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A personal message from the Editor in Chief, Roderick C. Meredith

The world will experience *shocking* events over the next five to ten years, yet most people are not even remotely prepared. The vast majority of Americans and Canadians—even most professing Christian ministers—will be profoundly affected and deeply hurt by what is to come.

Why?

Because the God of the Bible is *unreal* to them, and the *inspired prophecies* of the Bible are either unheeded or totally misunderstood.

Again, why?

The actual, demonstrable **truth** is that “mainstream” Christianity is totally off-track—“blinded” by Satan the devil—and cannot provide the *genuine answers* to life’s problems, or give understanding of the **enormous** events that will soon affect our lives.

And *you*, our readers, do **not** have to wait very long to see what we are talking about! The events we have been predicting for years in the pages of this magazine are already beginning to occur—and will *continue to occur* with increasing impact and momentum. We at *Tomorrow’s World* can be God’s “watchman” for you and your loved ones—if you are willing to listen, to *study* and to **prove** these things for yourself. These prophetic events can help us see that God is *real* and that the very personal God revealed in the Bible is truly alive and is working out an awesome **purpose** here on earth. Once we fully grasp this fact, we can begin to *face reality*.

Obviously, in our free society, you can choose *not* to believe the God of the Bible. Like the vast majority, you can belong to no church at all, or be part of a “nice” church where you are “comfortable.” But however “nice” you may find it, “mainstream” Christianity has rejected much of what the Bible actually says. Centuries ago, the name “Christian” was taken over by men who brought in all manner of *pagan* concepts regarding God, Christ, the Bible, and nearly every major doctrine. As historian Will Durant wrote in his book, *The Story of Civilization*: “Christianity... grew by the absorption of pagan faith and ritual; it became a triumphant Church by inheriting the organizing patterns and genius of Rome.... As Judea had given Christianity ethics, and Greece had given it theology, so now Rome gave it organization; all these, with a dozen absorbed and rival faiths, entered into the Christian synthesis” (Vol. 5, Durant, pp. 575, 618–619).

Those who took over the professing Christian church long ago **absolutely rejected** the true Christianity of Christ and His original apostles. *Scores* of respected church his-

tories clearly document this! *This* is **why** God inspired the Apostle John to describe the devil, Satan, as the one “who **deceives the whole world**” (Revelation 12:9). The more than two billion “Christians” in the major denominations are certainly part of the “whole world” that John described—and they are *deceived!* These people and their preachers are not intending to be evil. For a *deceived* person **does not** know that he is deceived! It is important that we understand this distinction.

So I am *not* being “mean” by writing the above, for I am commanded by the God of heaven to *preach the Truth*. And I cannot help them—or you—if I simply mouth sweet platitudes and pretend that “all is well” when all is **not well!** For we are now nearing the very **end** of 6,000 years of human history under the influence of Satan the Devil—whom Jesus Christ called the “**ruler of this world**” (John 14:30).

God told ancient King Nebuchadnezzar: “They shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, till you know that the *Most High rules* in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses” (Daniel 4:25). That very *real* God is *now* beginning to intervene and to humble the present rulers of nations, and to prepare the way for *His divine government* to be set up on this earth! The true Jesus Christ of the Bible is now preparing to *literally* return to this earth as “King of kings and Lord of lords” (Revelation 19:16). Soon, He will “strike the nations. And He Himself will **rule** them with a rod of iron” (v. 15).

Because many of our leaders and our out-of-control courts are busily *undermining* and even attempting to **destroy** the effect of the Ten Commandments in our society, and because most Americans, Canadians, Britons and Europeans are going along with this approach, our Creator will soon begin to intervene to give us **powerful** corrective chastisement far beyond anything our modern society has ever experienced! Speaking in a dual prophecy, which applied to our ancestors first and now to us, God said: “But if you do not obey Me, and do **not** observe all these commandments, and if you **despise** My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant, I also will do this to you: I will even appoint **terror** over you, *wasting disease* and *fever* which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it” (Leviticus 26:14–16).

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Real Abundant Life

By Roderick C. Meredith

Is wealth or “fun” the way to *genuine* success and happiness? What way of life will the *entire world* be learning—SOON?

This world is filled with untold millions of unhappy, frustrated people. Even in our modern Western world, most people’s lives are pretty empty. Something is lacking. And, notably, the *suicide rate* is nearly always the highest among those with a college education—or even with advanced degrees, though they are the ones you might expect would know the most about “success.” Today, educated people are taught about many subjects—and especially about how to make money. But they are often *miserable!*

Why?

The answer is that very few people even *begin* to understand

the real **purpose** of life. So they drift aimlessly through life, often feeling that somehow the accumulation of more material possessions will make them happy. In their churches they are taught that, after death, they will float off to heaven with *nothing* to do. Yet few are eager to “enjoy” this supposed heavenly reward! Since God, heaven and eternal life all seem very “unreal” to them, most people are content to “slog along” in this physical existence, without a deep sense of happiness or fulfillment. For they do not truly *know* God and the magnificent **purpose** He is working out here on earth. And they certainly do not know the

laws of life that, if followed, would make them genuinely happy.

Are there, in fact, “laws of life” that ensure happiness? Has our Creator revealed an entire way of life that will soon bring true *peace* and *joy* to the entire world?

Yes, He has! There is such a way! But because a very *real* Satan the Devil has **blinded** mankind from knowing the truth (Revelation 12:9), very few people grasp this fact. Even most professing Christian ministers emphatically reject this “way” because they, too, are blinded by Satan—and are taught an *entirely different* way of life in the colleges and seminaries where they prepare for the ministry.

What Is the WAY?

Jesus Christ was the “light” whom God sent into the world. He clearly revealed a *way of life* that, if universally practiced, would bring mankind *national peace, inner peace*—and personal happiness and fulfillment—**far beyond** anything most of mankind has ever experienced. Jesus said: “I have come that they may have **life**, and that they may have it more **abundantly**” (John 10:10). Scholars tell us that the Greek word translated as “abundantly” in this passage means *exactly what it says*. It is *not* referring primarily to eternal life, but rather to a full, rich life *here and now*. How, then,

can we attain the full, rich life that God intends for us?

First, we should all understand that the writers of the Bible—*inspired by God*—do not dwell on “having fun” in the way that many today are accustomed. Rather, the true Jesus Christ of the Bible, like all His servants, teaches us about a *fullness* of life—based on obedience and service—that brings about a sense of fulfillment and inner peace far richer than the “fun” that is often in vogue today. God’s idea of abundant life is long-lasting, unlike the “fun” that disappears after leading to premature pregnancy, drug addiction or even time spent in prison. That is *reality*. Short-sighted “fun” is *not* the kind of “abundant” life the Bible talks about.

We need to realize that the Bible, in fact, reveals the very **mind of God**. It reveals our Creator’s will on *all* the vital issues of life. We should learn to read and *study* the Bible with this thought in mind—and should try to “drink in” the thoughts and attitudes that God is trying to convey to us through His inspired Word. Then, understanding His *purpose*, we will have a depth of fulfillment and happiness beyond that of the “Average Joe” running around pursuing “fun, fun, fun.”

When a young man came seeking the way to eternal life, Jesus told him: “If you want to enter into *life*, **keep the commandments**” (Matthew 19:17). Then Jesus began to name some of the Ten Commandments. Throughout the Bible, God reveals to us, if we are willing to listen, that this great *spiritual* law—the Ten Commandments—is the **basis** of God’s character and His very **way** of life! It is a way that will bring world peace, inner

peace and ultimate fulfillment *far beyond* what most sociologists, philosophers and psychologists are able to teach us. After clearly describing the Ten Commandments and telling us that we should “keep the **whole law**,” the Apostle James instructs true Christians: “For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. For He who said, ‘Do not commit adultery,’ also said, ‘Do not murder.’ Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the **law of liberty**” (James 2:10–12).

Frankly, *if* the Ten Commandments were truly obeyed as a way of life all over the earth—in *spirit* as well as in *letter*—the joy and fulfillment of life would be wonderful. The “liberty” all mankind would enjoy would include *freedom* from wars and starvation, *freedom* from the agony of envy, hate, resentment and bitterness; hence *freedom* from loveless marriages, the agony of divorce and the emptiness of millions of young people being reared by one parent—or sometimes *no parent*! The list goes on and on.

The Ten Commandments tell us **not** to have any god before the true God, the Creator. In that way, they focus our mind on the Creator as the *central fact* of our existence. Once we learn and practice this attitude and approach to life, a sense of *purpose* enters our mind and heart, and an *inner peace* slowly comes over us to the degree that we follow what our Creator tells us to do! **For God’s way works!**

Focusing on our Creator and *His purpose* also gives us a sense

of *vision* and *purpose* for our own lives. God reveals to us: “Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he” (Proverbs 29:18, KJV). A sense of “vision” does impart a goal and a sense of purpose to our lives, and God’s Word tells us *right in this verse* that one who keeps His law is “happy.” It is interesting that *obedience* to the Ten Commandments is taught in *direct connection* with God’s vision and purpose for humanity! Keeping God’s law *does* bring an inner peace, and *does* make one happy in that very important way.

As God revealed His law to Moses, He instructed: “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. **Six days you shall labor** and do all your **work**” (Exodus 20:8). So part of the Sabbath command is that we are to *be busy*—we are to learn to *accomplish!* If we do our work *diligently*, God promises to bless us. Scripture reveals: “He who has a slack hand becomes poor, but the *hand of the diligent* makes rich” (Proverbs 10:4). So our Creator *does* want us to work and to be “diligent” as we accomplish the activities of our job or profession. This sense of accomplishment, of course, then helps us have a sense of *fulfillment*—and makes our physical existence here on earth more comfortable and enjoyable.

God tells us that *if* we will truly seek God and learn to live by His laws, He will *bless* us in many ways. The Bible is *consistent* about this. For instance, notice these promises given to Israel: “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to *observe carefully all His commandments* which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all

nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God: ‘Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks’” (Deuteronomy 28:1–4).

God’s Way Works!

“Well,” some might say, “that sounds fine as a *theory*. But is there any evidence that things ever really worked out that way? Is there any evidence that commandment-keeping genuinely produced peace, prosperity and happiness in an *entire nation*?”



Yes! There is such evidence! After the death of King David—who had to battle long and hard to bring all twelve tribes of Israel together—his son Solomon was able to carry on as king and rule the organized nation. At first, *before* he was turned aside by having too many wives, Solomon did rule God’s way. The entire nation was *enormously* blessed! Notice this brief description of Israel under Solomon’s reign: “Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand by the sea in multitude, *eating and drinking and rejoicing*. So Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. They brought tribute and served Solomon all

the days of his life.... And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, each man under his vine and his fig tree, from Dan as far as Beersheba, *all the days of Solomon*” (1 Kings 4:20–21, 25).

