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“They received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many believed.”—Acts 17: 11.

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Ecclesial News

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AUSTRALIA

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BIRMINGHAM 34—46 Falmouth Rd.—Mem. 11 am—Bro. Leslie Allcock.

NEWPORT, Mon.—3 Constance St.—Mem. 11 am.—Bro. Ken Williams.

PENGAM, Mon.—"Ashleigh House," Commercial St.—Bro. T. Lambert.

KIDDERMINSTER—"Eureka," Bridgnorth Rd., Franche—Memorial 3 pm. Bro. H. W. Pigott.

NEW ZEALAND

PAPAKURA—Bro. A. Starr, Ardmore R.D., via Auckland.

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LAMPASAS, Tex. 76550—Christadelphian Hall, Ave. I East-S.S. 10 am; Mem. 11 am. Bro. Wayne Wolfe, Star Route, Lampasas, Tex. 76550.

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WE are happy to report that we had a most enjoyable day the first Sunday in September, being our annual Gathering. We had a good attendance, all ecclesias in Texas were well represented.

We were greatly strengthened and encouraged by the words of exhortation of our bro. John Packer of the Houston ecclesia, based upon chapter 1 of Paul's letter to the Hebrews,

How good it is to have this glorious Truth brought to our hearing! May it give us strength to endure to the end.

As we see the world's troubles growing worse and worse, and this nation's racial problems continuing to get greater, without doubt Christ's return is near.

May we all endeavour to remain steadfast to the end, and may we soon hear the joyful news, "The Lord is here."
—bro. Bill Edwards

MIAMI, Fla. 33115—3428 SW 65th Ave.; Ph. (305) 667-7828—Mem. 10:30 am; S.S. 11:20 am; Class Wed. 7:30 pm. Bro. Thomas S. Lumley (same address).

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla.—Bro. & sis. Chris Bird. 710 Pennsylvania Ave.

PORTLAND, Ore. 97212—3344 NE 24th Ave.—S. S. 9:45 am; Mem. 11 am; Lec. 7 pm; Bible Class Wed. 8 pm. Bro. Arthur R. Tilling, 2212 NE Prescott, Portland 97211, Phone (503) 287-3064.

A MOST joyous item was involuntarily left out of our last ecclesial news. Sis. Judy Tilling has come to recognize that the brethren in the Central group are not upholding the purity of the Truth. She asked to be examined and was found by our brethren to be sound in the One Faith.

Sis. Judy has become a welcome addition to our small meeting, taking an active part in ecclesial life. She is now our organist and takes care of ecclesial advertising, which is no small chore.

During the last few months we have had the following visitors:—

Bro. Nick Mammone and sis. Grace Frisbie of New Jersey, travelling in Canada and U.S. prior to attending the Hye Gathering.

Bro. & sis. Wm. Sharp of the S. Calif, ecclesial also visited us on the same weekend. Bro. Sharp gave the exhortation Sunday morning and bro. Mammone gave the lecture Sunday eve.

A new voice is always enjoyable and adds to the enthusiasm of all brethren and sisters here. The effort of these brethren on our behalf was truly appreciated. We also had many enjoyable moments with our visiting brethren and sisters talking on things concerning the Truth.

Bro. Ralph Hobkirk, Vancouver ecclesia, was with us the weekend of our summer Outing. We were thankful for his company as we do not see him as often as we would like. He assisted us with our Fraternal meeting Saturday, and again at our Memorial meeting.

God willing, our ecclesia will hold its New Year Gathering Dec. 30-31. We would be happy to have the company of any brethren and sisters who are able to attend. This is our program:—

SEVEN STEPS TO SPIRITUAL PERFECTION

Saturday Fraternal Meeting:—

"The Seven Accoutrements of the Whole Armour of God"

1st subject: Eph. 6:11-15

2nd subject: Eph. 6:16-18

Sunday Memorial Exhortation:—

"The 7 Supplements to Our Faith" 2 Peter 1:5-7

Sunday Evening Lecture:—

"The Seven Pillars of Wisdom" Prov. 9:1; Eph. 4:3-6

It would be a pleasure to have visiting brethren speak on these subjects. The following Monday is a holiday. We have left our schedule flexible for this day so that any who must return home will have the day to travel, and for those who can continue with us there will be an outing, weather permitting.

—bro. A. R. Tilling

SAN ANGELO, Tex.—English Room, Cactus Hotel—(2nd & 4th Sunday): S. S. 10am; Mem. 11. Other Sundays at homes. Phone near hall: sis. LaRue (Mrs. Donald) Smith (915) 655-7665. Rec. Bro: bro. Bill Muter, 1717 West Ave. I, San Angelo, Texas 76901, phone (915) 653-7434.

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EDITORIAL

To Our Young Brethren

"I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the Word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one"—1 John 2:14

AT the time of writing these words, John was an old man whose hair was now grey. He had served his Master faithfully and strenuously, and had passed through much tribulation. No doubt the period of his exile in Patmos had been a severe trial, but John never wavered, and because of his faithfulness he left us a great treasure in the three letters that bear his name.

But above all, we have the Apocalypse that was penned by him after being signified by an angel. We cannot thank John for his priceless contribution to the wonderful book we call the Bible, but we can, and we must thank God for so faithful a servant.

He was not writing to old men like himself whose physical power had long since passed the vigorous stage, but he was writing to young men, of whom he said, "Ye are strong," for he realized that under normal circumstances he would soon be laid to rest.

Then it would be the duty of these young men to take up the work, and carry the banner of Abraham's God to the vast multitude of people who were perishing for lack of knowledge. Not secular knowledge, of course, but that form of knowledge that pertains to the way of salvation.

Why was John so anxious for these young men to take up the work? The answer comes to us from his second letter in which he stated that "Many deceivers are entered into the world," or as Paul expressed it in 2 Thess. 2:7, "The mystery of iniquity doth already work."

They were not only strong, but John said, "The Word of God abideth in you." Now to both fathers and young men, John writes those familiar and oft-quoted words in vs. 15-17—

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world.

"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

There is an old proverb, "Familiarity breeds contempt." We do not infer that being familiar with these words of John will cause us to look upon them with disrespect. But there is a similarity in that we may become burdened with the cares of this life, and fail to maintain its importance in our thoughts and action.

That is one thing we must watch carefully, and be on the alert daily so that it will not come upon us unawares.

Our young brethren may be strong physically, and feel that they have a good grasp of the Truth, and that nothing will move them away from it. But we must remember, as John also has said, "The whole world lieth in wickedness."

The lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is visible on every hand, for it is the motivating power of producing effects by invisible means. The entire human race is saturated with its insidious influence, and there is not one of us who can totally escape it.

There is no doubt whatever that we are living in the latter days of the Gentile powers, and it was in the early days of these times in which the Truth has been revived. Many brethren have laboured to uphold the hope of the Gospel, and a great number of them have ceased from their work, and now rest in the grave.

Those of us who belong to the older class are reaching the age when we too will have to submit to the inescapable law of sin and death, unless the Lord should come before that just law should take effect. Therefore, we must look to the young brethren to take up our work and carry on without interruption.

What about it, young brethren? Are you—by reading, studying and meditating upon the Word of Life—fitting yourself to take on this profoundly important work of "drawing water out of the wells of salvation"?

This is the water Jesus referred to when he said (John 4:14)

"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst;

"But the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

The age in which we live is not only one filled with wickedness, but it is pleasure-mad. One look at a daily paper, and we will find several pages devoted to advertising for the purpose of drawing the people into some form of entertainment in which they will find sensual, unsubstantial pleasure.

We are just as much liable to be affected by this pleasure-mad way of life, as we would be if a devastating plague swept over the world.

The age in which we live is the period of our probation, and it is the time when we must walk in newness of life. To walk in such a manner, we must develop a character worthy of the Name we bear. To do that, it is imperative that the foundation be composed of such elements as childlike simplicity, profound humbleness, unwavering faith, and faithful obedience.

It will be a slow process, but it can and MUST be done if we would desire to enter the Kingdom of God.

We urge you therefore, to set your heart and mind on the glorious Hope of the Gospel, and be determined that you will rise to the occasion and, as Paul said to Timothy—

"Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus"— 2 Tim. 1:13

Among the things written for our instruction, there are to be found some of the extremely valuable lessons in the history of Israel. For one of them, we turn to Josh. 24:31—

"And Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that overlived Joshua."

And in Judges 2:10—

"All that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which He had done for Israel."

The new generation that arose in Israel despised the counsel the elders had left for their guidance. What about the counsel that has come to us from brethren John Thomas and Robert Roberts, both of whom have directed our attention to the Word of God in their incomparable writings?

It is a fact that the folly of those who succeeded Joshua is being repeated today. Elpis Israel and Eureka are described as belonging to the "horse-drawn carriage" period, and "out of date, and unsuitable for the present generation." Let us not be disturbed one bit over such shallow criticism, for you will usually find that it is generated by envious resentment against one who has done a better job than they can do.

Another thing that our young brethren must be careful about is the desire to give exhortations and lectures before they are grounded and settled, rooted and built up in Christ, and established in the Faith. Baptism is the beginning, and from then on there must be a gradual increase in wisdom and understanding of the Word of Truth. For, says Paul (Eph. 4:14 15)—

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the Truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

This matter of growing up in Christ is well expressed in Proverbs 2:1-5—

"My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

"So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;

"Yea, if thou criest after knowledge and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

"If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;

"THEN shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find knowledge of God."

If our young brethren follow that course, they will not find it necessary to ask to be put on the speaking list. They will be SOUGHT AFTER, and given the work, for as Jesus said,

"The harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few."

Timothy is a notable example of a faithful young brother, so we take our closing thought from 1 Tim. 4:12—

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in love in spirit, in faith, in purity." —Editor.

Commanding to Abstain From Meats

By BROTHER JOHN THOMAS

QUESTION: "*Did God command Israel to abstain from eating swine's flesh merely as a test of obedience, or for their own interest? If it was not good for natural Israel to eat it, is it good now for spiritual Israel?*"

In relation to eating of meats, or not eating of them, it is easier to ask questions than to answer them. Why Jehovah thought proper to do this, and not to do that, is easier asked than answered.

In Paul's day there was a class of professors who were very much addicted to the work of perplexing themselves about recondite matters to the neglect of what was obvious and plain. He says (Col. 2:18)—

"They intruded into things which they had not seen, being puffed up in vain by the mind of their flesh."

We must be careful that we fall not into this error; and to avoid it, it is necessary that we keep a strict watch over "the flesh," which is much more gratified in intruding into the motives of others, even of the Creator Himself, than in accepting His testimony and simply keeping His commands.

"The flesh" is not satisfied with "the simplicity which is in Christ." The case of Naaman is very instructive upon this point. Naaman was a "natural man," and gave utterance to "the mind of the flesh." Elisha told him to—

"Go and wash seven times in Jordan, and be clean."

Though Elisha was a man of God, he enunciated a simple order, or command, unaccompanied by any pious or godly drapery, rite, or ceremony, so pleasing to the flesh.

The flesh, called Naaman, rebelled at this simplicity. It required a show of godliness, a demonstration of respect to a great man, and some holy action.

It was willing, and would have delighted, in being commanded to do "some great thing." It would then have felt like making itself famous for something; but simply to do what it was commanded, conferred upon it no glory or renown. Poor human nature, alas for thee!

The flesh is always devising for itself yokes of bondage which God hath not imposed. This propensity to be doing what it is not asked to do, and of neglecting to do what it is told, is the foundation of all "the will worship and humility and austerity of body," which constitutes the godliness of the Old Adam.

The world is full of it. We see it in the superstitions of Rome, Wittenburg, Geneva, etc. And we would be glad if we could say that we did not see it among those who have believed and obeyed the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

Our correspondent asks us why Jehovah commanded Israel to abstain from swine's flesh? We answer, for the reason Jehovah Himself gives, which is "BECAUSE he cheweth not the cud" (Lev. 11:3-6)—

"Whatsoever parteth the hoof and is cloven-footed, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat."

