

# The Berean Christadelphian

*A monthly magazine devoted wholly to the exposition and defence of the Faith once for all delivered to the Saints, with the object of helping to make ready a People prepared for the coming of the Lord. Opposed to the unscriptural teachings of the papal and protestant churches of the world.*

**Edited and Published by:  
G. A. Gibson, Apt. 607, 1501 Woodbine Ave., Toronto 13, Ont., Can.**

*“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.*

---

## CONTENTS

ECCLESIAL NEWS: Lethbridge, Boston, Lampasas; San Angelo.....	Inside Front Cover
EDITORIAL: Be Ye Transformed .....	33
THE RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM FAITH (Bro. Thomas) Part 3 .....	36
Fraternal Gatherings: Lethbridge, Hye, Toronto .....	41
VOYAGE TO AUSTRALIA (Bro. Roberts) Part 10 .....	42
WALKING IN THE TRUTH: Our Faith Made Perfect .....	47
FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH (Hebrews 10) .....	54
CURRENT WORLD EVENTS Related to God's Purpose .....	58

**We are anxious to send the Berean FREE to any desiring it that way. Please do not hesitate to request it. If you know of any who might like it, please send us their names.**

**CHRIST IS COMING SOON AND WILL REIGN ON EARTH**

## Ecclesial News

*We Plan. God willing, to list ecclesia in Jan., Apr., July & Oct. issues  
PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS OR CHANGES*

**LETHBRIDGE**, Alta.—633 Seventh St. S.—Mem. 11 a.m.; S.S. 12:30 p.m.; Lec 7:30 p.m.; Class Wed. 8 p.m.  
Bro. W. Blacker, 1225 6th Av. S.; (403) 327-5663.

LOVING Greetings to all the brethren and sisters of like precious Faith, and may the day soon dawn for the glorious return of our Lord Jesus to set up God's Kingdom.

We have been pleased to have our bro. & sis. Edward Truelove (Richard) and bro. & sis. David Blacker (Edmonton) with us at the table of the Lord. We enjoyed once again receiving words of exhortation from bro. Truelove.

This year will be our 40th anniversary in our hall. It was opened by our brother, and editor of the Berean Christadelphian, bro. B. J. Dowling, on Aug. 26, 1928. His subject was, "Searching for the Truth." And on Aug. 27 he spoke on, "The Earth's Origin and Destiny."

AT our quarterly business meeting it was unanimously agreed that the Lethbridge ecclesia join with the Portland and Richard ecclesiae to hold a yearly Western Berean Gathering; this Gathering to be held in Lethbridge in the year 1968, from Sat., June 29 to Mon., July 1, inclusive.

These dates have been chosen so as not to clash with the Hye Gathering, so that anyone wishing to attend both may do so.

The brethren and sisters of Lethbridge welcome one and all to be at our Gathering,

We would like some visiting speakers. The subjects will be sent later.

With love in the Truth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master, God's beloved Son, to His honor and glory. —bro. Wm. Blacker

---

**BOSTON**, Mass. 02115—Hastings Hall, 320 Huntington; Phone (617) 536-7800— S.S. 10:30 am; Mem. 11:45 am; Lect. 2 pm 1st & 3rd Suns.; Bible Cl. Tues. night south of Boston, Wed. night north of Boston. Bro. Kenneth MacKellar, 86 Walnut, Reading, Mass. 01867, Phone (617) 944-9094.

TWO of our Sunday School scholars have taken the step necessary for salvation. After a good confession of knowledge and belief and intended walk, CAROL JOHNSON was immersed in the YMCA pool Sunday, Dec. 31; and on Sunday, Jan. 14, FAITH COYE was also immersed into Jesus' Name.

Both of these baptisms were witnessed by the ecclesia and the Sunday School, and our new sisters were given the right hand of fellowship the same day.

Sis. Carol Johnson is the daughter of our sis. Geraldine Johnson, and sister of bro. Wayne Johnson. Sis. Faith Coye is the oldest daughter of bro. & sis. Arthur Coye.

May their start on the road to the Kingdom of God serve as an example to others of their Sunday School who we know have the same knowledge of these things.

May 1968 bring peace to Jerusalem and eternal life to the saints! Maranatha!

—bro. Kenneth MacKellar

---

**LAMPASAS**, Tex. 76550—Christadelphian Hall, Ave. I East—S.S. 10 am; Mem. 11 am; Class Sun. 7 pm & Wed. 7 pm. Bro. Wayne O. Wolfe, Star Route, Lampasas, Tex. 76550.

GREETINGS to all those of like precious Faith!

In these last days of Gentile times, may we all give heed to the Word of God, and be found ready when our Lord returns.

We rejoice to report that sis. Sharon Balensiefen has been received into the Berean fellowship, being formerly Central.

We were pleased to have as visitors on Dec. 31, bro. & sis. Troy Haltom of Houston. We were encouraged by the word of exhortation given by bro. Haltom. —bro. Wayne O. Wolfe

---

**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.

WE are happy and thankful to have been able to continue our ecclesial activities. We as yet have had no increase in members or Sunday School scholars, but we believe we are growing spiritually and in knowledge.

We are still continuing our study of the Revelation, though we are moving slowly in it as we are all young brethren here and we want to learn it as thoroughly as we can.

We of the San Angelo ecclesia were very happy to have bro. Bob Wolfe meet with us in January. He spoke of the purpose of the emblems.

On Jan. 20 CARWYN and BETH SMITH gave a good confession of their faith, and were baptized that night. Present at the examination were: bro. & sis. Cliff Terrell, bro. & sis. Troy Haltom, bro. & sis. Randy Scott, bro. & sis. Paul Neely and bro. & sis. John Packer, all of Houston.

The following morning the right hand of fellowship was offered to bro. & sis. Carwyn Smith (who will now meet with the Houston ecclesia).

Bro. Paul Neely spoke, and his exhortation was on the importance of baptism. Baptism is our first act of obedience after we learn the Truth. We know that in order to become heirs to the Kingdom we must follow God's commandments, and being baptized is the first thing we must do.

We also know that after we are baptized we must obey the rest of God's commandments, for baptism alone is not enough to give us entrance to the Kingdom of God.

Nor will faith alone grant us entrance into the Kingdom. We must have works also, for the Scriptures say that faith without works is dead. Baptism is the first work of our faith, but let us not stop there. Faith must continue to manifest itself in a life of service and righteousness so that when our Lord and Saviour returns we may be granted a part in his Kingdom.

We hope and pray for bro. & sis. Smith that they might prosper and grow rich in the Lord in their journey through life.

We also ask that you remember bro. Carl Gerdes and his wife in your prayers. Mrs. Gerdes had a serious operation recently, and we hope she has a speedy recovery. We know that if we are faithful, and if it is according to His will and wisdom, God will bless and care for those associated with us, as He did for many in Bible times. —bro. Bill Muter

---

Anything may be freely reprinted from the Berean at any time in any form.  
No request for permission is needed. No attributing of credit is desired.

---

**Please note Editor's new address:  
1501 Woodbine, Apt. 607, Toronto 13, Ont., Canada**

---

## **EDITORIAL**

### **Be Ye Transformed**

*"I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a LIVING SACRIFICE—  
which is your reasonable service"—Rom. 12:1*

AT the time we took over the work of editing this magazine, nearly 20 years ago, we resolved that we would do all in our power to uphold the historic, faithful and scriptural position upon which the Berean fellowship was founded.

We determined also that we would not be a party to the lowering of the high ideals of fellowship by careless toleration or condoning of error, or by making the duties and distinctions of fellowship secondary to other interests of the flesh.

We are deeply conscious of our limitations, failures and shortcomings and, because of this, we have not at any time attempted to set ourselves up as an authority. The only Authority we recognize is the Word of Truth, and to display and defend its banner is our lofty and cherished ambition.

*We have no patience nor sympathy with any modernizing or broadening of the Way to bring it into line with the foolish current speculations of man, or to make it more palatable to the flesh and more in harmony with the Harlot Apostasy of the world's churches.*

It has been suggested that we are endeavouring to set a standard of life and conduct that is too high and too narrow for the brethren of this "modern" and "enlightened" age; that such a course would develop narrow-mindedness and self-righteousness among those who would attempt to follow it.

But this is NOT TRUE! Actually, it's just the opposite—

**A clear recognition and acceptance of the height of the scriptural standard develops humility and gentleness through realization of deep personal unworthiness and unprofitableness before God.**

The fact is, we are not attempting to set ANY standard of our own, for it is already determined and set forth for our guidance in the Scriptures of Truth—and it's VERY HIGH.

Our efforts are directed toward that which is written for instruction in righteousness, that the minds of our readers would be stirred up when they are reminded that (Heb. 3:14)—

"We are made partakers of Christ, IF we hold fast the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end."

In view of this, it is only reasonable that we should examine the standard set before Israel in the Law of Moses.

When we do this, we must bear in mind that we are but mortal creatures who have been made to live through the creative power of God.

*And when He sets a rule or law before His people, it is their wisdom and joy to give meticulous attention, and follow His instructions with reverential care.*

Take, for example, the sabbath law given at Sinai—

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

This is brief, but later on when God concluded His instructions to Moses, the full import of this particular law was impressed upon him—

"Ye shall keep the sabbath, therefore, for it is holy unto you; every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death:

"For whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people"  
(Exo. 31:14).

Could any standard be higher, or more exacting and inflexible? And the penalty inflicting for breaking it could not be more rigidly severe.

Some might think the Law was given to create hardship upon the people, but that is not true! There was a definite **purpose** behind it, and that purpose is specified in v. 13—

"Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying,

"Verily My sabbaths ye shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations:

"That ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you."

**The keeping of the sabbath was not fulfilled by merely ceasing from labor. It required mental discernment.**

From a natural standpoint, it provided physical welfare and comfort. But there was a supremely higher purpose that required the mind to be fixed upon God in an incomparable manner that is eloquently expressed by Isaiah (58:13-14)—

"If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day;

"And call the sabbath a DELIGHT, the holy of the Lord, honourable;

"And shall honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

"Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father."

There were a few in Israel who recognized the beauty and purpose of the sabbath law, but collectively the nation thought the standard "too high," and it became a weariness to them.

*Therefore they went about to establish their OWN standards, and thereby profaned and polluted the Sabbath, even to hiding their eyes from GOD'S standards.*

But this was only one section of the Law. When a certain lawyer asked Jesus—

"Which is the great commandment in the Law?"

He answered—

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with ALL thy heart, and ALL thy soul, and ALL thy mind.

"This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it,

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor AS THYSELF.

"On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets"—Matt. 22:36-40.

This was the high divine standard set before Israel, to which all their efforts were to be directed. Could anything be higher than this?

**Would anyone say that if Israel had kept these two commandments in their infinite beauty and perfection, they would have developed a state of "self-righteousness"?**

We are confident they would not, for the All-wise Creator of heaven and earth would not establish any law that, if kept in Spirit and in Truth, would produce anything but good.

Turning now to the Christian dispensation, which Paul tells us (Heb. 2:3; 10:29) is higher and more searching and more demanding than the Mosaic, we look briefly at some of the standards set before those who profess the Name and fellowship of Jesus Anointed.

*As we read the New Testament, no thinking person can fail to observe that salvation is contingent on a careful and detailed obedience, for, said Jesus:*

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

The teaching of Jesus begins with his address on the Mount, in which many heart-searching and revolutionary commandments are found. They are not mere principles of conduct, but TESTS OF LOVE AND OBEDIENCE by which we are restrained and disciplined—if we "seek first the Kingdom of God."

When we submit ourselves to the humbling process required of us, we soon learn that the world's self-gratifying and self-interested way of living is not in harmony with the holy teachings of Jesus, and if we would be one of his friends and companions in eternal glory, we must walk in the narrow way that leads to life.

In various parts of Paul's writings, he is uncompromisingly emphatic about the way we should conduct ourselves. Here is a supreme example—

"I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a LIVING SACRIFICE, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service"

—Rom. 12:1.

This principle is notably different from the Mosaic dispensation. Under the Law, the sacrifices were dead. Here the apostle speaks of living sacrifices—lives devoted to the service of God.

While they live in the world, they must not be in any way part of it. Their heart-consuming interest must be in the testimonies and precepts of the Lord, which they love, and upon which they rejoice to meditate day and night.

*They learn that righteousness cannot have fellowship with unrighteousness, nor can believers have any part with unbelievers (2 Cor. 6:16-18)—*

"For ye are the Temple of the living God, as God hath said—

"I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

"Wherefore come out from among them and BE YE SEPARATE, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean;

"And I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

### **Do we comprehend this Scripture?**

If we do, have we the wisdom and courage to face it, and act upon it? Or must we, like so many, re-interpret it and water it down in order to justify our own way of living? Shall we pull it down, or shall we allow it to lift us up?

Is it not a fact that this very separateness, this holiness, becomes the life of sacrifice by which we are expected to—

"Bring EVERY thought to the obedience of Christ"?

