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NOT BY NIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT. SAITH THE LORD

Half Dome, Yosemite National Park, in winter dress. Photo by Josef Muench
United States of Europe

To any student of Bible prophecy, the manner in which the nations of western Europe are drawing together in an era of comparative peace is one of the most startling developments of our times. For generations the idealist and Bible student alike have said that a United States of Europe must come—the one, because the survival of western civilization seemed to depend on it; and the other, because it is foretold by the prophets. But neither could envisage a way whereby these rival nations with all their pride, prejudice, and distrust one of another would ever be willing to lay their differences aside and live together in a federal union.

Fear of a common enemy, a hostile power too mighty for any of them to face alone, has forced these nations to co-operate. In the UN, NATO, and various other channels these countries which in time past were always quarreling among themselves are now banding together to promote their common interests.

A United States of Europe seems to be in the making. The realization of the dream came a long step nearer last month when the Dutch Parliament approved two treaties which five other nations had ratified earlier. Six nations (France, Western Germany, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands) now have signed the Common Market and Euratom treaties. This means that, on January 1, these six lands, embracing 160 million persons, could start moving down the road toward full economic union. The purpose of the two treaties is to sweep aside all tariff and quota barriers within these nations and to place the development of nuclear power for industry under a Joint European Atomic Energy Commission.

Of course, no one expects the plan to be perfected overnight. Seven years have elapsed since these six countries took the preliminary step of agreeing to pool their coal and steel production, and the authorities say it will be another twelve to fifteen years before full economic union can be completed. But an extreme emergency such as war would undoubtedly speed up the process, now that the necessary framework for union has been erected, and political federation of these and other European nations might conceivably be accomplished in a very short time under such circumstances.

It is quite significant that this bloc of nations is not originating in Washington, or in London, but in the very heart of the old Roman Empire—ItaIy and France. It seems clear from Daniel 7:19-25 and Revelation 17:12 that the Antichrist ("the beast") shall rise from a ten-power confederacy of nations. Are we now seeing the beginning of this confederacy in the six-nation bloc that is developing? Only God knows. One thing is certain—the mystic scroll of the divine plan of the ages is unfolding swiftly, and we need to "reclaim the time." Our day of grace is drawing to an end.
“And [they] said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come” (Rev. 6:16, 17).

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The Day of the Lord Is Near!

An “elder statesman” in our church warns us that the rise of Russia is a sign that the time is short.

The days in which we live are critical days. The old world is experiencing crisis after crisis. But what shall we call the days that lie just ahead? At the risk of being called a prophet of doom I must tell you that the present critical days will issue in catastrophic days. There will be catastrophe after catastrophe. What we read in the Book of Revelation of the seven trumpets, the last three of which are known as the woe trumpets, must yet come to pass. “Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth!”

The days in which we live are days of trial and trouble, difficulty and distress, danger and disaster, but the days that lie ahead will be days of intensified destruction and death. Men’s hearts are now failing them for fear. Already in scientific circles, in political circles, and in other circles, men are beginning to sense, or at least fear, what is coming on the earth. In the days that lie ahead men will desire to die, and death will flee from them; but it will flee from them for a season only, and then “sudden destruction shall come upon them and they shall not escape.”

This period of catastrophic days will be worse than any period the world has ever experienced, or ever shall experience afterwards. The saints who are ready for the Rapture will not be here, for they will have been translated. The promise of our Lord to the church in Philadelphia is still true—“Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee out of that hour of testing that shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth” (Rev. 3:10).

Billy Graham said in San Francisco the other day that he had talked with many of the world leaders in almost every major nation, and that he had not found one who was privately optimistic about the future. Recently I heard a noted commentator say, “Man is standing in the dark at the crossroads of destiny, vainly trying to find a formula to save himself from the destruction that seems to inevitably lie ahead as a result of his progress in scientific achievement.”

A good friend of mine, Dr. Charles Edward Locke, wrote a book in the days of my Methodist ministry, and he entitled it, “Daybreak Everywhere.” It was written and published just after the close of the first World War. In the first chapter the author wrote: “November 11, 1918, is the day when the purposes of Christ reached their fullest fruition. It was the day of liberty’s enthronement. Might and force had been abjectly defeated, and the illicit ambitions of selfishness had been forever rebuked, and once more meekness and love and justice and righteousness have been exalted.” And he added, “It was the rebirth of liberty. It was another Christmas day.”

But where today is the man who will venture to suggest that the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 was “the day when the purposes of the birth of Christ reached their fullest fruition”? What rivers of blood the armies of earth have waded through since that day! And what perils and perplexities men have faced, and what confusion and chaos there have been, and still are!

It is written in the Word of God concerning Him that “sitteth upon the circle of the earth” that He is ordering “all things after the counsel of His own will,” and we read that “all things are of Him, and through Him, and to Him.” Therefore it seems to me that it was the will of God that the Russian Communists should launch their baby moons before our scientists got around to launching theirs. And I think that God would have us know that by means of these satellites that are encircling this globe at almost unbelievable speed—five miles a second, eighteen thousand miles an hour—atheism is saying, “Our purpose is to take over the whole earth which we are now symbolically encircling.” Let us not (Continued on page sixteen)
Jesus said to the religious bigwigs of His day, "Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" (Matt. 16:3). That was a reproof. There was no excuse for their blindness. Jesus would very probably say the same thing to Christians of today, for now as never before we ought to recognize the leading signs of our times.

Today there are at least three intensely significant signs which no generation before ours has had. They are (1) the return of the Jews to establish the State of Israel in Palestine, (2) the trend toward world government, (3) the trend toward a world church.

Someone has said, "Keep your eye on the Jew; he is God's timepiece." There is Scriptural warrant for that. Jesus said, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24). The world-wide exile of the Jews began in A.D. 70 with the destruction of Jerusalem. Then were the prophetic words of Christ fulfilled, "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away, captive into all nations" (Luke 21:24). For nearly 2,000 years Palestine lay desolate, overrun by a thin population of Arabs. As recently as seventy-five years ago, only the merest handful of Jews could be found living in Palestine.

As a result of the Zionist movement, which had its modern beginnings in 1890, and the Allied victory of World War I, which resulted in the Balfour Declaration opening Palestine as a Jewish National home, the Jewish population reached 80,000 by 1922. From 1922 to 1948, the year Israel achieved statehood, the Jewish population in Palestine increased from 80,000 to 750,000, so that Jews made up one-third of the total.

When Israel became a free and independent state on May 14, 1948, its proclamation of independence gave prominence to this sentence, "The State of Israel will be open to the immigration of Jews from all countries of their dispersion . . . will be based on the principles of liberty, justice and peace as conceived by the Prophets of Israel."

A MODERN MIRACLE

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry in his recent book, Glimpses of a Sacred Land, gives a factual account of the return of the Jews to their ancient homeland. He writes: "The story of the regathering of the Jews in Palestine is a miracle of modern colonization: in four short years the population of the new nation has more than doubled. Migration and colonization records place at 4% the largest modern population growth of any nation by immigration. Israel gained 15% in 1945, 30% in 1949, 18% in 1950, and 15% in 1951—an immigration record without parallel. History knows no other state which increased its population by 120% in less than four years. The organized return of the Jews to Palestine, although it began 70 years ago, waited for our own times, in which it has reached dimensions which are breath-taking.

"In relating this dramatic turn of events, the Israel Office of Information singled out two texts, one from Isaiah 43:5, 6: 'I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, give up; and to the south, keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth.'"

One of the most brilliant feats of the young state of Israel was the quick transfer of the entire Jewish community of Yemen (45,000 persons) by airlift to the Israeli airfield at Lydda. This was called "Operation Magic Carpet." Another even more remarkable airlift, called "Operation Ali-Baba," began in February, 1951, and transferred 70,000 Iraqi Jews to Israel at the rate of 20,000 to 30,000 per month. There is no precedent for this in all history.

Altogether, the immigrant Jews have returned from some 59 countries and from every direction of the compass. This, too, is without precedent and recalls the prophecy in Isaiah 11:11, 12: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."

It is to be understood, of course, that the present return of the Jews does not represent the complete fulfillment of the restoration prophecies. It is but the beginning of that regathering which will have its larger and final fulfillment at the second coming of Christ. At present, they are returning in unbelief. This is necessary for the literal fulfillment of such prophecies as Daniel 9:24-27. Not until the return of Christ to the earth does that remnant company of gathered Jews look upon them with pierced and mourn for Him in great repentance (Zech. 12:10). It is not until His second coming that Christ as "the Deliverer, shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob" (Romans 11:26). The significant thing for us is that we have lived to see these things begin to come to pass.
TREND TOWARD WORLD GOVERNMENT

The second unprecedented sign of our times is the trend toward world government. The propaganda in this direction, especially in educational and political circles, is tremendous. The amazing thing is that the Book of Revelation describes the nations of the end time under a world government controlled by an international dictator. This occurs during the great tribulation preceding the Lord’s return to the earth. “And it was given unto him (the beast) to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations” (Rev. 13:7). These words describe the beast-king whose authority and power extends over all nations. Such great and international authority vested in one man implies world government.

Down through the centuries, from Plato to Immanuel Kant, philosophers have dreamed of world government. However, it has remained for our generation, after two world wars, to prepare seriously for its realization. The present United Nations organization is merely the discordant prelude to the coming concert in which Satan’s man, the Antichrist, will take up the baton.

Dr. Albert Einstein, who said in the fall of 1945, after the first atomic bomb explosions with their terrific destruction in Japan: “The secret of the bomb should be committed to a World Government, and the United States should immediately announce its readiness to give it to a World Government. This government should be founded by the United States, the Soviet Union, and Great Britain—the only three powers with great military strength. All three of them should commit to this World Government all of their military strength.”

Already as early as 1942, the Ohio Pastors’ Convention, a group whose theological tendencies are definitely on the liberal side, in their annual meeting at Columbus, Ohio, went on record as follows: “We pledge our efforts toward the creation of some form of world government as the basis of a just and durable peace. To this end we will lead our people in classes, forums and discussions of the economic, racial, religious and political foundations of a new and peaceful order.”

It is our conviction that this widespread demand for a world government is nothing less than a preparation for a world dictator such as is described in Revelation 13 and 17.

THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

The third highly significant sign of our times is the tendency toward a world church. In Revelation 13:8, 11-15, and 17:1-6, we have a picture of a great world union of churches and religions as symbolized by the figure of “the great harlot.” As the bride is the figure of the true church, the harlot symbolizes the false church. At first the harlot “rides” the beast, indicating the great prestige and power the world church exercises over world government. But soon the tables are turned, the harlot is subdued, and with the cooperation of Antichrist the worship of the world church is directed by the world state to itself as objectified by “the image of the beast.”

Today we see in the Protestant world a powerful drive to unite all segments of Christendom. It is a world psychology comparable to that which is propagandizing for world government. Already the leaders of this movement are looking beyond the union of all Protestantism to include Roman Catholicism. Such a union would be achieved only at a serious sacrifice of true doctrine. Roman Catholic idolatry and theological liberalism would vie for leadership. Add to this the very noticeable tendency today to give more power to the leaders of the larger organized church bodies, and whoever has eyes to see will recognize that the stage is being set for the predicted world church which will not be the true church of Christ.

Recognizing these signs of our times, let us be looking up, redeeming the time, giving ourselves to evangelism. It may be later than we think. We look for His coming to call for His bride.

—Evangelize

NEW INTERCHURCH CENTER—ANOTHER STEP TOWARD CHURCH UNION

The above is an architect’s sketch of the new $20,000,000 Interchurch Center now under construction in New York City. When completed early in 1956 it will be the headquarters of all agencies of the National Council of Churches, and it will also house many denominational offices, plus a score of other church and interchurch agencies.