So, for one of the rare times in history, an *entire nation* was living in peace—“eating, drinking and *rejoicing*”—under Solomon’s righteous reign.

When the Queen of Sheba came to visit Solomon, she was literally *overwhelmed* by the *wisdom* God had given him, and by the *blessings* his wisdom brought on his entire nation. She said: “It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. However I did

not believe their words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me. You exceed the fame of which I heard. **Happy** are your men and **happy** are these your ser-

vants, who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom!” (2 Chronicles 9:5–7).

In the not-too-distant future, in Tomorrow’s World—during Jesus Christ’s millennial reign on earth—these *same* blessings will occur. The prophet Isaiah was inspired to tell us: “Now it shall come to pass in the *latter days* that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain

of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; *He will teach us His ways*, and we shall walk in His paths.’ *For out of Zion shall go forth the law*, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, **neither shall they learn war anymore**” (Isaiah 2:2–4).

This *same* basic prophecy is repeated in Micah, with this additional thought: “But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken” (Micah 4:4). Here, it is made plain that *each individual* will have his *own property*. All will be so *blessed*. This will **not** be communism, but a society built on a Christian economy—and on the *family structure* revealed in God’s Word!

For a *thousand years*, there will be a depth of *peace and joy* permeating the earth beyond anything ever experienced! As the above scriptures clearly reveal, this will all be based on God’s spiritual *law*—the Ten Commandments! This great law, which tells us *how* to love God and *how* to love our neighbor, will be the *foundational underpinning* of the entire *way of life* at that time. All *true* Christians must learn to follow *that way right now*—in this life: “Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who **keep the commandments** of God and the *faith* of Jesus” (Revelation 14:12).

As the millennium begins, and modern Israel and Judah are brought back from slavery and begin to learn God’s *way*, they

will be **blessed** beyond measure. Coming out of the Great Tribulation, they will have an even greater sense of intense rejoicing and appreciation for God's way. Describing that time, our Creator tells us: "Instead of your shame you shall have *double honor*, and instead of confusion they shall **rejoice** in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; *everlasting joy shall be theirs*" (Isaiah 61:7).

Yes, indeed. There is a way we can have joy and abundant living—if we are willing to *listen!*

Learning What Is Really Important

As noted earlier, people who just seek after *more* money and *more* "fun" do not find that either brings them genuine happiness or fulfillment. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, said: "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" (Matthew 6:31). *These*, Jesus indicated, are the things after which people of this world seek. *God will give us these things—according to our actual needs—if we seek Him and His way.* But these must *not* be our main goal. For Jesus instructs us: "But seek **first** the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matthew 6:33–34).

If our minds can truly be on the "things above" (Colossians 3:1)—God's righteousness and His coming Kingdom—and if we *seek* His righteousness and His way of loving, giving, helping and serving, then a **deep** sense of happiness and fulfillment will perme-

ate our being in a way most of us have never experienced.

For the Apostle Paul told the Ephesian elders: "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, '*It is more blessed to give than to receive*'" (Acts 20:35).

Truly, we are enormously "blessed" if we learn to give of ourselves to others and to our Creator. When we practice genuine **love** and sincere *outflowing concern*, a great sense of inner peace and joy flows back to us.

All of the modern psychological treatises on "feeling good about yourself" will never, *ever* begin to impart the true sense of fulfillment that one can gain from trying to *serve* and **give** to our God and to others—not to just "get" and to "feel good" about ourselves!

True Christians who let Christ live *His life* within them through the Holy Spirit (Galatians 2:20) will *experience* the profound joy and peace that this way of life brings. As the Apostle Paul instructed: "**Rejoice** in the Lord always. Again I will say, **rejoice!** Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in every-

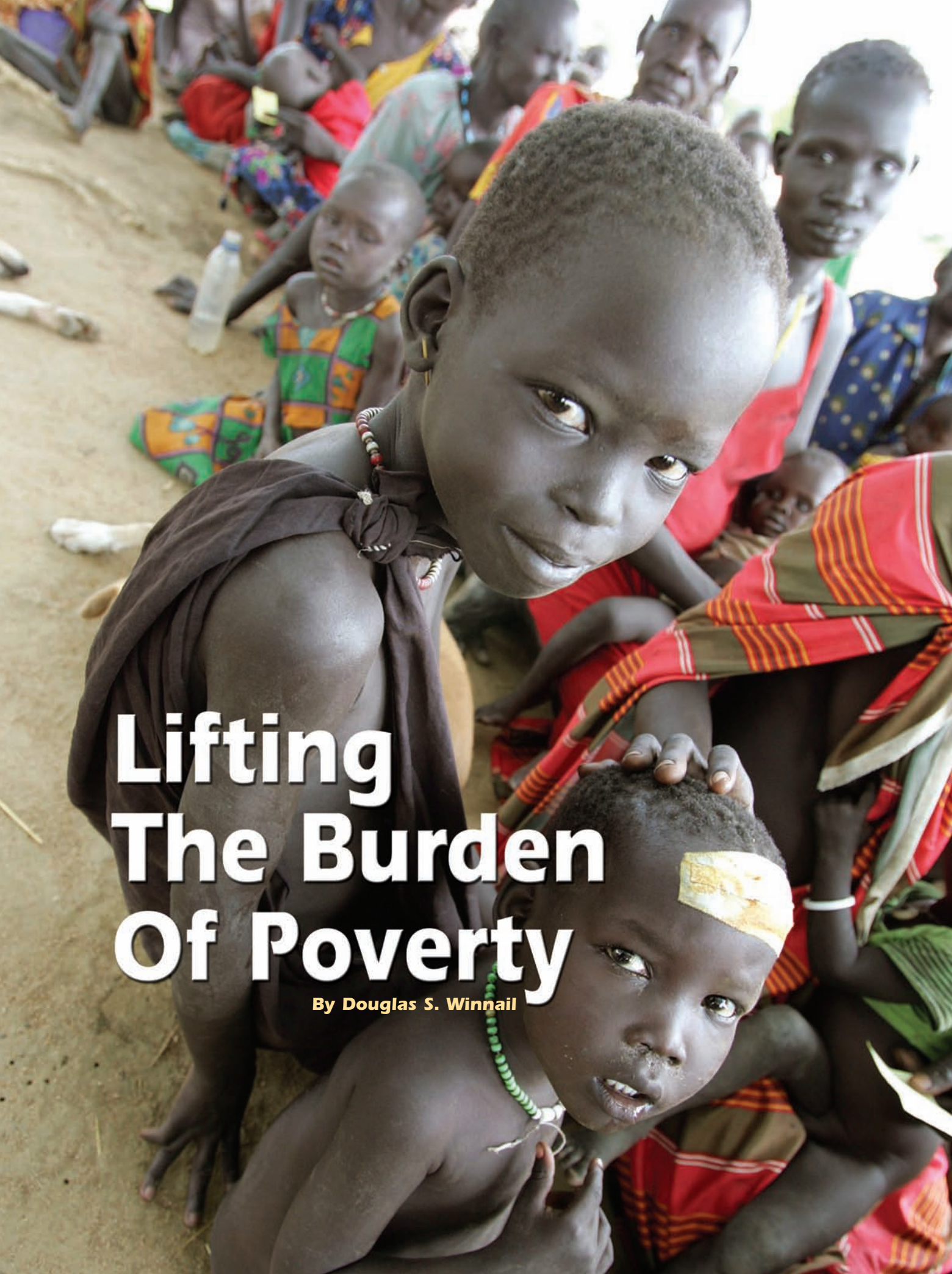
thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; *and the peace of God*, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:4–7).

God truly wishes that we *share* in the type of love, outflowing concern and inner **joy** now experienced by the Father and the Word, Jesus Christ, as They *practice* that way of life. They have planned how that way of life will be offered to all humanity in Tomorrow's World. As we prepare for this *genuine* future—which God is now preparing and will soon bring to pass—let us be among the "overcomers" who truly **obey** our God and follow the *way of life* exemplified by Jesus Christ. That way will produce blessings not only in this life, but forever. *If* we fully surrender to let Christ **live** within us through the Holy Spirit, we will certainly be counted among God's "faithful." In the parable of the talents, God tells the *faithful* servant these wonderful words: "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. *Enter into the joy of your lord.*" (Matthew 25:21). ■

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Lifting The Burden Of Poverty

By Douglas S. Winnail

Are there biblical solutions to this global problem?

The numbers are staggering, and the extent of human suffering is almost unimaginable to people who live in affluent parts of the world. Today—in the 21st century—nearly half of the world's six billion human beings live in daily, crushing poverty. More than a billion people live on less than US\$1 per day. Nearly two billion people eke out a meager existence on less than \$2 per day (*World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 3341*, Chen & Ravallion, June 2004).

Viewed from another perspective, the inequities and disparities between the *richest one-third* who live in abundance (mainly in the northern hemisphere) and the *poorest two-thirds* who struggle to survive (mainly in the southern hemisphere) are not only disturbing, but are increasingly unconscionable (*Religion and the Ambiguities of Capitalism*, Preston, p. 150). The richest 20 percent enjoy 72 percent of the world's gross domestic profits, drive on 78 percent of the world's highways, consume 73 percent of the world's forest products and use 50 percent of the world's energy (*Global Disorder*, Harvey, p. 198). Yet, this tragic gap between the world's rich and poor *continues to widen every year!* In 1960, earnings of the richest 20 percent were 30 times those of the poorest 20 percent; in the 1990s the average income of the top one-fifth was 74 times greater than that of the poorest 20 percent (*Earth Summit 2002*, Dodds, pp. 135–136). The richest 20 percent spend 85 percent of the world's money, while the poorest 20 percent account for only 1.3 percent of the world's spending.

The significance of these starkly contrasting figures is much

greater than a matter of arithmetic. These growing disparities of income and opportunity threaten the future stability of the world, and present a major hurdle to world peace. Twenty-five years ago, a U.S. Presidential commission warned: "The most potentially explosive force in the world today is the frustrated desire of poor people to attain a decent standard of living" (*Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*, Sider, p. 29). The north-south division—between rich and poor countries—has been called "one of the most dangerous divisions in the world today" (*ibid.*, p. 31). Recent analysts have noted that "the failure to meet the needs of the world's poorest citizens... is now contributing to global instability in the form of terrorism, war and contagious disease... an unstable world not only *perpetuates poverty*, but will ultimately *threaten the prosperity* that the rich minority has come to enjoy" (*Vital Signs 2003*, The Worldwatch Institute). Brazilian President Luiz da Silva has called poverty "the most destructive weapon of mass destruction in the world." Robert Harvey, author and former member of the British parliament, observed that "*global poverty remains the scourge of mankind*" and that global poverty, with "her four handmaidens, mass migration, hunger, disease and debt" represents one of the major challenges to peace in today's world (*Global Disorder*, p. 197). It is no coincidence the United Nations has placed the eradication of extreme poverty as *the primary item* on a list of Millennium Development Goals (*State of the World 2005*, Worldwatch, pp. 164–165).