Now Paul says this is our "reasonable" service, in the light of the great goodness and mercies of God toward us in calling us to the divine nature. There is nothing extreme, or "too high," or unreasonable about it. It is based on reason, and fitness, and wisdom. Then Paul continues (Rom. 12:2)—

"Be not conformed to this world, but be ye **transformed** by the renewing of your mind,

"That ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and PERFECT will of God."

To "conform" is to adapt, adjust, or accommodate by bringing into harmony with a pattern. The pattern in this case is the age in which we live, and we know it has not improved (but rather otherwise) since John declared that—

"The whole world lieth in wickedness" (1 John 5:19).

Therefore, says John—

"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" —1 John 2:15-16.

Here is a graphic description of that which is soon to be destroyed, and to which Paul says we are not to be "conformed."

Then he adds—

"But be ye TRANSFORMED."

This signifies a thorough and radical change, and comes from the Greek **metamorphoo**, meaning to completely change in form, as a caterpillar transformed into a butterfly.

**No change could be more complete.**

This transformation is to be accomplished by the "renewing of our minds." Paul clearly explains this too (Eph. 4:22-24)—

"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the Old Man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

"And that ye put on the New Man, which after God is created in righteousness and holiness of Truth."

*THIS is the standard set before us in the Gospel of salvation—that "high calling of God in Christ Jesus."* —Editor

---

## **The Righteousness from Faith**

By BROTHER JOHN THOMAS

*"AS MANY of you as have been BAPTIZED into Christ have put on Christ: and IF ye be Christ's, then are ye heirs according to the promise"—Gal. 3:27-29*

### **PART THREE**

IF Jesus had died a natural death, would not that have brought the Covenants into force? No; because—

"It was necessary that the heavenly things should be purified with SACRIFICE"—or blood (Heb. 9:23).

God's covenants are made sanctifying to believers of their promises by being dedicated, or purified, by blood. It was so with the Mosaic, and afterwards with the Abrahamic; for—

"Through the Second Will, we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once" (Heb. 10:9-10).

—and (Heb 10:14)—

"By one offering, he hath perfected for a continuance them that are sanctified."

The blood of Jesus is the blood of the Abrahamic covenant, styled the New Covenant, or Testament, called also the Second Will; because—though made and typically confirmed 430 years

before the Mosaic—it did not come into force, or had no cleansing and sanctifying power, till the Mosaic had—

"Waxed old and was ready to vanish away" (Heb. 8:13).

About 40 years before it did vanish, Jesus took the cup of the paschal feast, and said—

"This is my blood, the (blood) of the New Covenant, the (blood) being poured out for remission of sins for the sake of many" (Matt. 26:28).

Therefore saith the Spirit by Zechariah to him (9:11)—

"By the blood of thy covenant I send forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water."

*That is, "By virtue of thy blood, with which My Covenant with Abraham has been made sanctifying and cleansing, I sent them forth who, believing in its promises, have been purified by it, and have become thine from the grave by a resurrection unto eternal life."*

By the blood of Jesus being the blood of the Abrahamic Covenant, Jesus becomes a covenant, and the "Ark of the Covenant" in symbolic style; as it is written (Isa. 49:8)—

"I will give thee for a covenant of the people,"

And what for?—

"To establish the land, to cause to possess the desolate estates."

Hence, the Covenant not only has to do with purifying from sin, and resurrection of the purified, but to a **recovery of the Holy Land from desolation**. For to "establish the land" is to restore the Twelve Tribes of Israel to their possessions, and to give them their Kingdom again.

The blood of Jesus being the blood of the Covenant, Jesus is the "surety of the Covenant" (Heb. 7:22), and he therefore stands for the Covenant itself, or is inseparable from it. Hence, he may well be styled a Covenant.

Being perfectly indoctrinated, then, in what was written of him in Moses and the Prophets, he said to his disciples on the night of his betrayal—

"I am covenanted for you, as my Father hath covenanted for me a kingdom.

"That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit upon thrones ruling the Twelve Tribes of Israel" (Luke 22:29-39).

This saying accords exactly with Isaiah's about establishing the land. When this is effected the tribes will be there, the Kingdom will be restored to them; Jesus will occupy its throne as the "throne of his glory;" the apostles will be the 12 enthroned princes of his realm; and all others sanctified by the Covenant will share in their Kingdom and glory.

A man who denies, or does not believe, or is ignorant of the promises covenanted to Abraham and David, and consequently, not sanctified by the Second Will, is styled by Paul (Eph. 2:12) —

"A **stranger** from the Covenants of the Promise."

—that is, he is not allied to them. It is not possible it could be otherwise.

*Is it reasonable to suppose that, though men may profess to believe that the blood of Jesus purifies from sin in some way or other, they can be sanctified, cleansed, or purified by a Covenant in whose promises they not only have no faith, but which they scandalize by their reproaches?*

Paul says, "We are sanctified by the Second Will," made sanctifying by the blood of Jesus. That Will promises an everlasting possession of Palestine to Abraham, to Christ, and to all that are

theirs, individually and nationally. It promises that Abraham shall be the father of many nations; that those nations shall be blessed in him and in Christ; that Christ shall possess the gate of his enemies, etc.

But a man of a certain kind of piety, says —

"No, Abraham, Christ, and they that are theirs have got as much of Palestine as they ever will have. They are now in heaven enjoying their reward."

*(Which, of course, sets aside the resurrection). He goes on—*

"The natural descendants of Abraham will never have everlasting national possession of Canaan, nor be restored to that country. All the blessing the nations will ever enjoy in a parental relation to Abraham, they have, and do now, experience, in the Christian civilization of the 19th century; and in salvation of their immortal souls through Christ from an eternal hell."

He affirms these things, and caps the climax of his daring by declaring that —

"The times appointed by God's patience are exhausted; and that He is going to send Jesus Christ to snatch away the faithful, and to destroy all nations root and branch in a fiery and dissolving conflagration of the earth!"

**Those who profess these heresies are considered by themselves and the unenlightened multitude, as the very salt of the earth.**

Their disposition is held up as the model of "Christian spirit."

They prate about "grace," and "the dear Saviour," and how they love the Lord. "Sanctification" and "imputed righteousness" and "the cross" and "the precious Jesus" and "saved by grace" are the technics of their pious worship.

But shall we be misled by this "form of godliness," and regard them as anything else than "strangers from the Covenants of the Promise?" In clutching with a death grip to their heresies as they do, they deny the covenanted Truth which Jesus has sanctified by his blood.

*How can the prayer of Jesus to the Father find accomplishment in them? So long as they thus resist the Truth, how can Jesus pray for them, with any prospect of his petition being answered—*

"Sanctify them THROUGH THY TRUTH; Thy Word is Truth;

"For them I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified BY THE TRUTH."

Faith in the blood of Jesus cannot sanctify a man who denies the very Truth which it sanctifies or makes purifying.

"Sanctify them BY THY TRUTH" are the words. Deny the Truth, and there is no sanctifying principle for such.

Now, a sinner having studied "the Word of the Kingdom," and come to the understanding of it, has a power within him which did not exist there in his times of ignorance. Paul styles this power (Rom. 8:2) —

"The law of the spirit of the life in Christ Jesus."

And says that —

"It sets free from the law of sin and death."

If then, it sets free, it is "the law of liberty," as James expresses it. In another place, Paul styles this law, or power, "the gospel of Christ," saying—

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel of the Christ, for it is the power of God for salvation to every one believing."

**THIS, then, is the saving power, and there is no other.**

If a sinner would be saved by God (and no one else can save him), he must be saved by the Gospel, by the TRUTH, by the Law of Liberty, which are the same, for His power is there. But, this power can only save the believing. It has no power over the faithless.

Before dismissing the subject, the Apostle tells us what gives the Gospel of the Christ its saving efficacy; he says (Rom. 1:16):

"It is the power of God for salvation to the believing, because God's state of being perfect on account of faith is revealed in it for faith, as it is written,  
"The justified man shall live on account of faith."

*Here then, is a STATE OF BEING revealed in the Gospel IN which the believing are perfect. It is God's state of in-being perfection, as opposed to all states beyond its limits.*

In the AV, the state is styled "God's righteousness," "His righteousness," or "the righteousness of God." It is His system, styled by Paul, "the Faith of God," according to which He constitutes a sinner of understanding heart and divine disposition, a righteous person, or saint.

In order to do this, He places His absolutely holy and just image, His Son Jesus Christ, at the door of entrance into the state, or sheepfold; who says—

"I am the door of the sheep; if any man enter in by me, he shall be saved."

But, he is not only the door of entrance, he is also in a certain sense—

"A great and Perfect Tabernacle which the Lord pitched, and not man."  
The Spirit said (John 2:19)—

"Destroy this temple, and I will in 3 days raise it up."

But, says John (v. 21)—

"He spake of the temple of his body."

Here then is a 'building of God,' a tent, tabernacle, or temple—

"A House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

There is but one entrance into that House, and that is by the Door. The area within that building is holy ground; and the jasper wall is holy.

It is the true Holy Place, or "Place of Holiness"—perfectness, or righteousness. It is God's place of righteousness, "a heavenly in Christ Jesus," into which they who have "purified their hearts by faith" are invited to enter. But there is "No admittance here for the unwashed."

Before this Holy Place is an Altar to which faith approaches; and which was cleansed by atonement being made for it, before it was placed there. It is most holy; and whatsoever toucheth it becomes holy.

*Paul styles this Altar, Jesus. It was cleansed when the blood of its consecration was poured out from his side. All the worshippers who would enter the Holy Place must first come to this Altar, that touching it they may be holy.*

But, between the Place of God's Righteousness and this Altar is a Laver, or bath, of water, styled by Paul the "New-birth Laver" (Tit. 3:5), and in another place the "Laver of the Water" (Eph. 5:26). The law of this arrangement is—

"When they go into the Holy Place, they shall wash with water, that they die not;

"Or when they come near to the Altar to minister, that they die not" (Exo. 30:20).

**Neither the Altar nor the Holy Place could be approached without washing, under penalty of death.**

The Gospel of the arrangement is not less rigid than the Law. Who are they that shall enter in by the Door, and be saved? Hear the voice of the Great Shepherd (Mark 16:16)—

"He having believed the Gospel AND BEEN BAPTIZED, shall be saved."

But may we not strike out the words "and been baptized" as an interpolation?

If you do, you must also remove the New-Birth Laver away from between the Holy Place and Altar; and if you do that, you approach them both under penalty of death, without possibility of touching either—

"He that believes not shall be condemned."

The unbelieving have nothing to do with Altar, Laver, or Holy Place; for these are institutions only for the enlightened of the Word.

Again, ask Peter if the Laver may be abolished? He saith—

"Baptism now SAVES US, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Saves who? The man that has no faith in the things covenanted to Abraham and David? No; baptism will not save him. But it saves "us" who HAVE faith in the blood-sprinkled Covenant, by giving us access to the most Holy Altar and Holy Place.

What did Peter do with Cornelius and his friends who believed what he and Jesus preached? He sent them all to wash in the Laver—

"He commanded them to be baptized" (Acts 10:48)

Did he tell the 3,000 on the day of Pentecost to "Believe and be saved?"

Nay; he understood God's righteousness too well to do that. He sent them also to the Laver, to be washed that they might touch the Altar, and be holy—

"Repent **and be baptized** unto remission of sins on account of the Name of Jesus Christ"  
(Acts 2:38).

The Name and the Altar are inseparable. It is there that Jehovah has placed His Name; and to the Altar Jesus—

"Give all the prophets witness, that every one believing into him shall receive remission of sins through his Name" (Acts 10:43).

*Though Paul had seen and spoken with Jesus, and believed, he was STILL IN HIS SINS until the moment he obeyed the message of the Lord by Ananias.*

Did he say to Paul—

"Thou hast become a praying soul, and very penitent of heart; thou believest that Christ died for you and by his belief thou layest hold of him, and his righteousness is imputed to thee for remission of sins. Now then, arise and be comforted, and go, and join the church?"

Did Ananias speak thus; or did he not rather say—

"Arise to **be baptized**, and to wash away thy sins, calling on the Name of the Lord."

He obeyed, and carried his sins with him to the Laver, and called upon the Name by being baptized into it, and for the sake of that Name he returned with a perfect conscience.

Now what he did himself, he prescribed to others. When therefore, he went to Corinth he preached the Word—

"And many of the Corinthians hearing, believed, and **were baptized**" (Acts 18:8).

When he wrote to them afterwards, he reminded them that some of them had been—

"Fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, effeminate, abusers of themselves with mankind.

"Thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers, extortioners,

"And such shall not possess the Kingdom of God."

—which he preached.

But he also reminds them **BY WHAT MEANS** they were delivered from the perdition entailed by such horrible offences (1 Cor., chs. 1, 2 & 6)—

"Christ sent me to preach the gospel to you, which is the power of God.

