Will GERMAN Rearmament Stop Russia?

American leaders have decided that Germany must be rearmed to save the world! Can Germany be trusted with a gun? Here's what prophecy says!

By Herman L. Hoeh

COMMUNISM is spreading in Asia. Fear is gripping the world. Billions of American tax dollars—your tax dollars—are being spent toward military and economic aid in Asia and Europe. Germany is to be rearmed! But Communism continues to engulf the entire Orient.

These are foreboding signs of world disaster.

How you and your family will spend the remaining years of your lives depends on the management of the present world struggle. Yet the stark truth is that Western leaders, in whose hands your future rests, do not understand the significance of the desperate action they are employing to defeat Communism— the rearmament of Germany.

The Two Great Questions

Here are the two questions of the hour that all of us must face:

1. Can the USA create the kind of power, before it is too late, that will crush Russia's bid for world rule?

2. Can the English-speaking world guide and direct the gigantic military machine being built in Europe against the Soviet Union?

Unless America can come forth with the kind of power to surround and stamp out Communism—unless America can prevent the rise of Fascism in Europe, WE ARE DOOMED!

These problems can't be solved until we learn the why's of world events.

Do you know why the United States failed to stop Communism in the Far East? Why the second largest political party in India today is the Communist party, even though we are sending untold thousands of tons of grain to India to feed her starving millions? Why France is failing to stem the Communist revolt in French Indo-China or why Indonesia is afraid to commit herself openly against Russia, despite our part in aiding her to gain independence? Above all, why is Germany so willing to rearm?

These are the why's that confront our diplomats—the diplomats who think that the kind of power to stop Communism is military and economic only, the diplomats who fondly believe that Russia's foes must be our friends!

The Fate of Asia

Let's glance at Asia. Western diplomats are beginning to realize that the prestige of the United States is fast sinking in the Orient. Our military and economic aid—material assistance—has failed to stamp out communism in China or Korea.

Think of it! Enfeebled China, the nation that was overrun for nearly a decade by the armies of Japan, has frustrated the attempts of the United States to defeat Communism in Korea. Imagine what Russian propaganda is foisting on the Oriental mind which has learned to despise the "white man's burden." While America sends bullets and token economic aid, the Russians spread deceitful propaganda.

Communism is appealing to the faith of the Asiatic peoples. It is a devilish faith. The faith that they can conquer their own problems and overthrow Western "domination" by their human strength!

Yes, Communism appeals to faith, faith in the power of man—the Oriental man—to change this world! But what does the United States send the Orient? Not a more powerful or a righteous and Godly faith, but guns and money!

The Soviet Union knows that the United States cannot supply Asia's desperate millions with enough food. She knows that the United States is unwilling to send enough military equipment to the Far East to offset progressive Soviet domination. But the only power that the United States could provide the Asiatics to defeat Communism—the
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We Were Tried, and Found Wanting

For two centuries the Western World has dominated the Orient, but we have failed to deliver its peoples from misery. Hence, the deception of Communism looks alluring to ignorant and even educated minds who have no hope in God.

The dead faith of missionaries from America and England has not dented Oriental thought, but the active belief of Communists is moving India's millions. Belief in Communism, which means faith in MAN, transcends the borders of nations. It knows no national boundaries.

All the expenditures in the world can not cope with Russia's influence in the Far East, unless we spread a more powerful faith to combat Soviet propaganda. The United States might as well face the facts. THERE IS NO HUMAN WAY FOR THE WESTERN WORLD TO RESCUE ASIA FROM THE CLUTCHES OF STALIN'S HANDS.

Realizing that our Asiatic wall around Russia is crumbling, our leaders are desperately trying to strengthen the fortress of Europe instead.

What About Europe?

Although American help continues to pour into Asia to no lasting avail, because Stalin is not fighting our kind of war, Europe is an entirely different story.

Russia is not sending her European satellites against the United States. There is no active war in Europe because Russia is not intending to conquer Europe immediately. Stalin knows that such an act would provoke world war.

European defenses are being strengthened, financially, economically and politically. Europe, the Near East and North Africa are regarded as the most defensible parts of the military perimeter surrounding Russia. American strength is building a gigantic war machine in Europe ostensibly to protect civilization. We are endeavoring to rearm our former foes, Germany and Italy.

The question that President Truman and Secretary Acheson and you face is causing careful observers to tremble!

Does America dare arm Germany?

Can we unite Europe and guide the colossal military machine we envision there by 1955? Will Germany, once re-armed, side with Russia in order to unite herself? Or will she faithfully support the West? Or is it possible that a united Europe, strengthened with an armed Germany, could get out of British and American control and turn again to Fascism?

The Hour of Decision

The time has come when we must

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And Now . . . . ON TO EUROPE!

Plans now being laid to broadcast and publish the Original True GOSPEL for the first time in 1800 years to all Europe, Britain—the very lands where the Apostles preached! It must go in MIGHTY POWER!

By Herbert W. Armstrong

At Last, plans are beginning to take definite shape to open up over all Europe—over the very lands where the original Apostles preached—over all the British Isles—behind the Iron Curtain into Russia and Communist countries, the most dynamic, sweeping, powerful, world-shaking Gospel campaign in 1800 years!

Five years ago Mrs. Armstrong and I went to England, Switzerland, Italy, France. We made a thorough preliminary survey of the possibilities. Men high in governments, key newspaper men, radio men, were interviewed. We investigated thoroughly to determine the most strategic site for the European headquarters for this greatest work on earth.

At Last, Almost Ready!

But we were not prepared to open up in Europe then. I had no other ministers to help me. One man alone couldn't carry the preaching, writing, publishing, broadcasting, and all the other phases of so great a work to all America, and to Britain, to Europe, and the rest of the world.

We returned to America in March, 1947. Then we plunged full speed ahead into the big task of establishing, organizing, and building Ambassador College in beautiful Pasadena. We met unexpected blocks, obstacles, difficulties which would discourage the stoutest heart. Thru the grace of God the college opened its doors on the slightly delayed date of October 8 that year. We didn't tell you then, how few students we had—it seemed too discouraging. There were only four. But they were the four God wanted—the four He sent. How, following that, even more terrible opposition and difficulty confronted us during those first two or three years, our readers already know—and you know how God sustained us, delivered us, preserved His college! Today Ambassador College is a fine, growing institution full of vigor and life. To date it has shown a more remarkable record of growth and development than most of our famous large colleges did when they started.

Now, at last, I have trained HELP! At last this great work has the called, consecrated, competent, trained ministers coming along to make it possible to carry this world-shaking Message beyond the seas and to all the world! In two or three more years we shall have several such men.

Two Men to Europe

This summer, God making it possible, two of those four pioneer students, who opened this college with only half as many students as professors, will go to Europe. Plans will be further developed toward launching this mighty campaign to make the Old World conscious, after 1800 years, of the dynamic Message of Christ, which has been buried under an avalanche of pagan superstitions these 1800 years!

These men now going to Europe as college graduates are Herman L. Hoeh and our son, Richard David—always familiarly called "Dick." As this is written, we still have to rely upon God to move Dick's draft board to grant permission for him to leave the United States. Mr. Hoeh's permit to go just arrived from his draft board as this was written.

As an example of how their hearts are in this European crusade, both of these young men are putting their entire savings into the expenses of this mission to Europe. In each case this will amount to about three-fourths of the cost of their travel fare over and back, so that this expense will not have to come out of the Gospel work going out here in the United States.

Purposes of Present Mission

One purpose of the trip this year is to further prepare the way to launch the big campaign in Europe, which we now hope may get under way full power by next year. Another purpose is to observe, investigate, and report on world conditions in Europe which are rapidly bringing to fulfillment the Bible prophecies.

We will broadcast their reports to you regularly. They will speak to you over the air, direct from Europe by tape recording, reporting to you what they are finding out there while on the spot.

Mr. Hoeh, a native of California, is of German parentage, and instructor in the German language in the college. He will make every effort to learn what really is developing, underground, in the Nazi plans to regain control and revive their fanatical crusade to conquer Britain, America, and the world. He will be able to meet and talk with Germans just as if he were one of them. We believe he will learn a lot that is of real world-shaking importance, which never would come to light thru regular news-reporting channels.