Swine are cloven-footed and if they had chewed the cud, they would have been as clean to Israel for food as any other animal. But as they chewed not the cud, they were constituted **legally** unclean to Israel.

To abstain from eating swine's flesh, or horseflesh, was therefore "an element of the world"—part of—

"The righteousness of the Law which is fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh (or hand-writing of ordinances pertaining to the flesh) but after the Spirit."

Eels are as unclean by the same law, because they have no scales.

But some may inquire, WHY was the distinction of clean and unclean imposed at all?

The answer is, that all the enactments of the Mosaic Law partook of the nature and character of the Law, upon the principle that the parts or elements of a whole share in the constitution thereof. Now the Mosaic Law in its entirety was (Rom. 2:20)—

"The representation of the knowledge and the Truth."

Hence its parts, elements, or rudiments, were also individually representative of things pertaining to the Truth, or substance, or "body which is of Christ."

The New Testament sets forth "the revelation of the mystery"; or the exposition of the secret meaning of the Law. The Law was "the wisdom of God in a mystery"; which it was the business of the apostles and writers of the New Testament to expound.

From them we learn what was signified by the unclean animals of the Law, who chewed not the cud. The mystery is revealed in Peter's vision upon the housetop.

A sheet was lowered from heaven full of unclean animals, which he was ordered to kill and eat. But he refused, saying that he had never eaten "anything common or unclean."

He was told, however, that he was not to call that common or unclean which God had cleansed.

Now when Peter came to narrate the vision he had seen, he told his hearers that it had taught him the lesson that he was to call no man common or unclean, for—

"God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him."

All those non-Israelitish nations were dogs and swine, lions, tigers, eels, eagles, vultures, etc.—animals that chewed not the cud, without scales, etc., according to the Law.

But the time had come when Peter stood before Cornelius to afford men of all nations an opportunity of putting off the swine and putting on the sheep, which—

"Parteth the hoof and is cloven-footed, and cheweth the cud."
—in the green pastures and beside the still waters of God. The grass of these pastures is good and nourishing. They graze in the reading and hearing of the Word; and in meditating upon what they have received, they bring up the cud, and chew it in detail, and so appropriate it to the growth of the inner man—Acts 10:11; Lev. 11; Rom. 8:4; Col. 2:14-23.

When a Gentile obeys the Truth, as we have said, he puts off the dog and the swine, and puts on the sheep; but "if he turn again to the weak and beggarly elements of the Law," and (2 Pet. 2:21-22)—

"Turn from the holy commandment delivered to him; it has happened to him . . ."
—says Peter—

". . . according to the proverb, The dog has turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

This is as much as to say, that before the vomiting and the washing, they were separated by the Law as dogs and swine.

The bread of God, or the divine pasturage, had not been fed to them. So they could not chew, or ruminant, upon it; but they lived upon the garbage of the flesh, served out to them by pagan philosophers and priests, as men do now who are ignorant of the Word. —Herald, 1860

Fraternal Gatherings

(If the Lord Will)

Please notify as early as possible of your intention to attend.

PORTLAND, Oregon: December 30 and 31

Bro. Tilling, 2212 NE Prescott, Portland, 97211; Ph. (503) 287-3064

HYE, Texas: July 29 to Aug. 3, 1968

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Voyage to Australia

By BROTHER ROBERT ROBERTS

"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God"—John 3:5

PART SIX

**From the Red Sea to Ceylon
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1895**

THE day is very hot: 97°. There's no wind, and the sea is smooth. Land is in view for a short time on the left horizon.

Exertion of any kind is a burden. Opening your valise to get at anything causes perspiration to burst out all over. Even writing has to be performed under a constant drip from the forehead on to the paper, notwithstanding vigorous mopping.

What the men do who stoke the engines is a difficult subject of thought. We hear of one man sunstruck and dead, and of others prostrate in various ways. It is no wonder.

The Red Sea, it appears, is always more or less hotter than other seas from being enclosed on all sides by wide tracts of hot desert sand. I struggled against the tendency to dissolution by a 2 hours' writing spell in the saloon.

When my writing was done, I had a long conversation on deck with the mining engineer before spoken of. He expressed his great satisfaction with the Sunday evening address.

He said it was a great contrast to one he heard immediately afterwards on the third-class deck, which he could only call egotistical rubbish. The preacher said he got salvation on such a day at 10 o'clock: and if the people around him did not get salvation, they would go to hell if the ship went down.

What good could that do to people? The way was to put the elements of conviction into the people's hands, as I had done, and leave them apply them.

A young man came afterwards and opened conversation with me, remarking that there were many sceptics on board. They were full of bombast when there was no one able to contradict them, but they were afraid of me.

It was gratifying to hear of iniquity being ashamed and hiding its head, even on so small a scale. But how will it be when "the thunders of His awful voice" confound the swagger of folly through all the earth?

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In the afternoon, we passed a group of very desolate-looking and apparently uninhabited islands—right in the middle of the ocean. One of them was quite extensive.

They are a resort of sea-fowl, many of which now followed in the wake of the vessel, contending for the scraps thrown out to them. Two large birds had followed the ship for the two days previously, day and night. How did they manage to keep on the wing 48 hours at a stretch without tiring? It shows how possible it is for God to make an organization that shall "faint not, nor weary."

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During the night, we passed Perim, an island at the south entrance of the Red Sea, occupied by the British, near the narrow strait through which the Red Sea joins the Arabian Gulf.

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I began to be conscious of an improvement in the state of my health. The first fortnight was a time of misery.

Mr. Watson's interest in the Truth, and the call made upon me to exert myself in the congenial work of presenting the Truth to interested and interesting people, have aroused me from the killing depression of the last 6 months.

In the evening, I had another spell of writing in the saloon. While so engaged, two gentlemen came to me and craved pardon for approaching me on the subject of a meeting they were organizing for the amusement of the passengers, under the presidency of the captain. They would like to include me in the program.

I told them I thought I could not be of any use to them in that line of things.

There they thought I was quite mistaken. There was an ingredient in my composition that they had not quite got at yet. My ways and my words had made a deep impression on that boat, and it would be quite out of the question to leave me out of the meeting they were getting up.

I replied that my powers, whatever they were, were absorbed in one line of things, and I should be a heavy item on their program.

They said they required a heavy item, and that the passengers would not pardon my omission. Could I not give them a reading of some kind?

I said I would think it over, and let them know. (I afterwards decided to read an extract from a special composition by me, recently written, not outside the Truth, but on its outside aspects, from a public point of view.)

They thanked me heartily, and retired.

My compliance was chiefly dictated by the idea of improving the hearing for the Truth on which I hoped to speak on several other Sundays. It was partly in the line of Paul's policy of becoming—

"To them that are without law as without law, that he might gain them that are without law . . .
"All things to all men that he might gain some."

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1895

DURING the night, a breeze had sprung up, as we passed Aden, emerged from the Red Sea, and entered the Arabian Gulf. The temperature had gone down to 80—which was a great relief to everybody.

It was now possible to move about again with some degree of pleasure. I devoted the forenoon to writing in the saloon— my work being rendered somewhat difficult by the croak, croak of a Bible-class leader, who held a kind of small meeting at one of the saloon-tables every morning.

A true Bible-class might have been interesting, but the barren egotistical performance of the kind of men who distinguish themselves in that line in the orthodox system is an infliction to a Scripture-instructed mind.

It was all the more distracting to me because I knew so well every Bible word they quoted, and intuitively realized their line of thought.

They seemed to be always harping on John 3. This, with every other part of the Scripture, is delightful: but even the words of wisdom themselves can appear in a different guise from what is native to them.

The fact that "we must be born again" is beautiful, sublime, and interesting. But when the import of the fact is diverted from its noble scriptural meaning of the establishment by reasonable means of a new relation between God and a man now, with a view to the immortalization of his nature hereafter; and made instead to stand for a fictitious metaphysical transmutation supposed to be wrought in the sense of a man's supposed immortal soul by the supposed operation of a specific divine energy from above, personal to a man's own self, then the words lose their refreshing character, and become the symbol of the gloomy vaticination which turns a man's introspections egotistically upon his own interior darkness.

The irritation caused by the performance in question led me to select as the subject for a lecture I was asked to deliver at the fore hatch, "What Is It to Be Born Again?"

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1895

I was to have lectured this morning on the subject stated: but the wind had risen to a very stiff breeze during the night; and when we woke, there was a considerable sea on, causing a pitching and a rolling of our magnificent vessel, which detained the majority of the passengers in their cabins with sea-sickness.

Not only so, but the sea-spray was coming aboard somewhat freely in the forepart of the vessel, where the meeting was to have been held.

Consequently, I had a message proposing postponement. So the lecture was put off to "a more convenient season."

Many of the passengers were on deck in every attitude of wretchedness and despair. The steward had told me of a new compound for the relief of sea-sickness—Chlorobrom—which he said was almost unfailing.

I obtained a bottle, and went round the prostrate forms, and tried its efficacy on as many as would make the experiment. It gave some relief, but it was not an absolute cure, except, apparently, in one case.

The storm (for it almost amounted to such) lasted all day.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1895

THIS morning, as arranged, I delivered the postponed lecture.

The subject was suggested by the prominence given to the "new birth" in the conversation of a group of "Plymouth Brethren" on board.

If their form of presenting the subject had been scriptural, there would have been no need for the lecture. On the contrary, there would have been cause for joy and thanksgiving at their contentions.

But it was otherwise when a noble truth was travestied and presented in a way calculated to cover it with ridicule.

The Truth gets ridicule enough, but much of it is due to the ignorance and aversion excited by untrue teachings. When the Truth is seen in its own character, it is calculated to inspire admiration.

The Plymouth Brethren view puts forward a casual and figurative expression of truth for its literal and precise definition, and ignores the meaning which Christ himself attaches to the figure.

When Christ said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again," Nicodemus recognized the literal impossibility of such an event:

"How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

Christ rejoins by defining the sense in which he had affirmed the necessity of being born again.

"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."

Here the new birth is a process in which a man comes under the operation of water and Spirit in some ways. In what way, we learn plainly elsewhere. The necessity for it he points out in immediately adding—

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

There is much in the nature of a right clue to the subject in these words. We know experimentally what it is to be born of the flesh; and we know it is true that that which is born of the flesh is flesh.

But WHY is this a reason requiring that a man should be born again in order to enter the Kingdom?

Because flesh is a corruptible and a mortal thing, and the Kingdom of God an institution that will last forever.

This is the reason given by Paul in 1 Cor. 15:50—

"This I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God: neither doth corruption inherit incorruption."

Therefore (v. 53)—

"This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

Why should Christ press this fact on Nicodemus?

Because Nicodemus was approaching Christ on the hypothesis common to the Jews: that the Kingdom of God was to be a kingdom that mortal men would enter.

He hoped, no doubt, to obtain a place therein if Jesus were the Messiah (as Nicodemus was inclined to think); and if Jesus favourably received his advances (which Nicodemus thought probable).

It was, therefore, natural that Jesus should call his attention to the fundamental flaw in his advances. It was needful to tell him that a man must be changed from a mortal and corruptible man into an immortal and incorruptible man before he could enter the Kingdom as a ruler and co-heir with the Messiah.

This is a totally different thing from the supposed metaphysical change of Plymouth Brotherism, which leaves mortal men as much mortal men after the change as they are before it.

Men immortalized at the resurrection are fully-developed "children of God," as Jesus says (Luke 20:36)—

"They are the children of God, being the CHILDREN OF THE RESURRECTION."

It was, therefore, natural that Christ should speak to Nicodemus of the process conducting a man from the one state to the other as a "birth," and a birth "again."

Men are born once in being born of the flesh at the beginning of their existence. But if they are the subject of no other birth than this they have nothing but what the flesh can give them—which is vanity now, and death at last.