"I declared unto you his testimony concerning Jesus Christ, and him crucified, which he confirmed with a demonstration of Spirit and power.

"I spoke to you of the things which God has prepared for them that love him.

"What you heard, you believed, and joyfully embraced, waiting for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Hearing and believing, ye were washed, sanctified, and justified, by the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God."

They were washed by the Name and by the Spirit in believing the Gospel and being baptized into the Name; or in being—

"Sanctified and cleansed by the Bath of the water with the Word" (Eph. 5:26).

*The bath of water cleanses, not by virtue of anything infused into the water, but because of the association of the Name of the Lord with immersion in water.*

"Peter commanded the household of Cornelius to be baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus."

Hence, having the indispensable prerequisite of a Scriptural faith, when washed they were also sanctified and justified by the Name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of God.

**They were "saved by baptism," in the sense in which Peter used the words.**

But, if they had been immersed without a true and scriptural faith, they would have been sanctified, justified, and saved, neither by the Name, the Spirit, nor Baptism.

The Bath of Water sanctifies and cleanses no one apart from "the Word;" for—without faith—blood, water, spirit, bread, wine, prayer, or song, leave the sinner in his sins, and subject to death, as it is written—

"He that believes not the Gospel shall be condemned."

We do not, as charged, "substitute salvation by baptism for justification by faith"; but **maintain the indispensability of them BOTH in the right place.**

Baptism without Faith is of no more use than Faith without Baptism. Therefore, our sentence in regard to them is, "What God hath joined let no man put asunder."

*Baptism gives the believer introduction to God's righteousness, so that being in that state he is "in Jesus," who is at once the Temple of the Living God and "the Lord OUR righteousness."*

—Bro. Thomas, 1857

## **Fraternal Gatherings**

(If the Lord Will)

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

**LETHBRIDGE, Alberta: June 29 to July 1, 1968**

Bro. W. Blacker, 1225 6th Ave. S., Lethbridge, Alta. (403) 327-5663

**HYE, Texas: July 29 to Aug. 4, 1968**

Bro. C. Banta, 815 Boston, Deer Park, Tex. 77536, Ph. (713) 479-2568

**TORONTO, Ontario: October 12-13, 1968**

Bro. Gibson, 1501 Woodbine Av., Ap. 607, Toronto 13. (416) 425-1256

---

## **Voyage to Australia**

By **BROTHER ROBERT ROBERTS**

*"When the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us, whom, when Paul saw, he thanked God and took courage"—Acts 28:15*

**PART TEN**

**Adelaide to Ballarat and Bendigo**

**TUES. To SUN., OCT. 1-6, 1895**

ARRIVED at bro. Macdonald's house (Hutt St.), it was a pleasure to be once more in the midst of those stable conditions of life that are essential to fragile mortality, which is liable, tossed on the waves, to get into the state of a milk can jolted over a rough road to market.

A civilized meal with rational companions was a special luxury after the savourless fare of a sea-voyage in the best appointed steam-boat, taken under the souring restraints of barren Gentile society.

As for a bed that didn't rock, and of a breadth you could not fill, and clothes you could not kick off—it was bliss. I was rather wearied, and was indulged with a delicious rest in the afternoon.

After the evening meal, a number of brethren and sisters assembled in bro. Macdonald's house to greet my arrival. They had many questions to ask and gratifications to express at the unexpected event of my visit to Australia. We had much pleasant conversation for 2 hours.

I found the brethren and visitors in Adelaide more numerous and more intelligent than I had anticipated.

There is an ecclesia of about 50 members, besides 1 or 2 small ecclesias in the district, who joined them at the breaking of bread, and made quite a large muster.

*The advent of the Truth in Adelaide was in the shape of a copy of the Declaration a number of years ago. It happened to get into the hands of a few men who were earnest seekers after divine truth, and started them on the track of new Bible studies which they followed up with the present happy result.*

No special arrangements had been made for a public effort on this occasion. The fact is, the brethren did not know what I should be able for on arrival.

They presumed that in any case, the first week ashore would have to be one of rest, and at the end of that week, by the program that had been drawn-up and published in the Bible Shield and Reflector—the monthly magazine conducted by bro. Gamble—I was to leave.

They did the best they could under the circumstances. They engaged a hall for one weeknight lecture, and arranged for a second lecture on the Sunday evening, in their own meeting-place—quite a capacious room.

However, all the time was filled up, so far as the evenings were concerned. Tuesday was the day of my arrival and first meeting with the brethren. Wednesday evening was their week-night

meeting, which I attended and addressed them by request on: "Without Holiness, No Man Shall See the Lord."

\* \* \*

On Thursday there was another muster of the brethren in bro. Macdonald's house. On Friday was the public-hall lecture —at which there was a large audience, attentive listening, and many questions at the close. Subject: "The Two Appearings of Christ."

On Saturday there was another (smaller) private muster of the brethren, and on Sunday a large meeting at the breaking of bread, at which I spoke the best part of an hour: and in the evening a crowded meeting: "The Future State Revealed."

Regret was expressed that my visit should be so short, and a wish that it might be lengthened. I said it could not be altered, as a cast-iron program had been drawn: but I might come back before finally departing from the colonies.

One estimable brother submitted a proposal for the issue of a small cheap hymnbook without the music, so that families might be supplied in greater number.

I recognized the goodness of the object, but could only answer, as has before been answered many times: that such a book would inevitably disestablish the music hymnbook in the course of time, which would be a greater loss than those who proposed it could have any idea.

*We would slowly get back to the days of poor singing, or still worse, to the days when the cultivation of good singing would be a speciality with the technical and the expert—tending to the formation of choirs, which are generally composed of PERFORMERS, not of WORSHIPPERS.*

Our present hymnbook levelled away all such distinctions. It left the way open to all to take part in a proper and hearty way, and had a tendency to encourage, and did, in fact, encourage and unconsciously develop that amount of musical ability which was a great aid to the luxury of unfeigned worship.

It made all the brethren and sisters more or less singers: and if a few were not benefited in this respect, the great majority were distinctly benefited, and the few not benefited were not hurt.

But with a cheap music-less hymn-book, the old evils of poor singing and technical emulations would return. The music hymnbook was dear, but not so very dear. It was a choice of evils.

Bro. Wenner said a cheap music-less hymn-book was in fact being introduced: and it would be better it should be done by general agreement than by stealth, as it were.

As to that, the work was the work of those who were not in accord with us, and who did not see the ultimate bearings of things.

\* \* \*

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1895**

A crowd of brethren and sisters were at the station to see me off by the 4:30 p.m. express. One of them said it was like attending a funeral.

Another presented me with a monster bouquet of lovely flowers, a short-lived beauty, but valued as an expression of friendship in Christ—the purest and most enduring friendship under the sun—to be seen in its true glory by-and-by.

After many hearty adieus, the train steamed out of the station, and I was soon rushing along through wooded mountains and ravines towards the elevated region of north-western Victoria, where the temperature is much lower than at the sea-board.

When darkness came, it was quite cold, and I was glad to get into a sleeping-car, in which bro. Macdonald had kindly engaged a berth for me.

\* \* \*

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1895**

THE train was timed to arrive at Ballarat at 7:20 a.m. Getting out with my "things," I found bro. Gamble, bro. Kenny, and sis. Close waiting me. Bro. Gamble, whom I knew at Leicester about 15 years ago, I should not have known again; he was so stout, and mature, and hale. However unsuccessful his transference to the Colonies may have been otherwise, it has given him health.

Outside the station, we found it was a dripping wet morning. Getting into a conveyance, we drove to a hotel near the station—a comfortable place.

After a half-hour's chat or so, my guides withdrew, to call again in the evening to take me to a meeting. Thus left to my own devices, I sallied forth to execute several little commissions for bro. Walker, who lived at one time in Ballarat. The day was wet, but I had a waterproof (which I now took out of its bundle for the first time since leaving Birmingham).

I quickly found my way about, with the aid of a scribbled plan, with which bro. Walker had furnished me. Ballarat is quite a large, beautifully laid-out city.

At 6 o'clock, brother Gamble fetched me to a meeting of the brethren at bro. Kenny's house.

*They are not a numerous company at Ballarat, and they have been made fewer, I understand, through the proselyting activity of one Cornish, who has a hurtful hobby on the origin of death, which changes the death of Christ from God's condemnation of sin in the flesh into a human tragedy: in which Christ "died because he was killed" not because it was necessary to the forgiveness of sin.*

We had pleasant intercourse together on the things of the Spirit for two hours—dispersing about ten o'clock.

\* \* \*

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1895**

AT one o'clock bro. Gamble called, by arrangement, to take me to his new habitat at Leonard's Hill, a sequestered township among the hills, 50 miles distant by rail, though only about 20 as the crow flies.

Bro. Gamble, having found former occupations unsuitable in various ways, had, in conjunction with a practical brother, acquired the lease of about 100 acres of market-garden, within 8 minutes' walk of the railway-station. Being himself somewhat practical by original training in this line of things, he has good prospects of extracting a fair living.

The market is in Melbourne, by direct rail connection. He certainly has the advantage of a healthful occupation in a healthful country, "far from the madding crowd," where he may in peace prepare for the Kingdom of God.

There are several brethren in the district, such as bro. Hinder at Daylesford, and bro. Lewis; also bro. Nicholls, 5 miles further on.

These, with bro. Brown, and bro. & sis. Gamble, make quite a nice little ecclesia. I went over the place in the evening, and at one stage took the pleasure of helping to tie up some bundles of rhubarb for the market.

\* \* \*

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1895**

The brethren above-mentioned came over to Leonard's Hill, and we spent a pleasant day together. In the afternoon we (bro. Gamble and I) accompanied part of them on their return journey by road, and were picked up by a conveyance bringing bro. Nicholls and family.

We got off at Daylesford for return, but first made one or two visits to various interesting people, under the guidance of bro. Hinder.

An interesting old man who knows the Truth bemoaned the evil of the times, for which he saw no remedy.

*I implored him to identify himself with GOD'S remedy in submission to His Son, while there was yet time. But something apparently hinders.*

Returned to Leonard's Hill by late train.

#### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1895**

STARTED about 10 a.m. for Bendigo, which was next on the program, conjointly with Inglewood and Pyramid Hill. I had to change at Daylesford.

Bro. Hinder met me there, and pressed me importunately to return on the way from my second visit to Adelaide. I would not say No, but could not say Yes, leaving the matter open to events: I had to admit that my visit was very hurried.

It took me 6 hours' railway riding to get to Bendigo, which I found to be quite an important and well-built town of 30,000, with 3 newspapers, important public buildings, a busy population, tramways in all directions.

I arrived at Bendigo at 4:20 p.m., and found a company of brethren waiting, to none of whom I was personally known, but they soon picked me out.

We got into a conveyance—the 7 of us, I think, including bro. Collins, of Inglewood, who got up on the box outside, by the driver, and made himself one of the company inside by looking through an open window.

The company also included bro. Seales, the editor of a weekly paper at Pyramid Hill, who uses his position for the service of the Truth in a very decided manner, but finds it embarrassing on some points.

There is no position free from embarrassment for men desiring to do the will of God. It is a difficult thing, but a practicable feat to be in the world, but not of it. It is the suitable training which God has appointed for the men in whose hands He will at last place the world.

*Their power to manage it sympathetically and wisely will in large measure arise from the experience they now go through. "Be patient, brethren," we shall be delivered at last!*

Our conveyance was bound for Fir Cottage, near Fair Hill gold-mine, about 2 miles out of Bendigo. There was much brisk talk on board the vehicle during those 2 miles. Fir Cottage is the humble but snug residence of bro. & sis. Packwood, built by bro. Packwood's hands.

Arrived there, we found quite a large company of brethren and sisters. How we all managed to squeeze in would require investigation. I think there were 2 sittings at the meal table. After much cordial talk, we went by tram to a Public Hall.

Here, bro. Harding having taken the chair, I lectured on "God's Remedy for the World's Distress" to a large audience, who listened attentively. This was the only lecture arranged for, as only one day had been allotted to Bendigo.

The lecture was fairly reported in two local papers, but there was sad bungling in some items. I am always afraid to look at the newspaper report of a lecture. The reporters have not only no understanding on the subject, but they are, as a rule, of that fast and flippant, and in many cases profligate, character that unfits them for even the most elementary apprehension.

The latest mortification in this: I lectured on "The Future State Revealed," showing that it was a state to be entered by resurrection and to be characterized by every desirable adjunct of truly civilized life.

The reporter said that I quoted passages to show that the future state was in the grave, where there was no knowledge nor device! I had said something on this head, but only to disprove the popular idea of a future state.

\* \* \*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1895**

Before leaving I had an interview, by request, with several who have been smitten with the Cornish mystification, and are standing apart.

It takes various shapes in various places. Here it was "no sinful flesh: the flesh containing good, as well as evil, requiring but to be evoked."

I pointed out that the idea was contrary to experience, and to the apostolic testimony.