Dick has studied the French language for eight years. He is to teach first year French at the college beginning next fall. It is necessary that he actually live in France a few weeks, mingling and talking with the French people themselves, preparatory to this teaching assignment. Fresh from France, he will certainly make the first-year French class sparkle with interest.

Radio LUXEMBOURG

In the tiny nation of Luxembourg, in the very heart of Europe, bordering on France, Germany, and Belgium—comprising only 998 square miles and 300,000 people—are two giant super-power radio stations, each of 150,000 watts. That is the same power as XEG, XERF, and XELO, and three times more powerful than anything in the United States. These, so far as we know, are the only stations in Europe on which time may be purchased for broadcasting the Gospel.

Besides English, Mr. Hoeh speaks German, Spanish and French, and Dick speaks French rather well. These two men, with these languages, can be understood by a large majority of all the people of Europe. Our giant Mexican radio stations bring us hundreds of letters from Canadian listeners. The Luxembourg stations are the same great power. That means they are heard clear across Europe, and on past the Iron Curtain, past Moscow, Russia. They are heard down south thru Italy, and across the Mediterranean into all of North Africa, and as far east as Egypt, and Asia Minor (where the Apostle Paul raised
up the churches from Gentile converts. They reach all the British Isles just like a local station, and most of Sweden and Norway.

What a thrill to be able to send out the true Gospel with such tremendous power, after 1800 years, even back into the very country where Paul made his journeys! Yes, what a thrill to have God-chosen and called men, now fully trained, speaking these different languages, now able to carry Christ’s own Message in these closing days over all Europe!

When Mrs. Armstrong and I returned from our original survey of the situation in Europe five years ago, there were no radio stations open to us. I could speak in Europe five years ago, there were no radio stations open to us. I could speak only English. I didn’t even know of Herman Hoeh. Dick was only a senior in high school. Our professors and students alike, that no student in college excels him in talents and abilities, and God has blessed him with a perfect radio-speaking voice.

Jesus’ Own Prophecy

Yes, as the time arrives for the fulfillment of Jesus’ great prophecy, to herald the coming Great Tribulation, the final world chaos, Armageddon, the end of this world, the Second Coming of Christ, and the WORLD TOMORROW—which is the KINGDOM OF GOD—the Almighty by His divine and miraculous power is raising up the men and the radio and printing facilities to execute this Great Mission!

Jesus said: “This GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto ALL NATIONS; and then shall the END come.” (Mark 13:10, 14). He was speaking of the END OF THE PRESENT WORLD.

We have had to be prepared for the gigantic WORLD-WIDE mission by first learning how to let God use us to spread His Truth thoroughly and effectively in one little country community—then in a larger section—then in one state—then in two, then three—then gradually over the entire United States and North American continent. We have had to make many mistakes, and learn from them, and suffer much criticism, opposition, and persecution.

This is no new, sudden burst of human fancy or emotion or imaginary sense of mission or destiny. Nothing of the kind was ever felt. It has been a nineteen-year-long hard, difficult, gradual development and lesson in letting GOD do the leading, directing, providing, delivering, which has made us realize more and more how futile, how weak, how puny and incapable is human ability, reasoning, or effort or power or strength—and HOW MIGHTY is that of THE ETERNAL GOD! It has been a nineteen-year preparation and development over a very hard, rutty, difficult road.

But now, as we approach GOD’S “Day of the Lord” for the ushering in of His Message of HIS KINGDOM world-wide into ALL NATIONS, in this short five years since we were in Europe, God raises up and sends to the Ambassador College campus those He has chosen and equipped with the necessary talents, abilities and powers, to be trained, educated, even schooled in the foreign languages for this final Supreme Mission in this decaying world!

Suddenly, it seems, these two giant super-power radio-station towers rise up in the very heart of Europe!

This is the Work, and the Working, of God Almighty!

Are you rejoicing—giving God thanks and praise? Are you a part of it—fulfill—

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WHERE Did God Command YOU to Observe Easter?

Christ did not rise on Easter Sunday! Here's an article explaining what Christ did command His church to observe

By Herbert W. Armstrong

HAVE you ever stopped to consider why you believe the things you believe? Where did you learn the custom of observing Easter? "I learned it from childhood," you reply. Of course you learned it from childhood. But where did the custom really originate?

You have supposed it was part of the true Christian religion to observe Easter, "Good Friday," Lent and "Holy Week"; to have colored Easter eggs, to dress up "Good Friday," Lent and "Holy Week"; and go to Church Easter Sunday. But where did God ever command you to keep any of them?

The Meaning of Easter

From a child you have been led to believe that "Easter" signified the resurrection of Christ. For 1600 years the western world has been taught that Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday morning. These are merely some of the fables that the apostle Paul never taught. If you really want to know when Jesus did rise from the dead, write immediately for the astonishing proof in our free booklet, "The Resurrection."

The name "Easter" is merely a slightly changed English spelling of the name of the ancient Assyrian goddess Ishtar. As Hislop says in The Two Babylons, Easter "bears its Chaldean origin on its very forehead. Easter is nothing else than Astarte, one of the titles of Beltesi, the 'queen of heaven,' whose name, as pronounced by the people of Nineveh, was evidently identical with that now in common use in this country."

Easter, according to Webster's dictionary, comes "from the name of the old Teuton goddess of spring." You probably never were taught that, were you? But if Easter came from a pagan origin, where did we get Lent?

Not from the true church! For Cassius, who wrote in the fifth century, says, "It ought to be known that the observance of the forty days (Lent) had no existence, so long as the perfection of that primitive Church remained inviolate."

Jesus never observed Lent, nor did the apostles.

"The forty days' abstinence of Lent was directly borrowed from the worshippers of the Babylonish goddess. Such a Lent of forty days, 'in the spring of the year,' is still observed by the Yazidis or pagan Devil-worshippers of Koordistan, who have inherited it from their early masters, the Babylonians." (From Hislop's The Two Babylons, pp. 104, 105.)

Lent came from the ancient heathen sun-worship, not from Jesus Christ. The same is true of the use of hot cross buns, of dyed eggs and the Easter sunrise services. You will want to learn many more facts about these pagan customs that can't be included in this short article.

Write for the free booklet, "Easter is Pagan," which explains these and many more facts you surely need to know.

Apostles Observed Passover

Instead of observing the customs of the churches of our day, the original, inspired church, under the guidance of the Apostles observed the Passover as Jesus commanded on the eve before his death. Even the writers of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, 11th edition, realized that when writing their article, "Easter":

"There is no indication of the observance of the Easter festival in the New Testament, or in the writings of the Apostolic Fathers . . . . The first Christians continued the observance of the Jewish (that is, God's) festivals, though in a new spirit, as commemorations of events which those festivals had fore-shadowed."

Yes, the true, original church kept the Passover annually when God commanded.

It was years later, after the death of the Apostles, after many Gentiles had made a profession of faith, that we find the observance of Easter beginning. The Gentiles began observing the day on Sunday, rather than on the eve of the 14th day of God's first month, when Jesus always kept the Passover, setting us an example. A controversy then arose between these Gentiles, who were bringing pagan customs into the Western or Catholic churches, and those who still remained faithful to the instructions of Jesus and the Apostles.

Here is a brief sketch showing how the "Easter" that you have been taught from childhood crept into the churches. "Polycarp, the disciple of John the Evangelist, and bishop of Smyrna, visited Rome in 159 to confer with Anicetus, the bishop of that see, on the subject, and urged the tradition which he had received from the apostle of observing the 14th day. . . . A final settlement of the dispute was one among the other reasons which led Constantine to summon the council of Nicaea in 325. . . .

The decision of the council was unanimous that Easter was to be kept on Sunday, and on the same Sunday throughout the world, and that none hereafter should follow the blindness of the Jews." (From the 11th edition, article "Easter," Enc. Brit.)

That, in plain language, is how the Catholic Church decreed that none should follow the ways of Christ—of the true Christian Church! That's where the universal custom of observing Easter in the churches began.