It is no artificial sentimentalism to affirm that a man "must be born again" to enter into the Kingdom of God. If he is not born again, he remains—

"But flesh, a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again" (Psa. 78:39).

But how is the process brought about?

When looked into, in its scriptural completeness, there is no mystery in it beyond the mystery that lies at the root of every work of God, whether in "nature" or "grace." Jesus indicates the method of procedure in his further words to Nicodemus—

"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

Here are two elements and two stages in the process. Had we no other light on the subject than is contained in these words, we might marvel what Christ could mean by being "born of water."

The difficulty vanishes when we take into view the work of the apostles. We find they used water in the doing of the work—

"Can any man forbid water?" (Acts 10:47). "See, here is water" (Acts 8:36).

This was the water of baptism, as the context shows in every case—baptism by immersion, of course: for there was no other water baptism known to apostolic practice than that "burial" with Christ in baptism spoken of in the epistles (Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:4).

Was this water baptism the "birth of water" spoken of by Christ? We can see it could be no other when we consider what baptism did for its subjects:—it put them into Christ (Gal. 3:27).

Before then, they were strangers and foreigners (Eph. 2:12-19). But now they were "children, and if children, then heirs" (Rom. 8:17).

That which produces children is birth: and if water baptism produces children of God, then is water baptism a "birth of water," and men, in being baptized, are "born of water."

But this does not complete their fitness for the Kingdom of God. They are still mortal men—till flesh and blood, and therefore cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, as Paul alleges in the passage quoted.

What is necessary to complete their fitness?

"This mortal must put on immortality."

How is this change to be effected?

"He that raised up Christ shall also quicken your mortal body by His Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Rom. 8:11).

Here is the "birth of the Spirit" which, superadded to the "birth of water," completes the qualification of the happy subject for that inheritance of the Kingdom of God, which was the subject of Christ's conversation with Nicodemus.

There is neither water nor Spirit in the so-called "new birth" of orthodox religion, and there is no birth at all in the true sense, but a mere excitement of the sentimental organs of the brain flesh, which effects no change towards God.

A man is changed in his relation to God only if GOD recognize the change.

He has revealed the conditions upon which He will recognize a change in the position of a son of Adam from being a child of death to his being a son of God, and a child of hope.

These conditions are exhibited in the Gospel. They do not consist of a paroxysmal transformation by the stroke of the clock, enabling a man to say in the language of fanaticism—

"I was saved—at such a moment, on such a day."

They consist of the affectionate and enlightened reception of the Truth revealed in the Gospel, and submission to its requirements, which is the work of time, involving "begettal" as well as "birth" (Jam. 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:23), and ending in the development of a new race of men in the earth, among whom there will be no more pain and no more death (Rev. 21:4).

I was earnestly listened to by a large number of people, some of whom were much disposed to give heed.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1895

Day fine, still wind and water rough; not feeling well.

A long conversation with an interested passenger, who has "seen life" in all its aspects, and pronounces it empty, though the earth is a glorious place, and capable of great things: but how to get at them, he sees not.

Admits the Gospel of the Kingdom would be a solution, but cannot feel certainty as to the foundation. Is going to look into it, however; admitting that I had presented many things in a new light.

Devoted the evening to writing in the saloon: rather difficult work, on account of the animated conversation going on all around: (cannot write elsewhere, or would).

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1895

Day like yesterday. Spent the day mostly in reading on deck. In the evening, there was a muster of the passengers in the saloon, for readings, recitations, performances on the pianoforte, etc.

At the close, there was an exhibition of figures on an illuminated screen, for the proper showing of which, the room was darkened. The figures were cut in card from drawings supplied by a young lady passenger.

The drawings were made by her of people on board the ship, by way of representing the human curiosities of the voyage. They finished with "the studious passenger," cross-legged in a deck-chair, and buried in Gibbon's "Decline and Fall."

The figures were all clever portraits, and were recognized and ratified by the laughter of the assembly. The last one somewhat solemnised them. I leave readers to guess its identity.

(Continued next month, God willing)

For Glory and for Beauty

"Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness" —Psalm 132:9

EXODUS CHAPTER 28

IN Exo. 28, Moses recounts for us the commissioning of Aaron and his sons as the highest order of Levite priests. Special attention is given to the peculiar clothes of these priests. Lengthy descriptions are carefully made by Moses.

Certainly there would be no need to go into such detail unless the dress of Aaron and his sons had an exceptional significance.

We should never read over such chapters as Exo. 28 as if we were only fulfilling an obligation, in a hurry to go on to something "more important."

Nothing is put in the Bible simply to fill up space. The simple fact that something is mentioned means that it deserves to be thoughtfully considered and studied. We should read such chapters slowly and reverently simply because they are the Word of God.

If, when we have finished, we find we have learned nothing, we should blame ourselves and not the Bible.

Why is this dress of the priests so important? Would not any clothes have served the purpose?

People often get the idea that they may serve God as they choose, without regard to the terms God Himself establishes.

This chapter would be useful if it only taught us that we must always obey God to the very letter without questioning every reason or seeking "loopholes."

But certainly there is much more significance in this chapter, if we would only give it some thought.

In studying the ordinances of the old Mosaic Law, it is natural to dismiss many regulations as just "not applying today." It may be forgotten that every little law and every seemingly unimportant sacrifice teaches a moral lesson—a lesson useful for all times.

So often in God's plans we get a glimpse of a dominant principle—

The small and imperfect precedes and foreshadows the great and the perfect.

This is true of first natural, and then spiritual, Israel. If it is true of nations, it is true of individuals. Therefore, the Jew of Moses' time is a prophetic type of a believer today.

And since Jesus has taught all of his followers how to approach God in prayer and has brought them all into contact with his sacrifice, we are all, in effect, priests (1 Peter 2:9)—

"Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people.

"That ye should show forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light."

We are therefore the larger and more perfect successors to the Levites. And as such it is our duty to study our predecessors and understand their responsibilities and privileges, for they were practically the same as ours are.

If we take this attitude, then the study of the Law that vanished away after Christ's advent will become alive and exciting again.

Once more we ask, What part does clothing play in this picture of the Law?

At first glance, it appears that there is no significance. But then we think of the many passages in the Scriptures referring to clothing, and gradually we come to understand its importance as a symbol—

"Let thy priests be **clothed** with righteousness" (Ps. 132:9).

"I put on righteousness, and it **clothed** me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem"

(Job 29:14).

"And that ye **put on** the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4:24).

"Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be **clothed** with humility" (1 Pet. 5:5).

"Take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day: having your loins girt about with Truth, and having on the breastplate of Righteousness;

"And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of Peace; and take the helmet of Salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" (Eph. 6:11-17).

"And righteousness shall be the girdle of his (Christ's) loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins" (Isa. 11:5).

"For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked" (2 Cor. 5:2-3).

"And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle" (Rev. 1:13).

Now we see that our clothing is a fitting symbol of our way of life. As with natural clothing, our walk in the Truth should be kept clean—in anticipation of our acceptance by Christ.

The fact that Aaron's clothes were more than they appeared to the natural eye, is seen by Exo. 28:2—

"Thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, for glory and for beauty."

The clothes of Aaron would certainly be glorious and beautiful. They could be nothing else. But OUTWARD beauty and extravagance may be a characteristic of the most evil and sinful persons.

Unless there is an inner beauty that God can see, what is beautiful and pleasing on the outside only will fit Jesus' description of the pious hypocrites of his day—

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

"Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and all uncleanness.

"Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity" (Matt. 23:25-28).

It is worthwhile to remember that the priests that condemned Christ wore basically the same outfit and stood in almost the same relation to God as Aaron.

THE EPHOD

The ephod is mentioned in Ex. 28:6. It is not translated from the original, but simply carried over from one language to another. The ephod was the most important garment of the priest. It seems to have been a coat that reached about to the thighs.

It was of many colours: gold, blue, scarlet (or red), purple, and white. Jacob loved his son Joseph very much and gave him a coat of many colours. Our Father in heaven gives us a coat also. When we enter into covenant relationship with Christ, we are symbolically given a "cloak of righteousness." We are morally clean.

But it is our duty to KEEP our robe pure and spotless, and to add to its beauty by acceptable service to God. If we fail, we fall under the condemnation of Jesus in Matt. 22:11-13—

"And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

"And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

"Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness:

"There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Each of the colours of the ephod symbolizes some characteristic to be found in our coats. By studying Aaron's clothes we learn to fashion our garments in the same way:—

GOLD

GOLD represents a tried faith (1 Pet. 1:7)—

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

Gold is one of the most precious metals. It is very flexible and can be drawn into a thin wire without breaking. It can withstand much pounding. Jesus said that only a little faith is very great. Gold is a fitting symbol of faith. We are told—

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him:

"For he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Heb. 11:6).

Job suffered many trials and never faltered. He said—

"He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold"
(Job 23:10).

BLUE

Under the ephod, the priest wore a long BLUE robe which was visible below the ephod. Blue also appeared in the ephod itself. God said to Moses—

"Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations,

"And that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:

"And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and **remember all the commandments of the Lord**, and do them:

"And that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:

"That ye may REMEMBER, and do all My commandments, and be holy unto your God"
(Num. 15:37-40).

The fringe itself represented a Law, because it encircled the wearer and restricted him within it. Its blue colour reminded him of the sky above and the heavenly origin of the Law. He could not go anywhere without seeing the heavens, God's dwelling place, stretched out above.

His clothes were all encompassed with blue, his laws were all Divine; and his only hope was to remember and meditate upon them always.

Blue therefore represents the Divine, or heavenly, element in our garments. We are to manifest God's love and mercy always. We must try to follow Christ's footsteps. Christ so perfectly imitated God's character that those who saw him, saw God.

God told the Israelites that they were to be His witnesses to the heathen. **The same holds true for us.** The blue is a colour which should increase in our garments.

RED

As blue represents the Divine, so red represents man. The word for "man" in Hebrew (**Adam**) is practically the same as the word for "blood" (**dam**) and the word for "Red" (**adorn**).

Red is the colour of flesh and the colour of the blood that flows through it. Both flesh and blood are reminders of the imperfections of a sinful, dying nature.

Red is included in our garment or body, as it was in Christ's also. We read—

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same;

"That through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

"And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

"For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham"
(Heb. 2:14-16).

So that Christ would undergo real trials, he had to be subjected to the temptations and lusts of the flesh. Only by fighting down the natural self could he remain sinless, and truly overcome.

We must have the weakness of mortality now—so that we may learn to rely only upon God and not upon our own strength.

Man is as a flower of the field that fades away; we must learn that: "To GOD only be glory and honor."

PURPLE

Purple is the colour of kings. Jesus was mockingly arrayed in a purple robe and a crown of thorns. (However, few realized at the time the **rightness** of doing such a thing.)

Purple is a mixture of the blue of God and the red of man. It was only by showing a Godlike character in the weak body of a man that Jesus triumphed over sin and opened a way for us to do the same.

The only right to any form of kingship is through submission to God as the only true ruler. This is what Jesus did, and what we must do. The climax of the process is foreseen in Rev. 5:10—

"And thou hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

WHITE

The white of the linen is simply explained in Rev. 19:—

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him:

"For the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

"And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white:

"For the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."

In the end, it will be the only colour of the garments of immortality. It will be a whiteness and a purity, both moral and physical. The flesh will be totally forsaken and forgotten—

"Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord:

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;

"Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18).

THE GIRDLE

In Exo. 28:8, we see that the ephod had a girdle—simply, a belt. The girdle drew the other garments together and allowed freedom for moving about without stumbling.

In the same way we must gird ourselves spiritually. We must put aside all things which hamper us, and concentrate on the one goal—attaining to life everlasting. The girdle shows an active, working righteousness (Luke 12:35-36)—

"Let your loins be girded, and your lights burning.

"And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding;

"That when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately."