It is being hailed by liberals as the greatest step yet taken toward eventual union of all Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches.

The block-long, 19-story building is being erected next door to Riverside Church, famed hotbed of modernism. It will have a chapel for daily worship services and conference facilities which will be available to all the tenants. Some of the denominations which plan to set up offices in the Interchurch Center are: Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.; Reformed Church in America; American Baptist Convention; Methodist Board of Missions; African M. E. Church; and the United Lutheran Church in America.

Membership in the National Council now numbers 34 Protestant and Orthodox denominations with a total of 37,400,000 members. At its triennial General Assembly in St. Louis last month the organization admitted four new member churches, as follows: the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America, the Polish National Catholic Church, the Free Magyar Reformed Church, and the Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church.
Jesus said, “And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold” (Matthew 24:12)

Will You Fulfill This Forecast?

BY ESTELLEEN N. CRISP

In the 24th chapter of Matthew we have the record of a tremendous prophetic sermon preached by Jesus, privately, to His disciples. He paints a graphic word picture that includes ever-darkening war clouds, famine, pestilences, and persecution. He warns of false prophets, false Christs, and lying wonders. He delineates a beginning of sorrows, an abomination of desolation and the great tribulation. He refers to the “Rapture,” great signs in the heavens, and the Second Coming. He plainly states that no one but the Father knows the day nor the hour of certain events, and He exhorts us to watch, to be faithful, and to be ready!

We would expect that the anticipation of such awesome events would cause every Christian to walk increasingly close to God, but the 12th verse states that such is not to be the case. The original Greek unveiling this dynamic rendition: “Because iniquity shall abound, the love of the majority shall wax cold!” All around us there are to be Christian casualties because of increased evil, whether it be by subtle and insidious influence, open blast of cruel persecution, or the bold entrapment of devil-inspired men.

Must we fall prey to this? Let us read the 13th verse: “But he that endured to the end shall be saved.” Herein lies our answer! Having been warned, we should plan sensibly for the future. There is something to be endured! Eternal life is worth more than we could ever go through! Because of God’s grace, our lot shall be made endurable! So, we begin to build and to maintain a strong endurance!

The first step in building such an endurance is to reverse our growing trend toward “neutralism.” A famous military figure, in a recent book, made a statement to the effect that the American attitude of “neutralism” toward Communism is a great aid to the Soviet Union. (It is easy to see where such an attitude would be a great help to the devil, at any time, whether he is wearing shoeleather, or the lion’s soft-padded paw, or an angel’s wings!) We must take a strong stand on all phases of Christian living. Let us prayerfully consider our present condition:

1. Our relationship to God: Are we more on fire for Him than we have ever been? More in love with Him? Sharing in a greater measure His vision and His burden for souls?

2. Our attitude toward the Bible: Do we enjoy reading it more than any other literature, and are we committing passages to memory regularly? Do we respond to its promises with the kind of faith that made David exclaim, “I rejoice at thy Word as one that findeth great spoil”? (Ps. 119:162)

3. Our prayer life: Is this our most beloved activity? Is the presence of the Lord the most precious in all the world to us?

4. Our church life: Except for times of illness and other absolutely avoidable hindrances, are we attending church “so much the more” as the day approaches? Do we enter the sanctuary with reverence, and leave by way of the altar?

5. Our own life: Are our lives laid unreservedly upon the altar, so that we are willing (or willing to be made willing) to go where He wants us to go and do what He wants us to do? Are we endeavoring to crucify the flesh and humble ourselves, as Jesus did, to walk the path the Father has laid out for us?

6. Our loved ones: Have we completely committed them to Him? This will cause us to cherish them all the more because they are His, but will not permit us to love them more than we love Him!

7. Our possessions: Paul looked at Jesus, and then counted everything He owned as rubbish by comparison! Dare we do less?

8. Our Christian brothers and sisters: Do we love them, appreciate them, guard their reputations, hear their burdens and rejoice when they are honored?

9. Towards the devil: Do we resist him, always steadfastly refusing to give any place to him?

10. Sin: Do we hate all sin, remembering that it was this vile thing that caused our beloved Saviour to go to the cross in our behalf? Do we forgive all who sin against us, even before they ask, so that our Heavenly Father might forgive us?

11. The world: Do we shun worldliness as we would adultery?

12. The sinner: Do we love the sinner’s soul and cry out to God for him? Are we careful to behave as living epistles, read of all men?

The Love of God

All things that are on earth shall wholly pass away,
Except the love of God, which shall live and last for aye;
And the great globe itself, so the Holy Writings tell,
With the rolling firmament, where the starry armies dwell,
Shall melt with fervent heat—they shall all pass away,
Except the love of God, which shall live and last for aye.

—Bernard Rasca

Translated by William Cullen Bryant
If we should suffer great reverses (as Job did), or if world conditions should make a "Korea" out of the United States (as some experts predict), would we stay true to our Lord? Are we so rooted and grounded in Him and in His Word that, although we should be stripped of everything dear to our hearts, we would love Him all the more? There is just one way to prepare for such a test: it is to walk with Him every hour of every day, and learn of Him. He will teach us to enter not only into the full joy of the Spirit but into the fellowship of His sufferings as well.

DARK PLACES

Someone has said that our great matters are little to God's power, and that our little matters are great to His love. As soon as we have this conception of God, we shall see that He invites us to come at every moment, and that He is really longing for the fellowship with His children. Sometimes He brings us into dark places, so that we will reach for His hand. Sometimes He brings us to the end of our resources so that we shall ask Him for what we need.

His One Mistake

He brushed his teeth twice a day—with a nationally advertised tooth paste.

The doctors examined him twice a year.

He wore his rubbers when it rained.

He slept with the windows open.

He relinquished his tonsils and traded his apples.

He got at least eight hours' sleep every night.

He never smoked, drank nor lost his temper.

He did his "daily dozen" daily.

He was all set to live to a hundred.

The funeral will be held Wednesday. He's survived by 18 specialists, four health institutions, six gymnasiums and numerous manufacturers of health foods and antiseptics.

He forgot God, lived as if this world was all; and is now with those who say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jeremiah 8:20). Guess his name! —Selected

Prophecy and Practice

BY EDWIN RAYMOND ANDERSON

THE OTHER DAY A FRIEND OF MINE went to a nearby town to hear an outstanding prophetic speaker. Later I asked about the meeting and the message.

My friend was disappointed. "There was nothing new in what he said," he reported. "I thought he might have some new light on prophecy, but he just gave the same thing all the other preachers had been giving."

Obviously the speaker failed to register because he could not impart some "new light" on prophetic truth. He had not been able to uncover deeper mysteries in the Book of Revelation than John had written about, for example, and the itch after the unusual and the spectacular went unsatisfied.

"Itching ears" may apply to a good many of us when it comes to prophetic truth. We would run clear across town to hear some spectacular unveiling of "hidden mysteries" but would hardly cross the street to hear a simple message of gospel grace. There is, as one has aptly said, a "vulgar curiosity" after these things. We seek for a thrill to match the times. We hunger for the "off-beat" in prophetic things.

Well, such hunger will never be fed by the Word of the Lord. Prophetic truth is ever present with the aim of making a practical application. What is said of the future is written to mark out steps in the present, and to bring us back to the preciousness of Christ's Person. What is spoken concerning tomorrow is meant to temper our testimony for today, and to make us realize the terrible fate that shall await the many in "that day." Itching ears will find no gratification in the truths of prophecy, for they are always calculated to make the heart burn with love for God and to create a greater passion for service on behalf of the Crucified One.

Take, for example, the truth of Christ's imminent return. It has become a subject for vain and vulgar speculation, and many are the detours which have been formed by some so-called prophetic specialists. But note how Paul speaks of it: "Looking for that blessed hope" (Titus 2:13). And what is the nature of the looking? Not through the lens of speculation, but rather through the practical eye: "We should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world" (v. 12). True looking leads to right living. The truth of the Second Coming is a blessed hope that causes us to purify ourselves and conform to His will.

Peter speaks of all things ending with a great conflagration under the judgment of the Almighty (2 Peter 3:10). Well, what should it mean for the believer today? It goes on to say, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness!" In other words, knowing should lead to doing. The warnings concerning the great "day of the Lord" that is coming should constrain us to holy habits and godly living. This may seem to be quite a "come down" from the heights of fantastic speculation in which the students of Bible prophecy sometimes indulge, but it's only getting down to the right level, the Lord's level, where truth finds its fruit in the testimony and witness of daily life.

It is the same with all prophetic truths found in the Word of God. It's not meant to end with, "What do you think of that?" but rather, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

In these bewildering days, when the study of prophecy has taken so many strange turns and twists, we need to ask ourselves: "Does it lead to greater love for the Lord, deeper longing to save the lost? Does it create a fervency of spirit for Christian service? Does it end with talk or does it lead to a walk that glorifies Christ?" Beware lest we be found warming ourselves at a false fire which will turn sooner or later to hollow smoke.

This may all be elementary, but some of us stand in desperate need of becoming "elementalists" and getting back to the simplicity of the gospel. We may be prophetic experts and practical bunglers in the matter of Christian living. It would be tragic indeed if we should not permit the "voice of prophecy" to draw us closer to Christ and make us more zealous in winning souls to Him. 

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Missions

**EVANGELICAL PROGRESS IN SOUTH AMERICA**

Evangelical churches in Latin America have experienced a phenomenal growth in the past four decades, according to Robert Taylor, a secretary of the American Bible Society. Dr. Taylor visited South America last summer and reported that, whereas in 1916 there were less than 200,000 evangelical Christians in Latin America, now there are at least 6,000,000. Said Mr. Taylor: "Much of this [increase] has come from the sowing of the seed of Gospels, New Testaments, and Bibles in Spanish, Portuguese, and many Indian dialects."

**ITALIAN HIGH COURT RULES SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR CATHOLICS**

Italy’s highest court has ruled that special protection is due the Roman Catholic Church in that country. Italy’s Constitutional Court upheld the validity of an article in the Italian penal code which provides heavier sentences for offenses against the Catholic Church than against non-Catholic groups. (The ruling was made in connection with the case of a man at Mineo, near Catania, who was charged with insulting a religious statue in a local bar. Some observers, however, see the possibility that the ruling could be misconstrued and used to hamper the activities of Protestant groups in Italy.)

**FRENCH AD DRAWS MANY REQUESTS FOR BIBLES**

Missionaries of the Greater Europe Mission in France placed an advertisement in Selection (the French edition of The Readers Digest), and in one week they received over 1,000 requests for a Bible. The first request was dated nine days before the issue came out, and was from a 17-year-old, probably a typesetter. He said he had wanted a Bible for a long time. Six days after the ad appeared the requests totaled 1,086—with as many as 386 being received in one day.

The missionaries’ ad made the following offer: “The first 100 who write in will receive the whole Bible; the next 200 will receive the New Testament, and the others one of the Gospels which tells of the life of Jesus.” Letters came from servicemen, doctors, students, government officials. Some who realized they were probably too late to receive a free Bible offered to buy one. Many letters showed a desire for spiritual help beyond the mere request for a Bible and these are being followed up with personal letters.

**FRENCH COMMUNISTS DEVISE “CIVIL BAPTISM” FOR ATHEISTS**

The Communist municipal council in Vizille, France (a town of 5,000) has decided to institute “civil baptisms” for atheists. The ceremony would take place before a local judge, and parents would sign a declaration saying they place their children “under the protection of the republican law.” Sponsors of a child would have to agree to take over in case of the parents’ death and raise the youngster “in the cult of the union and human brotherhood.”