It Was Prophesied

This astonishing account of the injection of Easter into the church, which will be much more thoroughly documented in our free booklet, "Easter is Pagan," was prophesied by Jesus and the Apostles. They did not tell of a widespread, popular growth of the true New Testament Church, but of a falling away from the truth on the part of the great majority. Prophesying of this universal falling away from the faith Jesus delivered for you and me to keep, Paul wrote the Thessalonians, "the mystery of iniquity doth already work," only some 30 years after the Church began! He referred to the very "Chaldean Mysteries," of which Easter and Christmas were two chief festivals.

In another place, Paul wrote Timothy, that "many shall follow their pernicious ways." So today, it's the many, not the few, who are going the wrong way. It is the many who are keeping Easter, which God never once commanded you, but it is the few who are observing the ordinance Christ commanded.

Remember, the broad way leads to destruction. Let's quit these pagan cus-
toms and return to the faith once delivered.

What God Did Command

The "Lord's Supper," or the Passover, as the ordinance should properly be called, has fallen into the mire of erroneous tradition. On this, as on every practice, Jude exhorts "that ye should contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered to the saints."

Now that we know the pagan origin of the Easter celebration, let's clear away the web of error that covers the truth about keeping the passover, the memorial of Christ's death.

Let's examine the way Jesus observed this ordinance, because we can't be wrong if we follow His example. In Luke 22:14-20, we read, "And when the hour was come, Jesus sat down...and He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

Notice, it was "when the hour was come," that Jesus introduced the unleavened bread and wine. There was a definite time—a definite hour—when He held this ordinance as an example for us.

Notice, too, He commanded them to observe it—"THIS DO!" And why? "In remembrance of me," said Jesus. He instituted this New Testament way of keeping the Passover, on that tragic night, the very eve of His death.

In Matthew's account, the Bible shows that this ordinance was at the very time of the passover, "as they were eating." (Matt. 26:22,26) Jesus knew that His time had come. He was our passover, sacrificed for us. (1 Cor. 5:7)

The passover had always been held on the eve of the 14th of God's first month. It was the night of the final and last passover supper that Jesus introduced these New Testament emblems—the unleavened bread and the wine—in place of the lamb that was always slain annually.

For a full explanation of the original Passover as God instituted it, write immediately, by air mail, so you will learn how to keep the New Testament form of this ordinance yet this spring. Remember Jesus commanded: "This do in remembrance of me." Why? Because the Passover was commanded "FOREVER."

The Passover was to be observed annually, along with the days of unleavened bread. "Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season year to year." (Ex. 13:10) Jesus set us an example (1 Peter 2:21), observing this ordinance at the same time once a year.

(Luke 2:42) Suppose the Israelites in Egypt had observed this ordinance at some other time than that set by God? They would not have been saved when the death angel passed by that night! God does things on time. He has given us an exact time for this ordinance. Jesus instituted the New Testament symbols "when the hour was come."

The Ordinance of Humility

In giving us their account, Matthew, Mark and Luke describe the taking of unleavened bread and wine. But John relates another part of this ordinance.

In the 13th chapter of John we notice that after the Passover supper was ended (verse 2), Jesus took a towl (verse 4) and began to wash His disciples' feet (verse 5).

"So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord, and ye say well; for so I am. If I, then, your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, THAT YE SHOULD DO AS I HAVE DONE TO YOU." (John 13:12-15)

If any of you are wondering if this ordinance of humility is a command to you, then turn to Matthew 28:19-20. Here Jesus said to these same disciples: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them...teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." So they were to teach us to observe all things whatsoever Jesus commanded them."

Kpt Once a Year in the Apostolic Church

It says "as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup," by interpreting it "take it as often as you wish." But it does not say that. It says "as often as you observe it," ye do show the LORD's DEATH till He come." Even Jesus commanded, "this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." (verse 25) We do it in remembrance of the LORD's DEATH—a memorial of His death. As you know, memorials are celebrated annually, once a year, on the ANNIVERSARY of the events commemorated. This nation sets aside every July 4th as a special day of commemoration. So we observe the memorial of Christ's death annually. And just as often as each year comes around we are to "show the Lord's death till He come," by keeping this memorial.

Christ instituted this ordinance on EYE DEATH. It was the 14th of Abib, by God's sacred calendar, in the very beginning of the day. God starts days at sunset, not midnight. So, later that same day, after Jesus had gone out to Gethsemane, Judas Iscariot led the crowd to seize Jesus. Then He was crucified later that same day, in the daylight part of this same 14th of the month Abib.

By following the example of Jesus in observing this sacred ordinance at the same time He did—the very same time the passover was forever commanded to be observed—we continue to remember His death, annually, on the eve of the crucifixion.

Some always question the meaning of Paul in verses 27-29, in I Corinthians 11. The apostle is not speaking about a Christian being worthy or unworthy to take it. It is speaking of the manner in which it is done. We take it unworthily if we take it wrongly, in the wrong manner. Once we learn the truth about its observance, and yet take it at any other time than what God says, then we take it unworthily. We take it unworthily if we do not accept the body and blood of Christ. So let's not take this most sacred ordinance to our condemnation, but take it worthily instead.

"Easter" a Mistranslation

Following the example of Jesus and the apostles, the early Church observed the Passover, and the days of unleavened bread which immediately followed. Notice Acts 12:3. The Holy Spirit of God inspired these words out many years after the death of Christ, was still observing the Passover. In the next verse we read of "Easter."

We have just seen that "Easter" was injected into the church years after the time of Christ. This word "Easter" is a MISTRANSLATION. The original Greek word is "pasha" meaning PASSOVER. In every other place, exactly the same word is used in the original and always rendered PASSOVER. Many other translations faithfully render this verse in Acts as "intending after the Passover to bring him forth to the people." So this verse, instead of being correct, actually proves that the church, ten years after the death of Christ, was still observing Passover.

What Does "Break Bread" Mean?

There are some denominations that read Acts 20:7 as a proof that the "Lord's Supper" should be taken each Sunday morning. First notice that this was after the days of unleavened bread (verse 6). Paul was preaching a farewell meeting, not on Sunday morning.
Have YOU an Immortal Soul?

By Elise Bernard

A little boy once asked me, "What will happen when I die? Will I go to heaven the very second my breath goes away, or what?"

Those are questions that have been of grave concern to humanity for ages and they still exist today. Just what does the Bible say concerning immortality?

What the Bible Says

If you will look in a dictionary you will find that immortality means unending existence. In other words an immortal being is one that will live forever. Most preachers today proclaim in the pulpit and over large radio stations that man has an "immortal soul"; that at death he will either go to heaven or hell and burn forever.

But do you know what the Bible says concerning this? "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life." (Romans 6:23.) If a person had eternal life abiding in him, how would he receive the wages of his sins which is death?

Can death mean eternal life, separated from God, in "hell fire?" Nowhere in the Bible can you find such a statement. Man is not immortal! But I can tell you who would like for you to believe that you are—Satan the devil, the Deceiver of the human race! He was the first to propagate such a story when he beguiled Eve.

Remember, God told Adam not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God said, "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat thereof; for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Genesis 2:17.)

How "Immortal Soul" Teaching Started

We know that God cannot lie (Titus 1:2) so when he promises something it must come to pass. But Satan had a doctrine of his own. So one day he told Eve when talking to her concerning this forbidden tree, "Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." (Gen 3:5.) The "gods" of mythology were supposed to be immortal, as God is immortal.

This is where the doctrine of immortality started, for here Satan told Eve she would not die and that she and Adam would be as gods—which she would if she was an immortal soul. This is the message of Satan the devil! Do you know that he has his ministers this very day proclaiming that message to millions of people, and they believe it?

"In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." (I Tim. 4:1.) Satan is described as being a liar from the beginning and the father of lies. (John 8:44.)

Yes, God's word speaks plainly about these false teachers by which we might be deceived in these end times. So let us "prove all things": "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (II Tim. 4:3, 4.)

