that is over us (but without breaking the laws of God), all couples naturally should satisfy the man-made laws so far as they conform to those of God, by securing a marriage license and having a legal ceremony properly recorded.

But every state legislature which passes laws authorizing divorce and remarriage is defying Almighty God, and WHOLLY WITHOUT AUTHORITY!

Any human judge who grants a divorce based upon such unauthorized man-made laws stands himself in con-

tempt of the HIGHER court of the Eternal GOD!

Anyone who procures a divorce from wife or husband from any such unauthorized human court receives a divorce which is INVALID—not legal or binding according to the LAWS OF GOD!

When any person, holding such a "divorce," marries and lives with another, THE WHOLE PROCEDURE IS WITHOUT AUTHORITY FROM GOD—and such a person is NOT in fact or in God's sight married to this second husband or wife, but instead is merely LIVING IN ADULTERY with this second person!

And any professing minister of Jesus Christ who performs such a ceremony involving such a divorced person is himself DOUBLY GUILTY, and will be so held in the final judgment!

Yes, the MAIN REASON for so much of this legally licensed (by man) ADULTERY in our land is the SILENCE of the ministers concerning the TRUTH—their actual upholding and condoning of this SIN, their participation in it!

One incidental point should be made clear just here. The SIN is not the ceremony alone, but the SEX RELATIONSHIP which CONTINUES after the ceremony.

The Principle Scriptures

The basic Scriptures on the subject of marriage and divorce are these, in addition to those given above:

"It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: but I (Jesus Christ) say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." (Mat. 5:31-32—part of Jesus' sermon on the Mount.)

"The Pharisees also came unto Him, tempting Him, and saying unto Him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be ONE FLESH? Wherefore they are no more twain, but ONE flesh. What therefore GOD hath joined together, let no man put asunder. They say unto Him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her

which is put away doth commit adultery." (Mat. 19:3-9).

Before quoting the other Scriptures, let us examine these more closely. Here are the ONLY TWO places in the New Testament where *any exception whatsoever* is given. Here, then, is stated the ONLY "BIBLE GROUNDS" for a second marriage (except, of course, after the death of a mate).

Notice, in speaking to the Pharisees, Jesus went back to the very beginning of creation for HIS AUTHORITY for the laws of God respecting marriage. The man-ordained laws in the nation Israel were contrary, and NOT BINDING TODAY.

But *He did make one exception*: "except it be for FORNICATION."

What is "fornication"?

Is it the same thing as adultery? NOT AT ALL! "Fornication" and "adultery" are two altogether different things.

Here is the Webster Dictionary definition: "*Fornication*—Illicit sexual intercourse on the part of an UNMARRIED person." "*Adultery*—Voluntary sexual intercourse by a married man with another than his wife or by a married woman with another than her husband."

"Fornication" is committed BEFORE marriage, and *only* by an UNMARRIED person. Adultery is UNFAITHFULNESS to a husband or wife.

Why did Jesus make this explanation about "*except it be for fornication?*" He was speaking to the strict, legalistically minded hypocritical Pharisees. They were questioning him so closely about the laws of marriage in an effort to trap him. They were familiar with every detail of the law. So to be explicit and legally exact in answering them, Jesus here referred to the laws as recorded in Deut. 22:19 regarding marriage.

These laws provided that, if a man married a woman, and, after marriage found she had not been a virgin—that she had committed fornication BEFORE marriage to him—he was allowed to put her away. *It was not actually a divorce* but rather an ANNULMENT—a cancelling out of the marriage. The man had been tricked—deceived—the victim of a fraud. He had no way of knowing this until after the marriage ceremony. The assumption is that God, having known it, NEVER JOINED TOGETHER this man and woman at all. They are not bound in God's sight—the ceremony is nullified, just as if it never had taken place. The man is left in the status of not having been married at all. He is, then, free to marry, just as if this fraudulent ceremony, now erased, had never occurred.

This is NOT strictly speaking a DIVORCE, at all! It is *not* a separating, di-

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Who is the "BEAST"?

*IF you have his MARK, you must suffer the Seven Last PLAGUES!!
Is he a mysterious superman world dictator, yet to appear? . . .
Is he the Antichrist . . . or a government . . . or the Catholic Church?*

THE MOST important question of the hour is: "*What, or who, is the BEAST, the IMAGE of the Beast, and the MARK of the Beast?*"

Whatever this weird "Beast"—whatever the baffling "IMAGE"—whatever the mysterious "MARK"—it behooves you and me to find out!

For it is those of this very present generation who shall be worshipping this "Beast" or his "Image," or shall have received his "mark," that will suffer the unspeakable tortures of the SEVEN LAST PLAGUES!

Ignorance will not excuse! "My people are destroyed for lack of wisdom," says the Eternal, in Hosea 4:6. And the illustration of Ezekiel's watchman shows that those who are ignorant, because they are not warned, will suffer just the same. (Ezekiel 33:6; and 3:18.) God expects HIS PEOPLE to be His "watchmen" and to warn the people, and unless we do, He will require their blood at our hand!

The time is at hand! The plagues of God's WRATH will soon be poured out, unmixcd and undiluted—FULL STRENGTH—upon a heedless, God-defying world, and a careless, luke-warm, indifferent Christianity!

Who Shall Suffer the PLAGUES?

Listen! John in Revelation describes the last, final, warning message.

"If any man worship the BEAST and his IMAGE, and receive his MARK in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the WRATH OF GOD, which is poured out without mixture." (Rev. 14:9, 10.)

Listen again!

John, carried forward in vision into the terrible "Day of the Lord," sees these plagues beginning to fall! "And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven last plagues . . . and the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell A NOISOME AND GRIEVOUS SORE upon the men which had the MARK of the Beast, and upon them which worshiped his IMAGE!" (Rev. 15:6 and 16:2.)

Every sign tells us these things will happen, plunging the world into the most frantic, frenzied state of anguish ever known, WITHIN A MATTER OF A FEW YEARS!

Those who suffer the indescribable

WRATH of Almighty God are described as those who worship the BEAST, or his IMAGE, or have his MARK.

It is futile to try to *imagine*, as so many are doing, what the "Mark of the Beast" may be. Too many are trying to fix this all up in their imaginations. But God says "My thoughts are not your thoughts."

We cannot work this out in our minds. We are face to face with a stern reality, not an imaginary fairy tale! There is ONLY ONE WAY to learn the *Truth*. That is to study carefully, cautiously, prayerfully, with an open mind yielded to and guided by the Holy Spirit, ALL the testimony of ALL the scriptures that bear on this question.

We cannot determine what the "MARK" of the Beast may be, until we have learned what, or who, the BEAST is!

For, of course, the "Mark" is the "Beast's" mark. WHO, WHAT, is the "Beast"?

The Bible DESCRIPTION of the "BEAST"

The "Beast," the "Image of the Beast" and the "Mark of the Beast" are all described primarily in the 13th chapter of Revelation.

Notice carefully this BIBLE *description*:

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up *out of the sea*, having SEVEN HEADS and TEN HORNS, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

"And the beast which I saw was *like unto a LEOPARD*, and his feet were as the *feet of a BEAR*, and his mouth as the *mouth of a LION*: and the DRAGON gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority." (Rev. 13:1, 2.)

Now most of those who are teaching and preaching to others on these subjects overlook entirely this DESCRIPTION. For this description will IDENTIFY the "Beast."

If the "Beast" is some mysterious superman, or Antichrist, soon to appear as world dictator, he will be a peculiar-looking individual indeed, for he will have SEVEN HEADS, AND TEN HORNS! Have you ever seen a man with seven heads, and ten horns growing out of one of his heads? And did you ever see a man who was like a LEOPARD and can

you imagine a superman coming who will have the feet of a BEAR, and the mouth of a LION? And will he appear by coming up out of some OCEAN?

Now these, of course, are all SYMBOLS. The very word "Beast" is a symbol. And our problem is to INTERPRET the symbols, for they stand for real, literal things. And when we know what the heads and the horns are, what the feet of the bear, the mouth of the lion, and likeness to a leopard all MEAN, then we can know what, or who, the "BEAST" really is!

The Bible Interprets Its Own Symbols

The point we want to stress is that the Bible INTERPRETS ITS OWN SYMBOLS! If we want the TRUTH, we must be guided solely by the BIBLE interpretation, not man's interpretations and imaginations.

And the BIBLE ITSELF tells us *what they represent!*

In the 7th chapter of Daniel, we find exactly these same symbols described. Here again are the "beasts," with the "seven heads," the "ten horns," and here also is the "lion," the "bear," and the "leopard." And here the Bible tells us what these symbols represent.