Communists are apparently finding that they cannot destroy man’s religious inclinations. Therefore they are forced to resort to substitute measures. Newsweek called the Communist measure “a handy way to provide godparents for... children without providing them with any God.”

**Miscellaneous**

**FOURTH CENTURY CHRISTIAN CHURCH DISCOVERED IN ISRAEL**

Discovery of the oldest Christian church ever excavated in Israel was announced by the Antiquities Department of the Israeli government in Jerusalem. It said the church was uncovered in the village of Shavei Zion on the Mediterranean coast. An inscription on one of its stones sets the date of construction during the reign of Emperor Constantine the Great in the fourth century. The basilica-type church measures 80 by 50 feet and is hailed as one of the greatest discoveries of modern archaeology. The extensive mosaic floors are believed to be far older than anything preserved in Nazareth or Jerusalem.

**FIGHT OPENING OF STORES ON SUNDAYS IN PENNSYLVANIA**

The ministers of Greater Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, have asked the city council for a strong ordinance banning business operations on Sunday. They complained that some local merchants began opening their stores on Sundays (contrary to Pennsylvania law) during the Christmas shopping season.
Meanwhile, in Allentown, Pennsylvania, a major department store stayed open on Sundays during the Christmas shopping season. The management said it was opposed to the practice but decided to remain open on Sundays in the hope that the public would be aroused to put an end to all Sunday commercialism. This seems to be a strange way of finding a solution to the problem.

REFUSAL TO HAVE PICTURES TAKEN BARS AMISH FAMILIES FROM CANADA

A group of Old Order Amish families returned to Indiana from Maine after waiting nearly six months at the Canadian border for permission to settle in Prince Edward Island. Most of the families are from Elkhart County, Indiana, which has been the site of Amish settlements for a hundred years. The increasing industrialization of the area and the heavy traffic on the roads have caused many of the “plain folk” to move away in search of quieter environment. This particular group had planned to buy farmland in a remote section of Prince Edward Island where they would be removed from contact with modern life which they shun. But the Canadian government refused visas when the Amish refused to have their photos taken for the necessary identification cards. Their religion prohibits photographs as “graven images.”

ASK CONGRESSIONAL PROBE OF BROADCASTING INDUSTRY

A Congressional investigation of the broadcasting industry—to determine if it is fulfilling its moral and legal responsibilities—was urged by a group of religious educators. The Religious Education Association, holding its national convention in Chicago, said such a probe is needed because of the “monopoly” the industry enjoys over people’s leisure time. “By virtue of the profound effects of TV and radio,” the resolution said, “there is need to examine whether the present broadcast policy serves the common good.”

RABBI URGES JEWS TO HOLD REVIVAL SERVICES

A Chicago rabbi says that Jews should take a cue from Evangelist Billy Graham and hold their own revival services. While making it clear that he does not agree with the evangelist’s theology, the rabbi remarked: “We need some of Billy’s missionary spirit; we need some of the drive of his evangelistic organization. If we had had this in any great degree long ago,” he added, “the Western world would have been Jewish instead of Christian.”

CHURCHES URGE TO PROMOTE SAFE DRIVING

A conference of 400 safety officials from all 48 states, meeting in Washington, D.C., have approved a report which called good driving a "moral issue" and urged the nation’s churches to get that idea across to the public. The report stated in part: "Officials responsible for the driver-improvement programs point out that the churches must play a more important role in developing a sense of individual responsibility and in identifying traffic law violations as evil human conduct."

BEWARE OF OATHS. Mannasah Thomas, 54, on trial in Circuit Court in Kingston, Jamaica, on a charge of counterfeiting, testified that he wished “God would strike me down dead if I am not telling the truth.” Two hours later, after being convicted, Thomas collapsed and died.

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EVANGEL DEADLINE... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

NAE ANNUAL MEETING TO BE IN CHICAGO, April 14-18. The 1958 convention theme will be: "Christ in You, the Hope of Glory." All commissions and affiliates of the group will hold meetings at that time. (The National Association of Evangelicals represents ten million evangelical Christians.)

BROTHER ZIMMERMAN TO MINISTER IN ICELAND. Thomas F. Zimmerman, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, has accepted an invitation to minister at Iceland Headquarters, United States Air Force, March 2-6, 1958. The invitation was extended by Major General Charles I. Carpenter, Air Force Chief of Chaplains, on behalf of the Air Force Protestant Mission in Iceland.

PURCHASE OF NEW SITE FOR WORLD HEADQUARTERS. The General Council of Administration of the Evangelical United Brethren Church has voted to buy an acre of land near downtown Dayton, Ohio, for a new world headquarters building. Plans call for the erection of a three-story building, costing at least $500,000. For the past five years the denomination has leased space in downtown Dayton for its headquarters. Officials announced that world membership of the denomination now stands at 827,302, a record figure.

THE WORLD POPULATION WILL QUADRUPLE IN 100 YEARS, according to Philip Bacon, Associate Professor of Geography at Columbia University’s Teachers College. He told a recent convention of the National Council for Geographic Education in St. Louis that the world population will stand at 13 billion in 2057.

NO QUESTION ON RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION will be asked in the 1960 population census, according to Robert W. Burgess, director of the Census Bureau. However, the Bureau will continue to publish information on religion gathered from a national sample on a voluntary basis.

IVC-Sponsored International Missionary Convention was held at the University of Illinois from December 27 to 31, 1957. It was the fifth annual such gathering sponsored by the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, and drew an estimated 2,500 students from the U.S., Canada, and overseas. They participated in Bible study and discussion groups, vocational seminars, and missionary services.

ALL CHURCHES URGED TO PROMOTE SAFE DRIVING. A conference of 400 safety officials from all 48 states, meeting in Washington, D.C., have approved a report which called good driving a "moral issue" and urged the nation’s churches to get that idea across to the public. The report stated in part: "Officials responsible for the driver-improvement programs point out that the churches must play a more important role in developing a sense of individual responsibility and in identifying traffic law violation as evil human conduct."

BEWARE OF OATHS. Mannasah Thomas, 54, on trial in Circuit Court in Kingston, Jamaica, on a charge of counterfeiting, testified that he wished “God would strike me down dead if I am not telling the truth.” Two hours later, after being convicted, Thomas collapsed and died.
MISSION TO MINTO

BY GORDON OLSON

In giving the Great Commission, our Lord said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The Lord directed us to Alaska, to work in the villages among the native people. The village of Minto is located on the Tanana River, about 50 air miles from Fairbanks. It is accessible only by air or river, as there are no roads out this way. One hundred eighty Indian people live here, the only white people being the government school teachers and missionaries. At one end of the village there is a store run by the natives, featuring a limited supply and very high prices.

We order a year's supply of groceries from a wholesale company in the United States and have them shipped up by boat. The supplies are brought from the river bank to our cabin by many trips with the wheel barrow, the only wheeled "vehicle" in the village. By living in a village one learns to plan ahead, for everything must be ordered from the mail order house or obtained on occasional trips to Fairbanks. We learn to do without, or to substitute for things that are not available, and to be patient when the freight boat comes a month or more later than we had planned.

The natives, as well as we, live in one- or two-room log cabins. Gasoline lanterns or kerosene lamps are used a great deal in the darkness of winter when the sun rises around 10 a.m. and sets by 1:30 p.m. The water supply in Minto, as in many Alaskan villages, is a problem. In the summertime the river water is extremely muddy but we are usually able to catch enough rain water for drinking purposes. In the winter a hole is chopped through the ice, which is three or more feet in depth. This water, of course, must be boiled before drinking.

As the natives live largely by hunting, trapping, and fishing, the population of the village changes from season to season. In the summer many families move to their fishing camps. Salmon are caught in the fish wheels which are turned by the current of the river. They are cut and hung on racks to dry, then smoked over a wood fire.

A good fishing season means that families and sled dogs will have enough to eat in the winter. We are thankful that last summer the Lord supplied us with a boat and motor so that we could visit the fish camps and bring to our services the people who were camped not too far away.

Spring is the muskrat-trapping season. There is still much snow on the ground when the trappers move to their camps by the lakes; but a place is dug out for the tents, and fragrant spruce boughs are used for a carpet. The people thoroughly enjoy this outdoor living.

Winter, of course, is the trapping season, though at this time usually the men go out alone with the dog teams. With the first tingle of frost in the air the dogs are anxious to be back in the harness, as indicated by their incessant howling. One becomes accustomed to this "canine serenade," boisterous in winter and subdued in summer. The dog population is about equal to the human population. The animals are used for hauling wood, going to traplines, etc.

Though the winters are cold that is the best time to reach the people with the gospel, as most of them are in the village. The cold weather does not seem to bother the children, and our Sunday School reaches its peak during the cold months. The average for the past few months has been around 50.

There are discouragements, of course, as in all gospel work. Satan has ruled these villages for so long. Here they have had a form of religion for many years but did not know the way of salvation until a few years ago. Their thinking is simple and they believe that all church is good because churches talk about God. Though they realize that people are saved only where a born-again experience is preached, to them it seems disloyal, to turn against the teaching they have had. We praise the Lord for those who have come to know Christ as Saviour; they need your pray-
ers that they may have the courage to
step out completely for the Full Gospel.

Drinking is a major problem in the
villages, and it is heartbreaking to see
the trouble it causes. Only the power
of God can deliver the natives who
are bound by this habit, and we have
rejoiced to see a number who have
been saved and set free from this curse.

We must present the gospel in a
plain manner with simple words, thor­
oughly explaining the Bible verses. Over
and over the simple message of salva­
tion is presented until it is understood,
and this is true of all the basic doc­
trines of the Bible. B. P. Wilson, pastor
of the Fairbanks Assembly, flew here
for services before a permanent mis­
sion was established. He supplied each
family with a Bible from the American
Bible Society.

Up to that time they had no Bibles.
They heard the Word read only in
church, understanding very little. We
have endeavored to acquaint them with
the Bible by having them look up
scriptures in the Bible study. Although
there are many things they do not un­
derstand, we have encouraged them to
read and to ask us about the things
they do not understand. One summer
a man who was working on the river
boat had been reading his Bible and
came to a passage he did not un­
derstand. He put a letter in a bottle, which
he threw off when they passed the
village, asking that we write and explain
the Scripture. Naturally we were hap­
pv to know that he was studying God’s


PROTECTING
AN
INVESTMENT

"Me? I’ve been working all day cleaning
up my little rental house. Last folks I
had in just didn’t take care of things at
all. Didn’t stay long either. You know,
this little house was supposed to take care
of me in my old age. Instead, I’ve been
taking care of it! Guess I made a mistake,
but it’s too late now. Say, would you mind
handing me that box of cleanser I dropped?
My back is so stiff I’m afraid I’d
never make it up again..."

Old Mr. Beck has our sympathy. At
his age he needs an income without
the burden of worry and work. And so many
investments entail either worry, or work,
or both. There’s a bright side to Mr.
Beck’s predicament, though, and to yours.
if you are in similar circumstances. It is
not too late to change to an investment
without work or worry—an investment
that pays a double dividend.

The Assemblies of God Annuity Agree­
ment will provide income, and an added
dimension—you might call it the extra
dividend. Your money will not only serve
you, but the cause of God as well. Re­
member, the income is guaranteed for as
long as you live, without work or worry.
Write today for a free booklet to M. B.
Netzel, Treasurer, 434 West Pacific Street,
Springfield, Missouri.

Lou John attends Sunday School at
the Mississauga Assembly of God.

Bessie Solomon making a birch basket.
The people are adept at this handiwork.

Word, and we complied with his re­
quest.