The Truth Is Plain

The truth is clearly revealed in the Bible. Quoting I Corinthians 15:52-55—"We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed . . . and this mortal must put on immortality." When? At the last trumpet when Jesus Christ shall "Come in all his glory and all the holy angels with him" to reward every man according as his work shall be. Remember that the reward or gift of God is eternal life or immortality.

Since this refers to mortal man just what does the word mortal mean? The dictionary states that it refers to one who is "liable to death" or one that can die. The Bible repeatedly states that man is flesh and blood and that God formed him of the dust of the ground. That in the end he shall turn to dust again. (Genesis 3:19.) God did not put in man some immortal spirit separate from the body but he breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and "man became a living soul." (Gen. 2:7.) This breath is wind as stated in Ezekiel 37:9-10. Ezekiel was commanded by God "Then said he unto me, prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath and breathe upon these slain that they may live . . . and the breath came into them and they lived." There it is, in plain language. The people were dead, without life, and the wind came within them and they lived. The wind, or breath, is what oxidizes our blood and gives us life. Stop a person from breathing and he will die.

The Soul Can Die

The soul is not separate from the body for "the soul that sinneth it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4, 20). Even the Bible makes a plain statement that the soul can die! Do you have faith in God's word, or the teachings of men?

The soul suffers hunger (Proverbs 19:15) and thirst (Proverbs 25:25). The life of all flesh is in the blood (Lev. 17:11). Jesus poured out his soul (life-blood) for our sins (Isaiah 53:12). This is conclusive evidence that the soul can mean the animal life which is contained in the blood. In verse 10, "When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin," refers to Christ as the lamb and his body that was offered for our sins. Therefore the soul here refers to Christ's body.

The Bible states definitely "that which befalls man befalls the beast." As one dies so dies the other and they all have one breath! All go unto one place. All are of the dust and all turn to dust again (Ecc 3:19-20).

The Bible makes it very clear that in the very day a man dies his thoughts perish. "His breath goeth forth; he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." (Psalms 146:4.) After death man does not even remember anything "for in death there is no remembrance of thee" (Psalms 6:5). Job knew that his life was wind for he said "O remember that my life is wind" (Job 7:7).

Jesus Said So!

Jesus told Nicodemus, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh: and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." (John 3:6.) He didn't say man was flesh and spirit, but just plain flesh. Note how he describes the man of the spirit—the wind bloweth where it listeth and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the spirit." (John 3:8.) To put it in the English of our modern times, spiritual or immortal man just can't be seen with human eyes. But Jesus goes on further and says "except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:5.) So man will be made spirit—but when?

I Corinthians 15:52-55 is describing the second coming of Christ at the last trumpet when "this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." Paul states in this chapter that flesh and blood (natural man) cannot inherit the kingdom of eternal life. Please continue on page 10.
What You Should Know About Ambassador College

By Herbert W. Armstrong

Here are some things you should know—especially if you are a student who has graduated from high school.

First, the college catalog for the 1952-53 academic year is ready for distribution. It contains complete information about the college—the college calendar for the coming school year, with dates of all major events, two full-page maps showing location of the college, its faculty and vital information about each professor, the history and purpose of the college, its policies, description of its location, of the campus and buildings, facilities, campus life, special advantages, employment opportunities, tuition, room and board, applications, the curriculum information, courses offered for the coming school year, with dates of—68 pages, illustrated, giving you complete information.

A copy will be mailed to all who are interested, upon request.

All prospective students, especially, should write for a copy immediately. I would like to have regular co-workers who have this college at heart to feel free to request a copy. We believe you will be proud of it, with its eight full pages of beautiful pictures of the college, the campus, the facilities, its complete factual information of YOUR COLLEGE.

What This Location Means

Was it a coincidence? Just before the college opened in 1947, Holiday magazine devoted an entire section to education in America. It made the statement in summarizing educational advantages in America that the most desirable location in the nation for founding a new college or university is Pasadena.

Here in beautiful Pasadena is found every advantage any college could wish—a marvellous climate and sunshine, outdoor living and recreation, world-famous astronomical observatories, great libraries, noted museums and galleries, near-by mountains and winter sports, beaches—every advantage.

Pasadena is a cultural community of beautiful streets and fine homes. Pasadena has less crime than any city near its size in America. There are no slums. Over 70% of its residents own their own homes. There are no night clubs, nor even any dirty local politics, but a profusion of gardens, nurseries, homes with spacious and beautiful lawns. Almost no disease. Its people are so different in character from those of Hollywood or Beverly Hills the contrast is striking. It's the most pleasant place in America to live, with every advantage to the student.

The college occupies some five acres of magnificently landscaped grounds in the heart of Pasadena's most famous section of fine homes, mansions, and large estates. The campus, in its quiet seclusion, with its majestic and stately trees, and lovely curved carpet of green lawn, is in walking distance of the city center, shopping district, City Library, Civic Auditorium and post office. The fine substantial buildings and elaborate landscaping were designed by the nation's top architects, built by nationally known Chicago multimillionaires—actually planned and built as if for our very use and purpose—and yet all this has come into existence in such providential manner that it actually has cost us less than nothing to acquire! The savings afforded by the facilities here are considerably larger than the payments for the properties!

The Most Important Advantage

But the most important thing is not the beauty of the physical plant. It is the concept on which this college is built, and the character of its students, its faculty, and the entire staff which combines to create here perhaps the most unique family, or little community, in all the world today.

These people are all real people. They're "just folks." They are God's people. But you'll never find around this happy campus any trace of religious sanctimoniousness. There's no "put-on" pseudo "spirituality." There is no narrow-minded prudence. Our fellows are real he-guys. Our girls—well, they're all just "My girls"—the finest I've ever known. They like their share of fun. But they are sincere, they are in earnest—they know what life is all about, its real purpose, and are conscious of their mission in life. They're common folks, studying hard, working hard, playing hard—wholesome, sincere, REAL FOLKS, appreciating deeply and taking full advantage of this marvelous opportunity to live and work and play in such a fine and cultural setting, eager to make the most of it and the most of their lives. They've learned the joy of the busy, abundant, happy life. There's a certain "Ambassador spirit," which every new student quickly catches. He soon imbibes its vision, understanding, initiative, application, reasoning power, sense of true values, its way of accomplishment, its way of HAPPINESS!

Ambassador is a REAL COLLEGE—a full liberal arts institution, as well as a theological seminary. Its students enjoy all the good things of any college campus life, minus the usual evils.

But, most of all, it is a CHARACTER-BUILDING institution, and a number of its leading students are rapidly developing into the called, God-chosen, talented, trained, competent ministers of Jesus Christ who are to carry out the world-shaking and world-wide Great Commission, carrying His Message of HIS Kingdom into all the world for a witness unto ALL NATIONS.

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That Delicious Pork Roast —is it a Sin to Eat it?

Were all animals made clean? What is the meaning of Peter's vision? Here is a straightforward Bible answer. This subject is important to your health and well being!

By Rod Meredith and Calvin Allen

“Honey, that pork roast was simply delicious!” How many husbands have made exclamations like this about the many meat products that come from the hog? Yet some people will tell you that any meat coming from a hog is not fit to eat! Why do they say this?

The answer to these and other vital questions concerning your health and also your relationship to God is found in the true Bible explanation of Peter’s vision. This remarkable event is related in the tenth chapter of Acts.

What Did the Vision Mean?

It is important for you to understand this vision! It may well affect your health, happiness, and eternal life. Yet there are many different interpretations of this vision. Why? God’s word says only one thing. So let’s examine these scriptures and let the Bible interpret the Bible.

The story begins in Acts 10:1 where we find that Cornelius was an Italian soldier. He was an unconverted Italian, a Gentile by race. By faith this man was carrying out many of the duties of a Christian, but he would have to be converted—begotten by the Holy Spirit—become, thereby, spiritually an Israelite to be an heir to the promises of God (Gal. 3:29).

Do you realize that this unconverted man was performing some of the most important duties of a real Christian? How many people in our Israelistic land today fear and respect God enough to keep the laws He gave for our benefit? How many are on the giving side? Cornelius gave “much alms” to the people (verse 2). Today people don’t even give God what actually belongs to Him for the spreading of the gospel (Malachi 3:8). Cornelius “prayed to God always.” This means that he was in a spirit of prayer at all times and spent much time down on his knees before God.