God had given Daniel understanding in dreams and visions (Dan. 1:17). And Daniel had a dream and a vision (Dan. 7:1) in which he saw four great BEASTS (verse 3). And notice, as in Revelation, the "beasts" came up *out of the sea*.

The first was like a "LION" (verse 4), the second was like a "BEAR" (v. 5), the third like a "LEOPARD" (v. 6), and the fourth was so dreadful and terrible it could not be compared to any wild beast known to inhabit the earth!

Now there was only the one head described on the lion, one for the bear, one for the fourth beast—but the third beast, the leopard, had FOUR HEADS—thus making SEVEN HEADS in all! And out of this great and dreadful fourth beast grew TEN HORNS!

Now notice verse 16, latter part. Here comes the INTERPRETATION OF THE THINGS! The question is, will we accept this BIBLE interpretation of the seven heads, the ten horns, the lion, the bear, and the leopard?

"These great beasts, which are four, are FOUR KINGS which shall arise out

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of the earth," is the interpretation of verse 17.

And the word "KING" is synonymous with KINGDOM, and used only in the sense that the king represents the kingdom over which he rules, for in verse 23 we read: "the fourth beast shall be the fourth KINGDOM upon the earth." Notice also the word "kingdom" is used to explain the beasts in verses 18, 22, 24, and 27.

Now what do the "HORNS" represent? Notice verse 24: "And the ten horns out of this KINGDOM are ten kings that shall arise." Notice the ten horns, or ten succeeding kingdoms or governments, come OUT OF a KINGDOM, not out of a man, or a superman. This alone makes plain that the "BEAST" is not some mysterious personal superman yet to come. Also that the Beast is not the Roman Catholic Church, for no ten kingdoms ever did, or will, come OUT OF that Church. And since king in these prophecies only stands for the KINGDOM he represents, and since the words are used interchangeably, it follows that these ten horns are ten succeeding KINGDOMS growing OUT OF the FOURTH kingdom, which was to rule the earth from the time of Daniel!

Identification of the Kingdoms

These same four world-ruling Gentile kingdoms are described in the second chapter of Daniel. King Nebuchadnezzar of the Chaldean Empire, who had taken the Jews captive, had a dream, the meaning of which God revealed to Daniel.

The dream is described in verses 31-35. The king saw a great image. Its head was of gold, its breast and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of brass, its

legs of iron and its feet and toes were part iron and part clay. Finally, a stone, not in men's hands, but supernaturally, smote the image upon his feet and toes. It was broken in pieces and was blown away like chaff. Then the stone that smashed it became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

"This," Daniel says, beginning verse 36, "is the dream; and we will tell the INTERPRETATION thereof to the king.

"... Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another KINGDOM inferior to thee, and another third KINGDOM of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth KINGDOM shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things; and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise." (Verses 36-40.)

The interpretation of the STONE smashing the image at its toes is found in the 44th verse:

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." The Stone is Christ and His KINGDOM. The interpretation of the STONE is given many places in the Bible. "Jesus of Nazareth . . . is the stone which was set at nought of you

builders, which is become HEAD of the corner." (Acts 4:10-11.)

And so we see that here are four universal world-ruling Gentile kingdoms. They begin with the Chaldean Empire, when the Jews were taken captive to Babylon, 604-585 B.C. They continue thru four great universal kingdoms and out of the fourth grows ten succeeding governments. These carry to the time of the Second Coming of Christ, and the setting up of the KINGDOM OF GOD to fill the whole earth and last forever.

The Fourth Beast

Plainly, here are described the SAME FOUR universal world-ruling Gentile powers that are described by Daniel's four beasts. And this dream-image identifies WHO they are. The first was Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom, the Chaldean Empire, called "Babylon" after the name of its capital city, 625-338 B.C.

The second kingdom, which followed, then, we know from history was the Persian Empire, 558-338 B.C., often called Medo-Persia, composed of Medes and Persians.

All ancient history students know the third world kingdom was Greece, or Macedonia under Alexander the Great, who conquered the great Persian Empire 333-330 B.C. But Alexander lived only a short year after his swift conquest, and his four Generals divided his vast Empire into four regions: Macedonia and Greece, Thrace and Western Asia, Syria and territory east to the Indus River, and Egypt. So these were the "four heads" of the third beast of Daniel 7.

And the FOURTH KINGDOM, which, developing from Rome, spread out and gradually absorbed one after another of these four divisions—"Dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly," was the ROMAN EMPIRE (31 B.C. to A.D. 476).

It had absorbed all the others, occupied all their territory, was greater and stronger than all. It included all the royal splendor of ancient Babylon, thus having the head—the strongest part—of the "lion." It had all the massiveness and numerically powerful army of the Persian Empire—symbolized by the LEGS, the most powerful part of the BEAR. It was the greatest war-making machine the world had ever seen, and it also possessed the swiftness, the cunning, the cruelty of Alexander's army, symbolized by the LEOPARD.

And thus, this fourth beast was unlike any wild beast of the earth. It was stronger, greater, more terrible, than any.

And so John, in Rev. 13, sees, not four beasts, but ONE beast. Not a leopard, but LIKE a leopard—possessing all its cunning, cruelty, and speed. But it also possessed the dominant charac-

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teristics of the two other most powerful beasts—the FEET of a bear, and the MOUTH of a lion. Daniel's fourth Beast, the Roman Empire, had absorbed and therefore it included, the three beasts before it. Thus it included all seven HEADS. And John's beast also has SEVEN HEADS. It was Daniel's *fourth* beast, ONLY, which had TEN HORNS, and John's beast has TEN HORNS.

And so, if we are willing to be guided solely by the BIBLE description of this "beast" and to let the BIBLE interpret the symbols used to describe it, we come to the inevitable conclusion that the *Beast of Rev. 13 is the ROMAN EMPIRE, of 31 B.C. to A.D. 476!* Of course, many man-imagined THEORIES, widely taught and published, interpret this BEAST otherwise—some as the Roman Catholic Church, some as a mysterious, individual, superman yet to come. But these theories will not stand the test of applying the BIBLE interpretation to all the symbols that describe this beast.

Nebuchadnezzar's image, by the TWO legs, describes the TWO DIVISIONS of the Roman Empire, after A.D. 330; West, with capital at Rome, and East, with capital at Constantinople.

John also pictures this BEAST, not as a church, or as an individual man, but as a powerful GOVERNMENT having a great ARMY. For they worshipped the Beast by saying: "WHO IS ABLE TO MAKE WAR WITH HIM?" (Rev. 13:4.)

The Symbolism of the Horns

Let us now notice the symbolism of the horns of the fourth Beast of Daniel 7 and of the Beast of Revelation 13.

The ten horns symbolize the same thing—the ten stages of government continuing out of the Roman Empire after its fall, 476 A.D. "The ten horns *out of this kingdom*" (the fourth—the Roman Empire, 31 B.C. to 476 A.D.) "ARE TEN KINGS that shall arise . . . and the KINGDOM and the dominion, and the greatness of the KINGDOM under the whole heaven" (not IN heaven) "shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High." (Dan. 7:24, 27.)

The ten horns, then, are ten KINGDOMS to arise *out of* the Fourth Kingdom, the Roman Empire. These kings, also called KINGDOMS, continue from 476 A.D. until the time when the Stone, Christ and His Kingdom, smashes the image on its toes, and the KINGDOM is given to the SAINTS. Therefore, since in actual history there have never been ten contemporaneous kingdoms that have continued out of the Roman Empire, side by side, down to the present—and since there HAVE BEEN NINE successive kingdoms ruling that territory,

which we shall explain, from 476 to the present, therefore we know that the kingdoms represented by the horns are SUCCESSIVE, not contemporaneous.

The Deadly Wound

Now let us return to our description of the "Beast" in Revelation 13.

"And I saw one of his heads as it were WOUNDED TO DEATH; and his deadly wound was HEALED; and all the world wondered after the beast.

"And they worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshiped the beast saying, Who is like unto the Beast? Who is able to make WAR with him?"

'And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to CONTINUE FORTY AND TWO MONTHS.'" (Rev. 13:3-5.)

The "Beast" here symbolized is the one which *included* the royal splendor and kingly power symbolized by the MOUTH of the lion (Babylon); the ponderous strength symbolized by the FEET of the bear (Medo-Persia), and the speed, cunning, and cruelty of the leopard (Greece). Since the INTERPRETATION of these symbols is found in Daniel 7, and since the fourth beast had ten HORNS, the Bible interpretation of the BEAST of Revelation 13 is the FOURTH BEAST of Daniel 7—the Roman Empire, of 31 B.C. to 476 A.D. The beast described by John in Revelation 13 included 7 heads, but the only head existing at the time John saw this nondescript beast, which included the most powerful characteristics of all the beasts symbolizing its predecessors, was the fourth beast of Daniel, containing the SEVENTH HEAD, and also the TEN HORNS. So the specific "one of its heads" that was wounded to death was the seventh head of the Roman Empire—the head out of which TEN HORNS grew. The ten horns, then, as Daniel interprets, represent ten successive governments OUT OF the Roman Empire, which were to continue until the setting up of the KINGDOM OF GOD at the second coming of Christ.