But what is it like to experience *real* poverty? If you live in

an affluent part of the world, can you grasp the enormity and reality of this tragic situation? Do you know what *causes* poverty on a global scale? Why does it persist? Are there any real solutions? Does religion—and especially Christianity—have anything to say about this major social issue? Why should *you* be concerned?

An Important Perspective

Since the late 1700s, social reformers have envisioned a world where poverty and human suffering would be banished by "scientific and economic progress... [the spread of] knowledge, reason and freedom... [and] free, compulsory, secular education" (*An End of Poverty?*, Jones, pp. 1, 26, 203). Enlightenment thinkers believed that technological progress, the rule of reason and a more equitable distribution of income would eliminate not only poverty, but also the scourge of war. They worshiped human reason, viewing religion (including Christianity) with suspicion and even hostility (*Civilization Past & Present*, 6th edition, Wallbank, p. 507). Noted economist Dr. Jeffrey Sachs, a leading exponent of the Enlightenment tradition, sees the elimination of poverty as the great and doable challenge of our age, as he suggested in his book, *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities of Our Time*. Sachs, like his philosophical predecessors, makes little room for God and religion in this great task of banishing poverty, healing the world and ushering in a new era of peace (*ibid.*, pp. 360, 364), even though centuries of human effort have not resolved these problems.

In the light of history, it is not surprising that few today realize

that the Bible contains valuable information for addressing the problem of global poverty. The Bible reveals important perspectives about the causes of poverty, and shows how God views the plight of the poor. The Scriptures also outline responsibilities that God places on those who enjoy a more affluent lifestyle. God even gave biblical writers practical principles for eliminating—and preventing—poverty. Sadly, many have never heard how the burden of poverty will be lifted in the not-too-distant future. Many have no idea that Christ is preparing Christians to eliminate the curse of poverty, yet this exciting message is clearly revealed in the Bible! It was part of the good news announced by the ancient prophets, it was part of the gospel preached by Jesus Christ, and it is part of the message God's Church is to proclaim today. It is a message of hope, but it is also a warning that the world needs to hear and understand!

Faces of Poverty

For poverty to be eliminated, its root causes must be understood—and addressed with workable solutions. Poverty can be defined as the inability to satisfy basic needs to live in human society. Poverty is hunger, lack of shelter, inadequate housing, lack of sanitation, little or no access to clean water, sickness and disease without access to (or ability to pay for) adequate health care, unemployment, illiteracy, powerlessness and lack of access to education.

What is it like to be poor? An affluent person would have to go to great lengths to really understand. Can you imagine moving out of your home into a one- or two-bedroom shed—made of mud and sticks or of salvaged bits of

corrugated tin, lumber, cardboard or plastic? Maybe if you were a little better off, you might have a room in an overcrowded and dilapidated older building, with no glass windows, no screens on the windows or doors, no heating, no running water, no stove, no refrigerator, no showers or toilets, only a few pieces of furniture (and nothing electronic, like a television, computer, radio or clock). You might own one old suit and a couple of shirts, or perhaps a couple of dresses. You might own a pair of shoes. There will be no postman to deliver mail, and no fireman or ambulance to call in case of emergency. There will be no telephone with which to call anyone. The roads to your village, and the alleys leading to your shed, are unpaved and nearly impassable when there is rain. The nearest school or clinic is several miles away, and since you have neither a car nor a bicycle you must walk there whenever you need to go—if you are healthy enough to walk.

In your home you have only a few items of food, even though you spend up to 70 percent of your meager income each week to feed your family. You are often sick, tired and hungry, and you have watched several of your children die from starvation or from infections that could be easily treated if only you had access to some simple and inexpensive remedies that are beyond your reach.

You agonize because you cannot afford to send all of your children to school. You yourself cannot afford to get further training or education, and you lack the money to start a business that might lift you out of poverty. There is plenty of money in your country—but it is hoarded by officials of your hopelessly corrupt government.

You tried moving to a city to look for work, but there you found many unemployed people, more crowded slums, and terrible drug abuse and crime. Commuting to a job is out of the question, because of the cost, as well as your nation's crumbling roads and irregular means of mass transport. You want something better for yourself, and for your family—but you do not have the resources to move elsewhere in search of a better life. As a result, you have a bleak outlook on the future.

To billions of people around the world, trapped under the burden of poverty, this is their life.

Fundamental Causes

Governments, philanthropists and charitable organizations have for centuries struggled to eliminate the curse of poverty, with only limited success. In the 1960s, the United States launched a “War on Poverty” as part of what President Lyndon Johnson called an attempt to build a “Great Society”—yet today, four decades later, the U.S. still has 35 million people living in what America considers poverty! Welfare programs offer temporary help to some of the poor and needy, yet often foster a “welfare mentality” that teaches recipients to look to government to supply all their needs. Social activists and religious people preach against spending money on armaments at the expense of taking care of the poor, but offer few practical solutions that go beyond exhortations to “love your neighbor” and to be more generous (*The Observer*, December 26, 2004).

In 2005, leaders in the United Kingdom launched a campaign to “Make Poverty History.” Time will tell if they will be successful. Experience suggests that, just like

every previous attempt, this one too will fail.

Most human efforts have failed to lift the burden of poverty because they do not address the *root causes* of the problem. Income redistribution—taking money from the rich and giving it to the poor—will not solve the problem. This approach fosters dependency among the poor majority, and in order to continue must take more and more from the affluent minority (and from less and less affluent people as time goes on) to provide aid (see *The Creation of Wealth: A Christian's Case for Capitalism*, Griffiths, pp. 12–13). Centrally planned economies have not solved the problem, and extensive government regulations to disperse tax revenues (as found in the European Union) have led to economic stagnation.

Free market economies are capable of generating great wealth, but a free market that is not based on strong moral principles merely rewards the greedy and ruthless, and leads to “predatory capitalism” that only accentuates the gap between rich and poor (*Religion & the Ambiguities of Capitalism*, Preston, pp. 145–146). Government legislation that sets minimum wages—and that provides equal access to jobs, rent supplements for the needy, food vouchers for the hungry and medical services for the sick—can alleviate some of the suffering inflicted by poverty, but still does not address fundamental causes of the problem.



The Bible, however, takes a different approach by focusing on *basic attitudes* that determine actions. Interestingly, business professor Peter Bauer comments: “Emergence from poverty... does not require large scale capital formation. It requires *changes in attitudes*” (*Equality, the Third World and Economic Delusion*, p. 248).

The Scriptures indicate that a careless, irresponsible attitude which fails to develop initiative or plan for the future can lead to poverty (Proverbs 6:6–11; 21:13; 24:30–34). Impulsive and unwise decisions can also lead to poverty (Proverbs 21:5). However, many scriptures indicate that much poverty results

from *unjust treatment and oppression* of the poor by rich, greedy and often heartless individuals in government, business, religion and other fields. Prophets of God have warned that economic injustice, oppression of the poor and living in luxury while ignoring the needs of the poor would bring about God’s wrath (Jeremiah 7:5–7; Amos 4:1–3; 5:11–13; Malachi 3:5). Many forget that God destroyed the sinful city of Sodom not only because of its sexual perversions (Genesis 19:4–7), but for other important reasons as well. We read that “this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were *arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy*” (Ezekiel 16:49–50, NIV).

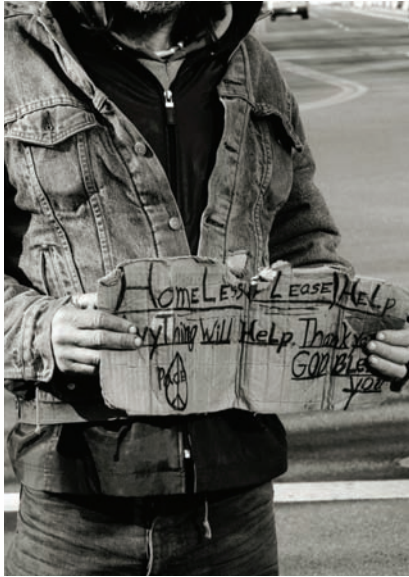
The Bible and history indicate that selfishness, inequity and eco-

nomically oppressive behavior became widespread in ancient Israel when the Israelites forgot God and ignored the laws and instructions He gave to Moses. Those instructions included specific guidelines for protecting the poor and needy. God told Moses: “If you lend money to any... who are poor among you... you shall not charge him interest. If you ever take your neighbor’s garment as a pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down” (Exodus 22:25–26). Moses was also told that “if one of your brethren becomes poor, and falls into poverty... you shall help him... you shall not lend him your money for usury, nor lend him your food at a profit” (Leviticus 25:35–37). God stated further: “If there is among you a poor man... you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother, but you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need” (Deuteronomy 15:7–8). These instructions prohibited exploiting the poor and the indentured servants, and admonished the affluent to be generous to those in need.

It is interesting to note that medieval theologians (using ideas borrowed from the pagan philosopher Aristotle) debated these verses extensively, and mistakenly concluded it was wrong to charge any interest on loans. In fact, however, the term *usury* refers to the charging of *excessive interest* (Preston, pp. 135–142). *The Expositor’s Bible Commentary* points out that these verses “were not intended to prohibit commercial loans but rather the charging of interest *to the impoverished* so as to make a profit from the helpless of one’s neighbors” (see comments on Nehemiah 5:7; Leviticus 25:35–37). This has important implications for the

successful functioning of economic systems.

Biblical instructions for protecting the poor *reflect the mind of God*. Many scriptures show that God cares deeply about those made in His image, and that He will bring retribution on those



who *oppress, exploit or ignore* the needs of the poor. David wrote: “The LORD is high above all nations... He raises the poor out of the dust, and lifts the needy out of the ash heap... He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor” (Psalm 113:4–7; 72:1–4). Solomon echoes this same warning: “Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court, for the LORD will take up their case and will plunder those who plunder them” (Proverbs 22:22–23, NIV). However, the Apostle Paul also stressed the importance of personal responsibility: “If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat” (2 Thessalonians 3:10).

The Bible offers specific advice to leaders, because leaders have a tremendous effect on the

people they lead. “A ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor, but he who hates covetousness will prolong his days... When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules, the people groan... The righteous considers the cause of the poor, but the wicked does not understand such knowledge” (Proverbs 28:16; 29:2, 7). Billions of people today suffer from the painful effects of poverty because their leaders do not follow these simple yet profound instructions that God recorded long ago in the Bible.

Powerful Principles

When you study the subject of poverty from a biblical perspective, you make some very interesting discoveries. Old Testament laws that have been cast aside by “mainstream” Christianity *actually turn out to be powerful principles that were designed to prevent some of the major problems facing the world today*—including the exploitation of cheap labor, the ever-widening gap between rich and poor, the problems of famine and hunger and of sustaining an economy crippled by staggering debts from loans made by rich nations.