Most people today pray “my will be done” instead of God’s will. Yes, many people ask God to bring down the other person and exalt them. Their prayers are entirely selfish! But Cornelius gave his money to the needy people and so you can be assured that his prayers were going out for them. “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Luke 12:34).

Notice in verse 4 (Acts 10) that God remembered the prayers and alms of Cornelius. Men may treat these things cheaply. But God doesn’t!

Continuing through the chapter we find that Cornelius had a vision in which an angel instructed him to send some of his servants to Joppa to contact Peter. In verse 9, we find that Peter was also a man of prayer—the kind of man God uses in His ministry.

What the Vision Was

Peter became very hungry while he was on the housetop for prayer. God was preparing him for a revelation in which part of God’s great plan is revealed. Just before noon, Peter fell into a trance. In vision, he saw heaven opened and a sheet was let down to the earth. This sheet contained “...all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air” (verse 12). Notice this carefully! This sheet contained snakes, lizards (creeping things), skunks, lions, and all manner of four-footed beasts. The Bible itself shows us that this sheet did not exclude any animal, spider, or fowl beast or varmint that you can imagine!

Then, of all things, God commanded Peter to kill and eat of these creatures! What did Peter say? “Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is called common or unclean.” Peter had lived day and night with Jesus for over three years, so he certainly understood from Christ’s teaching that there were some creatures which are simply not fit for human food. This was ten years after all the carnal ordinances were nailed to the cross, and yet Peter still knew that God’s laws of clean and unclean meats were still in effect.

These laws are given in Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14. Read them. They constitute a message from the Creator telling His children which animals are fit for human consumption, and which are not. God had created certain animals to be eaten by man, and the others are designated as “unclean” because they were not made for man’s use.

Was God showing Peter that after ten years of inspired teaching in the New Testament Church these unclean animals were now, suddenly, somehow made fit for your stomach?

After revealing this vision, God told Peter, “What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common” (verse 15). It does not say that “What God cleansed” was these animals. This was done three times and then the sheet was received up into heaven. Notice that Peter did not try to eat these unclean animals. He couldn’t because this was only a vision in the first place. Also, (verse 17) “...Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean.” He didn’t immediately assume like so many people that God was changing his laws respecting unclean meats!

What God Cleansed

Actually, Christ was the “Rock” that went before the children of Israel and gave them those laws (1 Cor. 10:4). We know that, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). Yes, Christ’s commandments—like his character—are lasting and permanent. So instead of jumping to conclusions, Peter “doubted” what this vision should mean.

“While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them” (verses 19-20). The voice spoke unto Peter three times because three gentle men were at that moment on their way to see him! Peter went with them to see Cornelius and confessed in verse 28, “God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.”

Now Peter understood! Why don’t all these “popular” preachers? Maybe it’s because they are afraid of offending their congregations and losing their salaries! “What God cleansed” was not those unclean animals, but those Gentile men, formerly unclean through sin.
Those unclean animals in Peter's vision were used to symbolize the gentile race of men. They had formerly been regarded as unclean. The Jews had been forbidden to associate with them because of their abominable practices. But now the wall had been broken down and salvation was extended to the gentiles. Peter finally realized that this was the meaning of the vision and said, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him" (verses 34-35).

Yes, to be accepted with God, we must fear Him and work righteousness. What is righteousness? "All thy commandments are righteousness" (Psalms 119:172). So let's quit trying to hide our faces from God's commandments—and begin to live by them!

Would YOU Eat Skunks and Rats?

But suppose God had been trying to tell Peter (and us) that he should eat all the things contained in the sheet that was let down in vision. Would you eat those "creeping things"—lizards, snakes, spiders? Would you eat skunks and hyenas? Of course you wouldn't! Why? Because you have your own law of what you think is clean and unclean!

Common sense tells us that God did not intend for us to eat all creatures, but we just aren't willing to let our Creator tell us which meats will give us lasting health and strength, and which ones are injurious to our bodies, and will eventually bring on more sickness and disease.

Some people want to argue with God! One text on this subject they will bring up is found in I Timothy 4:1-5. Read it carefully. Notice that these "doctrines of devils" include "forbidding to marry."

We must carefully. Notice that these "doctrines of devils" include "forbidding to marry." God's word. And the Holy Bible tells us that there are meats which are to be thankfully received! For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer."

Why Observe Easter?

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but on Saturday night. It was after midnight (verse 7), that they broke bread because they were hungry. When they "had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day," Paul departed.

So this was just an ordinary meal! If you would like this verse explained in much greater detail be sure to write for the booklet, "The Sabbath of the New Testament," which is absolutely free.

The same expression "break bread" is found in Acts 27:34,35. "Wherefore, I pray you, take some meat . . . be took bread . . . and when he had broken it, HE BEGAN TO EAT." Again in Acts 2:46: "and breaking bread from house to house, did EAT THEIR MEAT with gladness." This could not possibly have been the "Lord's Supper" or passover, because Paul says that if we take it to satisfy our hunger, we take it to our condemnation. (1 Cor. 11:34) In that day, everyone "broke bread" at ordinary meals, because they did not have the kind of bread that we sile. Jesus broke bread because it was at the passover supper, while "at meat," eating a meal.

We need to return to the faith Jesus delivered to us. Let us humbly and obediently observe this sacred ordinance as we are commanded, at the scriptural time, after sunset, the 14th of Abib according to the sacred calendar. If you haven't as yet written where you can observe this ordinance as a memorial of Christ's death with brethren of like faith, write us immediately.

Is Your Soul Immortal?

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God. But when we die we are "sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body." Now if we were already immortal, why would we need to put on this immortality?

God's Great Gift

Paul states in Romans 2:7, "To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life." This immortality is a "gift from God" (Romans 6:23). Notice that immortality is not something you are born with! It is a gift!

Jesus Christ came to bring immortality to light (1 Tim. 1:10). That is, to reveal to us the possibility of receiving it as God's gift—to make it known. He died and rose from the dead in order that death might not reign over us. If we are his (true Christians), we may die but we will be raised up at his second coming (1 Thess. 4:16).

To obtain the hope of the resurrection you must "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38).

Then, "if the spirit of him that raised Jesus up from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." (Rom. 8:11). So it is only through God's spirit that you may obtain immortality.

Who then has immortality? Jesus Christ has. He alone of all that have ever lived in the flesh has immortality for in reference to Christ, Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 6:16, "who only hath immortality." So we know this means that Jesus Christ only, of all men, has immortality. Since they (Jesus and God the Father) are of the same family, God's Holy Spirit, which is the very life of God, dwells in both. This Spirit is the life-giving germ that God puts within us upon our repentance and baptism, and makes us the begotten children of God. It is God reproducing after his kind! He is forming his very nature and character within us so that in the resurrection we may "put on immortality" and be the sons of God!
If Our Neighbors Can Do It, So Can We!

By Herman L. Hoeh

OUR UNCONVERTED neighbors believe and work for an ideal—the American way of life. It is not God's way of life, of course, but at least they work for a cause.

Some may give only five percent of their incomes in bonds and taxes; others may give as much as seventy-five percent. But no matter what the amount, almost everyone of them wants to support America's bid to Democratize this war torn world, making it a pleasanter place for their children to live.

Billions of dollars go for armaments, and even millions serve to finance the Voice of America broadcasts in Europe, which reaches a pitifully small fraction of Russia's radio audience.

Truman Gets 25%

Perhaps you haven't realized it, but about twenty-five percent of the total national income is utilized to support these and other efforts. If all our neighbors are willing to do that much for man's cause, then how much more ought we do for God's cause? If faith in Democracy with all its shortcomings can stir the unconverted to zeal, certainly belief in God's work ought to make zeal flow from us with ever increasing energy!