The DEADLY WOUND, then, was the one administered to the Roman Empire, when, in its last decaying stages, the barbarians overran it, ending its government in 476 A.D.

Notice the DRAGON gave his power to the Beast. Who is the DRAGON? Some say "pagan Rome." But will we be guided solely by the BIBLE INTERPRETATION of its own symbols? Then, if we will, the Dragon is a symbol which means Satan, THE DEVIL. Notice Rev. 12. "The great DRAGON . . . that old *serpent*, called the DEVIL and SATAN" (verse 9). "He was cast out into the

earth . . . the DEVIL IS come down unto you, having great wrath . . . and when the DRAGON saw that he was cast unto the earth" (v. 9, 1:13). "And he laid hold on the DRAGON, that old *serpent* WHICH IS THE DEVIL and Satan (Rev. 20:2).

They worshiped the Beast (Rev. 13:4). Therefore some conclude, from this one statement alone, that the "Beast" must be the Papacy, not knowing that the people worshiped the Roman Empire and its Emperors! Notice *how* they worshiped the Beast—saying WHO IS ABLE TO MAKE WAR WITH HIM? The Roman Empire was the greatest WAR MAKING POWER the world had ever known, but the Catholic Church never had an army. This beast killed by the SWORD (v. 10) but the Catholic Church never did. History is full of accounts of the worship of the Roman Emperors, for paganism was a STATE RELIGION. The following is from Robinson's "Medieval and Modern Times," a college text book, page 7, chapter 1:

"*The worship of the emperor:* In a word the Roman government was not only wonderfully organized . . . everyone was required to join in the worship of the emperor because he stood for the majesty and glory of the dominion . . . all were obliged, as good citizens, to join in the official sacrifices to the head of the state, as a god."

But when the seventh HEAD of this great beast received its DEADLY WOUND in 476 A.D. was that the end? No, the prophecy says "HIS DEADLY WOUND WAS HEALED . . . AND POWER WAS GIVEN UNTO HIM TO CONTINUE FORTY AND TWO MONTHS." The TEN HORNS represent ten successive kingdoms OUT OF this kingdom to follow. So, thru the ten horns growing OUT OF this head (the Roman Empire of 31 B.C.-476 A.D.), the BEAST (for the ten horns are PART OF the Beast) continues on until the second coming of Christ.

The text does not say the whole BEAST died—but one of his HEADS was wounded to death. The BEAST INCLUDED THE SEVEN HEADS *and* THE TEN HORNS. John sees the Beast living in the days of its seventh head, the Roman Empire. And when that HEAD of the Beast had its deadly wound, HIS—the Beast's—deadly wound was healed. The HEAD was dead. But the BEAST continued. The horns now reign, one by one.

By 476 the Empire was overrun by the Vandals, of Northern Africa, who sacked Rome in 455 and ruled it for a brief space. Then Odoacer set up his government, at Rome, called the HERULI. But it did not heal the deadly wound, for this was a government IN

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What You *Don't* Know About Your Income

Can you say, "What I earn is MINE—I can do what I please with it?"

*Don't be too sure. Here are facts about your income
you probably haven't known.*

WHAT you earn is *not yours!* There are two prior claims to it. The man who says, "What I do with the money I earn with my own labor is nobody's business—I produced it—it belongs to *me*," is mistaken.

What you earn by work performed or investments made is not yours—not any of it—that is, not UNTIL . . . !

What Most Men Don't Know

There are *two* prior claims on your income.

The first is GOD's claim. God Almighty the Creator *claims it all*—every dollar—every cent! Your Maker tells you it *all* belongs to Him, not you.

But didn't you earn it? Didn't you produce it?

Not exactly. Everything produced—money, and all that money can buy—comes out of the earth. You didn't produce *that!* God created that. You merely applied certain energy in physical action and in thinking to what God had created and owned. And God created even that energy you expended—He created your thinking processes. He not only created, originally, but He *sustains* what He created, including force and energy.

So, after all, it was GOD'S LABOR of creating and sustaining that really produced all. God's claim to its ownership is valid. It is prior to yours.

God Almighty says, in His written Word: "The earth is the Eternal's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods." (Psalm 24:1-2) This is repeated in I Corinthians 10:26.

"Whatsoever is under the whole heaven is MINE," claims God (Job 41:11).

"Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the ETERNAL'S thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is." (Deut. 10:14). "All the earth is MINE," (Ex. 19:5).

"If I were hungry," says God, (Ps. 50:12), "I would not tell thee: for the world is MINE, and the fulness thereof." "For every beast of the forest is MINE, and the cattle upon a thousand hills" (verse 10).

Yes, even the money—even the gold

and silver: "The silver is MINE, and the gold is MINE, saith the ETERNAL of hosts." (Hag. 2:8).

DARE any man deny this claim of God? These same words of God are the words by which every man shall be JUDGED at last. If any man deny God's claim, the decision will be rendered against him, in the judgment! God's claim STANDS! Admit, then, *your* income BELONGS TO GOD! It's HIS to do with as HE wills.

How the Law Regulates It

However, God is a God of love. He knows your need. God is concerned about you. He is not selfish. He has *your* interest and welfare in mind. Therefore God has made a LAW respecting that portion of HIS WEALTH which *your* thinking, and *your* labor has extracted and worked upon.

Get this fixed thoroughly in your mind. Your wages, your salary, your profit, your income BELONGS TO GOD, not to you. Probably you never realized this before. This may seem like a new idea to you. But it is not an idea—it *is a fact*.

GOD IS THE OWNER OF WHAT YOU WORK ON AND HAVE A PART IN PRODUCING. You could produce nothing apart from God's matter which He created—apart from the use of laws of force and energy which God set in motion and sustains.

Therefore GOD HAS A RIGHT to take, or dispose of what you regard as your income AS HE WILL. He OWNS it. It is not yours, it is HIS!

So God, the rightful OWNER of your income has MADE A LAW respecting its disposal and its use. By virtue of being creator and Sustainer of the earth and all in it, God is supreme RULER and LAW GIVER.

God's LAW respecting what you earn is in fact a DEAL He has made with you. He allows you to work on HIS EARTH, to use a part of the earth or what is in it or on it, and of its forces and energies, and to extract from it food, materials, supplies, metals, wood, oils, coal, or whatever—or to work on or with that which others have extracted from the **earth**, in manufacturing, distributing, **selling**,

buying, investing—whatever may be your occupation or job or profession—and so, whether you have realized it or not YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD.

The farmer or gardener may plant seed, plow, and expend his labor in raising food. But WHO supplied the SOIL? WHO created the living process that makes the seed sprout and grow? Who sends the rain, or provides water for irrigation? Who set the sun in the sky and causes it to shine and warm the earth? Who causes the plant to drink out of the soil the minerals, vitamins, and good elements, and to grow into the vegetable, the grain, or the fruit? Did YOU perform this part of the business of raising the food you eat?

I think when we sit down and really THINK, we shall see that God supplies about NINE parts of everything man makes or produces, and man's thinking, planning, and working supplies only about ONE part. But God does not take nine-tenths of the proceeds, or the income. He doesn't take even eight-tenths, or seven, or even three or two tenths. God is GENEROUS. God has reserved for HIS use only *one* little tiny tenth of what is produced out of His earth thru His forces and energies!

God takes only ONE tenth. And *after* you have been honest in PAYING God's tenth to God's chosen representative, then—AND NOT UNTIL THEN—God has decreed that the other NINE tenths becomes legally YOURS!

THAT'S GOD'S LAW! Not a penny of what you earn, or a penny's worth of the value of what you produce, is YOURS—it ALL belongs to God to do with as HE directs. But God has legally directed that after you have honestly paid Him the one little small tenth He requires for His use, then the other NINE tenths He gives to YOU. Then, and not until then, you can rightfully claim OWNERSHIP over that nine tenths. Then and thereafter it is YOURS to do with as YOU decide.

When we get our thinking straight—when we get UNDERSTANDING—when we stop to realize HOW MUCH of what we have was provided by GOD—then we realize how LOVING, how GENEROUS,

how solicitous for our welfare God is.

The CURSES and BLESSINGS

But that's only *part* of the story.

What does God want with that first TENTH? How does He use it? He requires that small fraction of what is produced out of HIS earth for the purpose of disseminating to the people HIS MESSAGE OF THE WAY OF LIFE that will free them from fears and worries, give them peace of mind and happiness, give them joy and success and LIFE ETERNAL!