In His wisdom, God mandated observance of the seventh-day Sabbath (Exodus 16:23–30). The Sabbath was not only a day of worship; it was to be a *day of rest* when laborers would cease from their routine toil of earning a living (Exodus 20:8–11). Properly observed, the Sabbath would *prevent the exploitation* of servants and hired workers. No one would be pressed into working seven days a week; even the poorest would have a day to rest. It was God’s intent that his model nation of Israel would *stand out as an example to*

the world if it followed this divinely ordained, yet very humane, practice (Exodus 31:12–18).

God also established a “sabbatical year” that occurred every seven years (Exodus 23:10–13). During the seventh year, fields were to lie fallow (observing a “land Sabbath” to replenish the soil). During this year, the poor could eat whatever grew on these fields (Leviticus 25:2–7). This seventh year was called a “year of release” because *all debts were cancelled* and all bondservants were set free with enough resources for a fresh start in life (Deuteronomy 15:1–15). If this principle were followed today, a huge burden of debt would be lifted from the shoulders of billions of people around the world, and they would have a new lease on life!

Every 50th year was a “jubilee” year (Leviticus 25:8–17). During the jubilee year, all land that had been sold was to be returned to its original owners. This principle prevented the accumulation of land in the hands of a few rich people (see Isaiah 5:8). Today, without this principle in effect, millions and millions of people live as landless peasants dependent on the whims of affluent landowners. Professor Ronald Sider commented on the reasons behind the return of land during the jubilee year: “In an agricultural society, land is capital. Land was the basic means of producing wealth... In the beginning [when God set up the nation of Israel] the land had been divided more or less equally among the tribes and families (Numbers 26:52–56). Apparently God wanted that *basic equality* to continue. Hence His command to return all land to the original owners every fifty years. Private property was not

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Questions & Answers

Question: Christians are supposed to teach Jesus Christ and Him crucified, and that He rose from the dead. Why, then, does your magazine so often refer to the books of the Old Testament?

Answer: The Old Testament consists of the inspired writings of God's servants who lived before Jesus Christ's birth, death and resurrection. The New Testament writings do not disparage the Old Testament; rather, they validate it. The Apostle Peter, for example, described the Old Testament as *divinely inspired*—and not from private interpretation or origin (2 Peter 1:20–21).

The Apostle Paul reminded the young evangelist Timothy that “from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **All Scripture** is inspired by God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:15–16). Those “Holy Scriptures”—able to make Timothy wise for salvation—were the Old Testament books!

What did Jesus Christ Himself say? “It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4). Jesus was quoting Deuteronomy 8:3, and was referring to all of God's word from Genesis to Malachi—the canonized Bible of His day.

The New Testament shows that Jesus accepted Old Testament accounts as historically accurate, including those about Adam and Eve (Matthew 19:3–4), Abel (Matthew 23:35), Noah's flood (Luke 17:26–27), Sodom and Gomorrah (Luke 17:28–29) and Jonah (Matthew 12:40). Modern Bible critics often question and malign these Old Testament accounts, but Jesus Christ directly validated them with His words! Note also Jesus' reference to “Moses' writings”—which the Jews understood as the first five books of the Old Testament. Jesus admonished his critics, saying: “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me: for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?” (John 5:46–47). Without accepting Moses' writings, one cannot have real faith and belief in Jesus Christ!

Not only history, but also fulfilled prophecy, stands as a powerful witness to the authenticity of the Old Testament. Throughout the Old Testament there are many references that predicted Christ's first coming. These have come to pass. For us, today, the many prophecies of His second coming—following specific end-time events foretold in Scripture—are filled with inspired relevance. To disregard the Old Testament would lead one to reject much of the vital truth about Jesus Christ, His message and even God's Church, which is built on the “foundation of the apostles *and prophets*, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone” (Ephesians 2:19–20).

After Christ's resurrection, He spent time with His disciples to help them understand what had occurred. Notice which part of the Bible He used: “And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself” (Luke 24:27). This also included the Psalms (v. 44).

Was Jesus teaching His disciples to observe the ceremonial laws that foreshadowed His sacrifice—a sacrifice that replaced them? No! As Hebrews 10 explains, the Old Testament laws of sacrifice are not required of Christians. As Isaiah taught, the Messiah was to come to **magnify** the law (Isaiah 42:21). Christ said that He came to fulfill “the Law and the Prophets”—not to abolish them. He plainly taught His followers to keep the Ten Commandments (Matthew 5:17–20; Luke 18:18–20). He made this possible by giving Christians the Holy Spirit so that they could have Christ's faith living within them (Galatians 2:20).

As you see, true Christians cannot preach—and indeed cannot practice true Christianity—without teaching from the Old Testament as well as from the New Testament. The Old Testament is validated by divine inspiration, supported by the Apostles and the New Testament writings and confirmed by Jesus Christ Himself. For this reason, *Tomorrow's World* magazine strives to “declare to you the **whole counsel** of God” (Acts 20:27).

Prophecy Com



Globalization of Greed!

Many Bible prophecies describe specific events that will arise on the world scene as we approach the end of the age—the period of time just before Jesus Christ

returns to this earth to establish the Kingdom of God. Jesus told His disciples to *watch* for these events, so that they would *recognize* when His return was near (Matthew 24:32–44). Though many are reluctant to believe it, ancient Bible prophecies are *coming alive* today—right before our eyes!

Sobering Predictions

The Apostle Paul lists specific signs that will mark the end of the age. He wrote: “In the last days perilous times will come: for men will be *lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud... unloving... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God*” (2 Timothy 3:1–5). The Apostle Peter warned that “there will be false teachers among you... they have a *heart trained in covetous practices*, and are accursed children. They have forsaken the right way and gone astray” (2 Peter 2:1, 14–15).

The Ten Commandments condemn covetousness (Exodus 20:17). Solomon warned that wicked people are “greedy for gain” (Proverbs 1:10–19). Jesus rebuked religious leaders for hypocrisy, extortion and unbridled greed (Matthew 23:25). The prophets railed against selfish material acquisition: “Woe to those who devise iniquity... they covet fields and take them by violence, also houses, and seize them... Behold, against this family I am *devising disaster*” (Micah 2:1–3). The prophet Amos warned the Israelites, in a prophecy that applies both then and now, that because of their rampant greed, godless materialism and exploitation of the less fortunate, “I will destroy the winter house along with the summer house; the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end” (Amos 2:6–7; 3:1, 14–15). Amos warned

Israelite leaders, who lived in opulent splendor while many others existed on much less: “Behold, the days shall come upon you when He [God] will take you away with fishhooks... and Israel shall surely be led away captive” (Amos 4:1–3; 5:27; 6:7; 7:11, 17). The Bible reveals that God has dealt severely with the godless and greedy in the past, and will do so again in the future!

Modern Dilemmas

In the light of these prophecies, it is sobering to contemplate social trends today in America, Britain and other nations whose inhabitants are descended from ancient Israel. Studies indicate that 70 to 90 percent of Americans consider their society “too materialistic” and feel that this is a “serious social problem” (*Christian Century*, March 3, 1993, p. 238). Talk show host Jim Bohannon describes Americans as “self-absorbed... preoccupied with individualism and moral permissiveness” and caught up in a “national obsession with materialism and the acquisition of money” (*America in Crisis*, Bohannon, pp. 45–48). He writes: “No evaluation of what’s amiss in America today would be complete without taking a look at *selfishness... today’s society seems to have raised selfishness to an art form while giving it a seal of approval*” and that in the “Greedy 80s” we learned that “greed is god” (*ibid.*, pp. 45, 61). Bohannon sees unbridled consumerism, the shop-till-you-drop syndrome, the “worship of the marketplace... and worshipping the Almighty Dollar” as *major problems* in America today (*ibid.*, pp. 24, 150).

American culture has spread around the globe. American music, films and television incessantly promote consumer products and the philosophy that endless consumption brings happiness—and have spawned “a money minded youth culture that demands instant gratification and thrives on audio-visual bombardment” (*Why Do People Hate America?* Sadar & Davies, p. 125). According to some, this “global projection of American influence... The McDonaldization of society... seems like a *virus*, a particularly pathological one... replicating itself in the rest of the world... infecting the cultural body of other nations” (*ibid.*, pp. 117–118). The *globalization of greedy, self-centered consumption* emanating

from America and other affluent countries is generating much global animosity as it undermines and destroys traditional values and cultures.

Cultural historian Morris Berman describes another worrisome trend: *increasing inequality* through which the rich continue to grow richer while the poor become poorer. Berman notes that in recent decades we have seen “an *unprecedented redistribution of income toward the rich*. In terms of wealth disparity, the United States leads all other major industrial nations” (*The Twilight of American Culture*, p. 21). Some executive salaries are now more than 400 times the wage of their companies’ workers. Once-respectable financial institutions now aggressively pursue leveraged buyouts and hostile takeovers of companies, pocketing substantial fees as executives walk away with millions of dollars—while thousands of workers lose their jobs and their incomes (*House of Morgan*, Chernow, pp. 690–709). Many monarchs, dictators and political leaders in developing countries wallow in luxury while their countrymen struggle in poverty. Astute observers realize that the grotesque accumulation of wealth in fewer hands is a global phenomenon, and that “this kind of inequality *could eventually destroy the entire social structure*” (Berman, pp. 25–28). Berman sees a major “structural crunch” coming “sometime in the twenty-first century” (*ibid.*, p. 32)—the time in which we are living!

Many historians point out that these same social and economic trends appeared during the decline of the Roman Empire, and in the waning years of other powerful states. Ancient writers record that “greed and self-indulgence... preoccupation with luxury” accompanied by moral decay contributed to the



demise of the once-mighty Roman Empire (Black, p. 160). Historians Will and Ariel Durant saw a *repeating pattern* in the accumulation and redistribution of wealth. Wealth becomes concentrated in the hands of a few, then when the masses of poor people can no longer abide the situation, wealth is redistributed either by peaceful means—legislation or decree—or by violent revolution. The Durants noted that “the gap between the wealthiest and the poorest is *now greater* than at any time since Imperial plutocratic Rome” and sensed that a correction would soon come (*The*

Lessons of History,

Durant, p. 55). A

more disturbing assessment comes from French economist Jacques Attali.

He sees in the coming years a growing, bitter and volatile divide between an increasingly rich core and an increasingly impoverished periphery, with the impoverished periphery eventually rising up against

the rich core “in a war unlike any seen in modern times” (*Millennium*, Attali, pp. 14–15).

Economists like to trust in the “invisible hand” postulated by 18th century economist Adam Smith. They assume human reason will regulate world markets. Historians see the lopsided accumulation of wealth, and hope for a peaceful redistribution when social forces bring about a change. The Bible, however, reveals that current trends will build toward a very different outcome. Bible prophecy reveals that God will allow our selfish, consumer-obsessed, materialistic societies to reap the regrettable consequences of what we have sown (Jeremiah 2:17–19). Then Jesus Christ will return and intervene with a “strong hand” (Psalm 136:12; Revelation 11:17) to restore economic justice and put an end to selfishness and greed. When we see the modern globalization of greed, we can know that Bible prophecy is coming alive!