And 1 Pet. 1:13—

"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind,

"Be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

PRECIOUS STONES

Following the description of the ephod, Moses tells further of the two onyx stones with the name of the twelve tribes engraved upon them. Also, he tells of the breastplate with twelve stones arranged in four rows.

Four is the symbol of Israel, both natural and spiritual. It is the number of cherubim in Ezekiel's vision of the conquering saints. It was also the number of divisions of the camp of Israel in its march through the wilderness.

The jewels symbolize the Jews. The fact that Aaron wore them shows a connection between himself and the people.

All these precious stones were worn by Aaron when he entered the Tabernacle (Ex. 28:29):

"And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the Lord continually.

"And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the Lord:

"And Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the Lord continually."

As Aaron sacrificed on behalf of the Jews, so did Jesus offer himself so that we might be saved (Heb. 9:11-12)—

"But Christ being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect Tabernacle, not made with hands; that is to say, not of this building;

"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption."

BELLS and POMEGRANATES

In Exo. 28:33-35—

"And beneath upon the hem of it (the robe) thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem thereof: and bells of gold between them round about.

"A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about.

"And it shall be upon Aaron to minister; and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the Lord, and when he cometh out, THAT HE DIE NOT."

Pomegranates are a beautiful symbol of the righteous. Pomegranates are a fruit, and Jesus has said—"By their fruits ye shall know them."

What fruits reveal true saints to be what they are? The answer is in Gal. 5:22-23—

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

The pomegranate is full of many seeds. It is a significant symbol for the multitudinous Christ—many saints joined together in Christ their Leader. Each seed, like each saint, is complete in itself; but together they form an even more perfect whole.

The fruit also points to the inheritance of the saints. In Deut. 8:8 the land of promise is called a "land of pomegranates."

The bells were worn alongside the pomegranates. They made a pleasing sound and remind us that our words, as well as our works—or fruits—must be righteous. As the priest went about his work, the bells were constantly heard. In the same way, we are told always to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

All our work for God (which means everything we do) must be in thankful joyfulness.

THE MITRE

Finally, Aaron was to wear a crown, or mitre. Upon this mitre was a golden plate upon which was written "Holiness to the Lord." In everything, the priest, as well as the ordinary man, was to remember God's laws:

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

"And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

"And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates" (Deut. 6:6-9).

For the present there are many problems in our world. We may be ridiculed and feel discouraged because we sometimes fail to maintain our "holiness to the Lord."

But if we constantly look to the END, we may be uplifted in thinking of that time when ungodliness will be turned from Jacob, and from all the world. This is the time spoken of in Zech. 14:16-21—

"And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

"In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

"Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness to the Lord of hosts."

The partial and imperfect of both the Mosaic era and the present time will be submerged by the completeness of that declaration—

"BUT AS TRULY AS I LIVE, ALL THE EARTH SHALL BE FILLED WITH THE GLORY OF THE LORD!" (Num. 14:21).

May our garments be found acceptable at that time!

—G. B.

Let the Words of My Mouth Be Acceptable, O Lord!

"By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned"—Matt. 12:37

SURELY this should cause us to keep a guard continually over our lips, for "Whoso keepeth his mouth keepeth his life." What brother or sister of Christ, then, can conscientiously indulge in the meaningless chatter, foolish joking and senseless chit-chat of ordinary society—laughing and talking about nothing—discussing fashions or one's neighbour. Too much talk is bad—

"In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin."

This is the way the world does, and we are told not to be like the world, but to be grave, sincere, thoughtful, to have our minds stored with God's Word, our hearts filled with love of Him, so that when we speak, our words will be instructive to the young, kind to the suffering, of good cheer to the downcast, and helpful to everyone.

If foolish talking and kindred characteristics are to be put aside, what shall we say of hatred, envy, jealousy, backbiting, quarrelling? Surely these should NEVER find a place in our lives! If we are prone to any of these hateful sins, let us spare no pains, relax no endeavours until they are utterly uprooted, and in their place are planted love, joy, goodness, meekness, kindness.

Evil surmising, lying, tale-bearing, contending, and all such things are to be left to the world—they are to have no part in that new self, which is to be invested with immortality.

—Christadelphian, 1897

"This Is Love: That We Obey"

"If a man love me, he will keep my words" —John 14:23

THERE may be some who think we too often hear words of exhortation on love. More likely, however, judging from what we read and hear, the emphasis is always on love **for all things**.

We would strongly disagree with the nature of such a "love" as this, because it is not sanctioned by Scripture.

We do well on all subjects, including the subject of love, to draw from the Scriptures the Spirit's teaching. No other meaning or definition of love to which we may conform our lives will avail us anything when we stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ, except the scriptural definition and examples and requirements on love.

GOD'S LOVE

We may well ask on this all-important subject—

"In its deepest sense, what IS 'love'?"

John gives us the answer—

"He that loveth not knoweth not God: for GOD IS LOVE" (1 John 4:8).

This is love in its broadest, deepest, most enduring sense—the ultimate in love. But, it is not a love for all things.

In today's troubled world, wherein all the peoples on earth are likened unto the "seas and waves roaring" (Luke 21:25), there are many, both within and without the Christadelphian world, who speak of "love" in the broadest terms, in an attempt to identify the love of which they speak with the love that is synonymous with God— "God IS Love."

This is not true. To speak of God's Love in the broadest terms is not correct, because God's Love is not love that loves all in the sense of loving any and everyone indiscriminately.

We must, when studying and contemplating God's Love towards man, remember the "other side of God's character"—that He "HATES all workers of iniquity" (Ps. 5:5), and "hates evil and a false oath" (Zech. 8:17), and He is a "consuming fire" (Heb. 12:29).

Such testimony can be multiplied, all bearing the essential message and revelation that God will not look upon sin with favor—that He will never condone, let alone love, sin (Hab. 1:13).

God's Love, then, is not a broad, all-embracing, all-inclusive trait as some people would make it. If it were, then every person who was ever born would (eventually) be saved by God, for such a love would love any and all to the point of giving everyone of every age, salvation.

This reasoning would admit belief in the universal salvation of mankind as the logical outcome of such an all-embracing love.

But on the contrary, turning to the Scriptures again, we are plainly told—

"Salvation is far from the wicked" (Ps. 119:155).

—and that men of no understanding of God's purpose are like the beasts that perish (Ps. 49:20). Many other passages testify the same divine decree against the wicked and against natural man left to himself.

We must accept the judgment of these inspired words as final regarding those involved, for we search in vain for the least indication in God's Word that there will be a "second chance" offered to the wicked or to those without understanding, or to us, or to anyone else.

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TRUE LOVE GIVES ALL

WHEN some speak of love in a broad, universal, unlimited sense, we agree that their remarks are not all wrong. We would strongly agree with them on this one point—that love in a broad sense can be spoken of as a burning, all-consuming zeal, so that a person would give everything and endure anything for that which is loved.

This is quite true of scriptural love—of God's Love—since God gave His nearest and dearest when He gave His Only Begotten Son, that we might not perish but have eternal life, if we look up to a crucified Jesus in faith. This meaning is always characteristic of an intense love for something.

We must agonize to develop and maintain this kind of love for God, Christ and the brethren and sisters—a love willing to give all for those loved.

LOVE NOT ALL THINGS

But there are certain things we are specifically commanded to NOT love. John warns us (1 John 2:15)—

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

This warning tells us that we cannot love the world AND also love God. We cannot love both at the same time. We must love one or the other. No wonder Jesus said—

"No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye CANNOT serve God and Mammon."

When we are reminded that "servant" here is better rendered "slave," we begin to realize this impossibility—(Jesus said, "Ye CANNOT serve God and Mammon")—for how can we be a half-time slave to one owner and a half-time slave to another? The very idea of "slave" is that he is completely OWNED: has only ONE: master.

Trying to serve God and Mammon is impossible, and if we find ourselves foolishly attempting to do so, we must be rudely awakened to the fact that we would not be considered even a part-time servant of God, but a full-time servant of Mammon.

To love God AND the world is impossible. To serve God AND Mammon is impossible. There is a close relationship here between "love" and "serve," because we serve what we love.

And since we have been called of God to come out of the surrounding darkness to be His enlightened children, we must strive to transfer our love and service from the things of the world and Mammon to the things of God and Christ.

There are many things, therefore, which we should learn to NOT love or serve, comprehended in the terms "the world" and "Mammon."

All of us during our probation in the Truth are in a transition period, transferring our love from the things of this world to God, and developing and perfecting that love.

LOVE GOD ABOVE ALL

We must ultimately learn that true love of God will ELIMINATE from our lives any other love we may have in connection with "the world" and "Mammon." Meanwhile, we must recognize the danger to faith and love for the things of God, if we DO love anything else.

One example of this recorded for our learning is the "rich young man" who went away from Jesus sorrowful. He had come running to Jesus to ask what he must do to gain eternal life, and (Matt. 19:21-22)—

"Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come follow me.

"But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful (grieved), for he had great possessions."

Now we are not told that he did not love God. The account shows clearly that he did. But the account leaves no doubt as to where the **primary** affections of the rich young man lay—even on his riches—and it is evident that his love of riches prevented him from developing his love of God so that it would be first and foremost in his life.

His love of riches—possessions—worldly goods—was too great to give up or even attempt to overcome.

Is not this the basic lesson of all trial and testing of our faith and love in Divine things—to determine whether or not our faith and love are GENUINE and ENDURING and, if so, to increase and strengthen them?

It should be clear that we can love God and love other things at the same time, things incompatible and inconsistent with a love for the things of God. Our love of these other things can cause our love of God to be defective, if we do not put love of God first and overcome in our lives love for these other things. We have a case in point recorded in John 12:42-43—

"Among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

"For they loved the praise of men MORE than the praise of God."

Here are, as it were, two loves shown by the chief rulers, and love of the praise of God is revealed as a lesser love than love of the praise of men. Has this not been a pitfall to every generation of God's people—seeking to please man AND God, and giving the pre-eminence to man?

If we find ourselves trying to establish and maintain "friendly relations" with everyone, let us recall this statement about the chief rulers, and also remember that Jesus said (Luke 6:26)—

"Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you."

WE MUST HATE SOME THINGS

Just as God hates workers of iniquity and hates evil, so also must we acquire a hate for what God hates.

But this does not imply we are to show a hate that is vindictive or malicious.

Hate, as here used against evil and workers of iniquity, denotes that we should **have no pleasure** in evil things, but detest them. TO HAVE PLEASURE in something means we enjoy it—we like it—we love it.

And as for vengeance against evil and wickedness, that is God's prerogative. He will repay, so we are not to seize on a "hate for evil and iniquity" as an excuse to be vindictive or malicious—qualities of character we should not display towards any man.

It is essential we—

"Hate the evil and love the good" (Amos 5:15).

And how often in the Scriptures do we find both these words—"hate" and "love"—used in extreme contrast to each other, because greater extremes in either direction cannot be described in any other way. For instance, when Jesus said we cannot serve two masters but must hate one and love the other.

There is no middle ground, and no lukewarmness. It must be all one way or the other on these vital matters.

We find Jesus instructing us to hate our OWN LIVES in John 12:25—

"He that loveth his life shall lose it: and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal."

Again we notice the extremes of love and hate, this time in connection with life itself. Certainly Jesus is not saying that we are to hate living—we must live unto God, and we must hate living UNTO SELF.

Such a life, made up of the pleasures of the present directed towards self-preservation and self-satisfaction, is to begin to cease when we have been baptized into Christ. We have to die to such a life of serving sin, which is serving self, and revive to a new life on arising from the waters of baptism, a life of righteousness.

This, THE basic lesson of God's Saving Truth, is so hard for us to learn and know in its stark simplicity.

Yet, if we do learn—know—REALIZE this truth, we will also come to understand that the transformation from serving sin to serving righteousness requires time. But we must constantly progress in the right direction.