Even some of the old people carry
a New Testament with them. Once
a coat had been left in church after a
service (it was originally from a WMC
clothing box) and I asked one of the
old men if it was his. He wasn’t sure,
until he felt in the pocket. Then, with
a smile, he pulled out his Testament.

We’re praising God for two young
men who have come to know the Lord
as Saviour recently. The Lord touched
one in body as we prayed and talked
to him about spiritual things. He
opened his heart to the Saviour and is
rejoicing in what the Lord has done
for him. Another came to visit us one
evening, and though he did not say
what was on his mind we felt that the
Lord had sent him. He had been in
the TB sanitarium since we came here
and was recently discharged, so the way
of salvation was new to him.

We talked about the Lord, not know­
ing if that was why he had come, and
we invited him to come back again
soon if he wanted to find out more
about salvation. A few nights later
he was back. After the Sunday night
service, he wanted to be saved and
came with us to the cabin. As we
were showing him scriptures a woman
came who also wanted to be saved, so
it was a time of rejoicing as these two
cried to the Lord for mercy and gave
their hearts to Him.

We are truly thankful for those who
have been saved and healed by the
power of God. Realizing that our work
progresses as believers at home join
with us in interceding for the lost, we
earnestly covet your prayers.

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HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
434 West Pacific Street
Springfield 1, Missouri
What Price a Pentecostal Education?

By C. C. Burnett, Vice President, Central Bible Institute

A recent article by Herbert Salow in FORTUNE (September 1957) asked the question, "Are Colleges Too Cheap?" In answering his own question the author submitted a thorough survey of the financial problems facing all higher educational institutions and the reasons for this financial pressure as well as an analysis of several proposed solutions to the growing dilemma faced by American colleges. He pointed out that the average student is not bearing a sufficient share of the costs of his education and suggested that either the student will have to pay more or some means be found with which to supplement the college budget and take up the deficit slack.

These observations are only too true with regard to the education institutions now serving the Assemblies of God.³ All are dedicated to the impartation of a Christ-centered, Pentecostal, Bible-honoring education to the young people of our constituency. Without exception, each one is faced with the dilemma of rising costs of budgets on one hand and totally inadequate income on the other.

For entirely too long has our constituency been either uninformed or uninterested in this crisis problem. The average member thanks God for every school, wishes the administration and the faculty God's best, takes for granted the schools will keep on operating—then promptly forgets all about them. It is one thing to charge certain individuals as we have our school men with responsibilities—it is an entirely different thing to share that burden with them. No church nor related organization can be at its best for God unless it remains aware of the biblical fact that some are eyes and ears while others may be arms and legs—but that it takes all parts to make the body. It is too much to expect that our educational institutions can exist off to themselves in another world, completely apart from the body and yet to continue supplying those persons who go to make up the leadership of that body.

Because of this, and because we believe the average Assemblies of God believer wants to be informed and to assist in every Pentecostal Christ-centered institution, we call your attention to these facts.

All our schools are being caught in the vise of increasing costs on every hand. The same factors that have gone into the increased cost of living for individuals have combined to raise costs for our educational institutions. Supplies, utilities, food, personal services—all show the same increases as are indicated in the national index of cost of living. This increase has been well over 100% in recent years. Faculty members and administrative personnel are faced with the growing necessity of balancing their own budgets on allowances that are far too small to compensate them for their years of training and experience. Administrators have had to take steps to insure some added increment for these devoted servants of Christ who have served so long for so little. These rising costs for both material supplies and men demand additional finance for our colleges—money that all too often has been unavailable in the "cramped" budget under which they have had to operate.

The logical question would seem to be, "But do not the fees paid by the student more than take care of these costs?" Mr. Salow in his analysis pointed out that the student fees in the average, private, non-tax-supported institution amount to about 62% of the total bill. His observations hold true for our own Pentecostal schools. Take, for example, Central Bible Institute, our headquarters Bible college, with which the writer is associated.³ As far as student fees are concerned, a recent study of the budget indicates that CBI charges the student only about 60% of its total cost for supplying his education. Its budget of $559,151 for the 1957-58 academic year means that approximately $1,128 is needed per student; but student fees of all kinds average only $675 per year. This leaves a deficit of $453 per student that must be met in some way by the institution.

We estimate that other non-gift income for the year will be approximately $138,650, thus cutting the deficit of operation to $83,211 or $166 per student. These figures, with which the writer is more familiar, are given only in order to acquaint our constituency with the tremendous financial burden with which all our schools are confronted. Similar ones could probably have been quoted for each institution. They spell out one important truth. Every school must have help—immediate help—now!

³Schools endorsed by the Assemblies of God are as follows:
Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, California
Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri
Eastern Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pennsylvania
Evangel College, Springfield, Missouri
North Central Bible College, 900 Elliot Avenue S., Minneapolis, Minnesota
Northwest Bible College, East 69th and 8th Avenue NW, Seattle, Washington
South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Florida
Southern California Bible College, Costa Mesa, California
Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Texas

³Central Bible Institute is owned and controlled by the General Council of the Assemblies of God but is not subsidized by the General Council in any way. Like all the other schools of our denomination it must operate on such funds as are received from students and sympathetic friends.
One solution has been considered by many secular educators. They have raised the question as to the fairness of charging the average student only $3,000 to $4,000 for a four-year education that costs the institution $6,000 to $8,000, but that will permit its recipient to earn $98,000 more in his lifetime than one without that privilege. Perhaps the student should pay more than he is now doing. To do this, however, could work a hardship on both the student and the college. Already the costs of private education are far in advance of state-supported schools.

There is grave question if it is fair to our fine Christian young people to penalize them financially that we drive them into tax-supported institutions where in many cases they are exposed to the dry rot of materialism and to the deceptive cunning of communism. Any increase in fees to the students will only serve to increase this danger.

If the foregoing observation is true, and the majority of our administrators believe it is, then the only alternative seems to be that those people who believe we should give a thoroughgoing Pentecostal education to our future workers, ministers and missionaries must come to the rescue. Alumni must rally to the cause of their alma mater—not with dues alone, but with substantial gifts—every year. Individual Christians must begin to think in terms of what they can do to preserve our wonderful Pentecostal heritage. If we are to preserve it we shall have to provide adequate support for these institutions that are dedicated to that task. There are individuals among us who could well afford to create an endowment of several thousand of dollars for a favored institution. Then, too, the adage, "You can't take it with you," is still true. Your will could arrange for lasting gifts to insure the perpetuation of what you believe. For those who want to help these young people most of our schools have facilities for accepting gifts of money or property from which they can receive the income for the rest of their lives and yet materially increase the schools' present assets and future expectations. Such giving has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Department as legitimate tax deductions and constitutes a way in which friends whose income is in one of the higher brackets may use it to the best advantage possible in this area. In fact, some friends can actually save money by giving. Jesus said, "He who would save his life must lose it." This is certainly applicable to our giving.

What about the churches? Every church can and should put the school of its choice into the annual budget. An annual contribution of $100 from only five hundred churches would total $50,000—an amount that could very well be the difference between life and death for one of our colleges. With eight thousand churches in the Assemblies of God, it is more than conceivable that five hundred or more churches could be found to support each of our schools. Other churches can surely see the logic of giving in lesser or greater amounts when the gifts are given to assure an adequate supply of Spirit-filled, Pentecostal-trained young people to carry on the tradition of this precious God-given testimony.

Recently, the General Council in session at Cleveland, Ohio, adopted a new program to be called, "The Cooperative Plan." Under this plan all churches will receive denominational credit for ALL gifts to schools, district and general programs as well as to the missionary cause. Your gift to the school will be carefully tabulated and acknowledged by the institution receiving your donation. In addition, the church will receive a quarterly report from our national headquarters showing the total of all such giving by your church in the previous quarter. By giving to our educational institutions under this plan a church not only makes possible the continuation of its Pentecostal heritage, but puts itself on record as being behind the over-all program of the Assemblies of God.

Your gift may well be the means of some deserving young man or woman receiving the preparation needed for the mission field. It will assure a continuing flow of pastors and evangelists for the homeland. It will certainly mean the desperately needed support your favorite Pentecostal college must have if it is to survive in this materialistic world. A letter addressed to the president of any of our schools will bring details as to how you can help. It is important that you write—to-day. Support the hand of those men to whom you have entrusted the tremendous responsibility of educating your own young people.

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**A Child Shall Lead Them**

Sunday School children are helping to lead the heathen to Christ through the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade. BGMC is the Assemblies of God missionary program for children. Special recognition is given to this Crusade on BGMC Day each year. An offering goal of $20,000 has been established for the 1958 BGMC Day, which will be February 2. In 1957 the goal was set at $15,000 but the total offering exceeded $17,000.

**THE WORD FOR THE WORLD**, the theme of the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, explains briefly its great ministry. BGMC supplies gospel literature for a world of lost men. The money received is used for printing, translating and distributing Church literature on the mission fields.

The fields of emphasis for the coming year are Europe and the Middle East. These are two of the most crucial areas in current world events. Very little time may be remaining in which to reach the people of these countries with the gospel. What is to be done must be done now!

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We urge all Assemblies of God churches to support the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade. As more boys and girls join, the effectiveness of its program will increase. As a result, our boys and girls will be able to lead many more out of darkness into light and life eternal.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

Some years ago, in one of the larger cities of Malaya, a prosperous Full Gospel church was developing. There was a growing Sunday School and adult congregation, and the outlook was very encouraging. Quite suddenly the missionary in charge had to leave. Arrangements were made for replacements; but at the last minute, after the missionary had gone, the replacements were unable to come.

There was no one in the area capable of taking over the work, and as a consequence the work was completely lost. Today, in this thriving city of 200,000 souls (not including the ten or twelve villages within immediate reach) there is no visible evidence that this Full Gospel church ever existed. This tragedy could have been avoided if there had been a national worker, trained and filled with the Spirit, who could have assumed the leadership of that congregation. But there was none!

Let me tell you of a different case. Before the war with Japan, a growing church was established in what is now the capital city of the new and independent Malaya. The church grew and became firmly established under the care and supervision of the missionaries. Then the war came and Malaya was invaded by the Japanese. The missionaries, amongst bursting bombs, were forced to flee.

There were no Spirit-filled workers available, and the only recourse was to leave the church with a non-Pentecostal man. This man at a later date defaulted to an anti-Pentecostal group and caused the church great harm. Only by the direct working of God was the church saved. God worked through the agency of another non-Pentecostal worker, who is now a Baptist, in order to save the church from extinction. Thank God for this national worker who, though not Pentecostal, kept a nucleus of believers together until the missionaries could return. The church is one of the strongest in Malaya today but perhaps would not exist except for a national who could stay on even when the missionaries had to leave.

It is safe to say that the greatest need in this country of more than 6,000,000 souls is for Spirit-filled, Bible-trained, God-called, national workers. Though the Assemblies of God and other Pentecostal groups have worked in Malaya for more than twenty-five years we can speak today of no more than three cities where the Assemblies of God has established churches. This is undoubtedly due to
a scarcity of dedicated local pastors and evangelists.

God is moving in a very special way to help us remedy this situation. At a recent youth camp there were more than twenty-five young people who expressed a desire to enter the service of the Lord. We have a large number of earnest people who are anxiously desiring an opportunity to attend Bible school.

Recently the government has very generously given to the Assemblies of God an excellent two-and-a-half-acre plot of ground in one of the most rapidly developing areas of the capital city of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur. This property is currently valued at more than $10,000. The cost to the Assemblies of God has been about $50.00 (not including the cost of adjacent park. This property is ours if we can build suitable buildings within the prescribed time limit. We are praying earnestly that God will work a miracle in our behalf so that the needed funds may be forthcoming in the very near future. We will need approximately $20,000. We trust that God will speak to the hearts of those who can make a contribution. Will you join in prayer with us for this great need.