Yes, even this tenth which God withholds for His use is expended for HUMAN GOOD! For proclaiming His GOSPEL of Peace, and happiness and joy and salvation! For letting people know God will heal them when they are sick—that God will deliver them from every trouble—supply their every need! Give them Eternal Life!

THIS UNHAPPY WORLD IS STARVING FOR THAT KNOWLEDGE! THIS WORLD IS UNDER A CURSE because it has robbed God of ALL His money and His wealth, and thereby withheld from itself the knowledge of WHY it is in chaos—WHY it is at war—WHY there is no peace—WHY it finds life empty and fruitless, full of suffering and unhappiness, frustration and death!

All of God's laws are for MAN'S GOOD!

Obedience to God's laws brings BLESSINGS! When we violate His laws, we bring CURSES upon ourselves!

How to HAVE MORE

In many previous articles in The PLAIN TRUTH and The GOOD NEWS, I have published and expounded the Scriptures in which God makes it a LAW that the first tenth of every person's income be paid to GOD thru His own called and chosen ministers. That law has always been in force and effect, and we find Abraham, 400 years before Moses, paying his tithe to God's high priest. That law continued thru the Levitical Priesthood of the Law of Moses, during which time God directed tithes to be paid His ministers, the Levites. In Hebrews 7, God shows us that His tithes today are to be paid to the true ministers of Christ for the preaching and publishing of the Gospel. In I Cor. 9, we find that God has ORDAINED that the New Testament ministry of Christ is to be financed exactly as the Levitical ministry of the Old Covenant—by the TITHES and OFFERINGS of the people.

In the present article I want to show you more about the BLESSINGS for being honest in money matters with God, and the CURSES for neglect or disobedience.

God Is Your PARTNER

I read a book about a man who said

he decided to make God his business partner, by GIVING God a tenth of what he earned. He prospered, and gave two tenths. His business grew still more prosperous and he gave three, four, then finally NINE tenths of all profits to God. Still there was far more left for the man himself than ever before.

This man made one big mistake. We don't make God our business partner—on the contrary, it is GOD who has from the beginning made every human HIS partner in whatever we do to earn or produce! And we are not GIVING God anything when we tithe!

We PAY tithes. Never say you GIVE tithes. They are NOT YOURS to give. The tithe BELONGS to God. It *never was* yours! You PAY your tithes—or rather God's tithes. They *belong* to Him, and YOU ARE STEALING when you take them.

Remember, EVERYTHING belongs to God—not just one tenth, but ALL. God does not give you ANY part of what is produced UNTIL you have honestly *paid* Him HIS tithe—HIS PART of the partnership. If you fail to PAY this first tenth of every dime or every dollar you earn, then NONE of what you received and handled belonged to you—you actually ROBBED GOD of it ALL.

I want you to understand that. If you neglect to pay that first tenth to God, as He directs, thru His ministry, then you are guilty of STEALING every dime and every dollar you have *thought* you earned. NONE of it was yours! You did not steal just that one tenth you neglected to pay. You stole THE WHOLE TEN TENTHS! It is DISHONESTY. It is STEALING. So says GOD ALMIGHTY, in Malachi 3:8-12.

You see, NONE of what is produced from GOD'S earth ever becomes YOURS *until* you have honestly paid over GOD'S required tenth.

God is your PARTNER. He owns the earth, and its forces and energies. He *permits* you, working as His partner, to labor on HIS earth, and utilizes HIS forces and energies and powers, under the PARTNERSHIP agreement that HE gets the first tenth, and then you are given the other nine-tenths. When a man neglects that tithe, he steals from his PARTNER! Then God will not continue adding HIS part which blesses your efforts and causes them to produce more. Notice this!

CURSE—or BLESSING?

Yes, NOTICE! UNDERSTAND IT! Understand why many of you have been having such a hard time financially. See how you can begin to PROSPER!

God in His word thru Malachi says: "Will a man ROB GOD? Yet you have robbed me. But ye say, 'Wherein have

we robbed thee?' IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Ye are *cursed with a curse*: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." (Mal. 3:8-9.)

Understand this. Whatever is produced is produced out of GOD'S earth. Do you realize God adds HIS part to this partnership? It is God who sends the rain, the sunshine. God has a thousand ways of making what you do PAY OFF bigger. When you work diligently in this partnership to produce all you can, and are honest with your Senior Partner, God, in paying Him HIS PORTION of the proceeds, then God works *with you*, blesses your effort, causes the partnership to produce and earn more. He promises, repeatedly in the Bible, to PROSPER the tither. The tither has FAR MORE, retaining his honest nine tenths, than the man who cheats God and robs himself of God's blessing in this partnership production. It's a blessing, or a curse, depending on YOU!

One Man's Experience

Let me tell you one actual experience. I was intimately acquainted with a large-scale vegetable farmer in Oregon. One day when I saw him, the Santiam river had overflowed its banks in the most destructive flood in years. Most of his year's crop, already planted and growing, was flooded.

I was horror-struck. But he seemed not at all perturbed.

"I'm thinking of two *promises* God has made me," he said, simply. "One, that ALL things work together for good to those who love the Eternal. The other, God has promised to protect and *prosper* the tither. I love the Eternal, I serve Him and keep His commandments, and I am honest and faithful in paying Him His tithe. Now I can't see, right now, how this apparent calamity can work for my good,—but I know it will, because God said so, and so I'm THANKING HIM and praising Him, instead of grumbling."

Well, the waters went down, and to everybody's astonishment this man's crops were not harmed at all—except one patch of late vegetables which it was not too late in the season to re-plant. That meant merely a little extra work.

But the astonishing thing was this: His land and his neighbor's land were identical, joining on to each other, without even a fence. His neighbor neglected to tithe. Both farms were equally flooded. But the tithe-payer's crop was unharmed, and the neighbor's was destroyed—too late to re-plant! So many other farmers had their crops destroyed that spring that there was a

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A CHART SHOWING PROPHECIES OF REIGN OF GENTILE KINGDOMS

Dan. 2 The IMAGE	Daniel 7 The FOUR BEASTS (State) (Church)	Dan. 8 The RAM and GOAT	Revelation 13 The BEAST and IMAGE (State) (Church)	Rev. 17 BABYLON and BEAST	EXPLANATION of Symbols	The EVENTS Fulfilled in HISTORY	
Head of GOLD v. 32, 39	1st BEAST like LION v. 4				1st HEAD of prophetic BABYLON	The CHALDEAN EMPIRE (Babylon) 625-538 B.C.	
Breast and arms of SILVER v. 32, 39	2nd BEAST (BEAR) v. 5	RAM with 2 horns v. 3, 4, 20			2nd head of prophetic BABYLON	The PERSIAN EMPIRE (Medo-Persia) 558-330 B.C.	
Belly and Thighs of BRASS v. 32, 39	3rd BEAST (LEOPARD) 4 heads v. 6	HE-GOAT with great horn and 4 notable ones v. 5-8, 21, 22			3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th HEADS of prophetic BABYLON	GREECE, under Alexander the Great, and four divisions, 333-31 B.C.	
Legs of IRON v. 33, 40-43	4th BEAST strong like IRON with 10 HORNS v. 7, 23, 24		The BEAST with 7 HEADS and 10 HORNS v. 1, 2		7th HEAD of prophetic BABYLON, with ten HORNS	The ROMAN EMPIRE, 31 B.C.-476 A.D., in 2 divisions, West and East	
			The DEADLY WOUND v. 3			Fall of the ROMAN EMPIRE 476 A.D.	
	1st HORN (plucked by roots)		1st HORN		These three horns, destroyed at behest of Pope, fill the "Transition Age" (Myers)	The VANDALS 429-533 A.D.	
	2nd HORN (rooted up)		2nd HORN			The HERULI, Odoacer's government, 476-493 A.D.	
	3rd HORN (rooted up)		3rd HORN			The OSTROGOTHS 493-554 A.D.	
		LITTLE HORN among ten v. 8, 20-22, 24-27		2-horned "LAMB- DRAGON" and "IMAGE" v. 11-28	SCARLET WOMAN who rode the BEAST v. 1, 2	Ruled the Beast, so called BABYLON the GREAT	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH and PAPACY, "image" of Roman Empire government
	4th HORN		1st of remaining 7 horns— DEADLY WOUND HEALED (to continue 1260 years) v. 5	↑ 554-1814 = 1260 Years Beast Continued ↓	1st HEAD of BEAST (healed) ridden by Scarlet Woman	Since the "Great Whore" never rode any of the 7 heads of the 1st 4 Beasts, but did mount and ride the last 7 horns of Daniel's 4th Beast it follows that the last 7 horns of Dan. 7 and Rev. 13 are the 7 HEADS of Rev. 17 (5 fallen)	"IMPERIAL RESTORATION" of empire by Justinian, 554 A.D. He recognized supremacy of the Pope, submitted to him
	5th HORN		2nd of remaining 7 HORNS		2nd HEAD ridden by Woman	FRANKISH KINGDOM Began 774. Charlemagne crowned by Pope 800 A.D.	
	6th HORN		3rd of remaining 7 HORNS		3rd HEAD ridden by Woman	HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE (German head), Otto the Great crowned by Pope, 962	
	7th HORN		4th of remaining 7 HORNS		4th HEAD ridden by "BAB- YLON"	HAPSBURG dynasty (Austrian head), Charles the Great crowned by Pope, 1520	
	8th HORN		5th of remaining 7 HORNS		5th HEAD ridden by Woman	NAPOLEON'S KINGDOM (French head). Crowned by Pope, 1805	
In 1814, just 1260 years after "deadly wound" was healed, the "HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE" was dissolved. "So closed a government that dated from Augustus Caesar" (West, p. 377).							
	9th HORN		6th of remaining 7 HORNS		6th HEAD ridden by Woman	(One IS) Rev. 17:10	ITALY, united by Garibaldi, 1870 to 1945
The Ten TOES	10th HORN		7th and last HORN	Beast ascends out of pit	7th head and ten HORNS	(One yet to come)	Revived ROMAN EMPIRE, by 10 dictators