Teaching other peoples the American way of life appears very important to the government. Yet how much more important is the work of God! He isn't asking us to spend billions to destroy life; He isn't asking us to grant millions of dollars for the Voice of America broadcasts to propagandize Communist countries in Eastern Europe. Instead, God desires that we pay tithes and give offerings to save life and to support His program, The World Tomorrow Broadcast, reaching millions who are willing to listen, with the TRUTH that has been hidden for centuries.

Small by Comparison

How insignificant is America's effort, when compared with the divine mission that faces every one of us as co-workers together with God! If so little can be accomplished in spreading the American way of life by one hundred fifty millions of people with all their resources and zeal, think how much extra zeal and earnestness in prayer with tithes and offerings we will have to put into our divinely appointed task to carry the truth of God's way of life to all the nations, as Jesus commanded.

It's a responsibility that should make us shudder, that should make us cry out for more zeal so that to have a greater part in God's labor. Think of just a few thousand of us co-workers, having on our shoulders the task of teaching America, our Israelite neighbors across the sea, and finally the whole world.

We are not wealthy bankers or prosperous industrialists, yet we have a more far reaching job to perform than such men could dream of. Most of us have less to do with, haven't we? than some of our neighbors, yet WE HAVE FAR MORE TO ACCOMPLISH.

We can't all do the same work. Some of us have to be the direct instruments in carrying out the great commission. Others of us, you co-workers scattered over this whole nation and in Canada, have your part!

The government at Washington doesn't have every citizen instructing foreign nations about the American way of life. Instead, there are chosen and trained representatives of government sent abroad to direct the foreign affairs of the nation. The vast majority remain behind and support the government loyally by taxes, in bond drives, or by other patriotic means.

Your Part as Important as Mr. Armstrong's

In the same way God directs His work by choosing men whom He trains. But God intends that the others of us, who don't have a direct part in the ministry, should have just as necessary a part. The government's effort would quickly fail if it were not for the people backing up that effort with their zeal and money, wouldn't it? So would God's work fail if you Christians cease to do your part in supplying faithfully tithes and offerings, to carry this work forward.

God knew that many of you would be wondering just what your part in this ministry would be, since He calls us co-workers together with Him. (2 Cor. 6:1) That is the reason that Paul explains in the seventh chapter of Hebrews that our part is to give tithes and offerings for the work of the ministry in teaching His truth to all people.

Paul explains that long before Moses, in fact, from the beginning, the principle of tithing was in force. Abraham gave tithes to Melchizedek about five hundred years before Moses was born. God revealed this to Abraham because it was good for him to give.

In actuality, God is the greatest Giver of all. Everything belongs to Him, but He gives us nine-tenths of everything we produce. In turn God only reserves one-tenth for Himself which He directs to be used for His work by those whom He has chosen to serve Him directly.

Are You Breaking This Law?

The apostle Paul then explains that later the Levites, as God's ministers to ancient Israel, had been given by God the use of tithes and offerings. But now the ministry is changed: "For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law." (Heb. 7:12)

Today the law is changed, not abolished, but changed, so that tithes and offerings which belong to God are given to the ministry which represents God at this time. This is our part as co-workers with God.

Our neighbors realize that they all have their part in aiding the cause they believe in. They prove their loyalty to the American way of life by placing their earnings into bonds and by paying taxes. It is only those whose hearts are not right who evade taxes. And the same applies to us too. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Jesus knew that the very ones who rob God by refraining from paying tithes, and the ones who are not voluntarily giving offerings according to their prosperity, that those people would not have their hearts right with God. God's heart is in His work. He wants us to have our hearts in His work, too, because His work is OUR WORK.

A Crime That Robs God, Thousands of Others, and Cheats YOU

If it is a crime to evade just debts to human agencies, how much more criminal, more sinful is it to evade our just debt to God? When any of us fail in his duty to pay his tithes and give offerings to carry out the most important
work on earth, he is not only slackin in his duty, he is ROBBING GOD of his own money He has laid aside to do His work. (Malachi 3:8-12)

Perhaps you have never realized before how serious this is. None of us would wilfully rob the man we professed to work for, would we? Yet THAT is just what we are doing to our Heavenly Father and Employer when we fail to pay our tithes and give offerings.

We are taking away the spiritual food that two thousand people need by withholding even a single dollar of God's tithe from God's most efficient work. It is not a very kind person who would rob the hands of two thousand spiritual "infants" just to feed his stomach, is it?

Such a person is not really feeding himself materially, even though he may think so. God's tithing law was revealed in the hands of two thousand spiritual "infants" just to feed his stomach, is it?

So that we could learn that by giving and have it more than we could prove whether the Creator speaks God's law. After a few days, as he was seated at a counter eating his meal, a man came and told him to room with his family, which he did. Before the week was out, this young fellow was having so much less expense that he was now SAVING MORE THAN BEFORE HE STARTED TO OBEY GOD. He is now a co-worker with us and more prosperous than most young persons I know. You have even read two of his articles in "The Good News."

The Gospel Work

When we stop to think of the serious task that God has charged us with—a task that we are commanded to fulfill—we can become almost overwhelmed.

Your tithes and offerings are going into the homes of Americans whom you have never seen. They do not know who it is that was kind enough to make that broadcast possible for them to hear. Perhaps it was you!

But now the time has come for us to extend our mission of peace to more than America. There are many millions in this world who have not heard God's purpose for mankind.

We may think that those people are so far away. But let's not forget this: if

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Question Box

Your questions answered in these columns! Your opportunity to have those puzzling queries, needing only a short reply, solved. If yours are not here, then write them to us. As space permits they will be printed if an answer is possible. Of course, questions demanding lengthy replies cannot be placed in these columns.

Edited by the Students.

What Fowls Are Not Fit For Food?

There are two chapters in the Bible where unclean fowl are enumerated: Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14. The fowl mentioned may be placed into three general categories: birds of prey and scavengers, night birds, and waterfowl. In Deut. 14:11,20 it is stated that "of all clean birds you may eat." This does not mean that because a specific bird is not mentioned in the two lists that it is necessarily clean, because many unclean fowl are not to be eaten "after their kind." That is, if a bird not specifically recorded falls into a classification of one of the "kinds" mentioned as unclean, then it is unclean, too. Thus the crow is unclean because it is of the raven kind. Lev. 11:15. Since one of the major classifications of unclean birds is waterfowl, the goose and the duck are unclean just as the swan.

But our common barnyard chicken is certainly clean, as it falls into none of these classifications. The Bible proves that the quail, the dove and the pigeon are clean. God fed the children of Israel with quail and he commanded doves as offerings. The pheasant is also fit for human consumption.

Why Did Paul Want to Depart and be with Christ?

Many are wondering why Paul told the Philippians "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh for a little season, that I may help those which are of the present age, which are in the flesh, who are the work of the flesh—immediately. Then why the hurry for departure?

To understand what is meant here we must turn to another scripture where Paul was ready to depart. In 2 Timothy 4:6-8 Paul wrote: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

In these verses Paul explains what he meant by being with Christ. He does not receive his reward immediately at death. No, indeed. But there is laid up a crown of righteousness which the Lord shall give him at that day. What day? At Christ's appearing—his second coming! In Isaiah 40:10 we notice this same day mentioned: "Behold, the Lord God will come... behold, his reward is with him." (Rev. 22:12.)

Paul wrote to the Thessalonians: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thes. 4:16,17.

Here is when the dead "that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake" (Daniel 12:2) and meet the Lord. The dead have not been with the Lord these thousands of years; but they are awaiting the time when they will in the future awaken FROM THE DUST OF THE EARTH TO meet the Lord in the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

The answer is in the second verse of 2 Cor. 5. He says that "we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house from heaven—the spiritual body received at the resurrection through the power of the Spirit of God from heaven. Paul while still alive was waiting for his crown of righteousness."

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The Beauty of Our Lower Gardens

By Billie Sue Sanders

I have seen nothing which impresses me more than the lovely lower gardens of the Ambassador College campus. As I walk down the steps, I suddenly become aware of a quietness which soothes my mind. The striking architecture of the tempietto, fountains, retaining wall, pool and baptistry is breath-taking and leaves one in a sense of awe. The pool tends to give everything a touch of sincerity and reverence of the students at the north end of the gardens with its winterlilies, hyacinths and umbrella palms, giving everything a touch of freshness. The trees seem to symbolize my conception of Ambassador College. The tall, stately trees represent life—eternal life.