**CH IN MALAYA!**

— by D. R. GUYNES

(Brother Guynes has stated that for a gift of $10.00 he will give a bamboo picture 8x10 inches. For a gift of $20.00 a scene 10x12 inches. For $50.00, one 16x20 inches. Monthly pledges will be acknowledged in this manner also. Request for a picture must be made when the gift is sent in. Send your offering, clearly designated for Malaya Bible School, to Foreign Missions Department, Springfield, Missouri, U.S.A.)

Mass meeting where Malaya was proclaimed a sovereign nation

The Paul Williscroft family sailed from New York to Germany on December 6. They will again be taking up their work at Erzhausen.

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Word has been received of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sims of Venezuela in the United States. Their address is 417 Cynisca, Waxahachie, Tex.

**...**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greenaway and children of Senegal, West Africa, reached the United States in November. Their present address is New Brockton, La.

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A cable tells of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis and Anne Eberhardt in India.

**...**

Miss Geraldine Morrison returned to Burma on December 8. She will appreciate our prayers as she takes over the supervision of our Bible school in Northern Burma and also does much translation work.

The Paul Williscroft Family

Geraldine Morrison
The Day of the Lord Is Near!

(Continued from page three)

should dream a dream. In my dream the Lord simply “sealed my instruction,” for I had already been instructed through the Word as to what is coming upon the earth; and also by the things that I have seen around me as to the imminency of “the day of the Lord.”

In my dream I was in the very heart of the communist world which I suppose was Russia. All around me were the homes of communists, and it was night. I had my Bible with me; and I was made to know that I was to go into one of these homes, and read a portion of Scripture, and pray. I entered, in obedience to what I believed was a divine behest. All who were in the home were fast asleep; and it was made known to me that God had sent me to read and pray at that time for the reason that if I had gone while they were awake I should have been seized as a spy, and shot, or hustled off to a concentration camp, or to Siberia. I read a portion of Scripture and prayed. I suppose I should not know what portion of the Word I read, were it not for the fact that, as I was about to leave, it was made known to me that I should leave my Bible, and should write on the fly leaf that I had been there, and had read from God’s Word, and prayed, and then add, “The portion I read was Obadiah, verses fifteen and sixteen.”

If you want to know what will take place after our Lord shall have come at the second stage of His second advent, read the Book of Revelation. There we have an outline of the tragic days that lie just ahead, “the time of Jacob’s trouble,” and of the world’s trouble. What a time of doom awaits “the inhabitors of the earth” when the day of grace shall end, and “the day of vengeance of our God” shall begin! Read Isaiah 34:1-6, and mark what verse two says—“The indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and His fury upon all their armies: He hath

*The word in the King James Version is heathen, but the Hebrew word is goyish, which most certainly means nations, and is so rendered in the R.V., the R.S.V., in the margin of the Newberry Bible, and by Rotherham, Moffatt, Goodspeed, and other modern versions, including the Jewish Version. In many other passages in the King James Version the word is rendered nations, as, for instance, Genesis 10:5; 22:18; Psalm 9:17; Isaiah 34:1, and many others.
utterly destroyed them, He hath delivered them to the slaughter.” Notice also verse five—“For My sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of My curse, to judgment.” Idumea is the same as Edom, and the book of Obadiah was written that God’s judgment upon the land of Edom might be foretold, and, as is evident, not only upon Edom, but upon all the nations of the earth.

The prophecies appear to indicate that the divine judgments of “the day of the Lord” will stem from Edom. Edom means Red, and it is not without significance that the Communists are known as Reds. We read in Genesis 25:25 that when Esau was born all over, “and the nation that adopts Communism does the same thing today. And forget not that the wine in “the cup of the Lord’s fury” is red. Psalm 75:8.

The prophecy in the thirty-fourth chapter of Isaiah concerning the judgments that will usher in “the day of the Lord” finds further confirmation and emphasis in the sixty-third chapter. Here the prophet asks questions and He who is the Avenger in “the day of the Lord” answers them. The prophet asks, “Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of His strength?” And the Traveller, or Marcher, answers, “I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.” Let us not forget that redemption is by blood and by power. The blood of the Redeemer has been shed; His power must be exerted. In order that the whole world may experience the benefits of redemption Satan must be defeated in his followers and rebellion put down. Mark the prophet’s question in verse two, “Wherefore art Thou red in Thine apparel, and Thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?” and our Lord’s answer in verses three to six, “I have trodden the winepress alone, and of the people there was none with Me; for I will tread them in Mine anger, and trample them in My fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon My garments, and I will stain all Mine raiment. For the day of vengeance is in Mine heart, and the year of My redeemed is come.”

It has been said that our Lord trod the winepress at Calvary when He shed His blood for our redemption. This is a false interpretation. He has not yet trodden the winepress. The winepress He will tread at His second advent, and it will be “the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God,” as we are definitely told in Revelation 19:15. Read carefully the context in this chapter, beginning at verse 11, and read also a parallel passage in Revelation 14:15-20 where we are afforded further information concerning the terribleness of that day when the winepress shall be trodden. The judgment here depicted in such graphic language is still future. It will be in “the day of the Lord,” but that day is near. “The day of the Lord is near upon all the nations.”

As Christians, we do not face a space challenge—we face a world challenge! Yet within the past few months, many of us have become so startled and fascinated by the conquest of space that we forget the thrilling, sometimes dangerous, often heart-breaking mission to a world of men in sin.

The Assemblies of God is the fifth largest missionary denomination in the world, and first in the number of foreign Bible schools. Yet only a small per cent of our membership keeps in touch with this vast action for Christ by subscribing to our national missionary organ, the World Challenge.

The Challenge offers you a complete picture of our world ministry: from the Women’s Missionary Council in your own church, through Home Missions work in your own district, on to distant lands and peoples. This is the Challenge.

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SUBSCRIBE NOW! ONLY $1.50 per year!
Jeanne and Roger faced a fairly common problem: “Shall we live with our in-laws?”

As he was in the armed services, it seemed simplest to live with her parents. All were Christians and had the best of intentions—but they also had normal human reactions.

One day when on furlough, Roger came home, tired. He lay down on the living room divan and fell asleep. Mrs. Mother-in-law was shocked at his lack of appreciation of her daughter. She slurred, “You wouldn’t think he’d go to sleep the minute he comes home, when you’ve been married such a short time!”

Jeanne had been sorry for Roger and his weariness, but her mother’s remark prompted her to feel sorry for herself. She shook Roger, awakening him. Being an average male, he was cross on being awakened unexpectedly and spoke to her in a harsh tone of voice.

Jeanne began to cry. Her mother sympathized with her. In the heated conversation which followed, the climax was reached when the mother-in-law offered to pay for a divorce!

By the next morning, Jeanne had forgiven Roger, but it was six months before the mother-in-law forgave him. That time Jeanne was unhappily torn between love for her mother and love for her husband. Meanwhile, she moved—to a room nearer the army base.

The moral: don’t live with your in-laws! Not either set of them! Marriage is not a corporation with a number of members, but a partnership between two individuals. You cannot act completely natural when you are conscious that someone is watching you. And parents who have loved and cared for you from the cradle are seldom unbiased in their judgment of you and your mate.

Words and actions which are quickly forgiven by those who love each other assume major proportions to the third party. When marriage was instituted the rule was given, “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh” (Genesis 2:24). When discussing marriage, the Lord Jesus repeated this instruction (Matthew 19:5). Scripture was inspired by the Holy Spirit who understands human nature. Trusted and obeyed, His instructions bring lasting happiness.

A young married couple should live by themselves, in a single room if necessary, or a trailer, or an apartment over a garage—anywhere, so long as they can be alone.

If circumstances are such that you absolutely must live with one set of parents, and if you have a choice, live with the parents of the girl. The reason for selecting the girl’s parents is obvious. Even if the wife works, she will be doing some of the housework. Each woman has her own way of doing things; therefore, it is easier for the girl to do the work the way her mother taught her than to learn a new way. And since the husband does less work around the house, it is more important that the two women get along.

When living with your in-laws, pay your own way as far as possible. Even the most generous of parents have long memories when it comes to remembering how much they did for you. At least, pay for the food you eat. Too, there is the electric light, gas and water bills, and, if not rent, at least taxes and upkeep. Each extra person means a little more of everything. Do your share. “For every man shall bear his own burden” (Galatians 6:5).

The bride, even if she works away from home, should keep her own room clean, wash and iron her husband’s and her own personal clothes, and do such helpful tasks as peeling potatoes and washing the dishes. If you don’t, your mother or mother-in-law will chafe under the extra burden. If you do, your mother-in-law is far more apt to enjoy your stay at her home.

The groom, likewise, should take over such tasks as mowing the lawn, raking the leaves, bringing in the firewood and painting the garage. You may not enjoy doing these lowly tasks, but “It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth” (Lamentations 3:27). The earlier you learn to do these thankless tasks, the easier it is to do them. They are the ones which will be appreciated by your father-in-law. He will put you on the back and mean it when he says, “He’s a fine son-in-law.”

Move and get by yourselves as soon as possible. Even then most couples face in-law problems. In many families, both sets of in-laws, without consideration of the other in-laws, want the children to spend all the holidays and birthdays with them. Discuss the division of time with your husband. Try to balance the holidays and one Sunday each month to spend at each home, making the division as fair as possible.

Sometimes a bride has a mother-in-law with whom she cannot get along. Barbara’s mother-in-law was full of self-pity, always ailing, demanding service from her husband and children, and she was jealous of Barbara’s “Taking my son away from me.” At first Barbara pointed out George’s mother’s faults to him. That made him defensive. He loved his mother and hotly insisted that Barbara was critical.

Next, Barbara tried staying home, letting him go alone to visit his mother. Consequently, Mrs. Mother-in-law began making unkind remarks that poisoned George’s mind against Barbara. She began to notice how critical George was whenever he came from visiting his mother.

Barbara changed her tactics again. She decided that this was her circumstance in which to “let patience have her perfect work” (James 1:4). Therefore, while she does keep to a minimum the times George and she visit his parents, she goes cheerfully when she has to go. While there, she keeps busy doing whatever she can to lighten the load of housework which falls on her longsuffering father-in-law.

Barbara knows that no matter how her mother-in-law grates on her nerves,
she is still the woman whose arms held little George when he was teething, who spread jam on his bread when he came home from school. When she is unkind to her mother-in-law, she is actually unkind to George, who loves both his mother and her.

In-laws are as much a part of marriage as breathing is a part of living. Get along with them and they become a firm anchor to your marriage. If your in-laws like you, they’ll defend you and many times help you encourage your mate in the right direction.

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Christ Teaches About His Mission

Mark 10:32-40

After the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus struck the death blow to His own popularity, which had then reached its peak. First, He refused to allow the people to take Him by force and make Him king. Second, He delivered His sermon on the Bread of Life, in which He disclosed the spiritual nature of His kingdom and the real meaning of discipleship. As the clouds of organized opposition gathered, Jesus began to tell His disciples very specifically about His coming suffering and death. "And He took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him" (Mark 10:32-34).

Although this was the third time He had spoken to them of His coming death (Mark 8:31; 9:31), we read in Luke 18:34, "And they understood none of these things." Worse yet, instead of thinking of their Lord at this crucial time they were thinking only of themselves. They had false ideas concerning the nature of Christ's kingdom and of true greatness. In our lesson Christ lovingly set about to correct them and teach them.