Who Is the "Beast"?

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Rome, but not a ROMAN government, but one of foreign barbarians.

Then was the kingdom of the Ostrogoths, 493-554, another outside foreign people who ruled in the territory. But they were driven out of Italy and disappeared.

These three kingdoms, sweeping into the Roman territory, filled the period known in history as the "transition age." (See Myers Ancient History, Page 571.) That is, a TRANSITION between the wound and the healing.

Now Daniel saw a "little horn" coming up AMONG these ten, before whom these first three were "plucked up by the roots." That leaves 7 horns to come. And of the little horn, Daniel 7 says "his look was more stout than his fellows." The papacy dominated completely all the "horns" to follow.

The Deadly Wound HEALED

It was the fourth kingdom (horn, or toe) succeeding the fall of the Empire in 476, which really HEALED the deadly wound, and restored the EMPIRE. In 554 A.D., Justinian, Emperor of the East, from Constantinople, moved to Rome and brought about what is known in history as the "Imperial Restoration" of the Empire.

Now, notice verse 5, of Rev. 13. Power was given to this "Beast," once healed, to "CONTINUE FORTY AND TWO MONTHS." In the prophecies pertaining to the Times of Israel's punishment, each day represents a year in the actual fulfillment (Ezek. 4:4-6, Num. 14:34). Thus, the "healed" Beast is to continue 1260 YEARS.

Following the healing, in 554, came the Frankish Kingdom (French), the "Holy Roman Empire" (German), the Hapsburg dynasty (Austrian), and Napoleon's kingdom (French). But, when Napoleon was crushed in 1814, the healed beast continued no longer. "SO CLOSED," says West's Modern History, page 377, "A GOVERNMENT THAT DATED FROM AUGUSTUS CAESAR." (From 31 B.C.) It went into Abyss!

And from 554 to 1814, the duration of the "healed beast," was EXACTLY 1260 years!

At that time, eight of the "horns" having appeared and gone, the "Beast" itself went into the non-existent condition symbolized in Rev. 17:8 as the "bottomless pit." But in the year 1870 Garibaldi united the many little divisions in the peninsula of Italy into one nation, and the kingdom thus established began the ninth horn, which culminated in the Nazi-Fascist rule of Mussolini-Hitler.

The "HEADS" the Woman Rode

We shall deal later more specifically with the 17th Chapter of Revelation in this connection. Then we shall prove beyond doubt that the "harlot woman," BABYLON THE GREAT, is the Roman Catholic Church. But let us note in passing that the "woman," the Catholic Church, with the papacy, never "rode" on any part of this Beast excepting its last seven "horns"! She is the "little horn" of Daniel 7, whose "look was more stout than his fellows," and who caused the first three to be plucked up by the roots. Justinian was the first ruler who ever acknowledged the supremacy of the pope, and bowed to his dictates! And since, in the 17th Chapter, the "woman" rode on all seven of the heads of the "Beast" there pictured, and since she rode none of the "heads" but only the last seven of the "horns" of the 13th Chapter "Beast," it follows that the seven "horns" of the "healed beast" of the 13th Chapter FORM the seven HEADS of the Beast of the 17th Chapter!

Notice, at the time John saw the beast, five are fallen, one is, and one is yet to come (Rev. 17:10). The five that are fallen are the 5 during the 1260 years in which power WAS GIVEN, by the Papacy for the "healed beast" to CONTINUE. The one that is, is the kingdom from Garibaldi to the downfall of Hitler and Mussolini. It was not in any sense the old Roman Empire, so during the stage of this 9th horn or 6th head (Rev. 17) John speaks of it as *the Beast that was, and is not, and yet IS*, and shall arise once more OUT OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT.

The 10 "horns" symbolized by the 7 heads with its 10 horns in the 17th chapter, yet to come, will be, as the 17th Chapter explains, the revival of the BEAST, the Roman Empire, "out of the bottomless pit" by a "United States of Europe," or federation of 10 European nations within the bounds of the old Roman Empire. (Rev. 17:12-18.) This is actually beginning today! When Jesus comes, the Roman armies will be ready for ARMAGEDDON.

The entire beast of Rev. 17—the revivals of the Roman Empire—is a part "of the seven" heads of Rev. 13 and Dan. 7 because it comprises the last seven horns. Yet this revived Roman Empire is "the eighth" system differing from the seven before it (Rev. 17:11).

About Your Income

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rise in price on the market, and my friend got a far larger profit that year than he had formerly! It enabled him to greatly enlarge his operations and make more money every year thereafter!

Yes, GOD WAS HIS PARTNER! And God was WORKING right along *with* the partner who was faithful, trustworthy, and honest with Him. But God didn't help the other non-tithing farmers that year. GOD PROSPERED THIS TITHER, and today I understand he is making a net income in excess of \$100,000 per year!

Another incident in the experience of this same farmer. The preceding winter, in the off-laying season, this farmer and wife decided to tithe not only money, but even eggs. One day they brought us a very few eggs—one tenth of all they had. A few days later they returned to our home with many more eggs. The hens had started a wild laying spree the very next day after they began tithing eggs! That may sound impossible, but it happened!

Why don't YOU put God to the test? He is no respecter of persons. He will prosper YOU the same as anybody else.

How You Can Prosper

Let us continue with what God says about this CURSE, and BLESSING, in Malachi.

Verse 10: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and PROVE ME NOW HEREWITH, saith the Eternal of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and *pour you out a BLESSING*, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer (crop-destroying insects, or other causes of destruction to what we are producing) for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of *your* ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, SAITH THE LORD of hosts."

That's GOD'S PROMISE! Be honest in your partnership with Him, and then He, your silent but all-powerful Partner, will prevent mishap, accident, destruction—will preserve and prosper whatever you do—will POUR YOU OUT A BLESSING so big you won't find room to contain it!

"But I can't afford to tithe," complains one man.

Can you afford to STEAL—to be a THIEF—to ROB GOD? Not a penny of income becomes actually YOURS until God's first tenth of what He permits you to handle has been paid Him. PAY HIM FIRST! His tenth is NOT YOURS—you have no right to use it, or *any part* of it until His is paid. You are under a CURSE if you neglect to tithe. Yes, most people are under that financial CURSE.

But be HONEST with God, watch Him pour out a financial BLESSING! That's

the quickest way to get debts paid. You can't afford NOT to tithe!

The Spiritual Blessing

But the biggest blessing of all is the SPIRITUAL blessing.

Jesus says "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." That, too, is A LAW. It always works. It is inexorable!

If your treasure is in this world's amusements and pleasures—if your money—pardon me, GOD'S MONEY—is being spent on yourself, your own selfish desires, or even your needs, and not even the full first tithe is going into God's work, then your heart and your whole life and interest will be in these selfish pursuits and material things, and you will lose out entirely with God.

One thing I have noticed in nearly a quarter century in Christ's ministry. Absolutely the *only* people who are close to God, who are *growing* in grace and knowledge of Christ, who are developing spiritually, whose HEARTS are in the things and the work of God, have been those who faithfully paid God's tithes, and who also gave with reasonable generosity offerings beside.

In every case, those who started out the Christian life but neglected to tithe and give regular offerings have gone backward spiritually, drifted further and further from God. Often they themselves do not realize it UNTIL TOO LATE.