—Douglas S. Winnail



The United Nations: Man's Last, Best Hope?

By John H. Ogwyn

Senate refused to ratify the treaty that would have made the U.S. a member. Unable to influence the nations of the world, the League faltered. Within 20 years of its founding, the world plunged into another World War—a war that would dwarf its predecessor.

As World War II came to a close, world leaders did not want to repeat their previous mistake. A new organization, replacing the League of Nations, would get it right this time. The UN was going to be different. This time, the United States—emerging from World War II as the preeminent world power—was going to take a leading role. The Allies had cooperated to crush Nazi tyranny and Japanese imperialism, and now they would cooperate to end war. By establishing an international forum where questions of global import could be debated and resolved, the world would be spared a third devastating World War. Nations would put aside their petty differences and warlike ambitions, and form a united world body that would guide mankind into a new and peaceful era. The rhetoric sounded beautiful, and the plan sounded grand—but the reality proved to be far, far different from what most expected.

What Went Wrong?

Few foresaw that wartime alliances would so quickly shatter and give rise to new rivalries and conflicts. The Soviet Union under Joseph Stalin had its own agenda for the spread of international communism, and planned to use any means available to achieve its goals. The U.S. would

Sixty years ago this October, the United Nations was established. Inaugurated officially on October 24, 1945, the UN was the brainchild of a world still freshly mindful of the horrors of World War II—the most terrible and destructive conflict yet to have engulfed mankind. War had become so unbelievably destructive that world leaders knew there had to be some other mechanism for resolving conflict among nations and finding peace.

A similar organization, the League of Nations, had been established in 1919, in the wake of World War I—which had optimistically (if naively) been called “the war to end all wars.” The League was envisioned as a body that would bring about permanent world peace and outlaw aggression, but it proved utterly ineffective. Though it was U.S. President Woodrow Wilson who first proposed the League of Nations, the U.S.

later discover that communist influence had infiltrated even the highest echelons of American government. Men such as Alger Hiss and Harry Dexter White, later identified as members of the Communist Party USA, were key advisors to an ailing President Franklin D. Roosevelt at Yalta, where Stalin was given the go-ahead to occupy Eastern Europe and make it part of the post-war Soviet sphere of influence. Hiss later chaired the committee that drafted the UN charter.

In the years following World War II, the world moved very quickly from one form of warfare to another. By the end of the 1940s, the world had entered the “Cold War,” which continued with great intensity through the 1950s and 1960s and beyond. This “Cold War” produced a “bipolar” world that was generally divided between the U.S. and its allies, and the Soviet Union and its allies.

As European colonial empires began to be dismantled, an apparent third group arose—a movement of “non-aligned nations, mostly from the less-developed “third world.” These nations, however—though officially allied with neither the U.S. nor the Soviet Union—were generally far more attracted to Soviet communism than western capitalism as the model for their future development. From India’s Nehru to Ghana’s Kwame Nkrumah, most of the leaders who rose to power after colonial independence embraced socialism at home and could be counted upon to denounce the U.S. and Britain during debates in the UN General Assembly. When votes were taken, they could generally be counted upon to side with the Soviet bloc.

As a result, the UN became very unpopular with much of the American electorate by the early

1960s. The UN was caught in the middle of a Cold War rivalry that it could not transcend. Each side tried to manipulate that rivalry to its own advantage. Whichever side had the votes on a particular issue championed the UN, while the other side disregarded it.

It quickly became evident that the UN was as powerless as the League of Nations had been to stop the regional conflicts that were fueled by superpower rivalry. Whether it was the long-standing Vietnam conflict or Israel’s Six Day War against the Arab League, the UN was neither able to prevent conflict nor to resolve it effectively once it had begun.

United Nations Peacekeepers

From the Congo to Bosnia to Somalia, UN peacekeeping operations have earned a reputation of being far worse than ineffective. Notorious for their lack of discipline, UN troops have regularly been accused of rape and brutality. Generally drawn from third-world countries, these “peacekeepers” have never been much of a force for peace.

In 1960 the Congo gained independence from Belgium under the leadership of Patrice Lumumba, a self-proclaimed communist. Within weeks, the nation descended into anarchy as rape and looting became widespread. Belgium responded by sending in troops to protect its nationals, and a firestorm was set off at the UN. Russia and its allies demanded that UN troops be sent to protect Congo’s independence from the “imperialists.” At this point, Katanga province leader Moïse Tshombe declared independence, announcing that he was “seceding from chaos.” In the ensuing

months, there were coups and counter coups in the Congo. Lumumba was finally assassinated. However, it was against Katanga province that the ire of the UN forces was directed. From the pitched battles launched by UN forces in the fall, to the infamous UN bombing of the Elizabethtown Hospital in Katanga shortly before Christmas 1961, the situation went from bad to worse. Over the next year, there were a succession of battles and ceasefires. By January 1963, Katanga was finally subjugated by UN peacekeepers. By that time, the UN’s record of atrocities was well documented by both civilian physicians and western journalists present in Katanga during the fighting. Sadly, what happened there was not an isolated case of UN misconduct, though it was one of the most egregious examples.

How about a much more recent example? The UN mission to Eritrea and Ethiopia was launched in 2000. Barely three months into its mission, reports surfaced of Danish peacekeepers sexually abusing a 13-year-old Eritrean girl. No corrective actions were ever taken. Three-and-a-half years after the launch of the UN mission, the Eritrean government declared that all the UN had accomplished was to efficiently squander about a billion dollars! Accused of sexual exploitation of women and children, torture and murder of civilians, and using diplomatic immunity for trafficking in everything from narcotics to people, the reputation of the UN’s peacekeeping forces had reached a nadir.

Such accusations against the UN do not come merely from obscure sources or right-wing critics. Notice excerpts from an article,

“The U.N., Preying on the Weak,” found in the April 12, 2005 issue of the *Washington Post*: “Anyone who was shocked by the most recent revelation of sexual misconduct by United Nations staff has never set foot in a U.N.-sponsored refugee camp. Sex crimes are only one especially disturbing symptom of a culture of abuse that exists in the United Nations precisely because the United Nations and its staff lack accountability.”

Corrupt and Ineffective

Conduct of “Peacekeeper” troops in country after country is only one small part of the problem. A culture of arrogance and corruption has permeated the institution and brought the UN into widespread disrepute. The scandal involving the oil-for-food program in pre-war Iraq is one of the more recent cases in point. Investigations have shown involvement reaching to the highest levels of the UN, yet no real disciplinary actions took place. U.S. Senator Norm Coleman led a seven-month investigation into the UN-sponsored oil-for-food program and ended up calling for the resignation of UN Secretary General Kofi Annan because of the corruption associated with this program. Senator Coleman claimed that Saddam Hussein had defrauded the program of \$21 billion and that this was made possible by a combination of both passive and active help from UN officials. Writing in the *Wall Street Journal*, Senator Coleman declared, “We have obtained evidence that Saddam doled out lucrative oil allotments to foreign officials, sympathetic journalists and even one senior U. N. official. We are gathering evidence that Saddam gave hundreds of thousands—

maybe even millions—of Oil-for-Food dollars to terrorists and terror organizations... under the supposedly vigilant eye of the U.N.”

Where it is not found corrupt, the U.N. is consistently found ineffective. The crisis in Bosnia, back



in the mid-1990s, illustrated the UN's utter inability to deal with the very problems it was set up to prevent. *Newsweek* magazine, in its July 14, 1995 issue, detailed some of the atrocities that illustrated the genocide taking place in Bosnia. One graphic example was of a Bosnian mother sitting at the table eating a meal with her family when Serbian troops forced their way into the house. A soldier pulled a large knife and killed her oldest son before her eyes, then arrested her 15-year-old son and took him away. “Later that afternoon, the Serbs rounded up all males in their teens and older and took them off for ‘interrogation’—leaving 10,000 or more people unaccounted for and raising fears of a mass atrocity.”

Where was the UN when all of this was going on? Most often, it was denying the seriousness of what was happening! Note these comments by Jeanne Kirkpatrick, U.S. Ambassador to the UN during the Bosnian genocide: “Almost everyone understands that this war

is not a conflict of limited importance, as the U.N. Secretary-General and selected European leaders have tried to pretend it is. It is a particularly heinous example of aggression that seeks not merely to conquer a country but to destroy, expel and dispossess peoples in a process of ‘ethnic cleansing’” (“The U.N. Emasculation of NATO,” *San Diego Union-Tribune*, July 14, 1995).

For decades, critics of every kind have decried the corruption and ineffectiveness that seems to permeate the UN. However, they all seem to come to the conclusion that since there is no viable alternative to the UN, the best hope seems to be some sort of institutional reform. Even a bad UN is better than no UN, appears to be the thinking. Most recently a reform program has been floated that would enlarge the UN Security Council and give permanent seats to Germany and Japan as well as perhaps India and Brazil. Would this really solve anything?

The Real Hope for Peace

The UN has not produced—and cannot produce—world peace. It was fatally flawed from the very beginning. As the Creator God inspired the prophet Isaiah to record, 27 centuries ago, “the way of peace they have not known” (Isaiah 59:8). Outside the UN headquarters building in New York, there is a sculpture of a workman beating a sword into a plowshare. Inspired by Isaiah 2:4, this theme embodies the highest hopes and dreams of some of the UN's founders. Sixty years after its foundation, however, what has come of the UN's lofty ambitions? Even its ambitious and idealistic founders would have to call it a failure by any objective measure.

What is the *real* way to peace? The prophet Isaiah explained: “The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever” (Isaiah 32:17). Simply put, peace is a byproduct of righteousness. It is impossible to separate the two. What is righteousness? “For all Your commandments are righteousness” declares the psalmist (Psalm 119:172). The commandments of the Creator God outline the way to love God and the way to love our neighbor. This is the only approach to life that will result in peace among nations or between individuals. Mankind simply cannot construct its own way to peace, apart from God and His laws.

The Bible tells the story of human beings trying to build their own civilization apart from God. From the days recorded in Genesis 3, when our first parents took of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, mankind has sought to build its own society. The result has been a civilization based upon a fatal mixture of good and evil. Such a divided house cannot stand indefinitely. The years ahead of us will see the passing of our present civilization, and the emergence of a new civilization based upon totally different values. How will that civilization emerge, and how can you enjoy its benefits? The answer is in the pages of your own Bible.