Meet the Champ

By Rod Meredith

The winner and still champion is Raymond McNair! The Ambassador College student Table Tennis Tournament was won again by Raymond McNair. He had won the tournament the last two years by hard, steady playing, and used the same technique to wear down his opponent this year.

In the semi-finals, Raymond played his brother Marion in a close and lively match. What a persistent player Raymond is! No matter how many spins and chips Marion would put on the ball, Raymond seemed to return every shot with a careless ease that is not a little disconcerting to his opponents.

One of the most exciting matches of the tournament was the other semi-final match between Raymond Cole and Gene Michel. Both played a hard, fast game that kept the spectators on the edge of their seats eagerly awaiting the next smash. Gene has a terrific backhand smash and earned many points with it. After a very close final game, Gene won.

The deciding match was played between Gene and Raymond McNair. Once again, Raymond's steadiness proved the deciding factor and he was our table tennis champ for the third year in succession. This can't keep up, folks! Who will finally beat Raymond?

From the "Portfolio"

Here are some entertaining extracts from our campus newspaper the "Portfolio" which should give you an insight into our life. This paper is put out by the Journalism class under the direction of Professor Walker, for the students only.

Our Musical Heritage

Our instructor, Mrs. Martin, had a program planned for the student-faculty assembly that was quite different from anything we had ever had before. She gave us a brief outline of the history of music as it has developed since our Pilgrim forefathers first landed on the Eastern shores of America, to the present day. She did this in a very interesting way. Mrs. Martin played one or more songs that were typical of the different periods of musical development in America. This illustrated for us the kinds and types of music that each period experienced and made an interesting assembly.

Program Planning

The job of planning assemblies is a very thought provoking task. There is a committee of four students appointed by the student body president. The committee's brilliant ideas are materialized once a month when they are in charge of the program.

To begin with they must call time for a huddle and put their individual ideas together. Maybe one will suggest a travel movie and another a program arranged with student talent, but whatever it is, it's bound to be good. So far this year there has been a good variety of programs.

Student Gets New Position

Norman A. Smith, sophomore, has recently been given the job of assistant technician in the college radio studio.

He will be the assistant of Dick Armstrong and will help in all of the duties entailed in running the studio.

Office Improvements

One of Mr. Mattson's long range plans is coming into effect with the installation of the new lighting system in the business offices.

Plans are being made to increase the mailing efficiency of the office by the consolidation of the mailing lists and the renewal of both co-worker and regular mailing lists.

Plans for future development include the addition of machinery in the way of an automatically fed addressograph, a Dick-Mailer which will print the addresses of the people on the mailing lists on long strips of gummed tape that will be taken to Pacific Press, where The Plain Truth and The Good News are printed and then both of these magazines will be mailed directly from the printing plant instead of being shipped to the offices here for addressing as is done at present.

Mr. Mattson says that the bookkeeping system has been revamped for greater efficiency.
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ing for Christ to come the second time that he might be delivered from this vile body of flesh with which we are born and which causes us to sin. Rom. 7:24.

He was burdened and was glad to end the difficulties of life by death. To die is gain! There is no knowledge of passing time. The next moment is the resurrection!

Paul knew that he would receive the reward of eternal life at the second coming of Jesus; for he said: "Wherefore we labour, that, whether present (alive) or absent (dead), we may be accepted for the sake of the Philippians who needed him as a teacher and Apostle, even though he desired personally to be delivered from troubles by death to await the resurrection and be with Christ which would seem to him the next moment of his consciousness.

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Jesus was so considerate of us as to have the Gospel preached here in America, thousands of miles away from where He preached, shouldn't we return that love to many others who are thousands of miles from us? That's the kind of love that fulfills the law. The love that makes it possible for others to learn of the truth and fulfill the law, too.

We certainly don't want to be like some at Corinth were, when Paul preached among them. Paul had expenses, but the Corinthians paid none of them. Paul had to take time away from preaching the Gospel to work with his own hands. Other churches had to supply the balance of the needs of the work.

"For that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied." (2 Cor. 11:8; 9)

God commands us to speak the truth free to the unconverted outsiders, warning them to flee from their sins, lest they perish for breaking God's laws. But someone has to pay for the preaching of that truth. That is our responsibility, the way we can express our thankfulness to God for His having given us the truth free.

So let's do our full share, working more diligently, so that we will have more and more to give, in titles, larger offerings, earnest and prevailing prayers and any other duty that may fall to us.

We have the job of expanding this efficient work of God to lands where the efforts of one hundred fifty millions of our American neighbors have not yet reached.

We few thousand co-workers have MORE TO DO than all the people living in this whole nation! We have to warn the friends of America, our Israelite neighbors across the seas, and we have to teach the enemies of our nation! That's something that only we can do, through the guidance of God.

Beside the financial means to extend this work, we are going to need zealous help and earnest prayers from everyone to overcome the opposition of the truth that shall be met in Gentile lands. We must counter the false teachings of the false church that controls the minds of one-fifth of this world's population. We must find a way around the laws of the Soviet Union which prohibit the spread of "religious propaganda."

Above all we must be able to reach the hearts of those who are willing to learn the truth. If Americans can die for their way of life, how much more must we sacrifice a few worldly pleasures to help proclaim THE way of life, GOD'S way of life? Let's put our whole hearts into it. Let's not sin against God, but faithfully pay our full tithes and give liberal offerings. And Jesus has promised that we shall have more in return, for it is more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35)

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face realities. American leaders are guiding the free world into a policy of armed security by uniting Europe against the Soviets. Into this alliance new enmity nations are being invited. Germans, who have not been converted to Democracy, are to sit in the councils of Europe soon.

Our leading Generals in Europe admit that Germany is a CALCULATED RISK. What will a Germany, armed with American help, think of her new power?

The hour of decision struck at Lisbon when it was decided to rearm Germany. Your future is at stake! How are you going to know what will happen in Europe?

Key to the Future

No one can know, not even our diplomats, unless the KEYS OF THE UNDERSTANDING OF FUTURE EVENTS ARE POSSESSION. Our diplomats and political leaders are proving they do not have these keys. They admit that to them the future is UNKNOWN. But you can't afford to remain in the same ignorance.

The keys to understanding future events are two: a right knowledge of past events, and an understanding of Biblical prophecy, which is the history of future events.

The only One who understands the future, the stupendous occurrences that are already beginning to shake the world, is Almighty God. He alone knows the end from the beginning. WHY?

"Because he has created all nations "from a common origin, to dwell all over the earth, fixing their allotted periods and the boundaries of their abodes." (Acts 17:26)

The politicians do not really understand what is going on in Europe or Asia because they do not really decide future events, the outcome of wars, the boundaries of nations, the struggles for world dominion. It is God who determines the end result in the affairs of nations. You can know what the future holds for you and your family, for this nation, or for the world, only when you understand what God reveals of the HISTORY OF FUTURE EVENTS by Biblical prophecy.

The Record of History

Let's see what the first key indicates for Europe's future. Is Germany to be trusted with a gun in her hand? Will she remain our ally?

The record of history proves that arming an enemy ends in war. Have we so soon forgotten what sending arms to Japan did to the United States? What rebuilding Germany after the First World War did to the world? What our least lend for Russia has done since the war?

Why will the diplomats think that today the hearts of the people in Germany are different from yesterday? Every one of these UNDEMOCRATIC nations when once armed has turned upon us. We are the hated "have" nations, the "capitalistic" nations, the "imperialistic" nations.

The heart of the German people, indoctrinated with Nazism, has not been converted to our way of life. If they really would have come to love us since their defeat, would they now be trying to bargain for domination in Europe, and threatening to withhold support from the cause of Democracy against Russia? Is that the way love is manifested? Can we purchase love with money?

Yet the Democratic powers think that the love of fascist-minded Europeans in Spain, Germany, Italy and other coun-
ties can be purchased with gifts! These Gentile nations have been steeped for centuries with the Babylonish system that has gripped civilization for thousands of years. They love our gifts; they continue to want more and more from us, but they do not love us.