DESIRE FOR GREATNESS (Mark 10:35-38). "Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory." Their request was (1) Natural. Jesus had just recently assured the Twelve that they would sit on twelve thrones (Matthew 19:28). Since they were two of the "inner three" disciples, they concluded that they deserved and should have the highest two places! (2) Selfish. These men were not thinking of their Lord, His will, or His wishes, but simply of themselves. Nor were they regarding either the rights or interests of their fellow disciples. They were not thinking in terms of what they might gain, but only of what they could get. (3) Ignorant. "Ye know not what ye ask," was Jesus' answer to James and John, thus revealing their ignorance. They were ignorant of the nature of Christ's kingdom, in that they thought positions of honor were obtainable on the basis of special privilege, friendship, or favoritism. They were also ignorant of the real cost of positions such as they sought.

CONDITIONS FOR GREATNESS (Mark 10:38-40). "Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" The "baptism" and "cup" of which the Lord spoke were undoubtedly His death and sufferings. He as much as said to His disciples: "You want first place in the glory; but glory comes only through sacrifice and suffering and serving. Are you willing to share my agony and suffering of body and soul?"

"And they said unto him, We can." How little they realized what they said. For just a short time later, they "all forsook him, and fled" (Mark 14:50).

"And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup." They could not win the victory in their own strength, but after the Comforter had come they would be filled with His power and enabled to undergo great suffering and affliction. James was finally beheaded by Herod (Acts 12:2). John was banished in exile on Patmos and, according to tradition, was cast by the order of the Emperor Domition into a caldron of boiling oil.

"To sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared." Jesus did not rebuke His disciples for their ambition, for ambition rightly inspired and directed is essential, nor did He deny that those positions of honor were available. He simply pointed out that they were available only to those who qualified for them. Remember! During the Millennium the saints shall reign with Christ and help to rule the universe. Can we qualify for this?

THE NATURE OF GREATNESS (Mark 10:41-44). "And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John." Why so? Because they were just as selfish, proud, and vainly ambitious themselves—they wanted those places too! When we become upset over the faults of others it is usually a sign of the presence of the same thing in our own hearts! (Romans 2:1, 3).

"But Jesus called them to him, and said . . . Whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: and whosoever of you will be chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Christ is the supreme example of true greatness; He gave Himself in service to mankind during all His life, and gave His life up in the end to save man. God grant to all of us the spirit, then, of this true greatness!

—J. Bashford Bishop

CHRIST'S THREEFOLD MISSION

AND JESUS WENT ABOUT ALL GALILEE, TEACHING IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES AND PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM, AND HEALING ALL MANNER OF SICKNESS. MATTHEW 4:13

TEACHING

HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE HAVING AUTHORITY. MATTHEW 7:26

PREACHING

JESUS BEGAN TO PREACH, AND TO SAY, REPENT: FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND. MATTHEW 4:17

HEALING

THEY BROUGHT UNTO HIM ALL SICK PEOPLE ... AND HE CURED THEM. MATTHEW 4:24

The Pentecostal Evangel
Muscular Trouble Gone

Doris Glazier before and after God delivered her from the wheel chair

I was born in 1923 near Gnadenhutten, Ohio, with a physical handicap which grew worse as I matured. I was unable to run and play as other children. Our family doctor discovered a weakness and deterioration of all the muscles in my body. I was taken to numerous specialists and children’s clinics, but was pronounced incurable. I became steadily weaker and was unable to live anything like a normal life. I was barely able to walk from room to room. The future looked very dark, and I became bitter. Many times I asked God to take my life.

In 1953 my father heard about a revival at the Assembly of God in Newcomerstown, Ohio, where people were being healed in answer to prayer. My father took me there in a wheel chair, and for the first time I heard the gospel of salvation. After the revival the pastor, Daena Cargnel, encouraged me to come back to the services, offering me assistance and transportation to the church. A short time later I was gloriously saved and received the Pentecostal baptism in Sister Cargnel’s car on the way home from church after a wonderful meeting.

By this time a great change had begun to take place in my body. I was now able to enter church without assistance, but still needed my wheel chair to go shopping, for I could not walk any distance or stand very long. My neighbors and friends began to notice the wonderful improvement in my physical condition.

In October 1957 my pastor felt the time had come for me to take a real step of faith. One day she took me shopping without my wheel chair and left me at my favorite department store. She told me to walk in the store by faith, and then she drove away. When she came back, after parking the car, she found me in the store with the owners and clerks about me, all excited over my miraculous healing.

I now go everywhere without my wheel chair and live a completely normal life. I give all the glory and praise to God.—Doris Glazier, Rt. 1, Gnadenhutten, Ohio.

(Endorsed by Pastor Daena Cargnel, Newcomerstown, Ohio.)

Cancer Vanishes

In December 1952 I had radical surgery for breast cancer; less than two years later I had major surgery again as a precaution against the dread disease. After a year of fair health I began to fail again, having much discomfort in my liver area. After making my rounds of the doctors once more without improvement, I quit my job with our local telephone company, thinking perhaps a year’s rest would help. But instead I grew worse. I began to realize that my only hope was in the Great Physician, Jesus.

Our Assembly was in revival meetings with Evangelist Moses Copeland. As I sat in the evening service on April 7, 1957, I had a terrific pain in my abdomen. My husband urged me to ask for prayer; but, not wanting to disrupt the service and being reluctant to ask, I remained in my seat.

Before the evangelist began to speak the Holy Spirit took over the service. Those who had needs began to move forward for prayer. Not thinking of how much or how little faith I might have, but feeling only my need of the healing touch of Jesus, I made my way to the altar. As the evangelist and our pastor prayed for me it was as if I were standing in a pool of pure warm water without getting wet.

I returned to my seat, and a stirring and turmoil began in my abdomen. I felt the urge to go back for prayer that I might be delivered. As the pastor prayed I raised my hand toward heaven and began to repeat the name of Jesus. I am confident that the cancer was severed from my liver and vanished. My cry to Jesus turned to hallelujahs.

The next few days I walked in a state of awe and amazement at the greatness of the healing power of Christ. Since that night my health has improved, my strength increased, my mind cleared, and I am able once more to work part-time at my old job and do my housework. To Jesus be all the glory!—Mrs. Walter Owens, Kingman, Ariz.

(Endorsed by Pastor R. L. Kinslow, Kingman, Ariz. on Dec. 16, 1957.)

HEALED OF CANCER

For many months I suffered from cancer of the stomach and female organs. Then our pastor, Joseph W. Miller, prayed for me and the Lord completely healed me of the cancer. At once I could eat anything I wanted. Before last summer I could eat scarcely anything, and I lost some thirty pounds. Now I have gained it all back and am able to do my housework. How I praise God for His goodness to me. We love to go to the Assemblies of God church. Thank God for the good Christians who prayed for me.—Minnie Dempsey, Greenfield, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor Joseph W. Miller, Greenfield, Mo.)

NOSEBLEED STOPS

For twenty days in May 1957 I was in the hospital with a burst blood vessel in my nose. The specialist packed my nose in ice four times, but when the bleeding persisted he packed my whole head in ice. I thought the end was near, but God in His mercy healed me. When I arrived home I found that the specialist had written my family doctor and said, “Her Lord brought her through.” Thank God, He is still in the healing business.—Mrs. A. B. Freeman, Overton, Tex.

(Endorsed by Pastor W. E. Coyle, Joinerville, Tex.)

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord’s healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it, then mail it to the Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.
God's "Cheap Skates"

"About time for you to buy a new car, isn't it, Joe? Now don't tell me you can't afford it. You make more money than I do." Since Harry and Joe are Christian friends, they speak quite frankly to one another. And Harry is beginning to wonder if Joe isn't getting to be a "cheap skate." (Webster says a "cheap skate" is "an unwilling spender; one who pays as little as possible for anything.")

But what Harry doesn't know is that Joe is using some of the money with which he could buy a new car to support a national pastor in Africa. So Joe is a paradox. He's a pinch-penny who is generous. He's "tight" with himself but generous with God.

No doubt Mary of Bethany had done without many things which other women of her day bought and enjoyed. Perhaps her neighbors wondered why. Maybe they thought she was miserly. But she saved in order to buy the alabaster box of ointment, not for herself but for Jesus.

And Barnabas—he sold his property, and laid the money at the apostles' feet. From that time on, Barnabas probably didn't live in the manner to which he had been accustomed. Acquaintances may have said that he was "tight" with his money since he became a Christian. When people give extra to the work of the Lord, they may not be able to buy some of the luxuries that their friends can afford. Since they do not tell what they do with their money, the impression may be given that they are "cheap skates.

We have no way of knowing how many Marys, Barnabases, and Joes there are today, but we do know of hundreds of our youth who have chosen to be "cheap skates" in the eyes of their townspeople. I refer to the students in our Bible Institutes.

Last year it was my happy privilege to be in Eastern Bible Institute, to see more than 200 dedicated young people, and to talk with several of them about their plans for the future. As I mingled with them and watched them in chapel, classrooms and dining hall, I realized that there was the cream of American youth. Here were young men and women with ambition, ability, and a will to study and work.

Paul, a young friend of mine, is studying in a university. In one more year he will be graduated, and already men from several large manufacturing corporations have interviewed him. It is practically certain that at the conclusion of his schooling he will be hired for a starting wage no less than a hundred dollars a week. He is not more intelligent than the students who are training for the Lord's work, but these latter probably will never be paid his starting wage.

Our youth, having made their choice, will learn through the years that it isn't pleasing to the fleshly nature when it is necessary to buy clothing at bargain, end-of-season sales after the best has been picked out, to buy furniture second-hand and at auction sale, and to shop in the dime store more than in large department stores. Then, when they visit the home town and meet former schoolmates, they will surely note the difference between their own clothing, cars, etc. and their friends'.

And perhaps they will never have a home as fine as those in secular employment have. Be sure that Satan will be there to remind them that they are "cheap skates" by choice—they could have been like their friends.

Besides choosing the way wherein they will have to make every nickel count, some of our youth will become missionaries, and only God knows the sore trials which await them in foreign lands. I have a letter from Robert and Evelyn Bolton, our missionaries to Formosa. A darling baby girl was born to them on August 12, 1956, but she died. Here are Robert Bolton's words: "Due to the fact that the mother's blood type is RH negative, and because there is not so much known about this condition out here, our baby did not live. Had we been in the States, things might have been different." Satan would like them to think of that again, and again, and again. But listen to Brother Bolton's next sentences. "However, we are here at this time in the will of God. Our lives and circumstances being in His loving hand, we thank Him for the hard things too."

After giving up the place in this world that secular employment offers, our young ministers and missionaries deserve our support. They have every reason to expect that finances will be forthcoming to thrust them into the whitened harvest field. We can open more doors of opportunity for them by giving extra to home missions and missionary offerings, sacrificing some of the nice but not entirely necessary things of life. And our youth can be better supported when they enter the Lord's work.

Of course, people know how much we have lavished on ourselves, and they will notice when we become a bit more careful about the money we spend. They may think we have suddenly become "cheap skates." What they may not know is that we have determined to work, pray, and sacrifice together to proclaim the love of Christ to the ends of the earth.

—Anonymous

Why Worry?

There are three things which Jesus never did. He never worried; he never hurried; and he never doubted the outcome. Dr. Charles H. Mayo, co-founder of Mayo's Clinic, is quoted as having said: "Worry affects the circulation, the heart, the glands, the whole nervous system and profoundly affects health. I have never known a man who died from overwork, but many who died of doubt."

This reminds us of what Jesus said, in the twelfth chapter of Luke (vv. 22, 23): "Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat; nor for your body, what ye shall put on. For the life is more than the food, and the body more than the raiment." From these words of Jesus and the comments following we reach four conclusions:

1. Worry is needless. "Consider the ravens, that they sow not, neither reap;
which have no store-chamber nor barn; and God feedeth them; of how much more value are ye than the birds?" (V. 24.)