To manifest true love (spiritual love) demands that we hate certain things, and along this line of thought we are told something about hating our own families. In Luke 14:20, the words of Jesus are—

"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and his brother, and his mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple."

As with Mammon—"Ye CANNOT serve God and Mammon"—so also here, it is **impossible** to be Christ's disciples unless we "hate" father and mother, etc. This is the strongest possible language Jesus can use—"hate"—"cannot." As we also note Jesus uses the strongest possible language in referring to the two widest extremes—"love"—"hate."

An explanatory note in a concordance says of "hate"—

"This word is used in the Bible frequently, as it is now, not for literal hatred, but a dislike, or even a lesser degree of love for one than another."

And an example of the use of the word "hate" as a lesser degree of love is given—

"If a man have two wives, one beloved and another hated" (Deut. 21:15)—

Now, while this idea in connection with the use of the word "hate" may be true in some cases, we should not fail to notice in the quotation from Luke 14:26, where Jesus speaks of hating father, mother, etc., that "our own life also" is included in the enumeration of things to be hated, and surely we are not prepared to say that we can love our own life to a "lesser degree" than we love the things of God, because we are not to love the present life of fleshly self-satisfaction in ANY degree. And yet no one can deny that we are to love father, mother, wife, etc.

What, then, is the explanation? It appears to be 2-fold:—

First, there may be times and circumstances when we can **remain faithful to God** only by hating father, mother, wife, etc. Situations may arise in our individual lives when we will have to CHOOSE between parents or God—family or God. Did not Jesus even forewarn his followers about this, when he told them the time is coming when (Luke 12:53)—

"The father shall be divided against the son, the son against the father;
"And the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother."

To drive home the lesson of faithful discipleship, Jesus used the word "hate," indicating that future trials of his followers, in testing their faith and love for him, would demand of them actions and decisions that could be made only from the standpoint of hate—that is, the absence of pleasure and not the presence of animosity.

This requires the placing of one's family behind him when the service and worship of God may not be compromised.

Second, discipleship calls for us to leave behind our natural family—father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters—and become one family in the Lord with all of like precious faith, the children of God.

We leave all on the natural plane and elevate ourselves to the spiritual plane, where there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond or free, male or female, but we are all one in Christ Jesus.

When we attain to this mind and spirit, our first concern is for those who make up the One Body which is the family of God, and thenceforth we "know no man after the flesh."

WISDOM MUST GUIDE LOVE

Love that is synonymous with God is interwoven with wisdom. With God, love would of necessity be associated with wisdom. In the offering of God's only begotten Son for sin we behold the expression of God's love—

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16).

But at the same time the expression of God's Wisdom is embodied in Christ—

"Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God . . .

"Of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:24-30).

And James speaks of "the wisdom from above" being—

"First pure, then peaceable; gentle, easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (3:17).

—which is to define spiritual love, containing wisdom and other qualities of God's character.

We are not to suppose that God manifests His moral attributes one at a time—at one time manifesting mercy; at another time manifesting wisdom; at another time showing grace: at still another time showing love; etc. God's moral character is ONE. Yet love is the overall attribute of the Divine Character.

We may refer to one well known verse of Scripture to illustrate the point of wisdom interwoven with love. In Prov. 13:24, it is written—

"He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."

To spare the rod is equivalent to hating one's son. This is, if you spare your son punishment when he deserves it, you are doing the worst thing possible to your son—as though you hated him! And yet, you are sparing the rod because you "love" him? This is "love" that is not wise, but foolish.

Love, in the Proverbs, is to be guided and controlled by spiritual wisdom, not by mere human emotion, or sentiment. Wise love is not always joyous in the present dispensation.

God, Who is Love, is All-wise. And His Love is a love that does not exclude His Wisdom. The love God has shown towards His children is a wise love. He loves us and chastens us in accordance with His infinite Wisdom. He knows what is best for us even though we must at times endure that which is grievous.

People who fail to understand that God's Love is directed by wisdom are quick to criticize Creation and doubt the existence of God, on the grounds that an All-good, All-loving God could not exist because there is so much misery and evil and death in the world.

But when we consider Wisdom associated with God's Love, we are given just cause to stop for a moment and think a little deeper. Would not God, in unfolding His Love, devise by His Wisdom the best way to bring about the desired result concerning creation and salvation?

LOVE IS OBEYING JESUS

So when we speak of love, brethren and sisters, we are not to set aside or forget the Spirit's WISDOM and COMMANDMENTS, This is reflected threefold in Jesus' declaration in John 15:12-14—

"This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

In these 3 verses Jesus gives us (1) Commandment, (2) Example, and (3) Definition. His commandment is that we love one another. His example is the laying down of his own life on our behalf. His definition is what constitutes true love for him.

We should see here that Jesus is not speaking of a love that is broad and without definition (though it is also ineffable), but he speaks of a love that is special and definite and detailed—a love that cannot be manifested unless we know his words and commandments.

This much concerning love must be definite and knowable, even if the depths of that love cannot be plumbed.

So while it is true that we cannot fathom the depths of God's Love toward us, yet His Word and His Son define and give expression to His Love, so that we can have a knowledge and understanding of it, and in order for us to be fully aware of WHAT IS NEEDED IN US in the way of love, if we are to be His true children.

To help us in this direction, we must bear in mind our own condition when God gave His Son an offering for sin—even that we were members of sinful, perishing mankind. Our relationship to God when He gave His Son is given in Rom. 5:8—

"But God commendeth His Love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

God is Love, and while this does not automatically save all people who were ever born, we are not to suppose that this diminishes the quality or nature or intensity of God's Love. Towards those who love Him His Love and mercy are infinite, and all things are for their sakes in the outworking of His purpose with sinful, perishing man.

It is for us to be mindful that God IS Wisdom, as well as God IS love. It is for us to remember that God commendeth His Love towards us while we were yet sinners by giving His only begotten Son, and yet He hates sin and will not condone it.

Let us learn to reciprocate in the same kind of love—not putting our love on this present life, or the world, or Mammon, but having no pleasure in any such things, and keeping Christ's commandments that we might love God with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and our neighbor as ourself.

—N.M.

Qualifications of Serving Brethren

IN the delegation of duties the ecclesia should be guided by the apostolic and reasonable principle that men of suitable qualifications should be chosen. Men chosen for the performance of particular duties become more or less representative men to "those that are without"; and since the ecclesia has a mission to "them that are without," it is important that in these men, "those that are without" should be able to recognize an illustration of the spirit and principles that belong to Christ.

Furthermore, as regards those that are within, it is important that the men to whom a special function is assigned by choice, should be men likely to exercise a righteous and beneficial influence. If Paul was careful to recommend that candidates for spiritual appointment in the early ecclesias should have certain eligible qualifications, much more needful is it that regard should be had to these qualifications in appointments in a day like ours when we are not privileged with the visible indications of the mind of the Spirit. Those qualifications are thus described—

"Blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach, not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; holding fast the faithful word; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; not a novice; moreover he must have a good report of them that are without."

We cannot do better than have these qualifications always in view when called upon to make a choice for any particular office.

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Current World Events

'FORMAL TIES WITH VATICAN'

In Feb. '65, the World Council of Churches and the Vatican formed a joint "working group" for dialog & collaboration.

Council's Gen. Sec. called it "one of the most historic events since the Reformation." Discussions between the Council (representing 223 Protestant & Orthodox churches) and Vatican are commonplace.

Little advance has been made on doctrinal differences as baptism, mixed marriage, the Eucharist.

Still, says Dr. Blake, "the important thing is that both sides have gotten over the fear of discussing the issue of formal ties with the Vatican." (Tm 9:1)

"Little advance has been made on doctrinal differences," but that of course is quite unimportant these days when no one cares about doctrine or truth or God's revealed will and point of view. The "important thing" is that Protestants have gotten over the fear of formal ties with the Papacy, and truly, for the prophetic picture, that IS the important thing. This is how "Reunion" is manoeuvred—by ignoring God's Truth.

FRANCE OKs POLISH BORDER

DeGaulle told the Poles what they wanted to hear—that France recognizes the Oder-Neisse line as permanent Poland-Germany boundary.

He believes Europe can best attain stability by scuttling cold-war alliances. Therefore he does all he can to reduce U.S. influence in Europe, keep Britain out of the market, pull France out of NATO, play a bilateral role with Russia, pursue an independent atom policy, enrage Canada with "free Quebec" appeal.

DeGaulle invited Cardinal Wysznski, Polish Primate, to a reception: Poland opposed this. (USN 9:18)

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De Gaulle's Polish trip was characterized by the conflicting pulls of seemingly irreconcilable forces in Polish life: church vs. state, fear of Germany vs. fear of Russia, admiration for West vs. loyalty to East. (Nwk 9:18)

DeGaulle is meddling in Poland as he meddled in Canada, stirring up the Catholics against their govt.

"2 CANADA NATIONS A FACT"

Quebec's govt. announced yesterday a program to have everyone, including English firms, speak French, saying, "There's a majority here that no longer intends to let minority's language be imposed by force. 2 nations in Canada is a fact. Quebec is homeland of the French-Canadian nation." (DtNw 9:12)

W. Germany and Russia now agree best way to improve relations is improve trade. Both are strongly promoting it. Berlin's honoured place at last week's 27-nation Moscow Fashion Festival marked a high point. (Tm 9:15)

WORLD FEARS, DANGERS GROW

Summer '67: the big city ghettos exploded with unexampled frequency and fury. U.S. stepped up the Viet war and pressed it no nearer an end than ever. Johnson found his "Great Society" awash in red ink. The world seemed a smaller, more dangerous place than ever. Summer ended with U.S. bombers pressing ever closer to China's borders.

Riots' lesson: ghetto problems are deeper, more intractable than white America ever suspected—and that U.S. was as tragically distant from solution as ever. (Nwk 9:11)

"The world is a smaller, more dangerous place than ever." What a commentary on all man's mighty achievements! There must be a "time of trouble such as never was," and all signs are that it is rapidly descending upon us.

CHINA, BRITAIN & HONG KONG

Recently China's diplomacy all around the world has taken undiplomatic twists & turns—with Britain a main target. Focus: Hong Kong.

China's strange new diplomacy has produced incidents with about ½ the 56 nations they have relations with. Incidents have mostly been with Russia or Britain. (USN 9:11)

CHINA: BORDER FRICTIONS

All around its vast perimeter, from Russia & Japan on the north to India & Indonesia on the south, China stirred up trouble and resentment. On Sikkim's border, Chinese suddenly opened fire on Indians. Gunfire continued 4 days—worst Indian border incident since China's '62 invasion. (Tm 9:22)

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There was a new, prolonged flare-up between India and China at Sikkim-Tibet border. The Indian-China frontier is one of the world's edgiest. Troops have been "eyeball to eyeball" along the 2,000-mile border ever since China invaded India in '62. (USN 9:25)

WORLD, BREAKDOWN of ORDER

The world is going through a major international breakdown in respect for law and order. The phenomenon of public antagonism towards police is reaching epidemic proportions all over the world, in countries regarded as most highly civilized. (USN 8:21)

For nearly 2000 yrs. the world has been ruled by nations professing a form of godliness and recognizing the existence of a divinely-taught structure of morality. While truly it has been a hideously-distorted caricature of TRUE Christianity, it has raised mankind—at least in form and profession—above the naked level of the animal barbarism of heathen antiquity. But in these last dark days the restraining bulwark of God's Word has been discredited and abandoned and the world is sinking back to paganism and jungleism.

AFRICA: RACIAL WAR LOOMS

Africa had its first taste of race war. Communist-armed Black guerrillas, trained in Tanzania, slipped into Rhodesia. S. African helicopters and police entered Rhodesia to put a white alliance into action.