The Bible shows that the age-old scourges of war, famine, and disease are yet destined to ravage humanity on a more terrible scale than ever before. In the midst of a world threatened with terrorism and economic collapse, a would-be savior will emerge in Europe. Allied with and endorsed by a charismatic religious leader who will dazzle the world with dramatic

signs and wonders, this European leader will promise universal peace and prosperity. Though undoubtedly there will be initial signs of success, the ultimate result of this alliance of church and state—reminiscent of the old “Holy Roman Empire” of the Middle Ages—will be a descent into the hellish world that your Bible calls the Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21). The UN will not only be powerless to stop this terrible time of trouble; its structure will probably be co-opted and dominated by this soon-to-emerge European dictator. Perhaps for this reason, the prophet Zechariah uses the phrase “all nations” when describing the multinational force that will occupy Jerusalem on the pretext of bringing about peace in the Middle East. The conduct of that prophesied army certainly reminds us of UN “peacekeepers” in previous international conflicts: “The city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished” (Zechariah 14:2).

The only development that will bring about peace will be the returning Prince of Peace! “Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights

in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives... and the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—‘the LORD is one,’ and His name one... and it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which come against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles” (Zechariah 14:3–4, 9, 16).

Thankfully, the UN is not mankind’s last, best hope for peace. Fatally flawed from its inception, the UN has been unable to come anywhere close to achieving the lofty aspirations of many of its founders. Ultimately, humanity as a whole must learn that the “way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps” (Jeremiah 10:23). Truly, unless the Lord shall build the house, the weary builders toil in vain!

Jesus Christ came two millennia ago announcing the good news of the Kingdom of God (Mark 1:14). He will soon return in power and glory, and will bring to pass the good news He has promised. God speed that day! ■

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How the Bible Can Help You

By Richard F. Ames

You probably have a Bible somewhere in your home. Year after year, the Bible is the world's best-selling book. Yet most people know very little about this amazing book and what it contains. The Bible reveals the mysteries of life. It reveals the future of humanity. And it can help you in many ways—far above your greatest hopes and dreams.

Billions of people around the world own Bibles. Even as far back as 1950, one reputable magazine reported that “by the end of 1950 (the 500th anniversary of Gutenberg’s invention), over two billion Bibles and parts of Bibles will have been printed, with 25

million more being added each year” (*Antiquarian Bookman*, November 18, 1950). A survey by the Princeton Research Center concluded recently that 93 percent of Americans own a Bible, and 27 percent own four or more. So you probably have a Bible. If you have hidden yours in a closet or a dresser somewhere, I urge you to find it and read it. It can help you in many, many ways. In this article, we will examine just five of the many ways in which the Bible can help you—far beyond your wildest expectations—if you follow its instructions.

A Gallup Poll released in October 2000 revealed that “about six in ten Americans (59 percent)

say they read the Bible at least on occasion... Readership of the Bible has declined from the 1980s overall, from 73 percent to 59 percent today. And the percentage of frequent readers, that is, those who read the Bible at least once a week, has decreased slightly over the last decade, from 40 percent in 1990 to 37 percent today” (“Six in Ten Americans Read Bible at Least Occasionally,” *Gallup News Service*, October 20, 2000).

What else did the poll reveal about Bible reading? Gallup reported: “In terms of frequency of readership, 16 percent of Americans say that they read the Bible every day, 21 percent say they read it weekly, 12 percent say

they read the Bible monthly, 10 percent say less than monthly and 41 percent say that they rarely or never read the Bible” (*ibid.*).

How important is the Bible in *your* life? Do you read it at least once a week? Personally, I try to read the Bible every day. I used to come home tired from work at the

be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16–17). Or as the NIV translation puts it, “All Scripture is God-breathed.” The *English Standard Version* translates this verse:

“Scripture is breathed out by God.”

Our Creator wants us to know the true way to eternal life, and He

ing Timothy “wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” The *whole* Bible—from beginning to end—is inspired by God, and is for Christians today!

You and I need salvation. We need forgiveness of our sins.

Why? Because sin brings eternal death. Scripture tells us: “For the

“I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Saviour of the world is communicated to us through this book.”

—U.S. President Abraham Lincoln, September 7, 1864 (*The Writings of Abraham Lincoln*, Vol. 7, p. 61)

office, and would turn on the television set. But I often found that I would waste my time watching too much television. So, now, as soon as I am home, I make it a general habit to sit in a comfortable chair, pick up a Bible and read for about ten minutes before doing anything else. This helps start my evening with a positive perspective—and my wife appreciates my positive attitude as well!

We all need to realize just how important the Bible is to us—personally and nationally! The history of the world teaches us the profound lesson that no great empire or nation will ever endure without strong spiritual character and integrity. The Bible shows us the way to godly living and righteous character. All nations on earth should strive to live by it. George Washington, the first President of the United States, believed in that principle. He said: “It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible” (*Halley’s Bible Handbook*, p. 18).

We can only understand what George Washington meant if we truly understand what the Bible is. What does the Bible say about itself? “*All Scripture* is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may

has revealed that way in your Bible. The Bible offers many benefits for each and every human being.

Benefit 1: The Bible Reveals the Way to Life Beyond Death

Your Bible reveals the way to eternal life and salvation. After you die, will you live again? How do you know? Look at what the Apostle Paul wrote to the young evangelist Timothy: “But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 3:14–15).

Yes, the Holy Scriptures lead us to *salvation* through faith in Jesus Christ! Notice two important points in this verse. First, Timothy was taught the scriptures in his *childhood*! If you are a parent, I hope you are teaching your children the Scriptures. Notice also that when Paul wrote this message to Timothy, the New Testament had not been completely written. The Holy Scriptures that Timothy studied as a child were the *Old Testament*. Paul praised the Old Testament as mak-

wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23). Our sinful life *earns* us *death*. But God sent a Savior into the world—Jesus Christ. He paid for our sins by His shed blood. *If* we follow the Savior’s instructions, we can be forgiven of our sins. As Jesus Himself preached: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel!” (Mark 1:15). And notice what the Apostle Peter said: “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission [*forgiveness*] of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38).

Some of you who are reading this article have been “sitting on the fence” for a long time. You may have been thinking about committing your life to truly following Christ, but you have been procrastinating. If God is calling you, now is the time to act! If you have questions and would like to counsel with a minister, just call or write to the regional office nearest you, listed on page 30 of this magazine. Your Bible reveals that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is the Savior of the world (John 4:42; 1 John 4:14). Will you *act* on that knowledge? As it did for Timothy, the Bible is able to make *you* wise unto *salva-*

tion through Christ Jesus. It reveals the way to life beyond death.

Benefit 2: The Bible Explains Life's Real Meaning and Purpose

What is the purpose of life? What is *your* purpose in life? As we saw above, God promises us eternal life—but what will be our ultimate destiny? Will we just float around on clouds forever? Or does God have a greater purpose and plan for us? Ancient King David wondered about his purpose in life. When he was a shepherd boy, David spent many months, year after year, under the night sky, and he wondered about his place in the universe. David stood in awe of the starry heavens. He also recognized

God created human beings in His likeness, to have an eternal relationship with Him. That relationship is to be a loving relationship! God created the human family, and He wants you to be a part of His divine Family. Notice what the Apostle Paul wrote: “For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named” (Ephesians 3:14–15). God is the Father of a family, and He wants you to be a part of a creative family, that will experience fulfillment and joy for all eternity,

Most professing Christians have no clear vision of their calling in the Kingdom of God. But notice this clear statement by the Apostle John, about what God will do for us. “And have made us kings and

Can the Bible help *you* get along better with others? Yes, it can, *if* you follow its instructions. Remember the two Great Commandments? Jesus taught: “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37–39).

When you apply these great commandments, you can improve your relationships with others. The Ten Commandments give us specific ways to love God, and to love our neighbor. You love your neighbor by honoring your parents, by helping rather than killing, by faithfully loving your spouse, by not committing adultery, and so on. The Christian way of life—the Bible way of life—is totally contrary to the secular, selfish, greedy and egotistical way that is typical of human nature. Notice: “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3–4). God teaches us to esteem others better than ourselves—to value and respect others, and to be caring and concerned for their welfare.

The Bible also teaches the importance of forgiveness. True forgiveness will improve your relationships with other people. Do you hold on to grudges? Many people do, and they just will not let go. They will not forgive. But remember what Jesus taught in the model prayer (often called the “Lord’s Prayer”): “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors” (Matthew 6:12).

“Bible reading is an education in itself”

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson (*Halley’s Bible Handbook*, p. 18).

the Source of that universe as the Creator God. David wrote: “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?” (Psalm 8:3–4).

God is “mindful,” as David put it, of human beings. He cares for us! Why? Because He created us! And God created us for a great purpose—to have a personal relationship with Him! That is a profound truth. Think about it! God said: “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:26–27).

priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth” (Revelation 5:10). When Christ returns as King of kings and Lord of lords, true Christians will serve Him in Tomorrow’s World. During the Millennium, they will assist in teaching the rest of the world the way to lasting peace. Then there will be a new heaven and a new earth, and they will reign with Him for eternity! Your Bible can help you understand this magnificent destiny. Your life has a tremendous meaning and purpose, and it is all explained in your Bible!

Benefit 3: The Bible Shows the Way to Harmonious Relationships

Some of us have great difficulty getting along with others. We may have conflicts with a boss, a spouse, family members or friends.

Do you pray that way? Do you forgive others?

Chapter 13 of 1 Corinthians is often called the “love chapter.” If you apply just one of its precepts, you will be on your way to improving relationships. Notice this beautiful passage: “Love suffers long and is kind; love does not

Benefit 4: The Bible Teaches How to Find True Success, Fulfillment and Happiness

The Bible often illustrates the contrast between worldly ways and the ways of Jesus Christ. Notice this profound truth, spo-

4:13). And notice this key to God’s blessings: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths” (Proverbs 3:5–6).

God promises to guide us along the path to life and success,

“If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity.”

—Daniel Webster (*Halley’s Bible Handbook*, p. 18)

envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails” (1 Corinthians 13:4–8). The very first quality mentioned here is patience. Love suffers long. In other words, love is patient. Are you patient? Applying these biblical principles can help change your life dramatically. It can help you achieve *lasting* happiness in your relationships!

ken by Jesus Himself: “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). For more on this topic, see “Real Abundant Life” on page 4 of this issue.

Jesus came that you might have life more abundantly! You can have abundant life—true success—if you acknowledge your Savior in all your thoughts and actions every day. Through Christ, true success can be yours. As the Apostle Paul wrote: “I can do *all things* through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians

every day, if we acknowledge Him. If you are not communicating with God, you are not acknowledging Him. Do you pray daily? Do you pray often each day? Do you follow the Apostle Paul’s exhortation: “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6)? If you do this, God will relieve you of your anxieties, and “the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (v. 7). Acknowledge God in all your ways, and He will direct your paths!