2. Worry is hopeless. "And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit unto the measure of his life? If then ye are not able to do even that which is least, why are ye anxious concerning the rest?" (Vv. 25, 26.)

3. Worry is faithless. "If God doth so clothe the grass in the field which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more shall he clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (V. 27.)

4. Worry is useless. "And seek not what ye shall eat, and what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do these things do the nations of the world seek after; but your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things." (Vv. 29-30.)

—Joseph M. Applegate

JUDGMENT DAY

The day of judgment is at hand!
Let all the nations hear;
Let sinners bow, repenting.
Men set themselves today against
Jehovah and His Christ:
"We'll have our way,
And who will stand against us?
Our Father knoweth that we seek not what
to life, and tomorrow is cast into the oven.
And though man may make a tiny moon,
Around the earth to spin,
He cannot make, for his own sake,
A shelter from his sin;
But God a shelter has devised;
He can all things perform;
The price is paid, and God has made
A Refuge from the storm.

Oh, sinner, to that Refuge flee,
And in that Rock abide;
The only hope, when men shall grope,
Is Christ the Crucified.
If you will flee to Him your sins
Will all be washed away,
And thus made near, you need not fear
The coming judgment day.

—J. Narvier Gortner

When was the Apostles' Creed written, and who was its author?

I am at present unable to say who prepared the Apostles' Creed. It is said that in its present form it was written not earlier than the fifth century A. D. Both the Nicene and the Athanasian Creeds are considered older.

Is not sprinkling or pouring just as effective in baptism as immersion?

Only immersion clearly sets forth our identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. "We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

Was Ezekiel referring to water baptism when he said, "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean" (Ezekiel 36:25)?

Ezekiel did not have Christian baptism in mind. The Levites were sprinkled with water in connection with their separation to their service (Numbers 8:7). There was also water of separation for the ceremonial purification of the people (Numbers 19:9). These are some of the "baptisms" referred to in Hebrews 6:2.

What did Jesus mean when He said, "In my name ... they shall take up serpents" (Mark 16:17, 18)?

He did not mean that snakes should be handled to make a show or to demonstrate this power. To do this is presumption. It was a temptation to presumption when the devil sought to induce Jesus to leap from the pinnacle of the Temple. To this Jesus replied, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

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Jehovah was the name of the covenant God of Israel, as it is also for all believers. Its meaning is best set forth in the term "I AM," or "I AM THAT I AM" (Exodus 3:14). This means that the covenant God of Israel, Jehovah, is the unchanging "God of Abraham . . . Isaac, and . . . Jacob" (Exodus 3:6).

Who are elders in an Assembly of God church?

In apostolic days, elderly men were looked upon as elders (1 Timothy 5:1). There were also ruling officers, called elders or bishops, who had the spiritual oversight of the church (1 Timothy 3:1; Acts 20:17; Titus 1:5).

In most of our assemblies the pastor is the spiritual overseer, therefore properly the elder. The deacons, who assist the pastor in the work of the church, largely serve the purpose that was served by the elders in apostolic times.

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Make Your Consecration Specific

BY KENNY JOSEPH

AFTER helping to lead a zealous young member of the Communist party of Japan to Christ, I cautioned him against returning too soon to his home. I feared there might be danger from his former masters.

But he answered curtly, "Why should I be afraid? I gladly dedicated my body to the Communist party. I took part in all those riots and strikes. I was happy to have the privilege of endangering my life for the cause. Now I have never-ending life. Why should I be afraid?"

"This body isn't mine," he continued. "I now lift it up to Christ on the altar of sacrifice. We were told, as Communists, that we were 'dead men on furlough' and that we shouldn't worry about our own lives. We believed that after we had died for the cause, future generations would reap what we had sown—so we lived with a reckless abandon."

I thought immediately of Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies [not your life, talent, ambitious, or goals—because these are all nebulous] a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." We are reminded in 1 Corinthians 6:19 that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. The Greek word for temple in this verse means residence. The Holy Spirit wants our whole body to be surrendered to Him as His habitation.

Note this: the Holy Spirit has not "rented" our bodies for a certain lease; He has come in as Owner and expects every key to every room in the house. He is not an invited guest, coming to spend the week end in a comfortable guest room with fancy towels and the best of linen—He is claiming possession of His purchased house. It is robbery, breach of promise, and illegal entry for a Christian to withhold from the Holy Spirit His own property. The Spirit wants to possess our bodies completely. He needs a body, face, hands, eyes, ears, and feet to do His work.

Jesus Christ, who lived in eternity, sought to present Himself in the most unforgettable way to mankind; He did not come as an angel or spirit—but it is written of Him, "A body thou hast prepared for me" (Heb. 10:5). Materialized in that magnificent divinely-human body was the Godhead bodily. Compressed into that mortal frame was the total sum of all divinity. When Christ went back to His home in heaven, He promised to live in us through the medium of the Holy Spirit.

It is written of Rees Howells: "Then he [Howells] took us to the site... and told us once more of the way the Holy Spirit met him there in person and asked him for his body. 'I saw Him as a person and He said to me, "As the Saviour had a body, so I dwell in the cleansed temple of the believer. I am a person; give your body to Me that I may work through it. I need a body for My temple (1 Cor. 6:19), but it must belong to Me without reserve, for two persons with different wills can never live in the same body. Will you give Me your body? (Rom. 12:1). ... I come in as God, and you must go out" (Col. 3:2, 3).""

No doubt this is the reason why Rees Howells was used of God in such a miraculous way as an intercessor. When the Holy Spirit comes in without reserve, and completely possesses this temple of clay, He will (1) reveal the Scriptures. (2) exalt the Saviour, (3) magnify the Father, (4) give power for service, and (5) give victory in battles against Satan.

We have heard so much about consecration and dedication services in which Christians consecrate their lives to God. What is a life? Can you touch it? Can you feel it? Of course not! A life is a nebulous thing. But if we would have some consecration and dedication services for our bodies, then I believe God would begin a work of miracle power. When He asks for your body, He means your physical flesh and blood. Once you give to Him your body, it is His property. You have no more right, legal authority, or power of attorney over it.

Those hands of yours—have they handled, manipulated, or written anything that the Spirit of God would disapprove? Your arms, have they embraced anything or anyone against the will of the Holy Spirit? Your heart, has it believed or sought after things displeasing to Him? Has your brain thought, imagined, or achieved things not becoming to the Godhead? Have your legs carried you to places, or on errands not approved by the Holy Spirit? Have your feet been swift to run or walk unto or over anything not dictated by God? Have your eyes looked at, or read anything that the Spirit of God forbids? Have your ears listened to conversations, radio and TV programs, or gossip which you knew God would not have you hear? Have your lips whispered, spoken, or touched anything against the will of God? Has that tongue repeated, spoken, or set on fire prohibited material? Have your emotions been harnessed and sanctified, to be used only for His highest?

As you were reading over that list, God whispered to you many hidden and forgotten sins, didn't He? Right now, before you go any further, confess it
to Him and plead the promise of 1 John 1:7-9.

Our consecration must be specific, not some vague submission to the Lord. The devil doesn't care if Christians are against sin in a general way. But when the people of God begin to be specific and put their finger on individual sins, the devil begins to squirm. So long as ministers talk about sins outside the church, everybody remains happy. But when he begins to touch upon those "sins of the spirit" (2 Cor. 7:1) which infect the body of Christ, some of the people become angry and accuse the preacher of "meddling."

Yes, it is still true that Christ has no hands but your hands to do His work today. He has no feet but your feet. May you offer up, on the altar of sacrifice, with as great a decision as Abraham offered Isaac, your body to the Holy Spirit and give Him the complete power of attorney over your life. Make your consecration specific. Withhold nothing from Him, for He wants your body to be His dwelling place.

ONLY ONE WAY OUT

About eighty men of the 156th Field Artillery Regiment from Fort Dix, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer, who had been called out to fight fires, were being trapped without knowing it. An unknown airplane pilot, seeing their plight, risked his own life by flying low enough to drop weighted paper notes to these men. Three times he did this, and the notes told the men that they were trapped, that the pilot could see the way out, and that he would guide them to safety. The men believed his words and obeyed him instantly, dropping their tools and following his guide.

On the double the soldiers went through a narrow, flame-lined channel, and all reached the highway safely. It is interesting to note that the men did not stop to argue on the notes that came from above to see whether they were genuine, and they took no chances by trying to find some other way out. They believed the only one who could view the whole scene, and ran for their lives and were saved.

God, who alone can view the whole scene of this troubled world, sent His Son to save men, and He calls on them to believe in His Word. How futile to try to find other ways out! The Lord Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

January 12, 1958
Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

Compiled by the Department of Evangelism, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

MONTREAL, CANADA.—The congregation of Evangelical Pentecostal Church here enjoyed two weeks of special meetings with Evangelist George Hayes of Houston, Tex. Several were saved, quite a number reclaimed their lives, and the meetings were a blessing to many.
—Robert M. Argue, Pastor

SAN MIGUEL, CALIF.—Several came forward for salvation and two received the baptism of the Holy Ghost during two weeks of revival just concluded with Evangelist Feaud S. Seal of Burbank, Calif. The church was greatly blessed by the anointed preaching.
—Charles W. Barrett, Pastor

CLIFTON, ARIZ.—The church here was greatly blessed under the anointed preaching of Evangelist Don H. McKinney of Okla. The attendance was good each night, and many new people came to the services. Five came forward for salvation, and two followed the Lord in water baptism.
—B. S. Bates, Pastor

GALESBURG, ILL.—Calvary Assembly was recently privileged to have Evangelist John H. Botstrum of San Gabriel, Calif. for three weeks. The meeting placed the entire congregation in the path of diligent desire for the Master’s will and service.
—H. J. Walterman, Jr., Pastor

PENSACOLA, FLA.—The First Assembly of God here enjoyed two weeks of rich preaching from Evangelist Jack Pruitt of Tulsa, Okla. A goodly number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The meetings were highlighted by the move of the Spirit of God upon the tender hearts of both Christians and unsaved. There was much weeping in every service.
—W. J. Coz, Pastor

SHELBY, MICH.—The Assembly here recently enjoyed a very profitable series of meetings with Evangelist Lollita Thompson of Springfield, Mo. Several were at the altar for salvation. One young married lady received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Sister Thompson preached outstanding messages, and ministered in music and song each night. It was one of the best revivals conducted here in the new church.
—Donald Mathews, Pastor

BROOKVILLE, PA.—One of the best meetings in the five-year history of the Brookville Assembly was conducted recently by Evangelist Moses Copeland of Wichita, Kans. Many new people attended the meetings. Brother Copeland’s ministry of prayer and the Word, and his messages on “Victorious Living,” have had a profound effect upon the church. The spiritual tide continues to be high. The enthusiasm of Brother Copeland for the REVIVAL TIME broadcast is to be commended.
—Fernon Boyer, Pastor

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.—The Northside Assembly of God has been experiencing a spirit of revival. Evangelist and Mrs. Donald Walker conducted special meetings recently. The results of the meeting were very good, with numbers being saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit.
—Mary Branch and Pauline Steele, Pastors

FARMINGTON, NEW MEX.—The congregation here is very grateful for the recent ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Don George of Hobbs, New Mex. There was a precious refreshing of the Holy Spirit in each service. Those who came to the Lord for salvation are continuing on in their newfound joy, and a number have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The revival spirit continues in the regular meetings.
—Don Stever, Pastor