That testimony declared that in the flesh dwelleth no good thing (Rom. 7:18); that the works of the flesh are evil. (Gal. 5:19): that by natural constitution sin dwells there (Rom. 7:20): and that its appropriate generic description is "flesh of sin," or "sinful flesh" (Rom. 8:3).

Experience proved the correctness of these descriptions. A child left without training unfolded evil and not good. Cut off absolutely from contact with man, it grew up a savage. All good in man came from without, not from within.

*It was only in proportion as men came within the power of enlightenment from WITHOUT that they rose above the animalism natural to flesh and blood.*

Well-meaning minds, sharp but short of sight, judged this question by what they found man to be in circumstances of civilization, of more or less Biblical origin. In this they judged wrongly.

To judge of human nature rightly, it had to be looked at away from all such circumstances. It had to be looked at as it was when left entirely to its own resources.

**Such minds also thought to honor Christ by clothing him with a nature to which these terms could not apply.**

To do this, they either had to give him a nature different to ours, or else make ours different from what the Scriptures and experience declare it to be.

The subject was of some subtlety and some profundity. Its elucidation had been one of the greatest victories of the Truth in our age over the intellectual fogs and anomalies connected with the whole subject of Christ as a sacrifice; and well-meaning minds, thinking to mend Dr. Thomas's work, would drag us back to the old quagmire.

*The brethren did well to resist their encroachments. It might seem a small thing to quarrel over the phrase, "Sinful flesh," but the phrase (which is an apostolic one) touches a truth which has a deeper, more widely-ramifying bearing than those who were tampering with it were aware.*

Whether the interview was of any use I know not. As regards one worthy old man it was utterly useless, notwithstanding the self-stultification of his answers. He had a set philosophy of his own, to which he clung in spite of admissions that destroyed it. A wrong view of human nature seemed to be at the bottom of his difficulty.

In the afternoon, I went to Inglewood—not by rail, but in a wagon, drawn by one horse, a distance of 29 miles. It was a wagon used for business purposes by bro. Collins, who was the driver on the occasion.

It was a long distance by road for an invalid: but bro. Collins had made such arrangements on board the vehicle that I was able to recline occasionally, and so escape the stress.

The journey occupied 4 hours, but it did not seem so long as some journeys taking only half the time. This was, no doubt, due to the entertaining character of my companion.

He was one of Sir Garnet Wolseley's gang of Canadian boatmen during the Gordon Relief Expedition up the Nile, and had a good deal of interesting information on that enterprise. His whole history was interesting down to the time, not long ago, when he lived in a garden on less than 2s. a week, in a booth made by himself.

He had only recently come into contact with the Truth. It had been a joyful and unexpected deliverance to him. He was like a great many others, roving about the world without any idea of the meaning of life, but certain that clericalism was a superstition.

*It was a Finger Post—sent to him by sis. Appleby—that began the process of enlightenment. Christendom Astray followed, and before he had finished the 7th lecture, he wanted to be immersed.*

His intelligence in the Truth is something surprising in so short a time. He had been a brother about 6 months.

We arrived at Inglewood about 7 in the evening, and were welcomed at the hospitable home of bro. W. H. Appleby—one of a somewhat extended family circle in the district, who were originally zealous Church of England people, but who became acquainted with the Truth through one of the daughters marrying and removing to Melbourne, and coming in contact with it there.

This daughter (the late wife of bro. Irving, of Melbourne), pressed the Truth earnestly upon the attention of her relatives as a thing so true and beautiful.

At first, her efforts only excited antagonism; but as time went on there was a softening: and when she died, the funeral, conducted by the brethren, so impressed the relatives, they resolved to examine the matter.

The result was their acceptance of the hope of Israel, which is now the day-star in several households throughout the Inglewood district.

(Continued next month, God Willing)

---

### **Walking in the Truth: Our Faith Made Perfect**

*"I found of thy children walking in Truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father"*

—2 John 4

*"Seest thou how Faith wrought with his Works, and by Works was Faith made perfect"—James 2:22*

FOR us to measure up to the requirements of this statement we must understand its meaning. This title is a combination of the above quotations.

When we see what is involved in "Walking in the Truth," we shall comprehend in what way "Our Faith Is Made Perfect."

There are only two ways of walking, the one leads to life and perfection, the other leads to death and oblivion. The issue is clear and fundamental. It is simple and easy to be understood. We each must make the decision what we want, and must determine in our hearts that we DO want it, to the sacrifice of all else.

In this final age, the last times allotted to Gentile domination of the earth, we see the churches losing all semblance of truth. We see a re-uniting of the systems of superstition and human tradition on every hand.

**And we see the foundations of ecclesial life being shaken at the roots in a manner we would never have anticipated.**

We are thus impressed with the force, the imperative warning, of Christ's words (Luke 18:8)

"When the Son of Man cometh, shall he find the Faith on the earth?"

*There is good cause to believe that there will be a few, but only a few, who will hold fast to the Faith. The Scriptures always show the picture of a remnant.*

Christ said that his coming would be "as the days of Noah and Lot." In both these illustrations a small minority were extracted from the common destruction. Likewise the words of Paul to the Thessalonians teach the same (1 Thess. 4:17)—

"Then we which are alive and remain (unto the coming of the Lord) shall be caught up (away) together with them (the resurrected dead) to meet the Lord in the air (ruling places of the earth)."

The apostle John states—

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in Truth" (3 John 4).

His children were those begotten by the power of the Truth. His children were God's children. For their conduct to be joy to John would therefore be joy for the Father also.

\* \* \*

THERE is a definite relationship between "walking in truth" and "faith being made perfect." John declares (2 John 4) that "walking in truth" is a commandment we have received from the Father.

This was not a new commandment. It was the command given from the beginning. This command is "loving one another." The command to love one another is equal to walking in His (God's) commandments.

First let us consider the subject of "walking." The original Greek for "walking" is **peripateo**. The word **peri** is familiar to our minds, appearing in our word "perimeter," the distance around any figure or object.

**Pateo**, the Greek word for "walk," has been transliterated into Latin and Spanish from whence we get the word meaning an enclosed stone walk. The idea then of walking as used by John is to "walk around," with, or in, the Truth.

There are many illustrations in God's Word impressing this thought. Perhaps the best known is the incident of the taking of the city Jericho by the Israelites just as they left their long wilderness sojourn to enter the Promised Land. God told Joshua to instruct Israel as follows—

"Ye shall compass the city . . . and go about the city once.

"Thus shalt thou do 6 days. And the 7th day ye shall compass the city 7 times."

On the 7th circuit on the 7th day, Joshua cried (Josh. 6:16):

"Shout! For the Lord hath given you the city."

By remaining separate from the accursed city for 7 days, by bearing silent testimony against the city in obedience to divine command, God delivered it into their hands.

*We stand in exactly the same relation as Israel to an entrance to the Promised Land. We are walking round the city. We cannot enter to take part with the activities of the accursed city that is before us.*

On the contrary, we should and must act in accord with what we read in Rev. 18:1-3, of times antitypical of Jericho, times when the cities of the world are to fall before the wrath of God—

"Babylon the Great is fallen, is fallen!"

The warning follows—

"Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

\* \* \*

"Walking IN the Truth." The Greek word **en**, translated "in," implies "among, at, by in, into, through, within"; from which we learn that we are walking "in" or "among" something. We are surrounded by something; we are immersed in something. It is something we are clothed with, or covered over with. We have entered something, as a house. It is opposite to "out, outside, exposed."

What is it then that we are "walking around in," separated from that which is "without"? In Rev. 11:1-2 we read of the measuring of the Temple of God and the Altar and them that worship therein—

"But the court that is without (or outside) the Temple, cast out (leave out) and measure it not."

Here is a distinction between those associated with God and those outside. We are therefore "in" something. We are "IN The Truth." We are walking around "in the Truth."

Reverting to the illustration of Jericho and its fall, we find that it was "the men of war" who were to walk around or compass the city for 7 days. They would be equipped or experienced for war.

In Paul's illustration of the spiritual warrior in Eph. 6:11-17, we find him clothed with the "whole armour of God." The loins are to be girt about with truth, or "the Truth."

What is it to be walking around girt about with the Truth? "What is Truth?" is the question asked by Pilate of Christ as he examined the Saviour. Can we answer this question? Pilate used the same word as did John when he said his children were "walking in the Truth."

The Greek for "truth" is **aletheia**. It comes from 2 root words: a, meaning "not," and **letho**, "hid, concealed, forgot."

John's declaration, then, teaches us to walk around in an unconcealed condition. It was because of this that John rejoiced that he found his children in this condition.

That which is hidden or concealed is a lie. Christ spake of some who—

"Loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil" (John 3:19).

When Christ was apprehended he declared—

"This is your hour, and the **power of darkness**."

In the beginning the same picture is set forth. Our first parents in the Garden of Eden, before disobedience, were naked and unashamed. God made man upright. In obedience they were "walking in truth."

But what do we find when they had listened to and acted upon the serpent lie?—

"They heard the voice of the Lord God, walking in the Garden in the cool of the day;

"And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God.

"And the Lord God called unto Adam and said, Where art thou?

"And Adam said, I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid (concealed) myself"

(Gen. 3:8-9).

He did not comprehend that—

"ALL things are naked and open unto the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do."

To try to hide from God is to limit His power, and to seek to establish a lie. Therefore that which is concealed is darkness or a lie, and is not truth. That which is open is light and there is no darkness therein, but is true.

The next generation illustrated the same point. Abel was a keeper of sheep, Cain a tiller of the soil, Abel offered, in faith, the sacrifices which declared the truth.

Cain did not have respect unto the Way of Truth, and endeavoured to offer an earthly sacrifice. This is evident from what followed—

"If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?

"But if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door."

Whereupon Cain arose and killed his brother. God asked—

"Where is thy brother Abel?"

Cain replied (Gen. 4:3-9)—

"I know not: am I my brother's keeper?"

Cain sought to conceal, to hide. God indicated that Cain's way was a life of sin. Paul declared in Hebrews 11 that Abel by his actions was walking in Truth, that he was a **witness** of righteousness.

The Greek for "witness" is **marturos**—the same word used by Christ when answering Pilate that he was born and came into the world that he should bear witness (be a martyr) unto the Truth.

The example we are constantly given of God's servants is "unconcealed service," exposed to the view of the world, whose lives are examples to illustrate the will of God. Christ exhorted that we should let our light shine before men—

"Ye are the Light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

"Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a lampstand, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:14-16).

*Therefore "walking in the Truth" means to be set clearly on God's side, against all that the world stands for. The world is walking in darkness. The servants of God walk in revealed light. The world is a lie. God's ways are Truth.*

\* \* \*

PAUL repeatedly used the term "walk" in his epistles. Our modern age has perhaps concealed the force of the term "to walk." The Greek **peripateo** is used for both literal and metaphorical "walking." It specifically refers to CONDUCT.

In Rom. 6 Paul tells us to "walk in newness of life" after burial and resurrection with Christ. Again (Rom. 13:12-13)—

"The night is far spent: the day is at hand.

"Let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

"Let us walk honestly, as in the day."

Here we have "walking honestly" or "in truth" as in the **day**. "In the light" is contrasted with "darkness" and "night." Our lives must be the pure manifestation of truth. All that we do must be true.

Our speech must be in the sense of "Yea, yea" and "Nay, nay." There is no such thing as a "half-truth." It is either true or false. It is either pure or unholy. It is either light or dark. Again from Paul—

"Walk in the Spirit: and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh" (Gal. 5:16).

The Spirit-principle is **loving God by loving one another**. We therein manifest the 9 aspects of the fruit of the Spirit:

"Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

And again Paul places the caption on these virtues—

"Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called" (Eph. 4:1).

"Walk in LOVE" (Eph. 5:2).

"Walk as children of LIGHT" (Eph. 5:8).

"Walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as WISE" (Eph. 5:15).

"Walk as ye have us for an EXAMPLE" (Phil. 3:17).

"Walk WORTHY of the Lord" (Col. 1:10).

"Walk ye IN HIM" (Col. 2:6).

"Walk in WISDOM toward them that are without" (Col. 4:5).

"Walk worthy of God" (1 Thess. 2:12).

"Walk HONESTLY toward them that are without" (1 Thess. 4:12).

*The whole theme is the pattern of life for the servants of God. How we measure up to these elements will determine if we are walking around, clothed with the Truth.*

If we search ourselves in relation to these virtues, we will not be found entering into the City of the world, but walking around it "in heavenly armour clad," awaiting the moment for the Divine summons to shout for the city has been given unto the people of the saints of the Most High.

We have all witnessed the sad picture of the uncertain walk of one who does not know where he is going, or whose interests are myriad and he is carried back and forth every which way by side-issues, or the unsteady gait of the drunkard.

**Unless our walk in the Truth is resolutely directed to a positive goal, we shall appear in this light to God.**

Paul said (Phil. 3:13-18)—

"This one thing I do: forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things before,

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

"Let us walk by the same rule; let us mind the same things.