Can America Unite Europe?

The very purpose of a rearmed Germany and Italy, of building airfields in Fascist Spain is to unify Europe under Democratic leadership. Unless these nations will submit to American and British domination we will have made the greatest mistake in history. If Germany will not take a secondary place in American plans against Russia, then we risk having aroused a nation that could turn against us.

Does Germany’s recent action prove that she will submit to America, or is she seeking to rule European politics? Is she seeking to undercut the British market to make herself the dominant nation in Europe? Can Germany and France compromise their differences? What are the facts?

France still fears Germany. There is a definite feeling of mistrust in the minds of other Europeans, too. Knowing this, the Germans have been very careful not to antagonize neighboring nations too greatly. Nevertheless, Germany is planning to outstrip every European nation in production. The German mark is stable, taxes are very low for almost everyone, German steel production is already one of the largest in Western Europe. And with the introduction of new methods, it should soon be the greatest in Europe. German goods are underselling the products of most other European nations, since her selling methods are better and she has a new merchant fleet.

Observers realize that in order to make Europe secure from Russia, the Germans have to become part of the European defense scheme. No people know this better than do the Germans themselves. They know that they have more efficiency and resourcefulness than any other nation. They are proud of their capacity to dominate European affairs. KNOWING THESE FACTS, THE GERMANS ARE DETERMINED TO TURN THEIR RECENT DEFEAT INTO SUCCESS WITH AMERICAN HELP!

Just as Russia is calling the tunes in Asia, so Germany is beginning to call the tunes in Europe, while as yet unarmed. She is making us bow to her will in many matters or she will refuse to become part of our bulwark against Russia. So we have agreed to allow Germany into the European defense community. Germany is to have her own army, under her generals.

Everything seems to be working quite smoothly, but the hoped for European unity is not being accomplished as planned!

Germany, even if socialist reaction would permit rearmament—socialists violently oppose rearmament in Germany—can not build her army until France has built up her European army to twelve divisions. France can’t build up her army in Europe until her war in Indo-China is settled, and until her economy is bolstered with more American help. American tax money will be needed to strengthen France before her part in the European defense community can be fulfilled. Instead of 1954 as the date for the reality of a European defense army, the date will have to be pushed further ahead.

In other words, Europe can’t fully rearm without more help from America. She is still tottering on the brink of economic disaster. Despite dogged determination of the English, Great Britain is slowly losing ground. She can do no more than stabilize her economy. France’s weak form of government is shaken now with foreign wars. But of all the European nations, Germany is making the most progress with American help.

Having obtained some of her wishes from the Western world at Lisbon, Germany feels now that she does not need to rush rearmament. She can rearm until France does anyway. Therefore, she is strengthening her economy now while her weaker neighbors deplete themselves with rearmament.

Meanwhile, Joseph Stalin quietly sits in the Kremlin watching President Truman call for more and more money to save Europe’s crumbling economy. Yes, the United States is taking every one of you further into debt to support European defense when the Europeans themselves can’t get together.

What does all this mean? That the United States is pouring her economic strength into a project with which the Europeans are not fully willing to cooperate. We are being steadily weakened without our knowledge. Our strength is not at home but in Europe. At the very time we are spending our resources, Germany is strengthening herself in a position to dominate the armed might that we are establishing in Europe. Nazis are returning to Germany from abroad.

Politicians in Washington and London do not understand that whatever unity seems to be occurring in Europe is due to our coercion. We are forcing them to get together. While they selfishly resist real unity, they demand our financial help. Europeans do not have their hearts behind defense unification. They do not have the faith it takes to strengthen themselves against Communism. Only the Germans seem to have that faith, that will to succeed, to dominate Europe and—if possible, the world!

When American Help Fails

Russia knows the time is coming when America will become tired of European indecision—of the failure of Europe to settle its differences. When America slackens her hand, and loses her grip on the German gun we put into her hands, the Russians know that undemocratic, Gentile European nations will despise us. Every one of you will see that the apparent love of Europe for us now is only as deep as our resources.

And the moment we lose the power of influence, the only nation that will be in Europe to take our place will be an armed, prosperous Germany.

Having seen that troubles are ahead in Europe, let’s see what prophecy says of the future!

What Will Happen?

Prophecy tells us what our diplomats do not even guess. America will never be able to unite Europe completely! We will continue to arm Europe until depression stops our commitments to Europe! This nation, Britain, and the Democracies of Northwest Europe—the descendents of the House of Israel—are going to suffer from drought and famine. Our economy will be shot. In the book of Ezekiel God says He will punish His people Israel for breaking His laws. The Democracies of the world, the descendants of the ancient House of Israel (Write for Mr. Armstrong’s booklet, United States in Prophecy, which explains our national identity), are to be cursed because of our sins with the worst droughts and famines and diseases we have ever seen.

In the 26th chapter of Leviticus, God warns us that we are to suffer these punishments because we have broken His laws and made foreign alliances. Most of you are going to live into this terrible time because it is for the near future. These things will strike YOUR HOME unless you repent of your ways and begin to follow God’s laws. The only reason for this punishment is to teach our people the right ways we ought to live.

While these afflictions ravage our lands, Russia will be stronger than ever. She will have almost united Asia. Now she will be nearly ready for Europe. TERROR WILL CONFRONT EUROPE UNLESS UNITY IS ACHIEVED. Suddenly in Europe will emerge the only power that can overcome the evil faith of Communism—a stronger counterfeit faith!

A RELIGIOUS FAITH IN A UNITED EUROPE GUIDED BY A UNIVERSAL CHURCH UNDER “GOD.” Germany will be the
dominant power, a Germany that will despise America and Britain, just as Gentile nations have always hated Israel.

Union of Ten Nations

The seventeenth chapter of Revelation describes the last union of ten nations that will emerge in a European alliance. There will be a great political leader, who is alive today, planning for an alliance. There will be nations yet been able to assemble. With Gentile Europe despising America and England, the ravaged “capitalist” nations weakened by famine and depression and ripe for conquest, this European union will probably come to reasonable agreement with Russia just as Hitler and Napoleon did. Russia will need an agreement to give her time to build up her war potential.

Russia may give East Germany back to the Germans and will be forced to relinquish her control over Hungary, Czechoslovakia and parts of Austria to complete the ten nation union. Europe will have a FREE HAND TO DESTROY AMERICA AND BRITAIN AS PROPHECIED.

Yes, God will cause these Gentile European nations to “have one mind, and (they) shall give their power and strength unto the beast.” (Rev. 17:13) The “beast” of Revelation and the Babylonian church system that dominates Europe will be the powers that conquer the Democratic powers, the descendants of the ancient House of Israel. God says: “I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them (His people Israel) into thine hand (the Babylonish system that has gripped Europe since the days of the Caesars).” (Isaiah 47:6)

The entire Bible shows that Israel, America and the Democratic nations, will BE IN SLAVERY IN GENTILE NATIONS AT THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST TO SET UP HIS EVERLASTING GOVERNMENT. That means that, unless you and your family repent, watch these world events and pray earnestly (Luke 21:36), you can NOT escape these things that are to come on this people for their sins. Only those who keep the commandments and believe the Gospel will escape the ravages of European armies, the bombings of our cities and SLAVERY.

The struggle for world rule is a struggle of faiths. The Communists have faith in the power of man to change this world by lying propaganda and violence. The Fascists and Catholics have faith in a universal church that can unite Europe to impose its faith on the world. Future articles in this magazine will explain the eventual destruction of both these faiths by a different faith, an eternal faith—the POWER OF GOD TO CHANGE THE HEART OF MAN AND CRUSH HUMAN RULE ALTOGETHER UNDER THE MIGHT OF HIS KINGDOM!

You are commanded by God to repent of the wrong religious teachings you learned as a child, to practice His will as expressed in His laws, and to have that kind of living faith that will spread the gospel, conquer the world and rule it. (1 John 5:4; Rev. 2:26) Only with this faith can you escape all things that are destined to strike this world because of its sins.