OSAWATOMIE, KANS.—Evangelist Tommy Barnett of Kansas City recently conducted a wonderful meeting of two weeks’ duration here. The attendance was the best in several years. More than 40 were at the altar for salvation, and two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. One broken home was reunited due to the conversion of the wife.
—I. D. Rayborn, Pastor

SELAH, WASH.—A very profitable two-week revival was recently conducted here by Evangelist Cornelius Eylander of Everett, Wash. From the very first service the presence of the Lord was felt among His people, creating a deeper hunger for the Word. Six received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many were refilled. The meetings were a great spiritual uplift to the church.
—Henry A. Larsen, Pastor

MILES CITY, MONT.—The Assembly here recently had a very inspiring evangelistic campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. Dale Carpenter of Fruitland, Wash. The meetings were deeply blessed of the Lord and the altar services will long be remembered by the congregation. The crowds were good each night, and the spiritual tide was very high under the anointed preaching of the evangelist.
—H. C. Robinson, Pastor

SHELBY, MONT.—The Assembly of God here recently closed two weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. James Beam of London, Ontario. Through the anointed ministry of the Word, many sought and received the fullness of the Holy Spirit. The co-operation of the other Assemblies in the area was a real encouragement to the local church. Brother Beam’s God-given ability to quote as many as a hundred scriptures (with references) in each message inspired faith in the hearts of the listeners. The entire church was encouraged to keep moving on for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.
—Elmer M. Trygg, Pastor

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—The First Assembly here recently enjoyed an outstanding revival with Evangelist Leslie Eldridge. There were four saved, and six baptized in the Holy Spirit. The church was stirred and blessed by the ministry of Brother and Sister Eldridge.
—Carl E. Curwright, Pastor

PECKVILLE, PA.—The First Pentecostal Tabernacle recently closed a two-week evangelistic meeting with Evangelist Paul B. Franklin of Garden Grove, Calif. The church was blessed of God, and the people responded to the old-time Pentecostal preaching of Brother Franklin. One received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and there were testimonies to healing.
—Samuel G. Clutter, Pastor

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—During two weeks of meetings in the First Assembly of God here a new Sunday School record was established with 405 present. The evangelists were Verla and Wendell Reed. Every department of the church was richly blessed. Singing and praying was a great attraction. Quite a number of souls were won to Christ.
—Milton A. Neuman, Pastor

EL PASO, TEX.—First Assembly here has profited from two evangelistic meetings recently. Evangelist Morris Lefkovitz of Oklahoma ministered for two weeks, and then Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Martin and Zelma Argue ministered for one week. The Assembly was refilled, and there have been several conversions. Some received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many were reclaimed.
—Wm. H. Hageman, Pastor

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA.—Evangelist and Mrs. L. G. Gilstrap of Atlanta, Ga. recently concluded a very successful meeting in Evangel Church. The Spirit of the Lord rested very heavily upon each service, and a goodly number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School attendance record was broken on the last Sunday of the revival. The church recently purchased property, and will soon begin construction of a new building.
—Jack Starluck, Pastor

DELPHOS, OHIO.—The First Assembly of God here just concluded a very successful evangelistic campaign with the Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn. There was excellent attendance throughout the campaign. Many visitors attended the services, and eight found Christ as their Savior. Many were refilled with the Holy Spirit. The prayer meetings each night prior to the evening services contributed to the spiritual success of the meetings. The meetings were concluded in an outpouring of the Holy Spirit such as the church has not enjoyed for many years.
—Elvin D. Irwin, Pastor
There were also other important decisions made for the Lord. Brother Spence preached many faith-building sermons which challenged us to ask God for results, and the Lord crowned the faith of the people with such results.

—J. F. Lenten, Pastor

**News of Evangelists**

EDWARD WILLIS has accepted a call to pastor at First Assembly, Wichita Falls, Tex. . . .

W. F. GARVIN suffered a “silent” heart attack recently and had to cancel his meetings. . . .

DALE HELLE will be holding meetings in Hawaii for six months . . .

MARY R. BRANHAM and PAULINE STEELE are pastoring the Northside Assembly in Fayetteville, Ark. . . .

RALPH CRANSTON has accepted the pastorate in Escalon, Calif. . . . L.B. “BILL” LEWIS is the new pastor of Bethel Church, Modesto, Calif.

**NEW PASTOR**

VALLEJO, CALIF.—The First Assembly of God Church has elected Paul Trulin of Sunnyside, Wash. as pastor.

For the past four years, R. C. (Keetah) Jones Jr., pastor of the church, made wonderful progress under his ministry. Brother Jones has accepted the pastorate of the First Assembly of God in Panama City, Fla. His address is R. C. Jones, 2511 E. 3rd St., Panama City, Fla.

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A Seer of a Century Ago

A Remarkable Summary of the Prophetic Outlook
Written by Bishop J. C. Ryle About A.D. 1870

I believe that the world will never be completely converted to Christianity by any existing agency before the end comes. In spite of all that can be done by ministers, churches, schools, and missions, the wheat and the tares will grow together until the harvest. And when the end comes, it will find the earth in much the same state that it was when the flood came in the days of Noah (Matt. 13:24-39).

I believe that the widespread unbelief, indifference, formalism, and wickedness, which are to be seen throughout Christendom, are only what we ought to expect from God's Word. Troublesome times, departures from the faith, evil men waxing worse and worse, love waxing cold, are things distinctly predicted. So far from making me doubt the truth of Christianity, they help to confirm my faith. Melancholy and sorrowful as the sight is, if I did not see it I should think the Bible was not true (Matt. 24:12; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:1, 13, 14).

I believe that the grand purpose of the present dispensation is to gather out of the world an elect people, and not convert all mankind. It does not surprise me at all to hear that the heathen are not all converted when missionaries preach, and that believers are a little flock in many a congregation in my own land. It is precisely the state of things which I expect to find. This is a dispensation of election, and not of universal conversion (Acts 4:14; Matt. 24:13).

I believe that the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is the great event which will wind up the present dispensation, and for which we ought daily to long and pray: "Thy Kingdom come." "Come, Lord Jesus," should be our daily prayer. We look backward, if we have faith, to Christ dying on the Cross, and we ought to look forward no less, if we have hope, to Christ coming again (John 14:3; 2 Tim. 4:8; 2 Peter 3:12).

I believe that the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ will be a real, literal, personal, bodily Coming; and that, as He went away in the clouds of Heaven with His body, before the eyes of men, so in like manner He will return (Acts 1:11).

I believe that after our Lord Jesus Christ comes again, the earth shall be renewed and the curse removed; the devil shall be bound; the godly shall be rewarded, the wicked shall be punished; and that before He comes there will be neither resurrection, judgment, nor Millennium, and that not till after He comes shall the earth be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord (Acts 3:21; Isa. 25:6-9; 1 Thess. 4:14-18; Rev. 20:1, etc.).

I believe that the Jews shall ultimately be gathered again as a separate nation, restored to their own land, and converted to the faith of Christ (Jer. 30:10; 11; 31:10; Rom. 11:25, 26).

I believe that the literal sense of Old Testament prophecies has been far too much neglected by the churches, and is far too much neglected at the present day, and that under the mistaken system of spiritualizing and accommodating Bible language, Christians have too often missed its meaning (Luke 24:25, 26).

Finally, I believe that it is for the safety, happiness and comfort of all true Christians to expect as little as possible from churches or governments under the present dispensation, to hold themselves ready for tremendous convulsions and changes of all things established, and to expect their good things only from Christ's Second Advent.

I am well aware that the views I have laid down appear to many persons very gloomy and discouraging. The
A Letter From Turkey

Although I receive almost a dozen English and Armenian religious magazines, almost all as gifts, I would like very much to continue to read the EVANGEL, because I believe it is sound in doctrine, being a blessing to me and my home. Also, in the future, I would like to translate some of its articles into Armenian.

I have come to know the EVANGEL through James Lyman, an American missionary to Turkey from 1913 to 1930 when he went to be with the Lord. At first I read his copies, then I subscribed through him and later through others' help. It is not possible to find and send any dollars outside this country. Besides there is a tremendous difference between the official rate [of exchange] and the unofficial, which I cannot afford. I thought perhaps someone can help me continue reading the EVANGEL as a tiny missionary enterprise for Turkey. How I would like that the Assemblies of God had missionarles in this country.

A few lines about my work, though I am nothing. I am working with the Bible Society as deposit keeper, etc. I am on the committee of our Armenian Evangelical churches and play the organ in the services. Also I help the Armenian Evangelical school's managing board. I need your prayers very much.

May the Lord bless your great work.

SAMUEL KAVAFIAN
Istanbul, Turkey

EASIER TO MAKE

Dr. Sam Shoemaker tells of a day when he sat in the rear of a church room while an official of a ladies organization told some forty women who were present how they might operate a "church pantry," bringing in jams and jellies for the support of an orphanage and other benevolent institutions in which they were interested.

That very day, over the dining table, Dr. Shoemaker asked the lady who had given the "pep" talk how many of the ladies of her organization ever got out and did something for the "street women" in the notorious southern part of that city. She replied: "You know, it's curious. There are several of those 'girls of the street' in a hospital, and only yesterday I called up fourteen of our ladies to see if some of them could not go down and visit those girls, but they all declined."

In telling the story, Dr. Shoemaker applied the fiery lash as he said in conclusion, "Orange marmalade is a good deal easier to make than Christians!"

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BY VIRGINIA L. SCHNEIDER

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN AT "WIT'S END CORNER"—NOT knowing which way to turn? The Bible speaks of those who "because of trouble . . . are at their wit's end . . . ." (Psalm 107:26, 27).

Most of us, some time or other, come to our "wit's end"—for life has its shadows as well as its sunshine, its anguish along with its laughter, its pain and its peace. But at "wit's end corner" we find God is near. "At their wit's end . . . they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses" (Psalm 107:26, 27).

Have you ever been at the "wit's end corner" of fear, like the Philippian jailer, who thought his prisoners had escaped and decided the only way out was suicide? "He drew out his sword and would have killed himself" (Acts 16:27). Had not Paul pointed him to the Saviour instead? Faith conquered fear; salvation prevented suicide. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," he was told. He did so and "rejoiced, believing in God with all his house" (Acts 16:31, 34).

An elderly Ohio couple late one night stood deliberately in the path of an oncoming passenger train. Their suicide note read, "We can't stand it any longer!" Hemmed in at "wit's end corner" of distress and ill health, they thought self-murder was the only way out!

Are you at the "wit's end corner" of conviction, unsaved friend? Are you "kicking against the pricks," as did Saul, who had to be stricken blind before he surrendered his life to Christ (Acts 9:5-6)?

A modern Saul was Dr. R. A. Torrey, an infidel with no faith in God or the Bible. Kicking against his godly mother's pleas to surrender to Christ, Dr. Torrey left home to live a life in sin. But there came a time when, like the prodigal son, "he had spent all . . . and began to be in want" (Luke 15:14). "At wit's end corner" of conviction, tempted to "end it all," he remembered his mother's last words to him—that if, in the darkest hours of his life, he would call upon her God, he would receive help. In desperation and anguish of heart, he prayed, "Oh, God of my mother, if there is such a Being, I want light, and if thou wilt give it, I will follow it." Light did come—he was gloriously saved, and later dedicated his life to preach the gospel he once hated.

Are you standing at "Wit's End Corner,”
Christian, with troubled brow?
Are you thinking of what is before you,
And all you are bearing now?
Does all the world seem against you
And you're in the battle alone?
Remember—at "Wit's End Corner" Is just where God's power is shown!

Are you standing at "Wit's End Corner,”
Blinded with wearying pain,
Feeling you cannot endure it,
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