"Be followers together with me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample (or type).

"For MANY walk, of whom I have told you often and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ."

TURNING then to the other aspect of this subject, "Our Faith Made Perfect." Faith is defined by Paul in Heb. 11:1—

"Faith is the substance (foundation) of things being hoped for."

—of things being kept in memory by the believer who UNDERSTANDS the things promised, is fully persuaded of them, and lives in hope—even against hope, or present appearances—that what God has promised to Abraham and to David, He is able and will perform.

Faith is the "foundation of things being hoped for." This is the Faith to which Jesus referred in Luke 18:8—

"When he cometh, shall he find faith—THE FAITH—on the earth?"

—or this Faith held by any on the earth. This Faith is a well-defined scriptural proposition, illustrated from Genesis to Revelation.

How then shall we understand James' words—

"By works was faith made perfect" (2:22).

If Faith is a well-defined foundation how can it be "made perfect"? As a foundation it is already perfect, as are all God's arrangements.

*Our relationship and affinity and adherence to that foundation is what is being made perfect by works. This is the importance to our daily lives of what James declares.*

The association he makes to Abraham in his reasoning directs us to an example of faith being made perfect; and the pattern is closely related to our lives.

Abraham was called out of the darkness of the world and made acquainted with God's purpose with the earth. He responded and became an example of righteousness for all succeeding generations.

Upon the foundation, or Faith set before him, he had to build his character. His relationship to that Faith had to be established. For 25 years this relationship was being perfected.

The various vicissitudes which he endured illustrate an ever-increasing assurance in God. His failures indicate he was one with us in trial. And his rising up and going on illustrate that it is possible for Faith to be made perfect in each of us by the same principle.

What do we see then as Abraham enters the Land of Promise? A famine strikes. Remember, God is in control of the elements. He controls the circumstances of our lives in the same manner. The minutest circumstance in the daily pattern we live is all clearly foreknown and directed by a loving Divine hand.

**Why does God permit trial, hunger, and such circumstances to arise in our lives?**

Moses declared (Deut. 8:3-5)—

"He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna;

"That He might MAKE THEE KNOW that man doth not live by bread only,

"But by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.

"Thou shalt also consider in thine heart that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord chasteneth thee."

Paul, after listing many who had developed Faith, or confidence in God, tells us to lay aside every weight—(not just part of the weight, as we may choose, but)—EVERY weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and run with PATIENCE the race set before us. And for strength in so doing he tells us to—

"Look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher (or Perfecter) of our Faith."

Then Paul takes us back to a quotation from Moses—

"My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him.

"For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth."

Paul, in referring to Christ as the "Finisher" of our Faith, uses the same Greek root as James when he speaks of our Faith being "made perfect" by Works. Both come from **telos** or **tello**—"fulfil, accomplish, complete, consummate." Our word "telescope" is from the same base.

The idea, therefore, is to "set out for a definite point." This is exactly what we do when we start the race for life eternal. We aim our sights at a goal. We look forward as a runner. We are told that to accomplish anything—natural or spiritual—we must have a **goal**, or purpose; and we must have a **plan**, or schedule.

*The goal is the uppermost consideration in our lives.*

*Everything we do is measured by it and related to it. It is the end, the finish, the accomplishment, the completion, of all our plans and energies and desires.*

The **telos**, the finish, is ever kept in sight. All other circumstances intervening do not impede or obstruct our constant vision of the end.

\* \* \*

ABRAHAM went down into Egypt to evade the famine. He deceived Pharaoh in relation to Sarah, and he was corrected as a son of God, and directed back to the Land of Promise.

He developed in respect to faith when it became necessary to separate from Lot. He trusted and believed in God in relation to the deliverance of Lot from Sodom. He developed in faith when the issue between Sarah and Hagar arose over Ishmael—

"This shall not be thine heir."

And thus, after he had patiently endured, he received the promise, and had a son in his old age, being strengthened by God.

This joy in his household was some years later jolted by the supreme trial which brought the perfection of his faith in God—

"Now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only (beloved) from Me."

On the basis of this deed, God swore with an oath that He would bless Abraham and his seed forever—

"Because thou hast OBEYED My voice."

Here was Faith made perfect by Works. It was this final act of Faith to which all the rest of his life was leading—

"Was not Abraham our father justified by Works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?"

"Seest thou how Faith wrought with his Works, and by Works was Faith made perfect?"

(James 2:21-22).

So Faith is "made perfect" by Works. Our relationship to the Faith, or Purpose, of God is made perfect by continuous Works. There is no saturation point in Works. There is no point at which we can say, "I have completed my works."

**Nor is there any room for self-gratification in Works done or being done.**

In the end, Works will not and cannot save us. They are merely the instrument by which Faith is manifested, developed, and made perfect. Salvation is only by the grace of God—

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

—those who search out, crave after, or seek carefully for God, as Paul says (Acts 17:27)—

"That they should seek the Lord . . . feel after Him, and find Him;

"For He is not far from every one of us."

The apostle is saying that there is the assurance of the reward set clearly before those who earnestly seek God. It is the mark upon which their eyes must be kept at all times.

*The works must be in love, to further the glory of God alone, the purpose of God is manifested in showing kindness and mercy to our fellowmen, without thought of ourselves.*

It is a wholehearted, full-time dedication of ALL we do, to the furtherance of the praise of God. This is the basis of James' whole argument which leads up to the statement about "Faith made perfect." Notice his forceful expressions—

"Do not have faith with respect to persons" (v. 1).

"God hath chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith" (v. 5).

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (v. 8).

Without the operation of Works, James argues, our "Faith" is DEAD. It is exactly like a body without life. And the words of the Master give the same picture of a living, active, DOING Faith—

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40)

"Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36).

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect (Matt. 5:48).

The root Greek for "perfect" in relation to God is the same as James uses in our main quotation. "Complete" or "entire" is the meaning. By following these injunctions daily, making them the code of our lives, bending everything into the compass of their meaning, we shall make our Faith perfect, complete, entire.

Abraham offered to God the BEST—his only, his beloved son, the crux or apex of all his hopes—because he trusted in God implicitly. Said Abraham to his servant who waited—

"Tarry ye here until WE come again."

He believed that both he and Isaac would return from the sacrifice—

"Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead" (Heb. 11:19).

Our Faith will not be made perfect until we finish our course. Do we have the same patient, working Faith as Abraham, to wait for that time? Do we account that God is able to raise us up from the dead when the trumpet sounds throughout the earth?—

*"And the dead in Christ shall rise first."*

—E.F.H.

---

## Full Assurance of Faith

*"The Law, having a shadow of good things to come and not the very image of the things, can never, with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually, make the comers thereunto perfect"—Heb. 10:1.*

### HEBREWS CHAPTER TEN

THE Law of Moses was but a shadow or a type of the law of Christ. The Mosaic law required sacrifices, but it was not able to bring complete forgiveness because it was impossible for any man to perfectly obey it. Therefore a more excellent way had to be given. That way was Christ.

*"For then, would they not have ceased to be offered? Because the worshippers, once purged, should have had no more conscience of sins.*

*"But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year" (Heb. 10:2B).*

Under the Mosaic Law it was commanded (Lev. 16:30-34)—

"The priest shall make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins.

"This shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement once a year."

A goat and bullock had to be slain and their blood sprinkled upon the Mercy Seat and Altar— an atonement made for the sins of the priest and people. After this the sacrifices were to be carried and burned outside the camp. Over a live goat Aaron had to confess—

"All the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins"

(vs. 21-22).

In this way every Israelite was impressed with the fact that God was holy, and they were a sinful people. But, as we read here (Heb. 10:4)—

*"It is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins."*

These sacrifices under the Law could not cleanse a man fully; only provisionally and prospectively. They had to be repeated every year. A perfect sacrifice would have no need for repetition, for the one offering would completely remit sins.

As Paul points out in v. 3, the offerings made on the Day of Atonement—rather than making the children of Israel forget their sins—served to remind them of their sins.

There was no real connection between the blood of an animal and that of a man. The offerings merely exhibited the fact that the penalty of sin is death, and showed NEED of redemption.

In vs. 5-10 Paul quotes from the Psalms to show that a better way, a better sacrifice, was to be provided for remission of sins. Ps. 40, which Paul quotes, points to the contrast between the ineffectual, shadowy offerings of the Law, and the life-obedience of Christ, the Servant of God. V. 5—

*"Wherefore when he cometh into the world he saith, 'Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldst not, but a body hast Thou prepared me'."*

"A body hast Thou prepared me" refers to the fact that Jesus was fitted or prepared to be a perfect sacrifice by willingly rendering himself as a servant or slave—a lifetime obedience to God's will, submitting entirely to the shaping of God's hand.

This was foretold in the volume of God's revelation to man as the means of approach to God when the offerings of the Law were refused. He was specially "prepared," too, in his miraculous begetting by the Spirit.

Paul, applying this Psalm to Jesus, continues (vs. 6-10)—

*"In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin Thou hast had no pleasure.*

*"Then said I, 'Lo, I come (in the volume of the Book it is written of me) to do Thy will, O God!"*

*"Above when he said, 'Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin Thou wouldst not, neither hadst pleasure therein' (which are offered by the Law),*

*"Then said he, 'Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God.'"*

*"He taketh away the first that he may establish the second.*

*"By which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus once for all."*

The superseded offerings are those "according to the Law." These are taken away to give place to the acceptable offering of One who "took upon him the form of a servant" (**doulos**— slave) and was obedient unto death (Phil. 2:7-8). By this, Christ did God's will and thus provided a better way of approaching God: by his shed blood we are sanctified, or set apart, in him.

Continuing in vs. 11-12—

*"And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.*

*"But this man, after he had offered ONE sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God."*

Again the contrast between the old Law (the sacrifice for sin) which "made nothing perfect," and Christ's sacrifice. The former were offered continually year by year and day by day; Christ offered once and for all.

The priests under the Law, "stood," because their service was never finished, while Christ "sat down" at God's right hand, having completed his sacrificial work. This we read in v. 14—

*"For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified."*

Going on to vs. 15-18—

*"Whereof the Holy Spirit also is a witness to us, for after that He had said before,*

*"This is the Covenant that I will make with them after those days' saith the Lord, 'I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them,*

*"And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.'*

*"Now, where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin."*

The word "covenant" (from the Greek **diatheke** and the Hebrew **berith**) denotes in Scripture, an absolute decree. Bro. Thomas writes:

"The **beriths, diathekes**, or "covenants" of the Kingdom of God are absolute decrees, which make or constitute things what they were, and what they shall be. Hence 'The Builder and Maker (or Constitutor) of all things is God' (Heb. 3:4)—'for Whose pleasure they are and were created' (Rev. 4:11)."

This covenant is the New or Abrahamic Covenant that Paul has dealt with in ch. 9. The Mosaic Law, the Old or First Covenant, was the first to come in **force**; even though it came into **being** second. It was "added because of transgressions."

This old Covenant was accompanied with terrible threatenings and curses for disobedience to it, and required the remembrance of their sins every year. The New or "better" Covenant does away with the sins of the people by the blood of Christ.

This New Covenant offers us the promise of eternal glory and life—of an everlasting inheritance in the land, of everlasting righteousness—from ONE atonement or sacrifice, even that of our Lord.

We meet here this morning, brethren and sisters, to remember this New Covenant or Testament in his blood, for he said:

"This cup is the New Testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me" (1 Cor. 11).

And in v. 18 of this Heb. 10—

*"Now, where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin."*

Finally (Heb. 9:13-15) we read:

"For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

"And for this cause he is the Mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the First Testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."

\* \* \*

V. 19 of this Heb. 10 begins a new train of thought. The apostle has now summed up how all types and shadows of the Mosaic Law meet in Christ. He has shown how men can find eternal forgiveness in Jesus and through his offering reach forth to fellowship with God and everlasting life in the Kingdom.

Now he turns to the **practical** side of the picture: our duty and responsibility at the realization of these truths—what we must DO while waiting for the return of our Lord from heaven—

*"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the Holiest by the blood of Jesus."*

The word "boldness" here means liberty or free confidence based on the knowledge of our sins having been forgiven through the love of God. Through Christ's sacrifice we can now enter the Holy Place with open view to the Holiest of All, that is, to life everlasting.

We now can raise our voices in praise and prayer to God through our High Priest Christ Jesus without the barriers of the Tabernacle ritual. V. 20—

*"By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the Veil, that is to say, his flesh."*

The New Abrahamic Covenant is a "living" way as compared to that of the Old Mosaic Covenant which brought only death. It is a living way because Christ rose from the dead. He is a living Saviour. He is the First-fruits. He gained salvation for himself, as we read—

"Who, in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save him from death and was heard in that he feared;

"Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

"And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Heb. 5:7-9).

And he offers us the same Salvation, IF we remain in him.