Blacks mean business, are well armed, will try again. This time local Black majorities were quiet. Next time they could help invading guerrillas with terrorism. (USN 9:11)

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Black Africa: menaced by civil wars. White Africa: rising tide of guerrilla war, what keeps pot boiling? Nationalism, unstable govts., Communist arms. Russia wants to keep arms pouring in & conflicts aflame, turn Africans from West. (USN 9:18)

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Blacks are stepping up their "liberation war" against white-ruled Africa. Guerrillas have been fighting the Portuguese in Angola & Mozambique for yrs. Now it's Rhodesia's turn. Well-trained., heavily-armed terrorists are pouring in to:—

- Establish guerrilla training camps & command centres;
- Recruit "freedom fighters";
- Incite insurrections, kill whites;
- Get support of rural Africans—by terror if necessary;
- Sabotage bridges, railroads, buildings, power systems.

For yrs. disgruntled young Blacks have been recruited in S. Africa, Rhodesia, Angola, Mozambique & SW Africa by Communist nations and the "revolutionary left"—Algeria, Egypt, Tanzania.

They have modern weapons—often far superior to the forces they will face. One gang in Rhodesia had Czech, Chinese & Russian automatic rifles, bazookas, antipersonnel mines, explosives and booby traps.

A month ago—at Russian urging— Tanzania, Algeria & Egypt decided to step up training at Tanzanian & Zambian bases, & order 3000-4000 "freedom fighters" to advance immediately against S Africa.

The new guerrilla units are more dangerous than earlier ones; tougher, better trained, better equipped. It's causing worldwide concern. (USN 9:25)

All the world is a battlefield in the East-West war for world domination. There is not, and CANNOT be, peace to the wicked, and "The whole world lieth in wickedness."

BANKRUPTCY: BLACK PLAN

Mass Bankruptcy—Personal bankruptcies in this country could rocket upward soon by a bold new civil-rights campaign to get 1000's of Negroes to take bankruptcy. Purpose: "break an oppressive credit structure that shackles the poor." (USN 9:25)

ADEN: TERRORISTS GAINING

Britain's leaving plums east of Suez. S. Arab Federation—a British creation, including Aden—is up for grabs. Most of its 17 states are in Arab terrorist hands. (USN 9:11)

INEQUALITY IN SCHOOLS

The awful gap between education of middle-class child and poor kid is widening. Thoughtful professionals say urban schools have failed on a grand scale. "Grade Teacher Magazine" found the average new teacher more concerned with pay than a career.

Inequality in U.S. education grows yr. by yr. In Grade 6 the average Negro is 1½ yrs. behind the average white; by Grade 12 he's 3¼ yrs. behind. Many of the Negro's difficulties are traceable to his shattered family structure—result of 300 yrs. systematic exploitation.

Public-education has become the province of the professional bureaucrat. There's a massive breakdown in the education program. Berkely's Sullivan says, "Close the schools for a massive retraining program to change teaching style, programs, texts & supplies. It's that bad." (Nwk 9:25)

Education is America's god. Billions are spent on it, but it continues to deteriorate because of the rot of greed and selfishness, and because it is not based on true divine principles of wisdom and of living. It caters to and glorifies the flesh; therefore it cannot raise anyone above the animal level.

CHURCHES: MORE "REUNION"

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, one of the most aloof denominations, is edging into ecumenism. Last week it took significant steps toward closer relations with other churches.

It has never joined the National or World Council of Churches. Till last yr., it had remained isolated from even its sister denominations: American Lutheran Church (2,600,000) and Lutheran Church in America (3,300,000).

Last week the synod concluded that enough doctrinal consensus existed to justify "a declaration of pulpit and altar fellowship" with ALC allowing an eventual exchange of pastors and communion.

In another precedent-breaking action, it authorized a new "study and evaluation" of the World Council of Churches. (Tm 7:21)

SYRIA REAL CAUSE OF WAR

For nearly 20 yrs., from the safety of Golan Heights, Syria bombarded Israel in the valley below. Snipers fired on farmers; terrorists crept down at night to mine roads. Hostile incidents were 500 a yr.

Israel Army Chief Rabin said, "Syria brought about the whole war—provoked it with years of subversive activities, and dragged Nasser after them." (Tm 9:1)

Syria is the original "King of the North," and belongs with Russia. Egypt is the "King of the South" and surely must be with Britain in the end. So we see the significance of the above.

PENTECOSTAL EXPLOSION

In Brazil the 8th Pentecostal World Conference eloquently illustrated the power and success of one of the century's fastest growing religious movements. It has spread to over 90 nations. In Catholic Brazil, they're 2,600,000, up 1,100,000 since '62

Many are drawn by the intimacy and fervour of Pentecostal services, the joyous, uninhibited hymn singing, the upright rigidity of moral standards (no smoking or drinking).

As fundamentalists who interpret the Bible literally and confidently await Christ's coming, they are almost as enthusiastic as Zionists about Israel's victory. That, they say, is a sign God's Kingdom is closer than ever. (Tm 7:28)

There is much to be learned by meditating on this. We have the Truth, but that alone won't save us. Rather it will condemn us, if we cannot at least match the best the world has to show in dedication and labor and zeal.

INDIA AT THE CROSSROADS

12 yrs. ago India began moving to highly centralized economic planning based on Russia. Today, it's a shambles; some believe it's heading for crack-up. Foreign debt so huge that outside aid barely covers cost of servicing old loans.

In foreign policy, India's leadership is scorned as unrealistic, too tied to Russia. Even pro-Soviet Afro-Asians reject it.

The Congress Party—which brought independence to India under Ghandi & Nehru—is demoralized by disastrous political defeats. Opposition controls 7 of 16 State govts. Congress has bare control of National legislature.

Communists with close ties to China control 2 states—Kerala & W. Bengal. 3 times in 3 months, federal police had to restore law and order in W. Bengal, where bitterness and frustration are rising. Each outbreak of violence strengthens the Communist hold.

India in '55 set out to build heavy industry: no funds for agricultural. Planning has been faulty & disjointed, resources wasted. Underemployment, private & public, nears unmanageable proportions.

Economic problems here begin & end with food; 80% earn their living off the land. Till agriculture prospers, India can only go down. Socialist planners & politicians still resist foreign investment in fertilizer plants; equipment for such is charged high duty.

Layoffs in industry and spiralling prices are undermining India's economy. A million man army eats over ¼ the national budget. (USN 9:4)

India—the eastern Tarshish, inseparably bound up with the destiny of Britain. Therefore we watch her struggles and problems with deep interest, believing she must at last take her stand with the West.

RELIGION PERSISTS IN RUSSIA

A Russian magazine last week gave survey results showing 21% of the citizens of a major Russian city still practice religion. Persistence of religious faith is a vexatious point with Soviet officials.

Two days later a widely-read Russian newspaper printed a long letter from a woman who stoutly defended her faith in Christianity, saying immorality resulted from atheistic education: "We got rid of Christ in our families and schools, and morality disappeared with him." (Nwk 9:11)

Russia must learn, as all past dictatorships have learned, that religion is a very useful "opium of the people." She must combine with the Papacy to rule the masses of Europe and lead them, like sheep to the slaughter of Armageddon.

ARMS: MERCHANTS of DEATH

US is making speeches against dumping arms on all kinds of countries, while sending more weapons to more nations than any other country. Since '49, US Govt. sold \$16-billion in arms and gave away \$30-billion—\$4-billion more than all economic grants and loans since '48 including Marshall Plan.

Govt. says arms sales are vital to counter extension of Soviet and Chinese domination. The world arms traffic is dangerously out of control. US is selling arms not only to maintain order but to make money. (DtFP 7:21)

In 20 yrs., US has distributed \$46-billion worth of death machines, on the plea that the other side is doing the same. And she has spent 100's of billions on her own armaments, which take the great bulk of ALL her national expenditures. "Prepare war! Wake up the mighty men!" is the prophetic picture of these terrible last days—surely the darkest of all "Dark Ages"!

MIDEAST: WORLD'S CROSSROAD

Mideast lies at a strategic crossroads of Europe, Africa and Asia—a tremendous complex of land, sea and air routes and communications, and enormous riches in oil reserves.

Since the Czars Russia's leaders have coveted the Mideast for its location. Present Soviet rulers, with worldwide ambitions, covet it even more.

Russia, which has largely armed both Mideast and Algeria, has been extending its strategic reach all along the S. Mediterranean.

Routes to the Mideast from Russia lie via Iran and Turkey. Growing hostility of Mideast nations to US and friendliness to Russia has been a great strategic loss. (USN 6:19)

How wonderful that just at the right time in the world's history, the Mideast is coming into such international prominence as the recognized, key to world peace and world control! And Russia is seeking it, and making tremendous gains there.

QUEBEC: FRENCH MEDDLING

France promises "considerable increase" in aid to Quebec: common telecommunications satellite, Quebec technical institute in Paris, engineer exchange, sports & youth programs. (USN 9:4)

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DeGaulle meddles in Canada; separatist sentiment rises; Quebec problem nears crucial stage. DeGaulle is hastening a showdown.

His Canadian foray in July—with such inflammatory oratory as "Long live free Quebec!"—bolstered French Canadians calling for independence. Now he promises "considerable increase" in French aid to Quebec.

His moves to strengthen France-Quebec links add to Canada's political friction and to separatist pressures. Catholic Quebec sees the govt. as dominated by English-speaking Protestants.

Quebec. 4 million sq. mi., is largest Province—produces 1/5 of Canada's mineral output, 1/3 of wood pulp. It has Canada's largest water-power resources. It's the land & sea link between E. & W. Canada, & between Canada & the world. St. Lawrence Seaway, which runs through Quebec, carries the bulk of Canada's overseas exports, as well as millions of tons to & from US.

Separatists say all they'd need to block the Seaway would be "2 sunken ships." (USN 9:11)

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Till DeGaulle's Quebec visit, said France's Foreign Minister last week, French Canada was "enclosed in bigotry & provincialism." (Tm 9:8)

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DeGaulle pressed forward "liberation" of the "Frenchmen of Canada." He decreed a broadly increased program of French cultural, economic & technical aid to Quebec. The announcement of "economic aid" struck a new, more ominous, note. (Nwk 9:4)

DeGaulle, by probing and inciting the French of Quebec, has exposed the basic flaw in the structure of Canada—a flaw that goes right down to the foundations. Half is part of the Tarshish power, half is part of the Catholic Beast. What will the outcome be in the final climax?

REDS LINKED TO US RIOTS

Two leading Negro U.S. riot agitators spouted the Communist line on Havana & Hanoi radios in August. In Hanoi, Stokely Carmichael broadcast: "We are revolutionaries. We want to change the U.S. regime. Our struggle is a common struggle."

Rap Brown on Havana Radio said Negroes will return from Vietnam to "liberate" other Negroes. He predicted rebellion in all US cities with large Negro populations. (USN 9:11)

Everything seems to becoming part of the one basic East-West struggle. These threats cannot be taken lightly. 300 years of oppression and degradation is beginning to bring forth its terrible fruits to add to the violence of the last evil dark days of man's rule on earth.

US: ROOTED DEEP IN ETHIOPIA

At Asmara in Ethiopia, US has one of its most important military installations, vital link in worldwide defence—Kagnew Station, a \$60-million complex, one of 5 major installations in a belt of relay stations circling the globe. Others are in the Philippines, Hawaii, San Francisco and Maryland.

It is the world's largest high frequency radio relay station—with 3500 personnel, including 1800 Americans. At 7600 ft. above sea level and only 15 degrees from the equator, Kagnew holds a unique position in the communications world.

Ethiopia gets over ½ of all US military aid to Africa. Millions of \$ go to Ethiopian military forces. (USN 6:19)

Ethiopia (not the Bible Ethiopia, which is the Sudan) is a major power base for the King of the South. The above is a very interesting sidelight on the Mideast power struggle and jockeying for position for the final climax at Armageddon.

VIET WAR: CAMBODIA NEXT?

US may soon have to carry the war to Cambodia. There's growing evidence Russian & Chinese arms reach Vietnam through Cambodia in amounts that threaten US's whole strategy.