If God has not got your pocket-book converted, and your check-book too, then He has not got YOU—and you have not got the salvation you think you have! But if your TREASURE—all of God's first tenth of income, and offerings beside—go into God's work regularly, then your heart is in God's work and the things of God, and you will grow and develop spiritually.

After all, can a thief who continues to rob and steal—and from his GOD at that!—be a converted and spiritual Christian?

This isn't meant to give offense. The vast majority of people NEVER KNEW these facts. The times of this IGNORANCE God has winked at, but now COMMANDS ALL YOU WHO KNOW THIS TRUTH to *repent*, and begin to pay God's tithe regularly!

The shocking facts are that out of some 20,000 co-workers who provide the expenses of this great work of God, there are fewer than 500 that are full and regular tithe-payers! The other 19,500 send in only occasional and usually small offerings.

The Second Prior Claim

Harry Truman, by virtue of MAN-

made laws Congress has passed, is able forcibly to extract from your incomes not one tenth, but an average of virtually ONE-THIRD, a vast amount of which is mis-spent. Jesus said we are to pay taxes—render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's—be subject to the powers that be. Mr. Truman, therefore, has a PRIOR right to one third of your income—and in the case of salary or wages, the government takes it out BEFORE you get your pay.

God also has a PRIOR RIGHT to the first tenth of your income—even *before* the federal government comes in for what it levies. The *difference* is that the Federal government collects by FORCE—and God, with the purpose of building CHARACTER, expects you to be honest and faithful and attend to it yourself. Be honest with God, first of all—and HE WILL PROSPER YOU SO YOU'LL BE ABLE TO PAY THE HEAVY TAXES AND ALL OTHER EXPENSES!

The United States government collects from the people more than 50 BILLIONS a year. Yet fewer than 500 out of America's 155,000,000 people pay God's first tenth into this great work of God, and it must function on an infinitesimal fraction of that spent on armaments, destruction, crooked politics, etc., besides the just requirements of honest government! What are YOU going to do about it?

Divorce and Remarriage

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vorcing, or putting asunder of a couple joined as ONE FLESH by God, for in this case God never had joined them as one. WHAT God has actually joined together as ONE FLESH, God will not, and commands man not to separate. That is the principle.

The Old Testament Example

Turn just briefly to the Old Testament Scriptures.

"If any man take a wife, and go in unto her and hate her, and give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid: then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of *the damsel's virginity* unto the elders of the city in the gate: . . . and the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him; . . . because he hath brought an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and SHE SHALL BE HIS WIFE; HE MAY NOT PUT HER AWAY ALL HIS DAYS." (Deut. 22:13-19).

Notice, his EXCUSE for putting her

away was that she was not a virgin—that she had committed fornication BEFORE marriage to him. But in case the man accused her falsely and attempted by a lie to free himself from the marriage, the man was fined and punished, and forced to take the woman as his wife FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS LIFE—because in this case she was a pure woman, NOT guilty of fornication but a virgin, and so GOD HAD JOINED THEM FOR LIFE, AND NO DIVORCE WAS PERMITTED FOR ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER.

But, in case such a man rightly accused the woman he had married, notice how the law operates:

"But if this thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel: then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's (not her husband's) house." (Verses 20-21).

This shows, too, how serious the sin of fornication is regarded by God. Today general estimates are that perhaps two out of three young women, and perhaps nine out of ten young men have been guilty of fornication before marriage! Yes, this is FOLLY IN ISRAEL TODAY! One a great proportion of young people today do not even consider seriously! This is just one of our popularly condoned SINS that is bringing DOOM to America today!

This shows HOW FAR this nation has drifted from God, and the low ebb of our morals! And it paves the way for that still more serious sin, ADULTERY, with our national rampage of divorce and remarriage!

The NEW Testament Example

The New Testament example of this is in the case of the birth of Jesus Christ Himself.

These Christ-rejecting Pharisees, knowing that Joseph was not the real father of Jesus, and rejecting the truth that HE was conceived of the Holy Spirit, sneered at Him: "We be not born of fornication." (John 8:41). By this they insinuated that His mother Mary was guilty of fornication BEFORE marriage, and Jesus of being illegitimately born. Plainly, they understood the meaning of "fornication" to be an act committed BEFORE marriage.

And at first, even Joseph, Mary's husband, believed Mary to be guilty of fornication, and "with child" as a result, not knowing Jesus was begotten not by any human father, but by GOD thru the Holy Spirit.

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was espoused (married) to Joseph, be-

fore they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph *her husband* (they were already married, not just engaged), being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example (according to the law of Deut. 22:20-21) was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." (Mat. 1:18-21).

Now notice carefully! Joseph knew God's laws regarding marriage. He supposed Mary guilty of fornication—an act committed **BEFORE** marriage. And he was going to put her away "*before they came together*"—immediately! The point I want you to catch here is that **IF** he were to take advantage of this one exception of fornication, he must do it **BEFORE HE LIVED WITH HER AS A WIFE**. He must not accept her as a wife at all, but before he does, if she is a fornicatress and he wishes to put her away, the marriage must be **SET ASIDE**—erased, annulled.

But a man can, if he wishes, accept the woman he has married as his wife and live with her, in which case the union becomes valid in God's sight, and they are then **BOUND TO EACH OTHER FOR LIFE**. Undoubtedly, in a day of low morals and prevalent promiscuity before marriage such as exists today, the best course in such a case would be to forgive the sin of fornication, accept the wife or husband, in which case the marriage becomes binding, and live together.

A man or woman is not barred from marriage for life because of fornication. Altho it is a sin, and very serious in God's sight, it is a sin that can be forgiven upon repentance by the blood of Christ, and it would be better, when two are in love, to forgive if either or both are guilty of fornication, and make the marriage binding.

Someone will be bound to bring up the question: What if it is the **MAN** who was guilty of fornication—can the woman put **HIM** away in the same manner? While the Scriptures are silent on this specifically, yet it is my judgment, and I believe I have the mind of God, that, since God has no double standard, and is no respecter of persons, that this law applies exactly the same to either sex.

Another question bound to arise: What if this fornication is not discovered for, say, two years, or ten or twenty years? Can the injured man or woman after all that time put away the mate on the grounds of something that happened **BEFORE** marriage? Again, while the Scriptures do not cover this point

specifically, the **PRINCIPLE** revealed is that a marriage may be **SET ASIDE** when this pre-marital sin is discovered *after* marriage, but "before they come together," as specifically illustrated in the case of Joseph and Mary. In such a case the man must not live with the woman as his wife at all, or the woman with the man if he is the guilty one. But, if they do take each other in the marriage relationship and live together as husband and wife, they are then **JOINED BY GOD**, legally married, and there can be **NO DIVORCE**.

Certainly a man could not, for instance, continue to live with a wife as long as he pleases, **KNOWING** she had been a fornicatress, with a ready excuse any time he decides he would like to get rid of her. If he accepts her, **HE IS BOUND TO HER FOR LIFE**, and she to him if she accepts him. If a man or woman *knows* the other has been guilty of fornication, and marries anyway, then **THERE ARE NO GROUNDS WHATSOEVER FOR DIVORCE**. The only grounds are when the innocent party was deceived and defrauded.

Thus the **ONE EXCEPTION** mentioned by Jesus is not actually grounds for a divorce and remarriage at all—but merely the annulling, or erasing, of a ceremony in which the parties were not actually joined by God at all.

Adultery Not Bible Grounds

I have heard many people speak of "adultery" as "the Bible grounds for divorce." It will come as a great surprise to many, therefore, that **ADULTERY is no grounds whatsoever for divorce!** There are **NO GROUNDS WHATSOEVER** for divorce and remarriage, once joined by God for life!

Consider, now, the other principal New Testament Scriptures on the question:

"And He said unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery." (Mark 10:11-12). Notice, it does not say "did commit adultery in the ceremony," but "committeth"—that is, **IS NOW COMMITTING** adultery by sex relationship with one to whom he or she is not married in God's sight.

"Whosoever putteth away his wife and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery." (Luke 16:18).

Is One Bound to a Sinning Mate?

A listener asks if he is bound to live with a non-Christian and sinning wife. The answer is, he is **BOUND** to her by

marriage, and therefore is not free as long as she lives to marry any other woman, but he is *not* required to live with her—he may live apart from her, and remain unmarried, except to her.

Here is the Scripture on the point:

"And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: but and *if she depart, let her remain unmarried* or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife." (I Cor. 7:10-11). It applies equally whether man or woman.

Further: "If any brother (Christian) hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman (Christian) which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. . . . But if the unbelieving depart, let him (or her) depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases." (Verses 12-15).