In the Tabernacle, the Veil separated the 2 Holy Places. To accomplish his work of atonement the high priest had to pass through the Veil into the Most Holy. Christ our High Priest had to pass through the Veil into the Most Holy.

In Mark 15:38 we read that at the instant of Christ's death—

"The Veil of the Temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom."

The veil represented Christ's mortal flesh nature which had to be torn asunder that he might enter the new state of a spirit body.

The Veil was rent in twain. This was the point of the transformation from the law of Moses to the law of Christ (grace) which we now live under: the putting away of the Old Law and the bringing in of the New. Paul says (Eph. 2:14-18)—

"Jesus Christ hath broken down the middle wall of partition, having abolished in his flesh the enmity, the Law of commandments in ordinances.

"Through him we have access unto the Father."

Going on to v. 21—

*"And having an High Priest over the House of God."*

Christ our High Priest, the Mediator between God and man, is OVER, or above, the House of God, having attained to immortality. We are IN the House of God. These things are illustrated in Heb. 3:5-6, showing how Moses was in the House and Christ above—

"And Moses verily was faithful IN all His House, as a **servant**, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;

"But Christ as a **son OVER** His House;

"Whose House are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."

Paul says in Col. 1:17-19—

"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

"And he is the Head of the Body, the Ecclesia: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead;

"That in all things he might have the pre-eminence, for it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell."

With such great privileges of having freedom to enter, and a great High Priest to intercede for us while in God's House, it follows that we must rise to ACTION and OBEDIENCE.

We see this from the exhortation in vs. 22-24, each verse beginning with "Let us"—

*"Let us DRAW NEAR with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

*"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promised"*  
(vs. 22-23).

"We who were **once afar off** are made NIGH by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13).

By an understanding and obedience of God's Word in baptism ("washed" in v. 22 in the original means to bathe the whole person—this we have seen this morning in the immersion of another one of Adam's race into the Saving Name of Jesus) we are freed from an evil conscience of sins in recognition of forgiveness for Christ's sake.

Now it is up to us to continue to draw near to God, in full assurance of faith, through the means of prayer.

**How many of us can say that prayer is our continuous way of life: that we continually come to our High Priest seeking forgiveness, help and guidance during our mortal days of probation?**

(Continued next month, God willing)

---

## Current World Events

### MIDEAST is 'CRISIS CENTRE'

Present and growing is Russia's Mediterranean fleet. Normal strength: 12 ships, 5 subs. June's Arab-Israel war found Russia with 46 naval units there—US, 50.

Russia's helicopter-carrier is on trials in Black Sea. Another building in Odessa. Probable destination: Mediterranean.

Crisis centres abound in Mediterranean. Greek crisis is eased, but can flare again. Cyprus still can bring Greece and Turkey to brink of war. Arab-Israel peace not in sight; Syria howling for war; Egypt unpredictable. (USN 12:25)

*The winds still strive on the Great Sea, churning up mire and dirt. This area has always been the world's true crisis center, as it is to be eminently so in the end*

### REVOLUTION AMONG NUNS

Among US nuns, a revolution's underway. The tall headdresses, starched wimples, flowing robes are disappearing. The Pope, following a Vatican Council decree, ordered nuns to update. There are 180,000 nuns in US.

Under their new rules, each IHM nun can resume her family name, receive a small amount to spend, & choose her own clothes. IHM teaching nuns have insisted on radical changes: classes can't be over 35 pupils; nuns can negotiate annual contracts with diocesan school authorities. (Nwk 12:25)

*An interesting aspect of the general refurbishing of Catholicism, essential to its role and acceptance as ecclesiastical leader of the Kingdom of Men in its final phase before its destruction by Christ.*

---

Britain's Nov. trade deficit worst in history: \$530 million. (Tm 12:22)

---

### RUSSIA REARMS THE ARABS

Syria's cries for the "elimination of Israel from Mideast map" have never lost their pre-war shrillness.

Arab reasonableness has diminished with every new Soviet arms shipment. Russia has completely re-equipped Egypt's air-force & armoured divisions, including fighter planes more modern than before (Nwk 1:1)

*Russia has learned much, and gained much, from the Arab-Israel war. She has a much firmer control of both the policy and the armies of the Arab lands she is rearming for the next round. The inevitable showdown, so long a matter of prophecy, is now an obvious matter of intention and logical necessity.*

### **RUSSIA'S PLANS FOR 1968**

Russia's foreign policy in '68: Create as much disunity as possible by capitalizing on US-Europe frictions, & crosscurrents in Europe, propaganda campaign to dismantle NATO: encourage European disbelief in Soviet danger.

A Soviet fleet in Mediterranean is a threat to S Europe NATO members. Russia will exploit unrest in Greece, & Arab hatred of Israel. It will work for political isolation of Germany. (USN 1:8)

*At the present accelerating rate of world developments, '68 could well be a very interesting and decisive and perhaps even climactic year. "Even so come, Lord Jesus!"*

---

N.Y. City Schools pupils are doing worse than ever in reading & arithmetic. (USN 11:13)

---

Soviet technicians not only installed but are operating the improved radar that aims SAM missiles & directs MIG jet interceptors in N Vietnam. (Nwk 1-1)

---

### **GERMANY: REBIRTH of NAZIS**

Organized 3 yrs. ago, Germany's "National Democratic Party" is scoring impressive gains. In 6 elections, it's got 6 to 9% of vote, captured 1½ million ballots & won 49 seats in various legislatures.

If trend holds for '69 elections, it not only will be Germany's 3rd party, but will get 40 or more seats in national legislature.

Many former Nazis belong to NDP. Many members regard Hitler as Germany's most outstanding figure.

**It says Germany should get back all land lost in WW II, rejects German war guilt, wants US out of Europe. (Tm 1:5)**

*With Germany's potential power and ability, and present leading industrial position and development, it is inevitable that its crushed and wounded pride and ambition should cry out for revenge and resurgence. Only the blindest could expect anything different of human nature in such circumstances.*

### **ISRAEL: TOTALLY MOBILIZED**

Israel's probably more totally mobilized than any country in modern history. Every man & woman must spend 30 months in the armed forces, plus 2 months a yr. reserve duty thereafter. It's a nation totally trained to fight at moment's notice.

**What does concern Israel is the growing Soviet military presence in the Mediterranean & Mideast. They are convinced Russia will kill any possibilities of peace with Arabs.**

Going from Israel into occupied Arab territory is like going from the 20th century to the 18th. From modern, bustling cities with healthy and prosperous people, you suddenly find yourself in mud-hut villages of illiterate peasants farming with wood plows. (USN 12:18)

*Something must bring about the condition of "dwelling confidently, WITHOUT bars and gates." For this we eagerly watch.*

### **ABANDON PLANETS TO RUSSIA**

Squeezed by rising Viet war costs, still troubled by the fatal Apollo fire, & influenced by slipping public interest in space, US has been slicing away at the space budget & has virtually scrapped its ambitious planetary program—abandoning the planets to Russia.

Physicist Van Allen contrasted the "ambitious & increasingly competent" Soviet program with US plans—now only 2 more flights. US expects a rash of Russian planetary shots in '69-'70, including soft-landing on Mars. (Tm 1:5)

*The significance of this lies in the fact that all these things have an underlying military purpose and value. Within the bounds of human power and the Kingdom of Men, space is the beachhead and fortress of the future.*

---

Sudden Soviet build-up in Mediterranean on NATO's flank. Yr. ago, just a dozen ships; now 45 to 55, including missile-firing destroyers. (Tm 12:22)

---

### **VIET REDS DISTRIBUTE LAND**

A US Congress report says Reds' S. Vietnam land-reform program distributes 5 times as much land as the Govt. They've eliminated landlord domination, given lands owned by absentee landlords & Govt., to the landless.

Corruption's partly to blame for under ½ of those supposed to get lands from Govt. actually getting them. (USN 12:25)

*Corruption is, sadly, the worm at the root of all human endeavour, and the shoal on which the best of human schemes must founder. God has decreed that there be no true peace or well being without righteousness: man cannot circumvent this decree.*

### **CHINESE INFLUENCE in INDIA**

China's making startling progress in a fertile field—India. All India is in doldrums. Planning has broken down. Annual income \$34.20— 60c below 5 yrs. ago. Language quarrels are dividing states.

Storm center is Calcutta. Mao's Reds active there. Pro-China Communists were in a coalition that won elections last yr. They encouraged rioters, infiltrated police commands & top govt. jobs, led wildcat strikes, harassed & beat businessmen.

Said a Calcutta police official: "Red revolution has already begun here." Mao's Reds have a foothold in India, won't let go. (USN 1:8)

*India is a puzzle. It is clearly part of the Tarshish entity. It is clearly dependent on US for both sustenance and defence, as recurrent emergencies have shown. Its natural leanings and sympathies and communities of interest appear to lie with the West, but its leaders have sought with disastrous results to walk the tightrope of "neutrality" and exploitation of both sides of the world struggle.*

### **EUROPE: ANTI-US FEELING UP**

In '68 DeGaulle hopes to isolate US from Europe. Main weapons: Viet war & \$. His idea: Appeal over heads of govts. to an increasingly young, radical-minded public that US is world's Public Enemy No. 1.

Europe's image of US is a nation racked by violence, big-city slums, decadent, drug-ridden youth. There's a growing sense that US is "another world"—an alien society with a different civilization, different values.

**Thus a growing European dissociation from US is beginning & expected to grow.**

A rising tide of anti-US feeling in Italy—for yrs. one of US's most faithful allies. In spring elections, Reds have a good chance of surpassing (the 25% they got in '63. Anti-Americanism would contribute to such a trend. (USN 1:8)

*This is a good and welcome sign. France, the Eldest Son of the Church (the "Broadplace of the Great City"—Rev. 11:8) and Italy, the Seat of the Beast and the Mouth of the False Prophet, must unite against Tarshish with Gog.*

### **US TRADE DOMINANCE GROWS**

Last yr. US firms invested \$10 billion abroad (total is now \$65 billion). US controls 80% of Europe's computer business, 90% of the micro-circuit industry, 40% of auto-making, large shares of chemicals, farm machinery, oil. In Britain, US companies own ½ all modern industry, employ 1 of every 17 workmen, make 10% of all goods. (Tm 12-29)

*We know Europe must turn from US to Russia. Resentment at US dominance, already strong, could be a factor in this process. US could well be investing billions in Europe as a unintended gift to Russia to help strengthen her for the final conflict on the mountains of Israel.*

### **MAO IS STRONGER THAN EVER**

Last week Mao was 74. His achievements are immense. By transforming China into a modern state, he has seriously tilted the world's balance of power & altered the course of history. Last week China had its 7th nuclear test in 3 yrs.

Mao has emerged from the months of chaos & turmoil with unrivalled stature, his personal position securer than ever. Most of his bitterest opponents in high positions have been disgraced; 100's of other leaders have vanished, are undergoing "thought reform," or have committed suicide. (USN 1:8)

### **MIDEAST: RED MISSILE BOATS**

Russia has given 40 missile-launching boats to Mediterranean nations. Why's that so important?

**Egypt used one to sink an Israel destroyer in Oct. West has no such boats. As "equalizers," they could be a real factor in Mediterranean balance of power.**

Russia's flexing its Mediterranean muscles. Trouble for US there is a growing danger. (USN 1:8)

*The Tarshish navy, long the dominant and dominating powerbase in the Mediterranean and Mideast, could suddenly find itself friendless and on the defensive.*

### **US: SOCIAL FABRIC DECAYING**

Disarray spreading all across US. Race riots only seasonally checked. Crime keeps growing. The philosophy is accepted that almost anything goes. Discipline, law enforcement are, to many, bad words. (USN 11:13)

*When God decrees "No peace to the wicked," it is vain for man to try to circumvent it. The more God in these last days increases man's knowledge, the more He takes away their wisdom, for they will not submit to Him, but glorify themselves. Therefore their philosophy is folly and they bring on themselves anarchy and violence.*

### **CRIME GOES UP & UP & UP**

In first 9 months of '67, US crime up 16% over last yr.; street robbery up 27%; bank robbery up 60%. Crime rising faster & faster; up 88% since '60. From Jan. to Sep., '67, crime rose 34% in Washington, DC. (USN 12:25)

*The same dreary story month after month: more & more violence.*

### **BRITAIN COOLS TOWARD MKT.**

Once 62% of Britons favoured Market membership; now only 39% do. (Tm 12:22)

\* \* \*

Last week, DeGaulle vetoed Britain's Market membership application the 2nd time in 6 yrs. (Nwk 1:1)

\* \* \*

DeGaulle's latest veto of Britain had this effect: Interest is building up in the idea of linking US, Britain & Canada closer economically in a "North Atlantic Free Trade Area," as a way out of Britain's recurring economic crises. (USN 1:1)

*It is wonderful how Britain is being held back from accomplishing her Europe-oriented desires that are not in God's purpose.*

### **US HAS NEW NUCLEAR HORROR**

US's building a "space bus" to drop atomic warheads on many targets. Launched by a Minuteman or a sub, its guidance system manoeuvres after main rocket cuts out.