If Reds can make Cambodian ports, roads and streams a major route, the Viet Cong will be independent of N. Vietnam shipments.

US sources say Communist forces in Cambodia will grow rapidly. With lots of ammunition & rice there, they could increase the war's tempo, hold an immense tactical advantage over US. (USN 8:28)

US appears to be getting deeper and deeper into a clever Russian-designed quagmire in SE Asia. But she does not dare to retreat, or even worse will follow.

GROWING DISORDER IN US

Can US govern itself? Few spots in the world, developed or undeveloped, are as dangerous as many U.S. cities, including its capital. Citizens fear to walk the streets after dark, or to visit the parks.

The past yr. found disorder on many college campuses. Crime and vandalism are growing. Billions are spent on the poor of Africa, India, Egypt—yet poor US Indians, Eskimos, poor whites and Negroes at home go hungry. Why the growing disorder in US society?

Politicians' goal increasingly is to please everyone with handouts. Old-fashioned ideas of individual responsibility no longer are stressed; nor is there stress on personal character as formerly. (USN 7:31)

"Can US govern itself?"—which is so anxious to run the world. Rather, can mankind govern itself? We know the answer: "It is not in man to direct his steps aright." Surely the sad state of the world is evidence enough of that!

US: BASIC SOCIAL SICKNESS

A basic sickness spreading thru US society. Massive riots have laid waste big cities. Violent crime invading once-quiet neighbourhoods. LSD and marijuana the staple item for more and more of US young. Today's theme: take all you can regardless of how—and a lot of this is seeping down from high places.

Never has so much well-being come to so many. More and more, colour TV and swimming pools are the symbols of the "good life." **Yet never have values been crumbling as today.**

Welfare rolls carry over 8 million while many jobs go begging. From '60 to '66, while population rose 10%, serious crime rose 62%, murders 21%, rapes 50%, aggravated assault—often psychotic attacks on helpless persons—up 52%.

Things in US definitely point to decadence. Worst symptom is violence: total belief in force. Children given atom-bomb toys, movies show a bathtub full of blood, with blood coming out of the faucet. TV presents Viet war like a sport event.

Sex pornography broke down the sex guidelines. Porno-violence is aiming at the more fundamental guideline: rule of law and order.

The youth revolt goes far beyond serious crime. Sad part is: many are deeply sincere, seeking values. Yet their response to a sick society is sickness of alienation and despair.

Such developments flow, in part, from a strange, confusing "new morality" supported by some church intellectuals. (USN 8:82)

What a sad picture! But how true is God's prophetic Word! Man has clearly demonstrated his utter incapacity to use God's blessings faithfully. And leading the blind into the ditch is the churches' "new morality" which is simply a glorified fleshly immorality.

US: WILL IT BE CIVIL WAR?

US is torn by a confrontation between its 2 nations: the 11% Negroes and the great majority many Negroes call "Whitey." Essence of today's tragedy—for Negroes and Whites—is Negroes' growing conviction that persuasion, reason, non-violence & prayer can't do the job.

A disgruntled and potentially revolutionary class grows at a record pace. US is headed down a road that could lead to catastrophe: a struggle between Negro and White masses in street war, the enemy defined only by skin colour. (USN 7:31)

"There is no peace to the wicked." This is a fundamental divine principle. There must first be RIGHTEOUSNESS, which neither US nor any of the Sin Powers of the world has. Man thinks he can create a Millennium out of material prosperity and scientific achievement, without regard to God's commands, but God is not so easily mocked as proud man assumes!

POPE STREAMLINES the CURIA

Last week Paul ordered one of the most sweeping changes in Catholic administration in 400 yrs.—shake-up of the Curia, all-powerful governing bureaucracy.

New regulations end dominance of a small clique of elderly, ultraconservative Italian cardinals who have clung to the levers of power for a lifetime & stifled reform. Now the doors are open to a constant flow of clerics with new ideas.

Curial term will be 5 yrs., instead of life. All cardinals heading curial offices must resign when a Pope dies, so new Pope can choose his own staff. (Tm 8:25)

The Catholic Church's face-lifting continues. It must be wade outwardly attractive to lure back all the harlot daughters of Protestantism.

EUROPE CUTS BACK DEFENCES

When NATO was formed in '49, Europe feared imminent Soviet attack, following seizure of Czechoslovakia. Emphasis was on a military alliance with US backing, strong enough to meet any Russian attack.

But fear of Russia has almost vanished. W. Europe's stress is on closer relations with Russia. The old strategic doctrine is being abandoned. It called for enough forces to hold Russia 90 days. Aim now is a "shield force" able to hold a few days. Any hostilities longer than that, it's assumed, would be nuclear war.

US troops in Europe may be cut to 100,000. Britain is reducing its W. German forces. W. Germany, which used to protest strongly against US & British cuts, is making cutbacks of its own; it is reducing military spending 10%. Belgium and Holland may too. (USN 9:11)

"Fear of Russia has almost vanished." Foolish man never learns. The European powers once ruled the world. Now they have lost all ambition and are willing to leave the world to the 2 super powers. Soon they will submit meekly and doubtless even thankfully to the over-shadowing Russian wings.

HERESY TRIALS 'OUT-OF-DATE'

The Episcopal Church last week dismissed heresy trials as "anachronistic," decided a dissenter should be punished only if a clear, present danger to the church's very life.

Last Oct., 28 bishops accused James Pike, former Bishop of Calif., of rejecting the Trinity and Virgin Birth. The House of Bishops just rebuked him for "irresponsibility."

"Any risks in fostering a climate of genuine freedom are minor compared to the dangers of suppression, censorship or thought control," said the report. (Nwk 8:28)

Truth has ceased to have any value in the churches. It is no longer heresy to deny the Virgin Birth—just "irresponsibility" calling for just a mild wrist-slapping.

ISRAEL '10 TIMES STRONGER'

For 6 days Israel rained its awesome fury on the Arab world. Israel reduced its land borders by more than ½. "The army's holding the borders with less men than ever," Gen. Rabin said.

A new sense of security has swept the land. This is the dominant political and diplomatic fact. "We fought alone for existence & security." say they, "and no one's going to undermine it!" There's unprecedented national unity: 90% approve current policies.

The 2 with best chance to succeed 72-yr.-old Eshkol are Dayan & Allon, both "Sabras," born & bred in pioneer settlements, both war heroes. A new, home-grown generation begins to steal the stage from the Europeans who have shaped Israel's destiny.

This generation—specifically Allon and Dayan—accounts for much of Israel's current toughness. Both advocate permanent control, in some form, of large chunks of former Arab land.

Israel's not likely to buckle under Great Power pressure (like '56) and retreat, in return for vague, unenforceable guarantees. The war and Israel's conquests increased their strength 10-fold. (Tm 9:8)

"Dwelling confidently" and "without bars and gates" is the prophetic picture of Israel in the last days. The above news item strikingly illustrates the first part, but it seems we must still wait for the fulfilment of the latter part.

CONGO: SHAKY & VIOLENT

In the short, brutal history of the independent Congo, no politician has shown survival talent like Mobutu. Secret hold over Army. There's danger he'll lose it.

If Mobutu falls, it'll be bad for U.S. For all his shortcomings, he has shown responsibility & willingness to take advice. Neither is true of those most likely to succeed him.

Over 400 Belgians killed in Congo since independence in '60. Last week rioters sacked the Belgian Embassy, beat up all whites they could find. (Nwk 8:28)

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Congo is coming apart in riot & rebellion. US has pumped in \$1½-billion. Signs are this biggest, perhaps richest, Black African country will break up unless Mobutu gets military aid. Terrorism's rising; outlook's grim. (USN 8:28)

The Congo—3 times as big as France & Germany combined, with untold potential riches—a hopeless shambles through man's violence.

BROKEN HOPES IN NIGERIA

7 yrs. ago, when Nigeria got independence, there seemed hope its tribal rivalries would give way to common citizenship. Last week, as civil war spread to 2 more of its 4 regions, that possibility dwindled to the vanishing point. (Nwk 8:28)

1/3 of BLACKS FAVOR RIOTS

What kind of people are the rioters? Why do they riot? In Detroit rioters were in the same proportions across all income brackets.

When asked what caused the riot, Detroit Negroes listed: police brutality, overcrowded living, poor housing, lack of jobs, poverty, anger with local businesses, dirty neighbourhoods, broken political promises, white officials, hatred of whites.

In Watts (Los Angeles,) riot participation was admitted by 23% of men and 20% of women. 36% of men and 23% of women were "favourable" to the riot.

43% of men and 35% of women thought the riot helped the Negro cause. Under 25% thought it hurt. A significant number of Negroes are emotionally prepared for violence. (USN 9:11)

Nearly 1/3 of all Negroes favoured riots, and nearly a 1/2 thought they helped the Negro cause. There's far more repressed desperation in the slums than white US realizes or cares to face. It is not in man to live in peace or treat his fellow-man with justice, and the curse of the Tower of Babel will follow him to the end of man's rule on earth.

RED NAVAL MUSCLE GROWS

Moscow's new Mediterranean squadron is a modern power-packed unit: over 40 ships—latest guided-missile cruisers, destroyers, submarines. It's a new turn in international affairs: Mediterranean's no longer a US lake.

Till recently, such a challenge was unthinkable. Russia was never a major naval power.

But in the '50's, with build-up of Russia's merchant fleet (world's 5th largest) and increased commitments abroad, Russian admirals began to think in global terms.

A US Admiral says: "They're here to stay, explore, exploit. Russia has entered the Mediterranean and doesn't intend to leave." (Nwk 8:28)

This is great news! Russia is becoming a mighty naval power. Brethren used to wonder how the "many ships" of Dan. 11:40 fitted in.

CHINA: SOON TO HAVE ICBM's

A report to Congress says China will be able to hit US with nuclear missiles up to 5 yrs. sooner than predicted—possibly by '70. China already can make a multi-megaton hydrogen bomb for airplane delivery, and will be able to develop a megaton missile warhead by '70.

Progress has been "more rapid and surprisingly more effective than expected." China is already well ahead of France in nuclear-weapon design. (USN 8-14)

Arabs agreed at Khartoum conference to expel all foreign bases—US, v British, French—from Arab soil; and reject any compromise with Israel. (Nwk 9:11)

RED STAR RISES OVER EUROPE

Russia's out to take Europe by cold-war encirclement thru the Mediterranean, not hot war in Europe. It's time Europe woke to the threat.

There's a common denominator to Russia's thrust into Europe's underpinnings. Arab-Israel theatre's just part: add Aden, Yemen, Libya, Algeria, Cyprus, Greece.

Baltic Sea is now a Russian lake. Europe's east approaches—Poland to Adriatic—are Red-controlled. Black Sea's open for Soviet Navy to move out. Now it's Mediterranean's turn.

Through their influence in Egypt & Algeria, Soviet warships are more than welcome in Mediterranean ports: Port Said, Alexandria, Algiers, Oran. Russia uses big West-built airfields there. US 6th Fleet now has a Soviet shadow. Russia's flexing new muscle.

She's openly urging Arabs to use powerful economic weapons against West. That means Arab oil boycott of Europe.

Europe is a long, long way from unity needed to defend its frontiers, block Russia's Mediterranean drive.

Russia is a long, long way in its drive to outflank Europe from the South. (USN 8:28).

Russia's overshadowing power is growing beautifully, according to prophecy. God must be blinding the statesmen of Europe to the creeping Red shadow. Russia must head a Catholic-Communist-European confederacy against Israel, and the picture is developing before our eyes.

7 YEARS of 'GREAT SOCIETY'

The "Great Society" was to "get things moving," to bring all kinds of good things so everybody could be happy. Look back 7 yrs. to pre-"Great Society" days:—

Race riots: Absent then, now breaking into a rash. Street crime: then moderate, now epidemic. Schools: calm then, now in growing trouble.