It is a **COMMAND** of God (II Cor. 6:14) that Christians shall not marry unbelievers, and trouble nearly always results when this command is broken. But **IF** one is married to an unbeliever, the marriage is a physical, not a spiritual union, and they are then **BOUND** as long as they live. The Christian is not forced, however, to live with the unbelieving mate, but must, in that case, live as one single. *There are no grounds for divorce and remarriage.*

Again, in I Cor. 7:39: "The wife is **BOUND** by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord."

Now Romans 7:2-3: "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man."

Some have written me that they were not converted when they divorced, or married, or remarried, arguing that since they were not then Christians the marriage didn't "count," or, that since the divorce and remarriage occurred *before* conversion, and the knowledge of the truth, that God should wink at it, and asking if it is not right for them to now continue living with one divorced. I repeat, **MARRIAGE IS A FLESH UNION**, instituted by **GOD** at Creation, before there was any church—it applies for **ALL PEOPLE**, from Creation, thru all dispensations and ages, and is for Egyptian, Russian, Chinese or Indian, as well

as for American or Canadian—it applies to the unconverted as well as the converted. The only exception is that a converted person should avoid marrying an unconverted.

If a man was a thief *before* he was converted, is it right for him to continue stealing after conversion? Nonsense! The converted person must REPENT of sin—must QUIT SINNING—and living with one divorced and actually bound by God's law to another is LIVING IN ADULTERY.

Jesus was talking at a well to a Gentile woman from Samaria.

"Go, call thy husband," said Jesus.

"I have no husband," answered the woman. Jesus said, "Thou hast well said, I have no husband: for thou hast had five 'husbands'; and he whom thou now hath IS NOT THY HUSBAND: in that saidst thou truly." (John 4:16-18). She was a divorced and remarried woman, and the man she lived with was NOT HER HUSBAND, tho she had "married" him. Hollywood is full of such women today!

John the Baptist finally paid with his life, because as a faithful servant of God he warned King Herod that it was not lawful for him to have his brother Philip's wife. Josephus tells us Herod had divorced his wife and married Philip's wife, who in turn had divorced Philip.

WHAT, Then, Shall We Do?

I know full well that literally THOUSANDS will read this article who have been divorced and remarried, or have married a divorced person. I know only too well that the question will come to thousands of you, for the first time: "Well, then, if I am living in adultery, WHAT SHALL I DO?"

My heart goes out to all such people. Being human, I wish I could spare them God's answer, but God helping me, I can't! He has called me to "Cry aloud, and SPARE NOT, and show my people their sins." He has called me to TURN YOU FROM YOUR SINS—and that isn't often pleasant for me, or easy for you! It is the greater pity that most such people are the innocent victims of either false teaching, or lack of teaching. GOD HOLDS THE PROFESSING MINISTERS TO BLAME!

But, hard as it may be to have to say it, all I can say as a faithful minister of Jesus Christ is: "COME OUT OF SIN!" "QUIT LIVING IN SIN!"

Adultery is SIN—and if one of the two parties, or both, has been divorced and the previous husband or wife is still living, then the present "marriage" is not a marriage at all in GOD'S SIGHT—you are STILL BOUND BY GOD to the one from whom you were divorced, and the one you now live with is NOT your

husband or your wife, but merely the one with whom you are LIVING IN ADULTERY!

Yes, I know, all kinds of complications arise. There is property involved. Perhaps there are children. Perhaps there is, now, a home with children by this second marriage. And it SEEMS wrong and unjust in human eyes to break it up. So human beings usually begin to argue that God isn't fair, and try to find a way around God's commands! But "there is a way that seemeth RIGHT to a man, but the end thereof are the WAYS OF DEATH." So says God's Word! We are to obey God, not human reasoning. No matter how it looks to us, no matter how we reason, GOD'S WAYS AND LAWS ARE ALWAYS RIGHT—MORE FAIR BY FAR—THAN THE WAYS THAT SEEM RIGHT TO US!

And remember, God's laws are not made to break up homes, but to establish and PROTECT them—and if it SEEMS to human reason that in rectifying these sins homes might be broken up, I can only remind you that it was the original DIVORCE which broke up a God-established home, and the home made by divorced persons is a home founded on ADULTERY, ugly as this fact may seem.

Marriage is not taken seriously enough in America today. Young people are not taught to realize its serious responsibility—that it is FOR LIFE. Too many marriages should never have been made, in the first place. But, once made, they are BINDING! Too few know the difference between LOVE and LUST. We are attempting to found the American home today upon IGNORANCE, CARELESSNESS, AND SIN. No wonder we are becoming a nation of broken homes and juvenile delinquents!

God help all who are guilty of this sin, innocent of intentional wrong through ignorance of GOD'S TRUTH and His ETERNAL LAWS, to have the courage to PUT THIS SIN OUT OF THEIR LIVES, and to quit living in ADULTERY!

God help all such not to put human reasoning, or the false advice of ministers, in the place of the PLAIN LAWS OF GOD! It makes no difference how we REASON, as to what is fair or unfair—it makes no difference how many MEN professing to be ministers of Jesus Christ advise you otherwise, THE MARRIAGE LAWS WERE ORDAINED BY GOD; they were ordained AT CREATION; they are binding UPON ALL MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL RACES, IN ALL AGES, WHETHER BELIEVER OR UNBELIEVER; GOD'S LAWS ARE INEXORABLE AND CANNOT BE CHANGED; AND LIVING IN A MARRIAGE AFTER DIVORCE IS LIVING IN ADULTERY—THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS—AND ALL THE HUMAN REASON-

ING AND ASSURANCES OF THIS WORLD'S MINISTERS WILL BE OF NO AVAIL IN THE JUDGMENT!

It cannot be denied that, once entangled in this violation of God's marriage laws, an *apparent* injustice may be brought on innocent people by now OBEYING God's commands.

BUT I STILL SAY THAT NO MATTER HOW IT MAY APPEAR, NO MATTER HOW WE HUMANS MAY REASON, IT IS ALWAYS BETTER, IN EVERY INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCE, TO FOLLOW THE LAWS OF GOD AND OBEY HIS COMMANDS!

Yes, the horrible thing about sin is that the innocent suffer with the guilty. Penalties from past sins cannot always be avoided. But to *continue* in sin only brings further penalties!

What so few seem to realize is that THESE LAWS OF GOD ARE LIVING THINGS! *These laws are actually IN MOTION!* They were instituted and set in motion to BRING US HAPPINESS and to PROTECT our happiness. We *never* fare better by following some other way of human reasoning, no matter how the special circumstances of an individual case may APPEAR.

If we dare to break these laws of God, WE SUFFER! These laws are active, living things—and THEY CRACK DOWN ON US when they are disobeyed! They are INVISIBLE laws, perhaps. It may SEEM to a man some other way is the better way. But always, in all cases, that other way that seemeth RIGHT to a man will only bring on *more* unhappiness and suffering!

God who instituted these laws IS ABLE TO ALTER CIRCUMSTANCES so as to BLESS those who put their faith in Him by following HIS ways, and obeying HIS laws, instead of the traditions, customs, and reasonings of mortal humans! Of course, where sins have been committed, there are penalties. But STILL the lesser of the two evils is to OBEY GOD'S LAWS in regard to the marriage relationship! If you permit human reason to lead you into transgressing them, no matter how RIGHT that course may SEEM to you, God's INEXORABLE LAWS WILL PUNISH YOU and you will suffer far more—be far more unhappy. Trust God—turn to Him—OBEY HIM—quit living in adultery; or, if you were contemplating a divorce and remarriage, put away that temptation—AND SEE WHETHER THE ALMIGHTY CREATOR IS NOT ABLE TO WORK CIRCUMSTANCES OUT TO A REALLY HAPPY SOLUTION!

Suffering and unhappiness come ONLY from living contrary to God's laws! Happiness can come ONLY by living according to them. May God help each one to SEE this basic TRUTH—to FEAR to go contrary to it—to PUT HIS FAITH IN GOD!

How AMBASSADOR Has Developed

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE is a miracle! When I look back over those first two and a half turbulent and seemingly impassable years, realizing this college was started without any financial capital and with nothing but implicit faith and sheer determination, the present active campus seems a dream. It *is* a dream come true!

If all the discouragements, overwhelming obstacles, suffering, and tests of faith could have been known in advance it is doubtful whether any man would have been willing to undertake it. A frightful price has been paid—in a trial of human experience.