Crossing Russia at 12,000 mph & 600 miles up, it could make course & speed changes, ejecting 20 kiloton warheads each time, each with own guidance system. (Tm 12:22)

\* \* \*

Has US's new "shotgun" missile (to counter Russia's missile defences) upset the "balance of terror"? New US MIRV "space bus" spews out warheads that can be guided to targets 100's of miles apart.

But it's argued Russia will build its own MIRV to counter US, & everything will be back where it was. Scientists agree MIRV missiles would enable a nation that strikes first to knock out enemy's retaliatory forces. Therefore MIRV increases danger of an attack occurring. (USN 1:8)

*One more frightful step in the world's march to the brink of self-destruction. Clearly the foretold divine intervention is the only hope for suicidal mankind.*

### **"KEEP the MONEY COMING IN"**

Cardinal Spellman's funeral was a glittering reminder that the New York Archdiocese is the prime Catholic See in US.

For 28 yrs., Spellman ran his vast preserve with organizational efficiency. But many priests reject one of the fundamental assumptions of the Spellman regime: that the archdiocese should be run like a corporation. "Sure it's efficient as a business," complains one, "but it's not efficient as a church. They watch closely to see the money come in, but seldom inquire whether a priest is doing his job as a pastor of souls."

Many dissident parish clergy are bitter about their ecclesiastical superiors in the massive chancery. "We call it the 'House of Lords.'" explains a curate, "which aptly fits the princes there who preen themselves for advancement." (Nwk 1:1)

A revealing picture—so true to Scripture's delineation of this monstrous Apostasy—on which comment is superfluous.

### **EAST-WEST EUROPE MERGING**

Business deals are daily occurrences between Capitalist and Communist Europe. After yrs. of mutual suspicion, they're finding a common language in trade.

In 2 yrs. Italy's exports to E Europe are up a staggering 46%. Total East-West trade rising 20% a yr, nearing \$10 billion yrly.

3 yrs. ago, there were 333 flights a wk. between E & W Europe; today, 800; 1½ million will make the trip in '68. Over 100 Communist hotels & restaurants accept Diner's Club credit cards.

Goods are flowing in unprecedented amounts both ways. By selling the Reds the most sophisticated equipment & providing know-how to run it, W Europe has launched an East-West Marshall Plan.

Many Europeans, Communist & non-Communist, look to day when all Europe will be 1 trading unit. W. Europe businessmen have been quick to seek a foothold in the world's fastest-growing market—the 350 million under Red rule from Berlin to Vladivostok.

Common Market has abolished import restrictions on 100's of E Europe products.

In the most astonishing development, Olivetti—already Russia's adviser on mechanizing & automating office procedures—is getting a \$150 million contract to modernize the Soviet bureaucracy—which will automatically make it privy to Russia's corridors of power.

Pirelli's building 6 factories in Russia to make everything from rubber parts for the Fiat-designed TAZ car to latex swimsuits. Olivetti will computerize the plants.

Czechoslovakia paid \$9 million for license to build Renault cars & will use Renault's worldwide facilities to service export models.

France is leasing Soviet IL-62 jetliners. (Nwk 12:25)

*This is good, and must come. Europe must be united under Gog.*

The artificial ideological differences between Catholicism and Communism must be removed. Both are fundamentally the same thing in different forms—the Image, the Beast, and the mind of the flesh—the anti-Zion Roman power.

### **PROPHECIES TROUBLE CLERGY**

Jesus' apocalyptic prophecies have always troubled theologians. He announced the Kingdom of God was at hand, but it never arrived. He said the dead would some day rise bodily from the grave, but so far, none has.

And his grand vision of "a new heaven and a new earth" has since been translated by some theologians as little more than a metaphor for natural evolution. (Nwk 12:11)

This is sad, but the saddest part is that it has infected the once sound Body. Some "Christadelphian" groups have adopted evolution in everything but name.

### **NIGERIA WAR GETS FIERCER**

Nigeria's civil war steadily expands. Federal troops number at least 50,000; Biafra's have grown correspondingly.

Federal govt. has bought Russian, Czech & British fighter planes. Modern weaponry—planes, radar anti-aircraft guns, missiles—was recently airlifted to Biafra.

As in other African conflicts, the new weapons & war's escalation brought white mercenaries flocking in like vultures. Federal planes are flown by Egyptian, British & S. African mercenaries.

With bigger and better arms at disposal of both sides, war has inevitably increased in ferocity. Death toll must run 100,000 or more, at least a million refugees. Neither side bothers much with prisoners, & as war sweeps over new areas, local civilians join the carnage to settle old tribal scores. (Nwk 1:8)

*Another sad chapter in the conflict of the flesh and the striving of the potsherds of the earth for power and glory. And how sordid is the picture of alien vultures gathering for the spoil, and traffickers of death reaping profit from suffering.*

### **POVERTY: NATIONAL DISGRACE**

US "Advisory Commission on Rural Poverty," said, "Agricultural programs have helped create wealthy landowners while largely bypassing the poor. Rural poverty's widespread & acute—a national disgrace.

"Most of the rural South is one vast poverty area. Indian reservations contain heavy concentrations of poverty" (USN 12:25)

Only Christ can solve the world's problems, and bring relief and justice to the poor and needy. Regardless of man's Utopian schemes, the rich and powerful will always find ways to grind the faces of the poor.

### **YEMEN: RUSSIA TAKES OVER**

Working against end of Yemen war is Russia's apparent decision to fill vacuum left by Egypt's pullout. A royalist victory would strengthen pro-West Saudi Arabia, & thus undercut Russian ambitions in Arabia. So Moscow started a major arms airlift to the republicans.

Not just arms & planes, but Soviet technicians & pilots. When royalist forces downed a republican MIG they found a dead Russian pilot.

This caused considerable stir. US has kept to strict non-involvement, but warns that if Soviet intervention increases, US policy might undergo sharp change. (Nwk 12-25)

\* \* \*

Now Egypt's out of Yemen war, look who's in! 50 big Russian transports flew in fighter-bombers in crates. Russians supervised assembly. Russians flew them against royalists, broke their attack. A dead Russian pilot was found in one crashed MIG. (USN 1-1)

*This is a major new development, underscoring the rapid power shift in the Mideast—Russia not only supplying, but participating in, the Yemen war!*

### **RUSSIA WASTING NO TIME**

Russia must certainly be considered well ahead in the global power struggle. For 2 centuries she has struggled to get a foothold in the Mediterranean. Now she not only has a foothold; she has advanced several strides & may go further.

She has a fleet, sometimes as many as 50 ships, there. The Syrian port of Latakia is now open to her, as are Alexandria & Port Said. Possibly Aden will be made available to her now Britain has left.

France intends to vacate the Mersel-Keber base in Algeria. Rumours are that here too Russia won't be unwelcome. She has increased military aid to Algeria lately.

Extension of Russian power in the Mediterranean is an attempt to foil a NATO already weakened by French defection. In a recent speech, Brezhnev said: "The time has come to demand removal of US 6th Fleet from the Mediterranean."

Nothing could be plainer than that. Add to it an accelerated navy building & training program, & you have intention bolstered by action.

Russia has waited long for such an opportunity, and when it came— provided by the Arab-Israeli war—they wasted no time. In spite of Israel's military success, the REAL VICTOR IS RUSSIA which has enormously increased its political & military influence in the area.

Russia's Mediterranean build-up has alarmed Israel. They desperately need more substantial superiority in military equipment to serve as a deterrent.

Israel is convinced Russia is using the Arab-Israel war as excuse for a gigantic push in Mideast & N Africa. It is not only a military push. Russia is using diplomatic & economic means to gain a firm foothold in an area where they have long yearned for power.

The warning signals are out. The Arab-Israel conflict has ceased to be regional. It's fast becoming part of the global east-west power struggle.

Where & when will US draw the line? How far will it let Russia go before it's 'too far'? (LbgHrd 1:6-10)

*The editor of the Lethbridge Herald sees the picture more clearly than most. The past few months have seen a tremendous change. Russia is moving very rapidly to entrench itself in the Mideast, & begins to speak of a showdown with US.*

### **CANADA: SEPARATION LOOMS**

One Canada or 2? No agreement in sight. Pressures grow in Quebec; separatists show growing strength. Canada's in danger of being torn apart by internal strife as real as US racial conflicts. (USN 1:8)

*Part of Canada, both by background and present economic interest and circumstance, is an integral element of Tarshish, and part is equally a part of the Catholic Beast. Separation that is so ominously threatened would seem to be almost a necessity as the opposing camps take their final form.*

### **SEPARATION IS OUT-OF-DATE**

7 Boston seminaries (4 Protestant, 3 Catholic) have created "Boston Technical Institute," an interdenominational theological university, modelled on Berkeley's Graduate Theological Union of 11 schools—6 Protestant, 5 Catholic.

Theological educators say training for the ministry in an age of ecumenism must be in an interfaith environment. Isolated seminary training is "completely passé." They predict in 20 yrs. most of N America's Protestant seminaries will combine into 25 clusters. (Tm 12-29)

*This is ecumenism with a vengeance, and where it counts most. Clergy turned out on a common production line will of necessity be to a common pattern. Another masterstroke for Rome!*

### **CHINA BUILDING ATOM POWER**

For 10 yrs. nuclear-weapon & missile development have been China's top-priority items, & are generously supplied with scarce capital equipment & trained manpower. China's rich in nuclear raw materials.

US estimates China will have 100 H-bombs by '70. They already have short & medium range (1500 miles) missiles. This yr. they're expected to start building emplacements along their borders, bringing much of Asia in atom bomb range. (Tm 1:5)

US is obsessed with China. That appears to be at the root of her involvement so deeply in Asian conflict. Some leading US statesmen still blindly regard China rather than Russia as the power to be feared and guarded against. But we know from Scripture that Russia is the great danger and enemy.

### **GREECE TURNING TO RUSSIA?**

On Dec. 13, Greece's King Constantine called for overthrow of military junta which seized power last April. In 24 hrs. the revolt was crushed & the king fled to Rome. Junta's grip was tightened.

Greece is a vital link in NATO Mediterranean defence chain. At a time when new Arab-Israel war is a grim possibility, when Cyprus still smoulders & Russia's poised for big-scale mischief-making, Greece's future is of top concern to US.

King's failure is severe setback for US, which gave Greece over \$3½ billion aid since WW II, & has cold-shouldered the junta. (USN 12:25)

\* \* \*

Athens—Looking to Moscow? The junta ruling Greece is still not recognized by all Greece's NATO allies. West diplomats fear this may bring a Greek-Russian rapprochement.

Reportedly, Greece cooperated with Russia during Arab-Israel war. Soviet warships that disappeared from US radar are said to have been put in to Greece, where Greece gave them port facilities & food—without telling NATO. (Nwk 1:1)

*Greece is an essential part of the Beast and of the Image. Any hint of a trend Russia-ward is encouraging to the watchers in Zion. The West-leaning king apparently stood in the way of this trend.*

## VIETNAM WAR IS SPREADING

Viet war has spread to 3 other SE Asia nations. Reds are using Laos & Cambodia as supply depots & sanctuaries; in Thailand they're supporting an insurgency.

Ominous rumbling indicate war's approaching a new phase: may well spill over Vietnam's borders.

In Cambodia, where Reds have several camps they retreat to after battles, situation's pressing. Army advises pursuit into Cambodia.

In Laos there's a Red troop build-up. Govt. says N Vietnam has launched a "general offensive." Half of Laos is in Communist hands & contains 25,000 N Vietnam troops & 25,000 local Red guerrillas.

Thailand faces a growing Communist insurgency threat.

### **Is N. Vietnam on verge of widening the war?** (Tm 1:5)

Viet war's more likely to intensify & expand than fade away in '68. More US troops; more casualties; intensified bombing.

Cambodia, Laos & Thailand will be more involved, as Reds expand operations. US may pursue across borders. (USN 1:8)

*US is in a deepening Asian quagmire while Russia rushes to build and consolidate her power and advantage in the Mideast. Whether Russia had the wisdom to plan and engineer it, or whether it is entirely of the overruling hand of God, events have conspired to immobilize both US and China and give Russia a tremendous opportunity for expansion of her influence.*

## FOOLISH MODERN THEORIES

Revolt, insurrection in the air of today's US. Predicted: open insurrection, guerrilla war in many cities next summer. And crime goes on rising, approaching crisis dimensions.