The Bible gives us the true principles that will lead to success. We need to seek true values in life, not carnal, selfish, lustful values. King David was a man after God’s own heart (Acts 13:22), and under God’s inspiration he wrote many wonderful psalms. Notice this vital principle of success, which God revealed through David: “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of

An Aussie Bible?

In Australia, the New South Wales Bible Society has recently published a Bible written in the Australian vernacular. It is entitled, *The Aussie Bible (Well, bits of it anyway!)*. On Australia’s ABC national radio, Hamesh Robertson described it this way: “It’s less than 100 pages long and it contains cartoons depicting the three wise men as drovers camped around a fire and angels as Aborigines. The intention is to bring Bible stories to a whole new generation of readers, but there are concerns that purists within the church won’t approve.” *The Aussie Bible* is described as a “re-telling of the story of Jesus’ life” rather than a translation.

Perhaps such a publication will encourage more Aussies to read a good translation of the Bible, such as the *KJV* or the *NKJV*.

the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night” (Psalm 1:1–2).

David reveals the inspiring result of meditating on God’s law and way of life: “He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper” (v. 3). Sadly, it appears that many Americans do not want to prosper; a Barna research poll in 1992 revealed that 18 percent of American adults think that “the Ten Commandments are not relevant for people living today.” Those people are surely missing out on life!

The Bible reveals many other vital and exciting principles for successful living. Read chapters 5–7 of Matthew (often called the “Sermon on the Mount”). Read the Proverbs. As you learn the *Bible* principles for godly living, you will find true success, fulfillment and happiness.

Benefit 5: The Bible Reveals the Future!

We all want a happy and secure future. But is it possible? Can *you* have such a future? Years ago, before I became a Christian, I went through a time when I saw no hope for the future. All I could imagine was a world soon blown to pieces by nuclear superpowers.

Frankly, were it not for Jesus Christ’s promise to intervene, this is what would happen! But God was merciful to me, and I learned that Jesus Christ will return to this earth and save the world from itself. If you read your Bible,

and believe what God says, you can have hope for the future—for *your* future.

Bible prophecy reveals how God will intervene in world affairs.

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Bible prophecy also gives us the good news of our ultimate destiny. We have already seen that God’s purpose is to prepare us for His Kingdom here on earth! True Christians will reign with Christ for a thousand years as kings and priests. True Christians will be transformed—born into the Kingdom of God—at the resurrection. That can be *your* future. The Apostle Paul wrote about the resurrection—the glorious event when Christ returns, when true Christians receive immortality and inherit the Kingdom of God: “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed” (1 Corinthians 15:50–52).

If you are a regular reader of *Tomorrow’s World*, you are familiar with the framework of Bible prophecy, and you know that when Paul writes about the “last trumpet”

he is writing about the seventh trumpet, mentioned in Revelation 11. That trumpet announces Christ’s return to rule all nations: “Then the seventh angel sounded:

and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’” (Revelation 11:15).

What a glorious future God promises us! At the resurrection, we will become immortal. As Paul wrote: “For

this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory’” (1 Corinthians 15:53–54).

God wants every human being to be in His family for all eternity. That is a glorious future. If God is calling you now, you need to know that future, and prepare for it!

In this article, we have briefly discussed five Bible benefits—five ways the Bible can help you. There are many other ways that the Bible can help you—and you will discover them if you make Bible study a daily part of your life. The Bible is not only a book for today, but it is also the book of the future. As Jesus said in Luke 21:33, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.” Thank God that He has shared with us the truth and purpose of life. You will learn more about that life—and about your future—as you study your Bible. ■



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to thank you for all your books that you have enlightened me with. I have attended several churches that are adamant about the Ten Commandments being abolished through Jesus Christ. I have never realized how blinded and misled these people are. You are truly witnessing the real words of God and teaching people to live by them. I commend you on your remarkable work and hope that it opens up many more minds to the Truth.

A. B., Arima, Trinidad

I do not always agree with your interpretation of the Bible, but your magazine is definitely thought-provoking and makes challenging and interesting reading!

J. E., London, United Kingdom

Thank you for sending your *Tomorrow's World* magazine, which has been a blessing to me especially at this time of sudden changes on this planet of ours. It keeps me abreast of the events that are taking place around the world, in light of biblical prophecies.

D. B., Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Thank you so very much for all your free literature and the wonderful *Bible Study Course*. I have learned so much since studying all the literature that you have sent me. It has opened my heart and mind to the truth. Of all the other Bible courses I have taken, yours is the only one that leaves me feeling complete. There was always something missing in the others. But your course explains everything in detail where I can understand it. It makes sense! Thank you again for your love and caring about getting the true message of God out to the world. Please keep up the wonderful work you are doing and telling us about the wonderful Kingdom of God soon to be here on earth.

E. B., Spencer, IN

I am requesting that you take me off your mailing list completely. Jesus has revealed to me that your authors are deceived by Satan. Their hardened, unrighteous hearts have no place in the Kingdom of God, and your ministry's booklets and magazines have no place in my home. Your ministry is useless to me. I am guided by the spirit of God.

A. O., Milford, OH

For years I had longed to understand the book of Revelation. Ministers did not teach or preach on it, but God made a way for me—your *Tomorrow's World* magazine. I knew this was it. I have received several of your booklets, and was exhilarated to learn who I am in The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy. I have learned so much from your literature, and look forward to more and more. There is so much I want to know. Thank you so much!

J. S., Albany, KY

I am writing to thank you for your booklets, your *Bible Study Course* and especially your bi-monthly magazines. They have helped me to better understand not only the things going on around us, but the Bible itself. Your very important literature has also helped me better understand my inner self. I feel not quite alone knowing I am not crazy for living according to Apostolic Christianity like the Apostles of Jesus.

M. L., Kettering, OH

I wanted to take the opportunity to write and thank you for your most wonderful instructions in God's word. I've learned a lot about both prophecy and the importance of keeping God's commandments. You have a most unique and wonderful ministry unlike anything that I have ever seen before. I appreciate all of the fine learning materials that you have graciously sent to me at your own expense.

A. W., Overland Park, KS

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Little Things Mean a

Do Unto Others...

*“Throw me a kiss from across the room.
Say I look nice when I’m not.
Touch my hair as you pass my chair.
Little things mean a lot.”*

In 1954, singer Kitty Kallen scored a major popular hit singing these meaningful words. The message was that in marriage, even the smallest acts of love and kindness add up to produce big results. This principle holds true not only in marriage, but right across the spectrum of our whole lives.

Take table manners, for instance. In our culture today, smacking, slurping, burping and fingering our food have become commonplace. Many no longer even frown upon trying to talk while chomping and guzzling. If you think about it, however, you know it is much more pleasant and enjoyable to sit down to a beautifully appointed meal, where the proper utensils are quietly used, napkins are applied appropriately and conversation reflects respect for our tablemates. Simple small matters of etiquette around the table at mealtime add immeasurably to our ability to enjoy a meal.

When we are driving, acts of courtesy may seem rare—and may go unnoticed—yet they make the difference between a pleasant trip and a temptation toward road rage. Do we use the proper turn indicator at each turn? Do we wait patiently when someone tries to cross the street? Do we allow another driver to cut ahead of us into a long line of bumper-to-bumper traffic? Or are we among the many who tailgate, speed and blow our horns as we drive aggressively toward our destinations? On the road, little acts of kindness and patience make a world of difference both for our own peace of mind and for others’.



What could be a smaller matter than throwing down a piece of litter? After all, it is only a soda bottle, or a gum wrapper, or a small plastic bag. But multiply each tiny piece of litter by the millions who thoughtlessly toss them out of car windows or onto a sidewalk, and by the end of the day there are tons of garbage strewn and littered all over creation! One little piece of trash multiplies, creating terrible pollution in our rivers and lakes, our dirty streets and our spoiled landscapes. Think of how different our world would be if everyone took proper care

to dispose of litter in a receptacle. Just this one little act of consideration for our environment, and for our fellow human beings who share it, would erase what is today an almost unmanageable blight.

How we treat the elderly may seem like a small matter at first. But every successful and lasting society has always put a premium on respect and honor for its senior citizens. When a nation begins to neglect or abuse its elders, it is nosing toward a free fall into oblivion. Senior citizens are the anchors and stabilizers of society. Their experience, maturity and wisdom are able to bring stability and perspective to the circumstances they face. Given respect, they have a calming effect in the midst of life’s often turbulent and stormy waters. Yet for all they give, they are “low-maintenance,” giving back much more than they receive or ask.

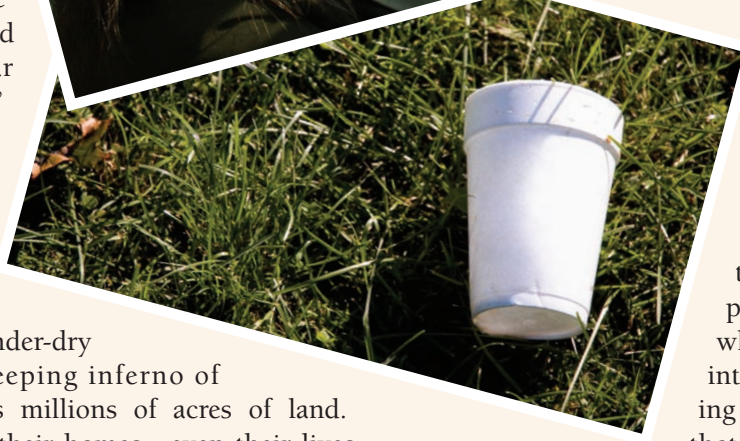
So, how do we treat the elderly? A phone call here, and a cheerful card there—and an occasional

brief drop-in visit—may delight and enrich the souls of those who have given so much for us. Try it, and you will understand why God said: “You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the LORD” (Leviticus 19:32).

Often, little things set into motion far bigger consequences. One tossed cigarette that lands in a tinder-dry field can start a sweeping inferno of flame that devastates millions of acres of land. People’s possessions, their homes—even their lives—may be lost because someone thoughtlessly tossed away a lit cigarette or a still-smoldering match.

Major financial hardships are usually caused by a series of small bad decisions that build into big budget headaches. It may seem easy and painless to use your credit card for an unplanned treat—a meal out, a toy, a fun new gadget or a piece of nice clothing—but when the monthly statement comes, those numbers on the “bottom line” cannot be avoided! Small shopping decisions together have the same effect as a big shopping spree. There are bills that must be paid, whether or not you have the money to pay them. Soon, stress, tension, angry creditors and spiraling interest payments on your credit card bill quickly add up to big money trouble!

The principle that “little things mean a lot” is vital to Christian living. The Bible makes this very clear. Notice what the Apostle Paul wrote: “Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?” (1 Corinthians 5:6). Paul is describing sin, by using the analogy of what a tiny measure of yeast does to a large lump of bread dough. Just a little yeast will quickly spread throughout the large lump, causing it to rise and turn into a loaf of bread when it



is baked in the oven. Just as a tiny bit of yeast will leaven a large lump of dough, so will just a little sin destroy a reputation or ruin a life. Even “a little” lying, stealing or immorality will have a corrosive effect on our character, and open the door to spiritual disaster in our Christian lives, if we do not deal with it swiftly—removing it from our lives in a godly manner.