But today, as I look into the happy faces of these fine young students hurrying from one class to another, or from their jobs on the campus to the classroom building—as I look in on the dining room at "Mayfair," the student residence on the campus, at the evening dinner hour and observe the well-mannered, cultured atmosphere—as I hear a scintillating, thought-provoking, vitally informative, stirring sermon delivered with poise, freedom, and earnest conviction by one of the graduate or senior students—as I read the manuscripts of such articles as these students are writing for *The GOOD NEWS*—as I look out over this magnificently landscaped campus and thru its fine substantial buildings being gradually restored to superb beauty by the labor of these same students—as I think of the hundreds of precious souls already baptised by seven of them, and of the hundreds and thousands of others who, God willing, shall be in the future—as I look on *these* things, and more, it seems that the results already justify the price exacted in human suffering, ordeal, and perseverance a thousand times over!

Increasing 65% a Year

Now it can be told. Until now I have been reluctant to mention the number of students enrolled. It seemed better to just stick to the real truth that the college had so far merely been begotten—not yet actually born.

Fine as it is, Ambassador has been the smallest liberal arts college, in student enrollment, in America, so far as we know. It still is. But every year it has increased in enrollment an average of 65% over the preceding year.

So now I feel free to tell you we have thirty-one full-time students. The first year we had eight teachers, but only four students. The second year we had

seven students—exactly 75% increase. The third year there were twelve students—the nearest possible number to another 75% increase. The fourth year there were 21 full-time young men and women students—exactly 75% increase once again! This fifth year there are 31—50% increase over last year. Total in 5 years, 800% increase!

The first year we tried to carry out the customary present-day custom in colleges of specialization among instructors. But this is impossible with so small an enrollment, and so now faculty members double up, teaching, in most instances, two or three different subjects. Today we have a faculty of seven regular professors, and in addition one student instructor and two supplementary instructors. The rating and competency and experience of our faculty is high, and in proportion to numbers will compare very favorably with the faculties of the highest-ranking universities.

Developments This Year

Ambassador is flowering out into a real college. All the students except six—five now married, and the other my son Dick who lives at home—live in "Mayfair," student residence on the campus.

Life in "Mayfair" is a definite part of student education. The men students live on the third floor, with their own separate stairway direct from first floor side entrance. The girls, with Mrs. Annie M. Mann, house mother, live on the second floor.

Mrs. Mann is a competent, cultured and charming woman who has been one of our most active Co-Workers in the Church for many years. She has managed large and cultured homes. She is strict, but lovable and efficient. Before the college started, God had prepared her, by natural talents and personality and much experience, for the important position she now holds.

The third floor at "Mayfair" is in charge of our dean of men, Jack R. Elliott. Mr. Elliott is a former Naval officer, a graduate of Annapolis, and also a graduate of the University of Texas and former engineer at the Gulf Oil Corporation, where he directed the work of men. He and his charming wife were both converted while in Texas thru *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast and the literature from our office, and baptised by our students, prior to coming to Pasadena. Mr. Elliott, in addition to teaching higher mathematics, drafting and engi-

neering, is director of all student labor on the campus. Like every department head in our organization, God had prepared him by natural talents, education, and experience, for the very important tasks that are his at Ambassador. He also finds time to continue his studies at the University of Southern California, and will receive his Master's degree in June.

Expansion Next Fall

For the next academic year, starting next September, new development is planned. Most important, we are now laying plans to open the long-anticipated and new type of Home Economics course, which will be a required course for all girl students. It will be a *practical* course, teaching girls how to be competent wives and mothers—not only the physical duties of home making, knowledge of health diet and menu planning, cookery, interior decorating, clothes designing and purchasing, etc., but those spiritual, moral and emotional values pertaining to husband and wife relationships, parent and child relationships, and matters pertaining to motherhood and the care and training of children.

Not one girl in a hundred today has the knowledge and the training to fit her to be married. It seems our Ambassador girls have radiated such charming qualities and proved so irresistible to our men students that the increasing number of engagements has impelled us to quick action to make this course available beginning next September. The architect is laying out complete laboratory plans for this department.

For two years we have offered a full mechanical engineering course under one of the truly great designing engineers of the nation. So far, however, only one or two students seemed to have aptitudes along engineering lines. It is now contemplated to introduce, next fall, an abbreviated general "layman's" engineering course, a minor, teaching those things every man needs to know about his own home. If students come who are interested in the full professional engineering major, it probably will still be available to them.

Already we have applications on file which indicate the largest enrollment so far, and one of our finest classes to enter Ambassador next September.

Looking to the Future

Now a glimpse into future years. The work of the Radio Church, broadcast-

ing The WORLD TOMORROW, and publishing The PLAIN TRUTH and other literature, started as the smallest possible work more than 18 years ago. The first nine years it multiplied in size, power and scope *thirty times over!* The second nine years it has repeated—it is now *thirty times* larger than it was nine years ago! Indications are that Ambassador College will grow at the same rate—it is doing so, up to now!

The college started, probably, smaller than any college ever started—just four students. None *could* have started much smaller! The first five years it has multiplied in student enrollment 800%—eight times over. It will probably not continue to increase at the rate of 75% each year over the year before, as it did the first four years. It increased 52% this present fifth year. We expect about a 50% increase this fall, or a total of 48 students. A smaller than 50% increase in 1953 would give us 68 students, still smaller percentage of increase in 1954 would find us with 93 students, and 120 students in 1955—after nine years.

That would be multiplying the student enrollment, which determines the size of the college, *thirty times over* in nine years—thirty times the original 4 students! That is at this writing a conservative estimate, and based on experience to now I have every faith that ratio will be maintained.

Now let's look a little further into the future. Supposing we find we are not quite as near the END of this Age as we have supposed. We know the end is near—even at the doors. We know there is no time to lose. But it is highly possible we may have one more nine year period in which to work.

If this great work of God multiplies in that nine years to a scope *thirty times* larger than it is now, it will take several million dollars a year to conduct it, and it will be well organized and carrying

the Message POWERFULLY into every nation on earth!

If Ambassador College continues to its second nine years at this same ratio of growth, which seems to be the ratio God has set for His work, it will be a real major college of 3,600 students! But do not get false ideas! We shall never permit Ambassador to become a vast, regimented, assembly-line type of institution where the student loses his identity. Long before we reach 3,600 student-enrollment, we shall have established branch colleges, and no one campus will be overcrowded.

This is the work of GOD. Ambassador is GOD's college. He started it. "Unless the Eternal builds the house, workmen build in vain" (Ps 127:1), but David was inspired to write: "Thou (God) wilt not drop the work thou hast begun" (Ps 138:8). A thing either continues to grow, or it dies. Ambassador students firmly believe Ambassador College shall never die, but like the grain of mustard seed, shall continue to grow and grow, on thru the millennium as God's own college, until it fills the earth and becomes the ONLY college on earth, with thousands of campuses dotting all parts of the globe.

If that be true, and we verily believe it—by the end of its second nine years—the fall of 1964—if this same ratio of growth is maintained, it will be by far the largest college ever to exist on earth, with 108,000 students!

Perhaps this appears fantastic. But that is our vision, and where there is no vision the people perish. God gives vision to those He calls. Impossible as this might seem to carnal man, it is all based on a continuation of the same experience, the same ratio of growth God has granted this His work over a period of 18 years to date! Perhaps it isn't so foolish, or impossible, after all! Perhaps it is a true vision of the FUTURE!

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ground. "Dust THOU art, and unto dust shalt THOU return," said God to Adam.

But the whole thing is a matter of GOVERNMENT, and a matter of being BORN AGAIN. Man has been born MORTAL—of the DUST, inheriting a human NATURE which is not subject to God's laws or God's government, and therefore ALL HAVE SINNED, for sin is transgression of GOD'S LAWS.

Now God's PURPOSE is to CHANGE us from what we are—what we are born by nature and what we MAKE of ourselves, INTO HIS OWN SONS, finally BORN OF GOD ALMIGHTY HIMSELF! We thereupon enter the VERY FAMILY OF GOD. That family is THE KINGDOM OF GOD. It is a family obedient to its FATHER, and therefore a GOVERNMENT.

And THAT's the Gospel Jesus preached—the KINGDOM OF GOD.

You can't JOIN it. You must be BORN into it. And the WAY is to REPENT—you repent of SIN—of living and acting contrary to GOD'S LAWS.

The WAY is JESUS CHRIST, who died to pay the PENALTY in your stead—so that the law no longer CLAIMS YOUR LIFE—you are no longer UNDER it—it's no longer OVER you, claiming your life because you transgressed it, but now you are made FREE TO OBEY IT.

Jesus set us an example. If you repent of sin, and accept Christ, and are baptized, nothing stands between you and God any longer—you are reconciled—God PROMISES to put in you HIS SPIRIT—the impregnation—the begetting to become a son of God. It gives you a new nature. You become a partaker of GOD'S nature. Then, IF you overcome, GROW, develop character, become more LIKE God, you shall be CHANGED, AT the TIME OF the RESURRECTION—BORN into the KINGDOM of GOD!

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