**US, striving to police the world, can't police its own cities. Laws today are violated widely & with impunity. Compassion, hoped-for-reform, is the fad.**

Discipline, nobody in US wants to apply. Police are balked when they seek to impose it. Courts hesitate to stress it. Schools are disrupted by lack of discipline. (USN. 12:18)

*Nowhere is the contrast between human folly and divine wisdom so apparent as in man's theories about human nature and how to control it. God says it is dark, ignorant and evil, and—without divine transformation—tends only to bestiality and sensuality. The whole US mass media is saturated to revulsion with a glorification of and catering to these animal qualities.*

## CHINA'S ATOM POWER GROWS

China will almost certainly have medium-range nuclear missiles in a yr., an intercontinental-missile capability in the early '70's, a significant force by mid-70's, (USN 12:11)

---

Filling with sewage & sediment, Lake Michigan is dying. (USN 11:13)

---

### **LIBYA: SOON No. 1 IN OIL?**

In a few yrs., Libya may be world's biggest oil merchant. Rising revenues have brought dramatic changes.

**Libya's vital to US defence plans, occupying over 1000 miles of Mediterranean coast between unstable Egypt & radical Algeria—both Russian-influenced.**

In '51 Libya's annual income per person was \$35; now \$800 & climbing. There's more abject poverty in US than in Libya. Good jobs are available for all.

Schooling's free all thru college level. High school & college students get up to \$70 a month salary

Libya's an Arab nation; its people think as Arabs. When the Mideast crisis exploded June 5, Libya came close to blowing apart. Oil industry shut down completely. Govt. approached dissolution. A general strike seized the country. 6000 Americans had to be quickly evacuated.

Govt. gets \$560 million a yr. from oil. Revenues rising so fast there's trouble spending them. (USN 1:8)

*Libya is "vital to US defence plans" but we know that it must be with Gog at the end. This sudden-found wealth, developed by US, will make it a rich, valuable Russian ally.*

### **'IMPRIMATUR' LOSING GROUND**

The Catholic Church has traditionally tried to prevent the spread of error & heresy by "imprimatur." Any book by a Catholic on faith or morals must be cleared by a diocesan censor & approved by a bishop.

Today, any censorship seems anachronistic. There's widespread feeling among publishers & theologians that the whole system should be abandoned as an unjustified restraint on intellectual freedom, encouraging timidity in theological speculation.

Since bishops & their censors vary considerably, publishers are forced to display diplomatic ingenuity finding one who'll OK a touchy book.

Playing the imprimatur game can be as delicate as finding a publisher for a first novel. Some US Catholic publishers print in Vermont— for the sole reason that they can usually count on clearance by open-minded Bishop Joyce.

Italy's religious publishers have their own catalogue of bishops, distinguishing the easy marks from tough critics. Bishops of smaller dioceses tend to OK books faster.

The "Sons of Mary Immaculate," with a huge publishing house near the Vatican, get most of their imprimaturs from the Bishop of Prescia in N Italy.

Increasingly, Catholic authors & publishers are simply not bothering to ask for imprimaturs. So far there's no concerted complaint from the hierarchy. (Tm 12:29)

Another aspect of the modernizing trend. Catholic obsession has always been wealth and power, with doctrine but an adjunct of those aims. In these modern times, those basic aims are better served by flexibility than rigidity.

### **WAR: MAN'S NORMAL STATE**

For 10's of millions in US today, memories of Christmas past are inseparable from memories of war—the concerned scanning of casualty lists, the perusal of the latest battle reports. US has been at war on 10 of the 27 Christmases since '41.

And for the people of Vietnam, the birthday of the Prince of Peace has even grimmer associations. Last week, locked in deadly embrace, the people of both Vietnam & US prepared to celebrate another wartime Christmas. (Nwk 1:1)

\* \* \*

We think of peace as the normal condition of man, & of war as a distressful interruption.

**But if one observes human history it is painfully obvious that war & war-threats are the normal condition. Almost wherever one looks today there's war or war-threat.**

What's lacking is a real understanding of the roots of human behaviour of the drives & responses that start wars. (USN 1:8)

*Again we can only reflect; How sad the plight of wan! How true the Word of God, which offers them the "understanding" they claim to seek!*

### **ISRAEL'S LAND HUNGER GROWS**

With each day of Arab intransigence, Israel's land hunger grows. In mounting chorus, politicians cite Bible chapter & verse to prove Israel claims to Sinai, Gaza, Syrian Heights, West Bank. (Nwk 12:25)

\* \* \*

In its victory Israel found itself occupying land 3 times its own size. With it, they also inherited 1,330,000 Arabs. Most feared & hated Jews.

But, by all accounts the occupation has gone remarkably well. As occupiers, Israel has surprised the Arabs by treating them in a civilized if firm manner. They have in return won grudging Arab tolerance.

The occupation's success has been so great it has led many Israeli politicians to demand outright annexation. (Tm 12:29)

*Israel's hardening attitude fits in well with the prophetic picture.*

### **STRONG ISRAEL ONLY US HOPE**

Premier Eshkol arrives in US next week. His basic pitch to Johnson: It's in US interest to support Israel's remaining in occupied lands till Arabs agree to direct negotiations.

Chief reason: Russia's greatly increased penetration of Arab world since June war. Russian influence in Arab states is now too strong to be undone by anything US does.

**This means a strong Israel is US's only hope of preventing a further increase in Soviet weight in Mideast.**

If there's another Mideast war, there'll be a far greater likelihood of direct Russian intervention—and hence of US involvement. (Nwk 1:8)

*Jerusalem is a "burdensome stone," but its protectors are blessed and rewarded. US has by force of circumstances taken over from Britain this part, too, of the Tarshish work.*

### **REFUGEES: DEEP BITTERNESS**

Arabs of Ein el Hilweh camp in Lebanon are Palestinian refugees, assigned their 25 barren acres by UN after Israel drove them from their homes in '47.

20 yrs. have brought very few changes. They still live in the spirit of cruel dispossession. "The Americans are to blame," says the mayor, "Without them, Israel would never have gained what they did."

They speak of the Russians as "the only people who will be our friends." As for US's over \$400 million contribution to the UN Relief Agency—source of its food—the camp shows no gratitude whatever.

If Mideast peace stays out of reach, it's not only because of new tensions from the June war but also old ones that fester in the memories of 1½ million refugees.

As unwanted guests in an unfriendly world, they devote their lives to kindling militance in the young. In Ein el Hilweh every child begins the school day with "Palestine Motto," which ends: "Palestine—ours—ours—ours!" (Tm 12:29)

*We tend perhaps to forget that nearly 2 million homeless Arabs, long nursed in the bitterness of exile and suffering, blame Israel and the West for all their ills.*

### **CHEMISTS MAKE 'FORM of LIFE'**

Stanford U. biochemists have produced a "primitive form of life"—a virus-like molecule able to reproduce itself inside a living cell. Pres. Johnson, lauding the "awesome accomplishment," said: "They've unlocked a fundamental secret of life. (USN 12:25)

\* \* \*

DNA, molecule of life, regulates the body's chemistry & determines what we are—from IQ to eye colour.

In '53 scientists learned DNA molecule's structure. In '61 they began to decipher which segments controlled creation of particular proteins. In '65, they synthesized living RNA, the material which carries out DNA orders.

Last week 3 scientists announced they've created the complex DNA molecule, and therefore life itself.

Did they create life? Animal cells are obviously alive; so are bacteria. But viruses—simple structures of protein coats with DNA or RNA cores—seem to straddle between living & inert, between biological material & chemical substance.

They can reproduce, but only by invading larger bacteria or animal cells and utilizing their resources. If a virus is alive, or naked DNA is alive, this WAS creation of life.

The excitement for geneticists lies in the implications. By implanting such material in fertilized ova or even in parents' sex cells, children's characteristics might be controlled. (Nwk 12:25)

*Another front on which meddling man in his lethal "cleverness" is getting beyond his depth and playing foolishly with forces infinitely beyond his understanding, imperilling the race.*

### **WHOLE WORLD COMING APART**

Much of the world appears coming apart. In Europe, disintegration is quickening. Tribe and race wars threaten Africa. Latin America can't get moving.

One major U.S. ally, France, now's a self-declared enemy. Another ally, Britain, is speeding up its withdrawal from the world beyond its shores, leaving undefended prizes to tempt aggressors.

Lid's coming off the West bloc US built. Chief architect of what could be disastrous change for US in Europe is DeGaulle. What he can do against US, he is doing.

He says: Israel's the Mideast aggressor; Jews are "domineering"; Canada should split into 2 nations, one French; US is main threat to world; Russia's welcome in Mediterranean; Asia should be left to China; US should leave Asia, Europe. (USN. 12:11)

*The "world" is coming apart—that is, the white West's callous and comfortable white-controlled, white-exploited world.*

### **DeGAULLE SAYS: "2 CANADAS"**

One Canada or 2? Confederation's up for overhaul. Outcome will have major impact on US. Separation would create at least 2 nations. English-speaking Canada would be 1—if that can hold together.

**But it would be split apart by a new French nation: Quebec reaches from US border to Hudson Bay.**

St. Lawrence Seaway runs thru Quebec, carrying US & Canada exports. Independent Quebec could wreck US-Canadian co-operation.

DeGaulle hammers away about a "free Quebec." French-Canadian intellectuals met in Quebec, came out for separatism.

A "mini-state Canada"—till now only a bad dream—rapidly appears more possible. Union with US for parts or all of English-speaking Canada is to some Canadians a "lesser evil." (USN 12:18)

*What man could do, if he were not so stupidly and selfishly divided into petty factions like bickering children! But his bounds were decided by divine wisdom at the Tower of Babel, and Canada is a modern chapter of that human presumption and folly.*

### **"ABYSS of SELF-DESTRUCTION"**

Scientist Jacques Piccard, son of bathyscaphe's inventor, sees nothing in the future but an abyss of human self-destruction. He's "seriously doubtful" whether mankind will last the century.

Atomic weapons are bad enough, but man's whole technology "is little else than a widespread suicidal pollution affecting the air we breathe, water we drink, land we till. Every infant born in America today has detectable quantities of DDT in his body." (Tm 11:24)

*All reasonable men must agree with him. Such is the result of man's boasted abilities and accomplishments!*

### **OPEN INSURRECTION NEXT?**

Threats are heard of "black revolution" & "guerrilla war." Open insurrection is well in realm of possibility. We're in transition from nuisance demonstrations to something much more dangerous.

Many have been living in a fool's paradise, thinking US was different—that "it couldn't happen here." There's growing evidence US is NOT much different, & open revolt CAN happen here. Invariably, violence feeds on itself—it's habit-forming.

The techniques used in US today are similar to those used by small, well-guided minorities since the uprising against England's Charles I in 1648, and French Revolution, 1789.

These movements escalate rapidly. Sequence is: Peaceful demonstrations lead to nuisance demonstrations which lead to scattered violence. If that doesn't bring results, next step is underground activities—material terror: smashing, burning.

After that, explosive terror: trained elements in the mobs use guns and bombs. Personal terror and assassination fit into this stage.

Finally, all builds up to general terror—that was so messy and effective in Algeria—bombs in suitcases left in streetcars, theatres, planes.

Apparently US extremists can get money from many sources—biggest being Communist govts. Russia has been training troublemakers for decades.

Concept of taking over a country by force is centuries old. But since WW II, at least once a month there's been an attempt to take over a country and bring about political, economic, racial or religious change. This is what makes the present unique. (USN 12:25)

\* \* \*

'67: record yr. for riots. '68 may be worse. Poverty, unemployment & slum housing that led to riots last yr. are almost unchanged. Negro mood's angrier, more belligerent.

Organized groups are plotting new tactics of violence. "Black Nationalist" leaders told "Civil Disorders Commission" that next riots will involve guerrilla action. Target: public utilities, expressways, key facilities. Aim: destroy "white system."

A negro leader said: "Battle lines are drawn. Open war between police & black community is developing. Make no mistake: we're no longer talking of bricks & bottles, but total, aggressive, guerrilla war.

Carmichael says: "Our movement is progressing to a guerrilla war in US. There exist all the ingredients to produce major civil strife on a nationwide scale." (USN 1:8)

*Greed & selfishness are the basic characteristics of unregenerated human nature. Philanthropy is a self-pleasing hobby, exposed as hollow when men's own interests are at stake. Whites are theoretically for justice to the Negro, but not if it means any sacrifice for themselves.*

### **ECUMENISM in the SEMINARIES**

7 major religious schools in Boston—4 Protestant & 3 Catholic—last week formed "Boston Theological Institute." They'll open their courses & libraries to each other. Proposed is collaboration in training laymen for church work & cooperation in ghetto missions. (Nwk. 12:18)

Ecumenism marches on! This is perhaps its most important front— unifying the seminaries where the clergy are ground out to a common pattern.

### **BIBLE vs "CHRISTIANITY"**

Thanks to missionaries—mostly (Protestants—who have translated the Bible into local dialects, Africans are gradually recognizing the deep discrepancies between Bible religion & the "Christianity" introduced from the Western world. (Nwk 1:8)

Soon, we are assured by God's Word, ALL men will be taught the difference between the Truth of God and the pagan fables of Catholic Christendom, and will confess that they had inherited lies.

---

PRINTED IN U.S.A.

---