In our Christian lives, there is also a positive side to the idea that “little things mean a lot.” The

principle known as the “golden rule” sums it up very nicely. Jesus Christ said: “And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise” (Luke 6:31). Think about the effect that this one simple principle would have on the whole world, if everyone put it into practice! Caring and sharing would create a “ripple effect” that would start a revolution back to a society based on biblical

values. Scripture tells us that this will be the way of life in Tomorrow’s World—the soon-coming Millennium in which Jesus Christ will personally rule on the earth, aided by the saints who are the firstfruits. But you and I can begin to live this way, setting this example and reaping its benefits, even now.

*“Give me a hand when I’ve lost the way.
Give me your shoulder to cry on.
Whether the day is bright or gray,
Give me your heart to rely on.
Send me the warmth of a secret smile,
To show me you haven’t forgot.
For now and forever, that’s always and ever,
Honey, little things mean a lot.”*

Fifty years after Kitty Kallen sang those rich words, they still ring true. Those who are striving to live God’s way today have the great blessing of seeing in their own lives how this simple yet profound principle brings the joy of abundant living—the way God meant it to be!

—Charles E. Bryce

Searching Out a Matter

Media bias is a hot topic for many in the United States. Last June, a Pew Research Center survey revealed that 60 percent of Americans consider the press “politically biased.” Only 21 percent believe that the press “deals fairly with all sides” in political matters.

Questions of media bias are not confined to the United States. I recently visited a major journalism school in Bordeaux, France, and asked the school’s director what the students were learning. He said the school taught that

King Solomon observed that “the first one to plead his cause seems right, until his neighbor comes and examines him” (Proverbs 18:17). This means that we must question what we hear and read.

there is “no such thing as objective reality” and that since reporters can only see a slice of reality, their reporting is necessarily subjective—meaning it is affected by the reporter’s background, point of view and philosophy. In his view, a reporter’s job was not to overcome those limitations and fairly present the “truth,” but rather to use “selected facts” to convince readers to accept the reporter’s political point of view.

“If this is the case,” I replied, “then surely your reporters will get into trouble with their readers, since at least some will perceive the bias in reporting and complain to the publication.” The director assured me that it would be the readers’ fault if they failed to recognize that what they were reading was “conservative reality” or “socialist reality.”

If these French journalism students report as they are being taught, they will present the “news of the world” through a political or philosophical filter, distorting reality. But they are not alone. Readers of British newspapers know that some papers are reliably “conservative” while others are plainly “left” in their reporting of the very same “facts.” Even in the U.S., where many in the news media claim to hold objectivity as an ideal, some publications and broadcasts have developed a reputation as “liberal” or “conservative.” Anyone who does not make an effort to compare “realities” or to

double-check stories and facts will develop a very flawed view on many topics.

Is there a reliable source of truth, or is everything subjective? Christ gave the answer in John 17:17. Praying to the Father, He asked: “Sanctify them [Christ’s disciples] by Your truth. Your word is truth.” Jesus Christ, in person, was the reliable living Word. The Bible is the reliable written word of God. The Bible is truth. Christ’s disciples are set apart by their adherence to biblical truth.

However, people can even distort the Bible by “spinning” selected “facts” to promote a particular point of view. King Solomon observed that “the first one to plead his cause seems right, until his neighbor comes and examines him” (Proverbs 18:17). This means that we must question what we hear and read. Just as when examining media reports, we must diligently examine Scripture and search out all the facts to gain a better understanding.

Another verse in Proverbs reminds us that “the glory of kings is to search out a matter” (Proverbs 25:2). People of noble heart and character will make the necessary diligent search to find truth. When we at *Tomorrow’s World* cite Bible verses to support our points, we urge you to read those verses for yourself, to see whether we are “spinning” biblical facts or whether we are fairly and honestly presenting truth. We know that on many important topics, we present truth that is far different from what you will hear at a typical church. But we know that if you search the Scriptures, you will recognize that what we write is based on plain biblical truth.

Are you comfortable with “your reality”? Or are you willing to examine the well-founded and provable truths found in your Bible? You decide.

—Raymond Clore

Lifting the Burden of Poverty (Continued from page 12)

abolished. But *the means of producing wealth were to be equalized regularly*” (*Christians in an Age of Hunger*, Sider, p. 80). Sider continues: “Physical handicaps, death of a breadwinner or lack of natural ability may lead some people to become poorer than others. But God does not want such disadvantages to lead to greater and greater divergence of wealth and poverty. God therefore gave His people a law which would *equalize* land ownership every fifty years... the biblical concept of jubilee underlines the importance of institutionalized mechanisms and structures that *promote justice*” (*ibid.*).

In addition to the sabbatical and jubilee principles, *gleaning laws* stated that the edges of fields were not to be harvested. They were to be left so the poor could *gather* food—this was not just a “free handout” (Leviticus 19:9–10). God also established a system of tithing to provide for the spiritual and physical needs of His people. The first tithe (10 percent of one’s “increase” or income) supported the priests and Levites—the spiritual leaders, teachers and civil administrators of the nation. A second tithe was retained by each head of household for observing the annual Holy Days (Deuteronomy 14:23–26). A third tithe (10 percent paid in the third and sixth years of a seven-year cycle) was used to support widows, orphans and the poor (Deuteronomy 14:28–29). With this arrangement, God provided *an organized system to provide for the needy*. Under this system, the most anyone would pay annually in tithes was 20 percent (since the second tithe was always retained for personal use during the Holy

Days). Compare this to modern taxation schemes. This would be a welcome change for many today who pay greater amounts to big-spending governments.

An Exciting Future

Many who call themselves Christians today believe that these biblical principles for meeting economic and social needs are no longer relevant. They believe that their destiny is to float off to heaven, never again to care about improving the world. But the Bible indicates something far different! Jesus Christ preached about a coming Kingdom of God (Mark 1:14–15). This kingdom will be established *on the earth* for a thousand years, when Christ returns with His saints to rule all the nations (Revelation 1:6; 5:10; 11:15–18; Daniel 2:44–45; 7:27).

When Jesus announced that His mission was to “preach the gospel to the poor... heal the broken hearted... set at liberty those who are oppressed” He was quoting the prophet Isaiah (Luke 4:18–19; Isaiah 61:1–2). Isaiah has been called “the messianic prophet” because of his many detailed prophecies about the

coming Kingdom of God. Isaiah wrote that “it shall come to pass in the latter days” that the returning Messiah will set up a world-ruling government in Jerusalem and will begin to teach all human beings a different way of life, “For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations” (Isaiah 2:2–4).

At that time, the laws and principles discussed in this article will be explained to all peoples. Biblical principles will become the *framework and building blocks* of an economic system that will transform the world. As these instructions are put into effect, the exploitation of the poor will cease, the gap between rich and poor will begin to disappear and the burden of poverty will be lifted. True Christians have been called to prepare for this future (Isaiah 30:20–21), and to change the course of history when Jesus Christ returns to the earth. This is *how* the burden of poverty will be lifted from the human race and *when* the oppressed will finally be set free. This is the *good news* and the *real hope* of the future. If you prepare now, you can be part of a future that will *make poverty history!* ■

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Face Reality

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Note that the very first punishment upon God's wayward people would be "terror"—**terrorism!** Just as the United States was shaken by terrorism on "9/11" in September 2001, so too was the United Kingdom shaken on "7/7" this past July. But we must realize that *much more terrorism* is ahead for our peoples, *unless we repent* and genuinely return to God and His righteous ways! Then—*unless we repent*—will come "wasting disease" and "fever." Then will come drought and famine (vv. 19–20).

Certainly AIDS is a major example of "wasting disease." Our godless society, which is increasingly condoning homosexuality and even homosexual "marriage," is certainly opening the door for an absolute pandemic of AIDS and other such diseases. Now we are also reading that top health authorities believe an emerging epidemic of avian flu ("bird flu") "could spark a global pandemic, infecting as much as a quarter of the world's population and killing as many as 180 million to 360 million people—at least seven times the number of AIDS deaths, all within a matter of weeks" (*US News & World Report*, June 27, 2005).

The above quotation comes from *USN&WR* editor-in-chief Mortimer Zuckerman, who concluded his editorial with these ominous words: "Imagine the chaos. These killer viruses simply can't be isolated in any part of the world. If avian flu were allowed to develop into a pandemic, it would be a direct threat to our health, security, and prosperity. The word *influenza* derives from the Latin *influentia*, reflecting the belief at the time that epidemics were due to the influence of the stars. Today, we have moved far beyond that fantasy, but even so, the world is clearly not ready for an avian-flu pandemic. With the scientific consensus already shifting from *if* to *when* the next global outbreak takes place, we have no time to lose."

My friends, the key to your future happiness—and your very survival—is to be willing to sincerely *listen* to the Truth. *Tomorrow's World* magazine is a unique publication. We are free to speak the **full Truth**. We know we are literally *risking our lives* by telling you many unpleasant truths about our present society, about *real* Christianity and about the magnificent **purpose** for your

life. All we ask is that you read and listen with open minds and hearts, and that you take the time to follow this instruction from the Bible: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21, *KJV*).

If you do so, then as *terrorism* continues to strike our peoples with increasing fury, as the disease epidemics predicted in Leviticus 26 and Matthew 24 (and elsewhere) begin to occur, you will understand **why**—and you will genuinely turn to the God of the Bible. As the *drought, famine* and increasing *earthquakes* begin to strike our American and British-descended peoples as never before, you will truly begin to understand that we at *Tomorrow's World*, even with all of our human faults, are *being used* by the God of creation to warn our peoples of what lies just ahead, and to inspire them to look beyond the immediate future to the glorious Kingdom of God—the reign of Jesus Christ *on this earth*.

As you become willing to *heed* God's instructions through His called and chosen servants, and as you become willing to **do** what God says, you can become a vital part of the "team" that Jesus Christ is preparing to *assist Him* in bringing peace and joy to this confused world. As Jesus Himself said: "And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'—as I also have received from My Father" (Revelation 2:26–27). And as the Apostle Paul was inspired to write: "Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?" (1 Corinthians 6:2–3).

God's supreme *purpose* for your life goes *far beyond* what most ministers and most churches even remotely understand. But the Bible makes it clear. So, please be willing to *listen*, to *check up* on what you hear and to *prove* the Truth from your own Bible. Then you may come to recognize how *Tomorrow's World* can help you understand what is **really** going on here on earth and can help you, personally, *face reality*.



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AR, Little Rock: KASN—Ch 38, SAT 8:00 am
AZ, Lake Havasu City: KLUH—Ch 45, SUN 10:30 am
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