War: then none, now big and costly. Vietnam: then 773 US advisers, now 466,000 US troops engaged. Vietnam cost: then \$300 million a yr., now \$24 billion yearly. War casualties: none then, now 75,000 a yr., including 11,000 dead.

US alliances: then active, strong; now dormant, disintegrating. US world leadership: accepted then, lost or negligible now. Defence cost: then \$48 billion yrly., now \$72 billion, up 50%. (USN 8.7)

"US alliances disintegrating; US world leadership lost." A sad picture, naturally speaking, but a trend that must be accentuated.

BRITAIN'S SHAKY ECONOMY

Britain's shaky economy is again causing political upheaval at home and jitters worldwide. Unemployment is at a 27-yr. high. Wages and prices are going up; profits, production, world trade earnings all are less than hoped. (USN 9:11)

US: GUARD OF INDIAN OCEAN

US plans to assume defence of another huge area—Indian Ocean, stretching from Africa to Australia. A US-Britain agreement paves the way for the larger US role.

In this vast area, Britain kept the peace for over a century. Now it intends to cut back—if not end—its policing of Red Sea, rich Mideast, E. Africa, India, SE Asia.

If US doesn't fill this vacuum, Russia & China will.

Britain's Aden base is already written off. Yemen has been deeply penetrated by Soviet-backed leftists. Across Red Sea, Russia has armed & trained Somalia's forces.

US already has a naval force at Bahrain in Persian Gulf, and Polaris bases in England, Spain, Guam. Polaris subs based in Indian Ocean could give US an angle it doesn't now have on Russia & China.

Britain's pressing Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia to take over the big Singapore base. (USN 8:28)

How marvellously we see US and other "young lions" openly, at Britain's invitation, taking over the prophetic position in the world and related to Israel, that Britain formerly filled!

US: AS MANY SLUMS AS EVER

Almost no progress in reducing slum dwellings. Almost as many live in "uninhabitable" homes as in '50, plus 9 million in "sub-standard."

Private system has failed. Govt. projects have been almost equally inadequate. Urban renewal, 2nd major Federal approach to the problem, has destroyed much more low-income housing than it has built. It has been abused for the unspoken purpose of "Negro removal." Major problem in all govt. programs: fantastic amount of red tape. (USN 8:28)

Man now has the theoretical capacity to create a paradise, but he is too selfish and evil. It is the irony of the Last Days that God has given man tremendous scientific capacity so that man can more conclusively demonstrate his moral evils and failures, and create a hell on earth with the abilities given to beautify the earth to God's glory.

PLAN 'CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE'

Martin Luther King is organizing "civil disobedience on a massive scale," to "forcefully cripple the operations of an oppressive society." Racial violence continues to spread. By Aug. 18, at least 114 cities hit this yr. (USN 8:28)

Truly it IS an "oppressive society." Whites as a whole have no desire or intention to give equality to Blacks, especially where their own comfort or welfare is concerned.

Tower of Babel: So numerous are India's languages no one knows how many. 14 state languages are govt-recognized. Number of other languages & dialects "around 2000." (Nwk 9:18)

CHRISTIAN-MARXIST 'DIALOG'

World Council last week approved dialog next yr. in Moscow with Communist intellectuals—first such Christian-Marxist confrontation Russia has ever allowed. The Council resolved to join with Catholics in Christian evangelism. (Nwk 9:4)

Now it's dialog with Communists in Moscow. It has all happened so smoothly and gradually we can hardly realize the tremendous significance of these things.

MORE RUSSIAN ROCKET POWER

World's most powerful rocket—7½-million-lb.thrust Saturn—may be outclassed soon after leaving the pad. Russia's building a more powerful one. (Nwk 8:28)

At this time of writing (Oct. 17) Russia has just soft-landed a scientific instrument package on Venus, 43 million miles away—perhaps the greatest space achievement yet. US is said to be 6 yrs. behind Russia in planetary exploration.

US: VERGE OF CIVIL WAR

Conflict & violence are spreading across U.S. Crime is committed on a scale never before known. Vandalism's a major problem. Milwaukee's Mayor, on Sept. 12, said the city was "on verge of civil war."

On Sept. 12, Michigan's Governor warned: "Present widespread racial economic and social frustration, envy, hatred and sedition have an explosive environment in which to ignite a national holocaust of guerrilla warfare."

Crime up 62% in 6 yrs. Vandalism in NY City schools in '66 was \$5 million. Illegitimate births have more than doubled in 15 yrs. Ghettos grow instead of shrinking—and become centres of riot. (USN 9:25)

INDONESIA: REDS REBUILDING

20 yrs. of govt. by fantasy have left roads in a state of collapse, irrigation canals overgrown with weeds, health at medieval level.

Throughout Indonesia the epidemic corruption of the Sukarno era persists. Indonesia's Communists, despite 350,000 killed in the abortive Oct. '65 coup, are again on the move

Indonesia's still mired in problems of Sukarno's 20 yrs. misrule: whether it will overcome them is an open question. (Nwk 8:28)

It's the same story all over the world: selfishness and corruption.

THE EPISCOPAL PRIESTHOOD

A special Church committee found a striking lack of quality in Episcopal priesthood candidates. 43% had C averages or lower; over ½ came to theology after trying some other way of life. Most find chapel so boring they frequently skip services. (Tm 9:8)

All Europe but DeGaulle wants Britain in the Market. Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, Germany all favour it. (Tm 9:22)

COMMUNIST WORLD STRATEGY

Patterns in Communist world: Violence in Peking, arms peddling in Africa and Mideast, nuclear control talk in Geneva, cold war in Mediterranean, wooing W. Europe, hot war in Vietnam.

Red strategy: Attack only with base secure, victory certain. Till then, export trouble to weaken enemy; deceive him; confuse him; annoy him; grow strong; crush him.

Russia's peddling arms again—in black Africa: Red jets to Nigeria for Biafra war. This means trouble for US and Britain. A Russian foothold in Nigeria, as in Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Algeria? That's the game.

Nigeria is Africa's most populous country, rich in oil. Red base there could be far more valuable than the foothold Reds lost in Congo.

Russia, world's No. 2 power, peddled arms to Arabs, saw them lose. Is rearming Arabs, gaining more influence. (USN 9:4)

Russia is constantly probing for weakness, and expanding her power using an infinite variety of methods and means. But most of the world is blind to the growing menace.

CITY CRISIS: NO SOLUTION

Riots, skyrocketing crime, tax problems: Can US's big cities ever recover? Despite all remedies tried, all billions spent, problems keep growing. Streets snared in traffic; air pollution worse each year; water and power shortages critical.

Tax resources lag further and further behind skyrocketing costs. School problems mount; relief costs soaring; crime getting out of hand.

In Detroit, considered a model of racial peace and "progressive" leadership, race rioting was worst in US history. Many stores in Negro areas destroyed or closed during the insurrection not expected to reopen.

In Newark, scene of another big riot, ½ of small businesses in Negro areas & perhaps as many as ¼ of larger ones won't reopen. Racial tension continues to run high.

Non-white children in metropolitan areas are increasing 3 times as fast as whites. Today Washington and Newark are the only big cities with Negro majorities; 20 big cities will have this by the '80s. N.Y. City welfare rolls are more than double '58; over 80% non-white. In Cleveland since '60 police costs almost tripled.

Big city crisis, coming to head in recent yrs., continues without letup. No solution appears. (USN 9:4)

Big cities are one of men's proudest achievements. Cain built the first city mentioned. The great rebel Nimrod built the mighty cities of Mesopotamia that became man's first empires. After the Flood men banded together at Babel to make a name for themselves. Man's great cities today are jungles of vice and violence.

RED NUCLEAR MENACE GROWS

U.S. may be sleeping while the menace of 2 nuclear-equipped nations grows. US gropes in futility for some comfort from a treaty that would merely bar other nations from getting the nuclear weapons that China and Russia already have.

Do Americans know the true meaning of the Communist menace? Or do they think the Viet war is just a colossal blunder by which US has been dragged into fighting a small nation in SE Asia?

The relation between the Viet war and U.S.'s own safety isn't generally realized. Many have forgotten the news reports from around the world the last few yrs., disclosing activities of Communist infiltrators—and indeed, in the case of Cuba, actual building & equipping of missile bases by Russia 90 miles from US.

The Communist imperial conspiracy aims to control the avenues of world commerce by dominating vital areas. US's Vietnam policy is regarded by the Communists as in a critical stage. If, as Moscow and Peking hope, U.S. tries to wiggle out, Red pressure in Africa, Asia and Europe will intensify.

Communism is a worldwide apparatus. Vietnam is just part of the global mechanism. Communist imperialists watch every chance to make gains. (USN 9:18)

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U.S. plans a limited ABM system, to preserve the land-based U.S. missile arsenal for a devastating retaliatory strike.

Russia's closing the missile gap; China's test-firing a 400-mile missile. There's gnawing fear US underestimates Chinese & Soviet progress. (Tm 9:22)

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Russia's forging ahead with missile defences, rapidly narrowing the gap in big offensive missiles. China's nuclear-weapons program makes steady progress.

Russia's growing faster in offensive missiles than US, has 45 missile subs to US's 37, leads in defence missiles. (USN 9:25)

This well states the ominous picture that faces the US. The world is a bitter, jungle-like, merciless world, and the only power it recognizes is the sword. For all its fine words, it is ruled by the lust of the flesh, and it is locked in a deadly struggle for supremacy.

Russia is putting its most sophisticated war machines on the line to maintain influence in the Arab world. Egypt now has MIG-20's, newest jet fighter (Nwk 8:21)

Nasser must import 200,000 tons of grain monthly. India needs 1 million tons of imported grain each month. Populations of both are skyrocketing. (USN 7:3)

TV INCITES RIOT VIOLENCE

TV coverage was just as riotous as the ghettos. Anyone who stood on a Newark street corner and screamed enough was sure to get on the air. "TV seems to have the knack of picking the most volatile people and leading them into making the most violent statements," complains Newark's Police Chief.

Stations made no attempt to sort out the various agitators they put on, or assess their importance.

They picked on every black face who proclaimed himself a leader. Casuals who had never raised a voice in community affairs suddenly were spokesmen on TV.

In Plainfield, N.J., officials claim TV egged on the rioters. "They gave the impression the whole town was aflame," says Mayor Hatfield. "Soon we had busloads of professional manipulators from Philadelphia & Newark." TV interviewed the newcomers as if they were experts on Plainfield. (Tm 8:25)

Anything for the sake of sensationalism and excitement. Television, justified by those who should know better as a source of "news, information and education," has come under severe condemnation even by the better-minded people of the world itself, as catering to the lowest, coarsest, most foolish, most violent, most morally degraded aspects of the natural animal mind of the flesh.

USSR REVIVES ANTI-SEMITISM

Last week Russia's anti-Israel outbursts took an ominous new tack, describing Zionism as an international conspiracy with resources far exceeding the Mafia and Cosa Nostra. During WW II, it said, Zionists worked hand in glove with the Nazis, and now they are trying to make Jews of all countries instruments of imperialism.

Russia ordered a complete ban on emigration to Israel.

It was clearly intended as a warning to all Russians—Jews and others—that they can't be pro-Israel without being anti-Soviet. (Nwk 8:21)

This is all in the right direction, and sharpens and clarifies the relative positions of the antagonists. Russia is declaring herself more and more clearly as the naked enemy of Israel.

HATRED IN REFUGEE CAMPS

Hatred of Israel festers in Arab refugee camps. The Jordanian Wadi Daleel camp is on a hot, dusty plain: no sanitary facilities anywhere. Meals ladled out twice daily from a truck; other trucks supply water; people in long queues. (USN 7:31)

Hatred, cruelty, greed, selfishness. We see it everywhere. That is all natural man knows. Hatred feeds and grows on hatred. The ancient enmity between Jacob and Esau is deeper and bitterer than ever now.

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